Wildcat Strikes Win Wage Gains In Auto Industry

By Howard Lerner SWP Candidate for Governor of Michigan

DETROIT, Sept. 4 - The rank and file auto workers have once again shown they are the pacemakers of American labor. The Chrysler wage increases and the new Ford

wage, pension and insurance 3agreement have highlighted their adjustments. The pressure of stoppages by thousands in all fighting qualities. An industry-Ford plants won out. The new wide series of "wildcat" strikes Ford agreement brings the Ford has hit Detroit in the last three workers in line with the GM weeks. The first concession, won escalator agreement plus addiat Chrysler, was a general wage tional concessions. increase of 10c. an hour and an

additional 5c, for the skilled HOW THEY STARTED classifications.

Following the Chrysler raise, mands to equal the new pattern. Faced with the threat of rank and and others gave in. At Budd the skilled workers applied additional pressure by walking out. Plant after plant was hit with stoppages where the companies stalled.

The movement spread to Ford. It forced the company to change its "flat no" position. Ford felt compelled to grant increases and

Escalator Clause, 8c at Ford, But With 5-Year Pact

DETROIT, Sept. 4 - On Labor It provides for:

of-living increase; an escalator tion or leadership. 1, 1951 and an additional 4c on each June 1 thereafter through June 1, 1954; an improved insurincreased differential pay for af-ternoon and midnight shift work-place last week."

15 years or more seniority. The new contract grants eco- lowed Reuther's policy of "No nomic gains, but does not solve strikes, live up to your contracts," either of the two biggest prob- no progress would have been lems facing the Ford workers, possible. Not one of these strikes namely, speed-up and the run-had the backing of the Internaaway shop. It does not change tional officers. Where meetings

The strikes started in the Chrysler plants with thousands all locals resubmitted wage de- walking out daily, making production of cars impossible. Picket lines were set up at Chrysler file action, Briggs, Hudson, Budd Highland Park, where the police were fought off. Such militant fighting actions forced Chrysler to grant the increase. Throughout Detroit plant after plant went down as the workers felt the need

to exert pressure to win cost of living wage increases. Before the Chrysler develop-

ment, President Stellato of Ford Local 600 answered the company's

stubborn refusal with a threat to strike - but only after the contract ran out Jan. 1. However, when the Ford workers took their cue from the Chrysler workers, Stellato was forced to change his tune. He was compelled to adopt a diplomatic attitude to this rank Day, the Ford Motor Co. in con- and file movement. So popular junction with the UAW announc- and widespread was the wildcat ed the signing of a new contract. movement that not a single worker has yet been penalized An immediate 8c hourly cost- anywhere in Detroit for participa-

clause geared to the Bureau of In a disclaimer of responsibility Labor Statistics, similar to the for the walkouts and an order to one at GM; a \$25 monthly in- the men to return to work, Stelcrease in pension benefits; a basic lato was forced to state that the pay raise of 4c an hour on June union would not tolerate any discharges. He stated to the Ford contingent at the Labor Day parade, "I informed the company ance plan with the company pay-that if a single worker was plan; paid-up life insurance poliers who qualify for the \$125 be penalized. The company's monthly pensions; an additional answer was short — 'O.K.'" In 5c for skilled workers and the estimating the role of the rank production foundry workers, and and file, he admitted at the same premium pay of 5c an hour for time, "The Ford Motor Company workers on seven day operations; would not have negotiated if

ers; and three week vacations for WHAT WAS DECISIVE If the auto workers had fol-

Senate "Fair Dealers" Push **Concentration-Camp Measure**

Workers of the World, Unite !

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WITCH-HUNT AIDED BY BOTH PARTIES IN HOUSE Would Nullify

It would be a good thing if every American would go to the library and read in the Aug. 29 Congressional Record the text of the debate held that day in the House of

Representatives on the Mundt-D Nixon - Wood - McCarran "anti- | said: "Mr. Speaker, not one word, subversive" bills. It would be a not one paragraph, not one secgood thing because then every tion in this bill ought to be of-American would know that the fensive to any good American. Those it does offend I think ought Bill of Rights is in deadly danger and that neither of the two major to be required to step up and parties has the slightest intention register so that they could be reviewed by all good Americans." of blocking or defeating this A similar attempt at intimidalanger.

tion was made by Rep. Jennings The House was considering its wn variant of these police-state (R, Tenn.), who took the line that 'some of these fellows who claim measures --- the Wood Bill (H.R. they can see danger to the 490), bearing the title, "Subliberties of the people in a bill like ersive Activities Control and Communist Registration Act." this" are as "dangerous" as those who are "a party to the con-The debate ended with the adoption of the bill by a vote of 345 spiracy to overthrow this country or to betray it." to 20 - 211 Democrats for, 17

Watch out! they were saying. against; 134 Republicans for, 2 Watch out because not even memagainst; one ALP member against, and 56 Representatives bers of Congress who oppose this bill will be able to escape its not voting.

penalties if it is enacted into law. It was a scene to gladden the In their own way they were coneart of any fascist. There, in the name of combatting "subfirming the charge that the bill is versive" activities, the House was an all-embracing attack on ideas subverting democratic rights. Not which are currently unpopular only that, but the handful of opwith the ruling class, and that it ponents to the Wood Bill were will be used even against liberals. isorganized, ineffective, intimi-SO WHAT? or sabotage."

lated and conciliatory. The most reactionary elements had the The few liberals who spoke up apper hand, they knew it and against the bill were led by Celler hey showed it. (D, N. Y.), who made a number The unspeakable Rankin (D, of valid criticisms of the worst Miss.) spewed his usual filth provisions, but for the most part their arguments were treated with

against those who are not "white contempt or simply ignored. gentiles." Harrison (D, Va.) contempt or simply ignored. tion of an "internal security baited the opponents of the bill Celler, for example, showed that emergency" by Congress or the and gloated that "the time is under the bill an organization President.

nearly at hand to put the Com- that "advocated something directly opposing our policy in Korea o

By Art Preis

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

Leading Trumanite "Fair Dealers" in the Senate have presented a new bill "with tough legislative teeth" to give the administration the power "when a national emergency requires it" to throw anyone into a concentration camp without jury trial or bail and to detain them there indefinitely.

Sponsored by Senators Kilgore (W.Va.), Lehman (N.Y.), Douglas (Ill.), Graham (N. C.), Humphrey (Minn.) and Kefauver (Tenn.), this "Fair Deal" bill is so Nazilike that even Senator Mundt, coauthor of the Mundt-Nixon-Wood 'Red Registration" bill, called it more "repressive" than his now police-state bill and charged it 'adopts the tactics of the Gestapo and the CGPU."

Under the bill proposed by the "Fair Dealers," the Attorney General could intern anyone charged by him with being a "danger to national security." He need only claim "reasonable grounds" to "suspect" that an individual "might" be engaged in "espionage

The Attorney General's powers would become operative in case of an invasion, a declaration of war by the U.S., "an insurrection in the U.S. in aid of a foreign power" or simply by the declara-

Any time the President saw fit to find a state of "internal secu rity emergency" - during a coal

or railroad strike, for instance?

- the Attorney General could

were held in connection with these that deal with working conditions, production standards and a badly needed increase in union representation.

The new contract is to run for date. Acceptance depends upon nomic drive. In addition it won ratification by the Ford workers.

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MYRA T. WEISS RUNS FOR **CONGRESS IN CALIFORNIA**

to run for Congress in the November election was filed of the House of Representatives. the ballot) but chief interest in with the Republicans and Liberals here today by Myra Tanner Weiss, chairman of the Socialist Workers Party in Los Angeles.

Indo-China.

Far East.

inspired it.

that the U.S. President per-

sonally was reassuring them

about U.S. aims in Korea and the

The significance of the speech

lay not in its words - glittering

generalities that have become

shop-worn with long use - but in

its timing and, most of all, the

She will contest the Con- pearances, run open air meetings gressional seat in the 19th Cali- and distribute campaign literafornia District. Her sole opponent ture. The committee will print its will be the incumbent, Chet own Campaign Bulletin. Holifield, a "liberal" Democrat To assist in these activities, the who wen both the Democratic and committee is appealing for volun-Republican nominations in the teer workers. Militant readers are primaries. Holifield is also sup- strongly urged to participate in ported by the Stalinist-dominated the work and should contact the Independent Progressive Party, committee. which refused to run a candidate against him.

impossible for the Socialist Workers Party to get on the ballot and are among the worst in the country.

Her candidacy is being sponsored by the Committee for Myra effort to stir up a little popular Tanner Weiss for Congress, which enthusiasm, both here and abroad, has opened an election campaign headquarters at 3012 East 1 St., and to lull suspicion of his mili- being flooded with bitter letters near Evergreen, in the 19th Congressional District.

This was the most widely broad-The committee is busy now colto nominating petitions to put the at reaching every part of the anxiety at the Capitol" because known that Secretary of Defense the ballot. It also plans to sponsor man attached extraordinary imthe candidate in a series of speak- pertance to the fact that hundreds ing engagements before various of millions would hear his words organizations in the district, from his own lips, as though he wanted to impress on all listeners arrange radio and television ap-

NEXT WEEK: Yugoslavia and Korea To the Memory of Oscar Coover, by Farrell Dobbs **SWP Enters Election** Campaign in Minnesota

back to work in each case. Three weeks of action on an industry five years, and will expire two wide basis brought greater results days after the GM expiration than Reuther's entire 1949 eco-(Continued on page 2)

strikes, the International rep-Lt. Governor of N. Y. resentatives ordered the workers parties convene today to select before. their candidates for the coming

result.

with perhaps a few squabbles on the present "crisis." econdary posts.

SWP Candidate for

The Democratic bosses have picked for Governor a hack from the Bronx, Walter A. Lynch, who

His latest act in Congress was to vote in favor of the Wood police Senatorial nomination of Dr. W. didate. The DuBois candidacy is state bill.

pliant labor and Liberal Party Fourth International.)

eaders to swallow. But while the labor leaders have a certain himself be used by the Stalinists words, their policy has no more amount of limited "veto power" in recent years has been pitiful, resemblance to independent labor over some of the Democratic no- but never more so than in the political action this year than it.

minees, they don't have any pow- present case. For it is not the in- did last year.

By Gladys Barker |er to get the nomination for their, tention of the Stalinists to wage "preferred" list. At best, they a genuine independent campaign were lukewarm for Lynch before around his candidacy, but merely NEW YORK; Sept. 6 - The his nomination, that is, assuming to utilize his prestige to promote state conventions of the major that they had ever heard of him their "spite" efforts to negotiate way to threaten the few who were another dirty deal with the capi-

The Republican gubernatorial talist parties. elections. The horse trading, nomination goes (big surprise!) Last year the ALP abstained THREATS machine maneuvers and triple- to Thomas E. Dewey, who broke from running anyone against rosses have been completed be- his word given a few months ago Democratic Senatorial candidate hind the scenes, and all that re- and decided to draft himself for Lehman, which represented a mains is the formal nominations, re-election as his "sacrifice" in form of underhanded support for him. This was the Stalinist way

DUBOIS' CANDIDACY

in return for being allowed to re-The Stalinist-dominated Amerelect Marcantonio in the 18th Disican Labor Party decided to run trict. has done what he was told for a candidate for Governor (to keep LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5 - A Declaration of Intention the last ten years as a member their place as a "legal" party on rejected the offer, and ganged up

> Lynch's nomination was due to of the NAACP and noted histor- they helped Lehman get elected. the fact that the bosses' previous ian and sociologist. (A penetrat- this year they are running against selection, Judge Albert Conway, ing evaluation of his role was him in a tight race. Their sole was too raw for even the com- printed in the May-June issue of aim is to prove to the Democrats

But this time the Democrats their slate centers around the U.S. on a single anti-Marcantonio can-

of offering the Democrats a deal

E.B. DuBois, 82-year old founder the Stalinist answer. Last year that it doesn't pay not to make

Dr. DuBois' willingness to let deals with the ALP. In other



First of all, Truman and the | civilian centers and the sending of | such figures as Matthews and Truman's "Report to the Na- Democratic Party are alarmed at the American fleet to "defend" MacArthur.

tion" on Sept. 1 was a personal the popular reaction to the Ko- Formosa and Chiang Kai-shek's rean war. Never have the Amer- regime. This country is fast be- could not fail to be struck by its almost anything. For example, its some time or other announced. ican people been so unenthusiastic coming isolated behind a wall of repetition, like a monotonous infor his undeclared war in Korea about any war. Washington is world hatred.

Third, a "war of aggression" tary moves toward Formosa and against the war, rising prices and and the seizure of territories are was as though he were trying to part on "the extent to which the with a dictatorship." profiteering. Arthur Krock, N. Y. being advocated openly by power-Times political commentator, ful elements within the top govlecting the necessary signatures cast speech in radio history, aimed writes of the "bewilderment and ernment and military circles. It is

vertising. name of Myra Tanner Weiss on globe. It was evident that Tru- "the Democrats glean from their Louis Johnson has been talking "preventive war." Navy Secretary correspondence that the war is

unpopular" and Democratic Party Frances Matthews has urged that influence has visibly waned as a the U.S. pay "even the price of instituting a war" to "compel peace." General MacArthur, U.S.-WORLD HATRED UN commander in Korea and com-

Second, hundreds of millions of mander of all U. S. forces in the the right to choose our jobs, the people in Asia and Europe, as Far East, has called for seizure

attested by all observers, have of Formosa as a key base from been aroused to fear and loathing which to bomb Asia "from of the United States because of Vladivostok to Singapore." Truman's speech was timed ex-Washington's support for the pressly, and broadcast on such lions "for a long time to come. wide a scale, to offset the effect He said that "we must now divert murderous dictatorship of Syngcircumstances that led up to and man Rhee in South Korea, the on American and world opinion of a terrible U. S. bombings of Korean the views publicly expressed by

Whoever heard Truman's speech cantation, of the words "peace," "freedom" and "free nations." It positions taken or advanced by it convince people by dinning the same slogans over and over again into their ears, like cigaret ad-

EFFECTS OF KOREA ernment, or the world Communist but that has been removed from Why has the U.S. invaded Ko-

> That is thought-control with a vengeance. Thus a pacifist group could easily come within the four could be dubbed a "communist- squares of the definitions of Comperiod of time its "positions" to Rep. Celler (D, N. Y.). The

bill, said:

"THE FIRST STEP" "Under this bill when a citizen thinks out a certain plan of action

munists underground — six feet Formosa" could be designated, and underground." And a number of Representatives went out of their ordered to register, as a "communist front" because the Communist Party took a similar posinot ready to vote for the Wood tion.

HOW THE POLICE STATE

BILL WILL AFFECT YOU

By John F. Petrone

tential target of the Wood Bill ("Subversive Activities

prisonment up to five years for ernment was established? ...

House of Representatives on 9

For this bill would empower a

any organization in the country

each offense. (Each day of failure

The language in the bill is so

separate offense.)

Everybody who belongs to any organization is a po-

Brown (R, O.), one of the main speakers for the bill, answered Rep. Lyle (D, Tex.) took the him: "Under this bill I can con-(Continued on page 4) floor for that sole purpose. He

that ought to be followed in gov

round up thousands upon thousands and toss them into concentration camps, hold them without trial, bail or the right of habeus corpus. They could not be released even on the orders of a federal judge.

BURDEN OF PROOF

Those arrested would have only the right to a "hearing" before an officer of the concentration camp who would "screen" the prisoners. If not released, an individual could appeal to an appointed administrative board where the "detainee" would have to supply the burden of proof of his innocence.

Control and Communist Registration Act") passed by the The Attorney General would only have to show this board ernment, and some communistic "reasonable grounds" for the five - member board to designate group announced a similar condetention of a "detainee." He clusion, then that citizen can be would not have to reveal the as "communist" or "communist declared a Communist and brandevidence" if it comes from front" and order it to register as ed as an undesirable citizen and "agents or officers" of the govsuch. The penalty for non-com- excluded from all government emernment — the FBI — or if such pliance by the organization would ployment or any employment in nformation is considered "dangerbe a \$10,000 fine for each offense, any way connected with the govous to national security."

the penalty for officers or mem- ernment. Is that freedom from "Reasonable grounds" for inbers required to register would fear? Is that the doctrine our ternment without trial, as defined be a \$10,000 fine and/or im- fathers fought for when this gov- by the bill, includes membership in the Communist Party after "If this bill becames law every January 1949, "having knowledge

to register would constitute a citizen will be afraid to speak his of, or giving or receiving instructions in" sabotage or espionage mind for fear that he might announce a thought that some "in the service of" the Communist broad that the board could decide Communist organization had at Party, a foreign government or party, or "other parties" that seek decision on whether or not an Criticism of the government will the "overthrow of the government by force or violence." Even "an organization is a "communist end and that is the first step to front" would be based in great destroy freedom and replace it investigation . . . made in the past, which serves to indicate

In at least one respect the probable complicity" in an act of from time to time on matters of | Wood Bill is even worse than the espionage or sabotage constitutes "reasonable grounds" for inpolicy do not deviate from those notorious Mundt-Nixon Bill. The of any Communist-action organ- latter had a provision exempting definite incarceration without jury ization, Communist foreign gov- labor unions from its operation, trial.

Truman has not said a word against this bill offered by his the Wood Bill. Thus any union "that might be extremely liberal senatorial henchmen. They presented it after consulting with him at the White House. It is front" solely because over a munist organizations," according unquestionably being pushed by the administration. It is known happen to coincide with those of same would apply to any Negro that it was drafted with the aid the Stalinists. As Rep. Burdick of organization, student group, de- of the FBI which considers bills North Dakota, one of the two bating society, religious body, like those requiring registration

> definition of "communist" given This bill empowering him to set up a concentration-camp state is by the five-member board. No organization could long what Truman meant when he exist under the provisions of the spoke several weeks ago about (Continued on Page 4) "preserving our basic liberties."

Republicans to vote against the etc., whose policies fell under the of "subversives" unworkable.

raise our children in our own way,

right to plan our future, and the

right to live without fear." In the same speech, however, he proposed the immediate increase

of the armed forces to three mil-

large share" of America's (Continued on Page 2)

movement." rea? Truman answered, for "your liberty and mine" -- "the right to express our opinions, the right to

Bill.

Aug. 29.

Lee Pressman -- Graduate of Stalinist School By George Clarke The addition of Lee Pressman Limit time to the "figures" asso-time the indicates he was typical of the "figures" asso-time that had many virtues: Tranks are indoctrinated with the should be of paramount in-bertance in the life of individuals

The addition of Lee Pressman was typical of the "figures" asso- a game that had many virtues: conception that all that counts is pertance in the life of individuals to the long gallery of recreants ciated with Stalinism in its heyday prestige, respectability, the bene- power and that no principle is as in the case of nations." and turncoats produced by the in the 'Thirties - typical as a diction of those in power, and last too great, no movement of the Stalinist movement in this country blade of grass in a meadow. After but not least, the emoluments of masses important enough that it bad enough in 1948 when he had productive power to war pur- of their U. S. "liberators." That's preventive war." Shout this as would be of little more than pass- a brief sojourn with the Roosevelt office. ing interest - so familiar has the administration, he switched his One thing not required were trayed in the interest of that "of his own accord" as he says. pattern of debasement become - career to the labor movement, by principles and the guts to stick power.

on the phenomenon of renegacy. the depression years for an how unpopular at the moment or The Daily Worker, obviously ambitious young man or a prom- how small the minority willing to embarrassed and with no stomach ising lawyer. There Pressman risk their espousal. Pressman to discuss the broader aspects of made good.

Pressman's apostacy, calls him a "stoolie" and lets it go at that.

But the subject is not so easily dismissed. Pressman was one of simple: stay close to those in this country. Laudable ideals, but the biggest fish in the Stalinist power; never let principles get in broad enough for almost anyone. pond. In his capacity as general your way; don't scruple at any even a Matthew Woll, to share. counsel for the CIO - a post he means, no matter how base or That precisely was the policy of held for 12 years - he was in perfidious. Following this pre- the Stalinists in that period - to effect the key man in the CP scription, Pressman was the ideal keep the struggle for socialism in network in the unions; he was the man for the Stalinists. While he the background, to blur the class go-between for the Stalinist tops | feathered his own nest - and the lines, to let every careerist, officewith Philip Murray, the chief in- reward were more than ample - seeker and scoundrel get under strumentality for their policies the Stalinists consolidated their their People's Front umbrella. and maneuvers. In saying this, a hold in many unions, smashed the Stalinism is not a doctrine. a

matter of common knowledge, we rising left wing, warred against school of thought, a system of are not revealing any secrets. What kind of man was Press- workers to the Democratic Party portunist politics, pure and simple.

exclusively at the procedure estab-

lished for appeal and not against

owners, Coast Guards and unions.

were it not for the light it sheds far the fairest of all fields during by them in adversity, no matter

claims that he joined the CP be-PEOPLE'S FRONT SCHOOL

cause of concern over the rise of fluence in this country with the Nazism in Germany and a desire break-up of the war-time alli-The recipe for success was to improve economic conditions in ance, Pressman finally found his to get in out of the rain. rulers in Washington and Wall

all militant action; chained the ideas; it is unprincipled, op- practiced in the Stalinist school. inism breeds renegades and in

AN ADEPT PUPIL

that when Stalinism lost its in-

That is undeniable. It looked cannot be trampled upon or be- to leave the employ of the CIO, poses, which would mean "many

Stalinist influence in the union movement is being smashed to Pressman was an adept pupil smithereens. And to top it all off, in this school. So adept in fact there's almost a certain jail selves."

sentence awaiting any attorney who defends the Stalinists these days. A man has to know when

way to the real power, to the Pressman is typical of the innumerable Stalinist turncoats who Street. In joining them, it is have been parading before the noteworthy that he repeats word Un-American Committee and the will be limited to opinions that for word the Stalinist line of the courts. They fall into two cate-Thirties, substituting only "com- gories: honest, principled men cormunism" for "fascism" and rupted by the Stalinists, or self-"Russia" for "Germany." Nor is seekers who easily accommodated that it surprising that he should themselves to Stalinist corrupinform on his former comrades tion. Whichever category Pressand associates: he is merely fol- man fits into, it is clear that he lowing a precept he learned and is but another example that Stal-

"The future," says Pressman, formers, not principled socialists man? Without knowing him in- and broke up all moves toward the Those who rise to leadership in its "under present grave conditions, and courageous revolutionists.

End Packard Strike

(Continued from page 1) changes in our living and work-It looks worse today when the ing," "hard work and sacrifice," "give up many things we enjoy," "work harder and longer," "impose certain restrictions on our-

> For the indefinite future, then, America is to be militarized, the

are going to be raised not "in our East." own way," but for cannon fodder. Our "right to express our opinion" do not conflict with the war program and militarism.

To the Koreans, Truman said arms, and possibly soon with seizure of territories. "we believe that Koreans troops, the French imperialist Truman may say, over and over have a right to be free, independent and 'united." But for the Koreans, whose country was considered the "peace" endangered | remains that this involves no divided to begin with by a deal by civil war or "communist ag- moral compunctions. The man between Truman and Stalin, Tru- gression?"

man's deeds speak louder than his WORDS VS. FACTS words. Their country is being systematically pounded into dust by U. S. "strategic" bombings. see how Washington supports the Thousands of civilians are being remnants of the Chiang Kai-shek massacred.

EMBARRASSMENT

Moreover, they are now informfascist Portugal in the Atlantic ed that they are going to get Pact — in short, allies itself with their "independence" through a United Nations trusteeship," every putrid, brutal capitalist which will rule their country dictatorship? until a "fair election" can be held. Thomas J. Hamilton, UN correspondent of the N. Y. Times, disclosed "the difficulty is that there is a strong probability of an over-all Communist majority f the elections were held before the communization of North Korea had been undone, and before a United Nations reconstruction program had assuaged the bitterness of North and South Koreans against the destruction of their homes during their liberation by United Nations forces. In that case communism would win by an election what it their own hands. failed to obtain by an invasion. So, discussions at Lake Success Slovenia, one of the giants of the are turning on the possibility of expanding the powers of the present United Nations Commission for Korea so that it would carry out a reconstruction and the President of the Council stated re-education program before it

"communist aggressors" instead | don't believe in aggressive or where their "independence" would loudly and often as he might, stop. these people - especially those

The people of the rest of Asia | in Asia - regard the whole U.S. are not likely to be reassured by policy in the Far East as nothing his speech either. Truman may but "aggressive or preventive say that the U. S. fleet is in war." If Truman does not want Formosa to "keep it out of the to start any world war now by conflict," that "we do not want dropping atom bombs on the Formosa or any part of Asia," Soviet Union, as some of those standard of living curtailed, civil and "that we believe in freedom, in the administration are urging, liberties abregated. Our children for all the nations of the Far that's because he figures that the

U. S. is not ready militarily or But these people in Asia ask, if politically. But the statements of the U. S. can send armed forces men like Matthews and Macto protect Chiang Kai-shek and Arthur have shown that the ruling kcep Formosa from China, if the circles of America are not morally U. S. can Support with money and against "aggression" and the

rape of Indo-China, why can it again, that he doesn't want a not intervene ANYWHERE it "preventive war." But the fact who dropped the first atom-bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki will not hesitate to "fire the first shot" What are they to think of his in a world war if he thinks it talk of "free nations," when they advisable and sound tactics. He doesn't find the idea so revolting regime, votes loans to bloody that he will scrap persons like Franco, backs the French puppet Matthews, Johnson and Mac-Bao Dai in Indo-China, joins with Arthur who advocate "aggressive war." That's what the people of Asia and Europe observe and that's what convinces them rather Nor was Truman apt to con- than Truman's solemn verbal

vince them when he said "we assurances to the contrary.

The aluminum plant in Strnisce

WORKERS COUNCILS TAKING **OVER YUGOSLAV FACTORIES**

Workers are taking over all factories in Yugoslavia where Workers' Committees have been elected. In other factories everything is ready for the elections to the Workers' Councils and Adminis-

trative Boards through which the | ing words: "In commemoration of workers will take production into August 18, 1950 when the workers received this factory.'

"Ivo Lola Ribar," the heavy machine tool factory near Bel-Five Year Plan, is being managed | grade and one of the biggest proy workers. Speaking of what has jects of the Five Year Plan, was een accomplished, so far, by the handed over to the workers. At the Workers' Council in this plant, formal session of the Workers' Council Vietnamese and French that during the construction of youth from the volunteer work the plant the Council, aided by the brigades participated. Hong workers, overcame all the dif- Chuong, Commander of the Vietficulties that were put in their namese Brigade, said that the vay by the Cominform refusal to workers and students of Vietnam deliver machinery and installa- who came to Yugoslavia to learn ions which had been paid for in the truth about the situation there, could speak freely with

The workers of the Belgrade | workers and peasants everywhere Electric Plant accepted the re- and that they had been convinced sponsibility put to them by the that all the accusations leveled at new Administrative Board of Yugoslavia by the Cominform taking the factory into their own were nothing but lies. "I am sure," hands. Speaking at a meeting of he said, "that Yugos the workers, Djordje Papic, a cvercome her present difficulties ficult for us workers to find words of what they can do." Workers' Councils have been elected in nearly all mines in and I can only say that today's Bosnia and Herzegovina, the main "sacredness" of the contracts. tions sets a new precedent in the date of August 18 shall be written mining region of Yugoslavia. These Councils have taken over the management on behalf of the

the U. S. Coast Guard in "screen- | appeals boards are still not func- | ernment bestowing its blessings ing" seamen aboard American tioning even though the Coast on their unions as the officiallyships. The statement is signed by Guard has been wildly swinging favored shipping agencies. Their Harry Lundeberg, Paul Hall and its Gestapo ax against the sea- statements are full of vindictive Morris Weisberger, top officials men for almost a month. remarks about the other unions

AFL Maritime Leaders

Uneasy on Purge Rules

A mild protest has been made tion although the decision to be- most important motive in their

by officials of AFL seafaring gin the screening purge was made protest. They had hoped that the

unions against the procedure of on July 24. In fact, these so-called Korean war would lead to the gov-

being infested with "commies" of these unions. It is directed PROTEST MOTIVES while the AFL is "pure," having The fakers of the AFL unions purged all "reds" (i.e. opponents)

are somewhat concerned that the on its own. They point with pride the sweeping Nazi-like purge Coast Guard may infringe on un- to their strikebreaking role in which is victimizing hundreds of ion rights, but not to the extent the Canadian seamen's strike a militant seamen and making a of organizing any effective ac- year ago.

shambles of the union hiring hall, tion. They remain bound, volun-In his own bilious, idiotic way, The statement served notice tarily, to their own agreement Lundeberg even denounces the that the unions involved would not to tie up any ship in a dis- Coast Guard for having "played withhold appointment of repr pute over screening. On the basis Buddy-buddy with the Commies." resentatives to the appeal boards of this commitment the Coast He is referring here to the failure until agreement was reached on Guard can blandly ignore any pro- of the Coast Guard to uphold rules and procedure. These are tests against the victimization of some prejudiced members of his tri-partite boards, consisting of "legitimate" seamen as so much union who tried to drive Negro

seamen off the SS President Wil-Frustration in their unscrupulson

It is noted that no conference ous jurisdictional plans also motibetween the government and the vates the protests of Lundeberg unions has been held on this ques- and Hall, and this is probably the

> ulation of all the maritime union eaders - including Lundeberg to weaken and smash the union hiring hall. The Navy has set up it is hiring non-union seamen to man the ships under its charter. Lundeberg is screaming about the ingratitude of this move. His By Wildcat Auto Strikes

sands of "loyal American sea

are all, except in emergency to

prevent delay in sailing a vessel,

But far from having any intention to grant Lundeberg a shipping monopoly, the government is exploiting the crawling and capi-

Negotiators of the CIO United Auto Workers and the Packard Motor Car Co. sign a contract ending a 14-day strike of 3,000 employees. The agreement included pay boosts, pension gains and other improvements. In other auto plants the workers, spurred by rising prices and acting independently in wildcat strikes, succeeded in winning wage raises and other demands, including the cost-of-living escalator clause. The workers proved that their

held the elections." It is admitted that it would be embarrassing to living standards are more "sacred" to them than the contract. have the Koreans vote for the its own shipping agency, the Mili-tary Sea Transport Service, and it is hiring non-union seamen to



By Charles Hanley

PURGED AND ARRESTED

PROMINENT LEADERS OF

CP IN EAST GERMANY

representatives of the ship- ineffectual whining.

men"; "we do not tolerate Com-The crisis in the West German Communist Party and mies or other saboteurs. . . the impending creation of an independent workers party But the shipowners' government clause at Ford. Unfortunately, it file auto workers are different pointing to continued dissatisfacby Marxist groups and former Stalinists (expelled from is unmoved by Lundeberg's fer- did not avoid the five-year agreethe West German C.P. because ?of Titoist tendencies) have un- inist agent in Western Europe; doubtedly increased the anti-Tito- Will Kreikemeyer, general direc-will Kreikemeyer, general direc-by the union itself they in the Chrysler plants by departist apprehensions and suspicions tor of the East Zone railways; want to smash. Said Rear Admiral of the Kremlin's East German Lex Ende, former chief editor of Callahan, Commander, Military

agents.

of high Stalinist officials and inist publication, Friedenspost; protest: party functionaries are disap- and Maria Weiterer, a party orpointed about developments in the ganizer.

East German Republic and criti- "LACKING TRUST" Secretary-General of the SED ny) and the Kremlin's number

appears to be against veteran SED announced the purge would cases the seamen victimized are

Six leading people were expel- strengthen the Stalinist organiza- Under cover of this reign of in Korea. led from the party and are re- tion in East Germany. For noth- terror, Curran is consolidating ported arrested: Bruno Goldham- ing will be able to stop the crisis an absolute dictatorship. The lamer. deputy propaganda chief, a of Stalinism. Ulbricht's secret po+ test action of the National Council close collaborator of Gerhart Eis-lice can arrest party members after having limited meetings to ler; Paul Merker, state secretary and other "suspects"; it cannot once a month, is to empower of the East German Ministry of arrest the ideas of awakening So- "special membership meetings" to Agriculture and former Politburo cialism, it cannot arrest the hopes adopt "emergency decisions." member; Leo Bauer, chief editor created by Yugoslavia's resist Such meetings can be called on of Radio Berlin and a former Stal- ance to the Cominform.



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vent "patriotic" avowals or the ment signed by Reuther with GM. Neues Deutschland, official party Sea Transport Service, in re-

They know that even a number newspaper, and editor of the Stal- sponse to Lundeberg's letter of "The Civil Service Personnel

cal of Moscow's foreign policy. That is why the "Ministry of and post-war connections with may not be Union members. As I bers. It was expressed in the pro-may not be Union members. As I AFL walkout at the Canton Ford properly licensed or certificated East German Deputy-Chancellor, Eastern Europe last year); of ment Agency, cannot require that forming a "nest of class enemies" these employees belong to any in Toledo; in the series of strikes; (Stalinist Party of East Germa- inside the party hierarchy; and of Union as a condition for employ- in the rejection of the agreements "lacking trust in the Soviet Union ment."

one man in Germany, has started as the leading progressive force, in which no doubt is possible." Meanwhile on the East Coast, the Coast Guard purge is proceed-skilled tradesmen to the 1950 In the C The main brunt of the attack The Political Committee of the ing full blast. In innumerable UAW settlements.

communists who probably more continue "until foul liberalism is being fingered by members of or less clearly feel how unpopular | finished." Four others were fired Curran's stool-pigeon officialdom the absolute dictatorship exercize from government jobs, but so far who proceed directly aboard ships the Chrysler plants where resent- thirsting for its lush profits, ed by Moscow in the satellite have not been expelled from the for the purpose of giving their ment boiled over because no wage countries really is, who know that party. Wolfgang Langhoff, man- blacklist to the Coast Guard. gains whatsoever had resulted it stands in the way of a truly ager of the Deutsches Theater, is Those who have been screened are from the 100-day strike under the Socialist policy, and who realize the best known among these. that the regime can become more It is likely that the purge will union books, an action equivalent balled under the impact of big popular only by achieving a great- not be limited to the higher to expulsion without trial in dier amount of independence from spheres of the party, and it is cer- rect contravention of the NMU Russian orders and exploitation. tain that it will not really constitution.

short notice where attendance is

by the Hudson and Bendix work-

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mental grievances involving viola-

tions of seniority rights and wage-

cutting classification changes.

These grievances were only the

ignition sparks. Newspaper com-

mentators had noticed widespread

THE CAUSES

This mood came to a head in events. First there was the galloping rise in the cost of living following the outbreak of the war

the difference between their wage scales and those of the AFL. The limited to few members, mostly

AFL crafts were obtaining wage administration supporters, and where it is easiest to jam through an hour. any decision the bureaucrats de-

sire. The next move is obviously to limit regular meetings to a semiannual or annual basis, or to do

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wage freeze.

ficials, the auto workers felt the was in Budd Local 306. The vote the GM cost-of-living escalator rising cost of living. The rank and there was 151 against to 348 for, worker himself, said: "It is dif- because her workers are conscious from their cowardly union of- tion with the present wage settleficials. Their living standards are ment.

The strike wave was touched off more important to them than the Reuther had the intention of living up to the agreements, at win results when they take mat- our factory." most to beg a little, but at all ters into their own hands. When costs to avoid any action.

The auto workers knew this dissatisfaction and restlessness pressure was necessary to cut a

Editor:

among the auto workers, par- slice of auto profits. Production had to be interrupted, even if it violated Reuther's sacred agreereflected in the factional disputes ternational and local leaders. Local leaders either kept still or were forced to go along by the

> In the Chrysler plants day after day departments were closed down Umpire Upholds by walkouts. This continued for Firing of Three two weeks before the company

capitulated. The corporation, Ford Workers folded up in the face of the power of the rank and file before the union leaders did. Much the same pattern was followed at Ford. halled under the impact of big Then the corporation called upon the union leaders to come in and were fired under rather flimsy sign an agreement.

While inflation was cutting into the living standard of the rank during lunch hour, asking the

Then there was the announce- and file, the International officers workers to vote for his slate, was nent that GM workers would get spent the union's time figuring out Art McPhaul, Press Steel vicea 5c. an hour cost-of-living in- ways and means of putting over presidential candidate; he was crease as a result of their a dues increase. This, after spendescalator agreement. Among the ing only three millions on the skilled workers the dissatisfaction Chrysler strike out of a seven was aggravated by a widening of million dollar strike assessment.

SKILLED WORKERS The backbone of this entire increases of between 10 and 20c. movement was the skilled work-

ers, confident in the knowledge Daily newspapers reported rec- that they were essential and could All three had the reputation of

ord profits by auto corporations. not be replaced, stubborn in the being Stalinists. To top it all off, there was a tight face of the coldness of Reuther, labor market, particularly among Mazey and Co. Their aggresthe skilled and semi-skilled work- siveness gave heart to the produc-

ers. The daily papers were filled tion workers who quickly caught Motor Co. The umpire's decision with want-ads. It was the chance the spirit and really crippled was based upon articles of the of a lifetime to hit the companies. production. contract which give the company The workers felt something had The corporations have granted the right to maintain discipline better be done soon before the these concessions in the hope of and enforce rules of conduct upon matters, especially in the present government officials cooked up a cnding the present restlessness, its property. The umpire further period when reaction is on the deal with the union officials for a The only place where the present stated that the discharge of a march. settlement was put to a demo- worker "for a violation which is Unlike the well-paid union of cratic decision of the rank and file a proper cause for discipline

to express exactly what we feel.

dvance.

But we speak from our hearts. This series of unauthorized acauto union. The auto workers can in golden letters on the walls of

The Cahin factory in Lesce workers. they once again have a leadership Slovenia was also transferred to which responds to their needs and workers' control. A commemorcould not get results. Militant organizes their struggles, much ation tablet was put up by the greater progress will be possible. workers inscribed with the follow-

state Security" has gone into act tion and why Walter Ulbricht, East German Deputy-Chancellor, Europa last year): of wart Armery connections with may not be Union members. As I am sure you will appreciate, (who mysteriously disappeared in East German Deputy-Chancellor, Europa last year): of wart Armery connect require that vere forced to go along by the threats of revenge in the coming elections

> should depend in part on a judgment as to the kind of an emrloyee he will be after reinstate-ment." He then went on to ept Sun. Phone MAdison 3930. describe some "inflamatory" leaflets issued by these three while. waiting for the umpire's decision. About four months ago, when

This ruling brings the workers the general local and unit elecback to pre-union days. It deprives tions were being held at UAW them of free speech on company Ford Local 600, three workers property. In the pre-union era at Fords, the workers labored under pretexts. The first fired, for makconditions approximating fascism. ing a speech in the lunch room One of the basic reasons the Ford workers formed and joined the union was to smash these fascistic conditions, and to protect their human and democratic rights. After all the sacrifices of the

speech in the lunch room during this protection, some "impartial" lunch hour calling for action to umpire, who is a middle class intellectual, can with the stroke of his pen take it away from last of the trio to be fired was

Eddie Anderson, a committeeman | them. These are the results of the for allegedly striking a foreman.

A short time ago the "im-

partial" umpire at Ford handed dustrial peace." down his ruling in favor of Ford

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dustrial peace." S. Loots-For Information, Finder B. Librity, book-store, Phone Main 9278. TOLEDO-For Information, write P.O.

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elected after the firing. The next fired was Max Chait, a rank and workers to build a union to get file union activist, for making a

get McPhaul back to work. The

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"When an ignorant peasant prays, he really wants peace. When a simple worker or citizen. . . comes out against war, we can really believe him - he really wants peace though only rarely does he know how to get it. But the bourgeois pray in their churches not for peace but for the maintenance and increase of their markets and colonies: if possible peacefully (it is cheaper); if impossible - by means of arms."

-Leon Trotsky, article in Socialist Appeal, Oct. 1, 1938

TROTSKY

LENIN

The Politics of Green and Murray

Union bureaucrats like AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray seem to live in a political Never-Never Land. Their politics, as reflected in their Labor Day statements, appears to come from some realm not of this world.

Green, for instance, spoke of the need "to substitute free, progressive governmental policies for the kind of toryism practiced by the last two Congresses" and complained that the present Congress "does not represent the will of the American people."

That's a fact, of course, no honest person will dispute. But when Green says it, what it really means is: "This Congress, which is nothing but a pack of anti-labor reactionaries who do not represent the will of the American people, is the Democratic-controlled Congress I told American labor to vote for in 1948 and whose election I then hailed as a great victory for labor.'

So he told the workers on Labor Day. to do away with this "tory" Congress that he hailed two years ago and to elect a "truly liberal" Congress - by supporting the same kind of candidates he helped to elect to the present Congress.

Philip Murray talked about fighting for "the program and the spirit of the Fair Deal," building "better homes for our people," banishing "evil discrimination," improving minimum wages and so-

cial security, adopting national health insurance — by voting for "Fair Deal" Democrats, of course.

Where has Murray been living these past few months — in Mars? Doesn't he know that the "Fair Dealers" he told us to vote for in 1948 liquidated the "Fair Deal" at the start of the Korean war? While he is still talking about a "Fair Deal," the "Fair Deal" Congress is talking about concentration camps for political dissenters and passing bills to freeze wages and protect the rich from taxation.

They are urging us to bury the Congress they brought to life two years ago - by resurrecting the same kind of Congress in 1951! They tell labor to follow the policy in the coming election that produced the Congress we now have.

Back the Democrats once more, they tell us. Put in a sprinkling of new faces - substitute that new "friend of labor" Stumblebum, say, for that ex-"friend of labor" Puffbottom. This, Green assures us, will guarantee a "truly liberal 82nd Congress."

Listening to Green and Murray is like sitting through a second showing of a punk movie. But the policy they espouse is more than merely annoying. It's also the reason why the mighty labor movement, blocked from forming its own party, is kept from taking its rightful place in the political leadership of the nation.

Eisler's New Peril

A year ago Gerhart Eisler was prominent in the news when he skipped bail in this country after being convicted on a charge of "contempt of Congress" and fled to the haven of Kremlin-controlled East Germany. Now Eisler is once more in the headlines — this time reportedly

ideology," "treason" and maintaining relationships with the "American spy," Noel Field. Will Eisler, who fled the witch-hunt in this country, reappear soon at some staged trial in East Germany as an "American imperialist agent"?

Will his successor as Minister of Information soon announce that Eisler's ap-

Pro-Yugoslav Writers Confused on War Issue

However, once the comments | the real struggle against capital-A growing number of American leave the specific field of Yugo- ism. It is not armaments which writers and public figures, many slav-Soviet relationship and enter cause war; their complete aboliof them formerly Stalinist fellowthe broad problem of world peace, tion, in fact, would only favor the travelers, are being attracted to they lose their clarity and become power with the best productive the compaign launched on July 16 saturated with utopianism, paci- system which could turn them out by the Yugoslav National Comfism and confusion.

Rogge believes that a great mittee for the Defense of Peace. blow for peace would be struck if Included in this group are Louis he Stockholm Peace Petition were Adamic, O. John Rogge, George implemented by demands for the Seldes and Edgar Snow, whose outlawing of aggression and other statements are published in the instruments of mass destruction status quo, and hence the rights Aug. 28 Yugoslav Newsletter. besides the atomsc bomb. All of their comments are in-

"In general," says George powers. licative of the deadly effec-Seldes, "number one on the iveness of the Yugoslav counteragenda of every honest main is blow to the Stalinist slanders against that country. The lie an honest will toward peace."

oeddled by Kremlin propaganda WHAT THEY IGNORE agencies all over the world -All these express time - worn

the American military in violathat Yugoslavia is preparing wan tion of the robber-pact at Cairo? rostrums which do not improve against her neighbors, that the Or would they be the aggressor with age or because they are now Americans are building bases on if they gave arms and troops to presented under Yugoslav ausher soil, that Nazi officers are the struggling people of Indopices. What they ignore, in their training her army - cannot withpacifist myopia, is the funda-China against French imperialstand the open invitation to public ism? Or should the den of thieves mental causes of war, the uprisfigures in all countries, including ings of the colonial peoples and at Lake Success be given the right Ilva Ehrenburg and others in the the struggle between the two main to determine who is the "ag-Soviet Union, to come to Yugogressor," as the Yugoslav propose contending classes in society. slavia and make their own inin their Program of Peace? Men of "good will" have always vestigation of these charges. Rogge admits in his statement

PROGRESSIVE FUNCTION

been in favor of peace but that has never prevented war and that the Progressive Party made never will. The capitalist rulers two big mistakes in not criticizing The failure of the Stalinists to

not excluding Hitler and the USSR along with the U.S. accept this offer is a confession Mussolini - are always for What is the purpose of this adthat they have been caught redpeace, provided they can exploit mission? So far as it is possible handed in another frame-up. Even their own working class and sub- to gather from his statement, it is more, it reveals that the Kremlin jugate, the colonial people to that the Wallaceites were correct is again trying to attribute its obtain sweated labor, sources of in holding that peace could be own crimes to others. Its accusainvestments and markets. Not all obtained by a deal between tions against the Tito regime are the "men of good will" in the Moscow and Washington. The oba smokescreen for the bellicose world can separate the struggle stacle, he now seems to believe, moves it is making throughout against war from the struggle was their failure to criticize the Eastern Europe against Yugoagainst capitalism and produce Kremlin sufficiently. slavia, for its uninterrupted bor-True, such a statement would der provocations, for its vicious

anything but reams of useless have made the Wallaceites less the persecution of Yugoslav minorities resolutions and petitions. On the same plane are the stooge of the Stalinists and

in the surrounding countries. demands for outlawing aggression possibly more amenable to the By focusing attention on these criminal moves and helping to and armaments of all types, Such State Department. But it would arouse public sentiment against notions dominated the period of not have solved the basic conflict them, Adamic, Rogge, Seldes and the Thirties. Litvinov trumpeted with world imperialism and the the others are performing an them from the League of Nations. Soviet Union which existed before eminently progressive function. Kellogg, an American Secretary the world ever heard of Stalin. The swelling of their numbers and of State, got the unanimous assent Nor would it have seriously inthe attraction of forces from the of all nations to a pact outlawing jured Stalinism, which can be labor movement will serve as a war. But their only effect was to fought successfully only with a deterrent to the Kremlin's plans dull the fighting power of the program of revolutionary socialmasses and sidetrack them from ism. against Yugoslavia.



cash as well as her allegedly un- | staff residence. Soldiers were seen In the Cairo Declaration of 1943 taxed cigarettes. She is reported to rob passersby. An old man pro-By J. Blake the U.S. stated its intention of 1943 to have died soon after as a re- testing the removal of a woman restoring Formosa to China. But now that the Stalinists have taken sult of the beating at police from his house was seen cut down by two soldiers. Some of the

over China, Truman says the is- An angered but unarmed crowd patients who were brought in (to "Preventive war is a course of political bankruptcy and moral land's status must be settled by set after the agents, who shot at an adjacent Missionary Hospital) frustration that would be militarily ineffective and which would lose the UN. What do the Formosans them, killing one person. In the nices Norma Formosan man for the United States the very values we are trying to defend." Young Formosan men He can hardly be refuted from the point of view of were observed tied together being class. But its whole foreign policy to date is an expression of politithemselves desire? The answer under the Chiang Kai-shek re- of the Monopoly Bureau in the prodded at bayonet point toward cal bankruptcy inherent in the very system of capitalism today. The gime, beginning with 1945. And streets, peaceful protest parades the city limits. . . most sober of the capitalist politicians try to cover up this bankruptthe record of the heroic Formosan were fired on, and anger against cy with a policy of "localizing" conflict, particularly "localizing" the BLOODY MASSACRE war in Korea. That was the sum total of Truman's Sept. 1 speech, struggle for freedom may be read all mainland Chinese grew. The account of horrors goes on which in reality meant temporizing, playing for time. But the instruin the U.S. State Department pub-Martial law was invoked on and on. General sacking took ments with which the war is to be "localized" - the Johnsons, the Feb. 28. March 1 a committee for lication, U.S. Relations with Chiplace in the stores near the Con-Matthews, the MacArthurs and the Andersons - are all crving out settling the so-called Monopoly na, published in 1949. sulate. Chiang's officials conductfor just the opposite, for an all-out attack everywhere. That in it-Bureau incident was organized on The "Memorandum on the Sited a systematic search for middle self is a sign of deep crisis in the ruling class which renders the the call of the chairman of the uation in Taiwan (Formosa)." school students, using school enpossibility of the transformation of its political bankruptcy into Taipei Peoples Political Council. rollment lists. Formosan school submitted by Ambassador John World War III more real than ever before. All its official talk Negotiations with the Governor teachers, all members of the Set-Leighton Stuart on April 18, 1947, cannot be anything but double-talk. General were undertaken, in tlement Committee, lawyers, prom was based on eye-witness accounts The danger of World War III cannot be averted by relying on which he made some verbal conand official reports of American inent businessmen — all persons the sober judgment of the ruling class. It is indeed politically bankcessions to the growing demands consular officials who were on the who had participated or might rupt. Only labor's struggle to abolish capitalism can bring lasting have participated in the protest peace.

March 10 General Chen Yi abol-

shed the Settlement Committee

to which he had made so many

promises while waiting for the

arrival of troops. March 13 he

banned all but three government-

The revolt was completely

crushed. By May 1947 the situa-

tion in Formosa had become such

a scandal that American officials

finally prevailed upon their ally

Chiang Kai-shek, to replace Chen

sponsored newspapers.

quickest at the moment of

The concept of outlawing the

aggressor" can easily be turned

into a formula for oppression -

WHAT IS AGGRESSIVE?

hostilities.

'PREVENTIVE WAR' AND THE CRISIS INSIDE THE **U.S. RULING CLASS**

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By Paul G. Stevens

Open and undisguised calls for aggressive atomic warfare against the USSR, naturally in order to "prevent an attack," have continued to mount in "responsible quarters" in Washington. Even as President Truman was preparing his Sept. 1 broadcast disavowing Secretary of the Navy Matthews' boastful hope that "we would become the first aggressors for peace," the commandant of the Air War College was proclaiming: "Give me the order to do it and I can break up Russia's five A-Bomb nests in a week."

The commandant, Major General Orvil A. Anderson, has been into one which perpetuates the suspended. Matthews has been repudiated. But the fact of the matter is that these lesser figures were merely launching trial baland privileges of the strongest oons for higher ups. The man who heads the entire military establishment in Truman's cabinet is a known advocate of the same policy. "Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson," the N.Y. Times reports without contradiction, "in private conversations in Washing-Would the Chinese people be ton has talked preventive war." As head of the military forces of he "aggressor" if they chose to vrest Formosa from Chiang and the U.S. in the explosive Far East, General MacArthur voiced a policy on Formosa only recently that falls completely in line with the same "preventive war" concept. Although the administration has made official statements rejecting these views, their key sponsors remain in positions of undiminished authority.

No doubt, the disagreements can be presented plausibly as due to a clash between the military in the Pentagon and the diplomats in the State Department. A case can be made out that what is involved is really jockeying for position in the November elections between the Republican outs and the Democrat ins - although the Republicans seem to be divided between taking up the cudgels for MacArthur and espousing the "cause of peace" against the "war blunders" in Korea in their political platform. But these are really only surface phenomena.

Desperation of Policy Makers

The split in the ruling class over the question of foreign policy and war goes much deeper. The worse the going gets for the U.S. troops in Korea — all of the United Nations flags hoisted above the more desperate the policy makers in Washington become for some way out of the mess.

To pull out of Asia and leave the peoples of that continent to determine their own fate is unthinkable to anyone in the ruling class. That would mean to give up all dreams of world domination, without which the booming American industrial capacity could not long live on a capitalist basis. A deal with Moscow has been excluded because of the uncertainty of its value in maintaining the present imperialist positions in the face of world unrest. The same considerations cause the rejection of any kind of mediation efforts such as those of India's Nehru. And this rejection in turn not only undermines the possibility of the new Asian bourgeoisie to become a firm ally of the U.S. on that continent. It also alienates the old colonial powers in Europe, whose experience teaches them to seek more supple ways today to maneuver in order to hold on to such advantages as they retain from their former empires.

In this atmosphere it is to be expected that proponents of preventive war" would thrive. The instances of open avowal of aggressive war, from the "loyal Republican oppositionist" Harold Stassen several months ago to the Air War College head last week, are merely manifestations of a growing preoccupation with this solution in the private chambers of the real masters of this country.

Political Bankruptcy and Unrealism

For the present, Wall Street and its more serious spokesmen nave succeeded in clamping down on the "preventive war" as official policy. A sober inventory, such as that of the Times military expert, Hanson Baldwin, shows them that "The military case for a preventive war against the Soviet Union. . . is founded upon the hopes of a quick and easy victory, that glittering and unrealistic goal." Unrealistic, because "the Russians would sweep into Western Europe and politically and psychologically we would deliver Asia

to the Communists;" because it "probably would put us into the war with at best confused and unwilling allies, at worst, virtually alone;" because, finally, Russia has an air force and an A-Bomb stockpile herself which makes even initial military success doubtful. Baldwin sums up:

as a name prominent on Moscow's purge list.

Eisler's conviction for "contempt" of the House Un-American Activities Committee was scored by the Stalinists here as an outrage against civil liberties. They rejoiced at his escape to the "freedom" of the "people's democracy" in East Germany, where he emerged as Minister of Information to recount to the world the blessings of Stalinist rule.

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It was announced on Sept. 1 that six of the leading members of the Socialist Unity (Stalinist) Party were purged and under arrest. One of them was Eisler's deputy propaganda chief, Bruno Goldhammer, and Eisler himself was reported "under investigation." Being "under investigation" is usually the first swift step to a death sentence under a Stalinist regime.

We don't know why Eisler is being considered for liquidation. Those arrested have been charged with "petty-bourgeois pearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee, his trial and conviction for "contempt," his escape on the Polish ship Batory were all arranged. that he wormed his way into the East German regime, through a devious plot of American congressmen, the FBI and U.S. immigration authorities?

Fantastic? No more so than the charges that have been leveled at most other Stalinist purge victims, at the very leaders of the Bolshevik revolution in the Moscow frame-up trials, at Red Army leaders, heads of the government and hundreds of thousands of others both in the Soviet Union and all its satellites.

Through its purges. Stalinism gives ammunition to the witch-hunters in this country, who justify their own policestate methods by pointing to the hypocrisy of the Stalinists who complain about the attacks on civil rights in the United States but set the example for totalitarian purges and frame-ups.

They Don't Like Escalator Clauses

Cost-of-living escalator wage clauses to protect real wages from the erosion of inflation have become an important factor in the fight of labor to maintain its living standards during this period of soaring prices. In recent weeks, hundreds. of thousands of workers have won such clauses.

The effectiveness of such clauses has been proved directly by the recent automatic wage increases at General Motors which inspired the workers in Ford, Chrysler, Packard and other companies to demand and win higher wages.

Further evidence of their effectiveness is now provided by a growing campaign within the government to abrogate and ban sliding scale contracts. Joseph A. Loftus, Washington correspondent of the N.Y. Times, reported in an Aug. 29 dispatch that "government experts" and "some economists" are viewing escalator clauses with alarm as "inflationary."

He reports that they are discussing the possibility of "an emergency stabilization agency" - such as the War Labor Board

provided for in the new economic controls bill — which would have the authority to "put ceilings on wages despite what these private contracts say" about escalator wages.

He recalls that during the last war, one of the first acts of the War Labor Board was to issue an order declaring that no such clause could be enforced if it provided wage increases above the limits set by the Board.

It is clear that the Big Business government regards escalator clauses as effective devices for maintaining wage standards and as barriers against the driving down of living standards. It is seeking the means for ending them.

Those persons in the labor movement, like the Stalinists, who have been attacking the program of the sliding scale of wages and falsely denouncing escalator clauses, are giving aid and comfort to the capitalist government and labor's enemies in their attempts to nullify such clauses now in union contracts and to ban future ones.

of the people, and promised not scene at the time - participated, to send for troops from South in fact, by sheltering some of the movement were sought. Bodies Formosa and the mainland. mainland Chinese against whom were found in the river.

The conservative leadership of the wrath of the outraged Formosans had turned. This was his the Settlement Committee insisted the aims of the movement were tory:

limited to reform of the admin-The Formosan Chinese, after istration, but government troops 0 years of Japanese rule, weland police continued to shoot and comed the Chinese as brothers kill unarmed civilians. More miliand liberators, but suffered a cruel disillusionment when their tant elements among the Formonew and more backward exploit. sans were advocating arming of

the populace to protect itself ers proceeded to strip their economy to support the thoroughly against military action and govbankrupt and corrupt Nationalist ernment reprisals. Mainland Chinese were being ousted from government administrative buildings

CRUEL DISILLUSION Formosans were excluded from

regime.

economic and political control in favor of government bureaucrats and their friends and relatives.

Former Japanese property was taken over by government syndicates and monopolies in which the salaried and private adminstrators are in a position to squeeze freely," indulging in private trading and smuggling. All government services broke down. Cholera epidemics and bu- expanded into 17 local Settlement

bonic plague reappeared after a ards in the schools lowered and the government while its leaders lines appeared in the cities, and peaceful settlement with the Govthe cost of living soared. Rice oppressive rice levies were en-

1895 it took the Japanese seven March 8 the streets of Keelung years to subdue them with force forced despite two annual rice were cleared by gun-fire in the and violence. When their Chinese harvests a year. Early in 1947 Chiang's Governor General Chen afternoon. After dark 2,000 police "liberators" moved in and tried Yi denied the Formosans the right and 8,000 troops with light equipto conquer them anew after 1945, o elect local mayors and magis- ment including U.S. Army jeeps they, too, had a battle on their landed and proceeded to Taipei. hands

trates. A relatively small incident set Another 3,000 landed at Takao at With a shift in the relationship off the Formosan revolt. To quote the same time, and the slaughter of forces, the irrepressible strug-Ambassador Stuart: "On the eve- began. gle of the Formosan people for

"Beginning March 9 there was freedom from exploitation by forning of Feb. 27 certain armed Monopoly Bureau agents and spe- widespread and indiscriminate eign oppressors will undoubtedly cial police set upon and beat a fe- killing," the official report con- burst forth again - this time to male cigarette vendor, who, with tinues. "Soldiers were seen bay- join the tidal wave of colonial reher two small children, had pro- onetting coolies without apparent volts against imperialism in the tested the seizure of her small provocation in front of a Consular Far East.



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Yi with a civilian. But after a and schools, and replaced by Foryear and a half of his administramosans. tion, which, the report admits, did not improve the economic situa-IN COMPLETE CONTROL tion, he was removed and replaced "Without pre-arrangement by General Chen Cheng and milipreparation," according to the re-

tary rule. port, "by March 5, Formosan Chi-As the Chinese Communist nese were in the ascendency or in Army continued to defeat Chiang control throughout the island." Kai-shek on the mainland, For-Shops opened, primary schools mosa became and remains the last resumed classwork, and Taipei was returning to normal. The

stronghold of the murderous Chinese Nationalist Government. Settlement Committee, by then THEY WON'T SUBMIT

Committees throughout the is But it seems certain that the land, was actually administering Formosan people will never submit without a struggle to new continued to negotiate for a oppressors. When the decrepit Manchus ceded them to Japan in

No Such Animal

By Fred Hart

Grave concern over what is happening to freedom of speech was expressed by the N.Y. Times in an editorial on Aug. 30. Selecting two current cases - the cancellation of some speeches that Owen Lattimore was to make in New England, and the ouster of Jean Muir from a television program - the Times declared:

"It is time to ask how we as a people can expect to decide, or even to discuss, great public issues on a democratic basis if we are going to stifle the free presentation of opposing or unpopular or minority points of view. . . how are we going to remain a nation of free and selfrespecting men and women if we are to allow the mere presentation of charges to destroy the standing of a fellow-citizen, however eminent or obscure?

The Times noted that Lattimore twice in three days suddenly found himself without an audience "on the basis of Senator McCarthy's unproved allegations" and that Miss Muir was ousted "because of a handful of protests against her appearance, based on alleged Communist leanings which she has emphatically and specifically denied." And its conclusion was: "There must, of course, be a continuing fight against communism - as Mr. Pressman's testimony reminds us for the thousandth time - but in fighting it we have to keep our minds clear. Trial by character assassination must stop; and it is only the common sense of the American people that can stop it."

In short, the Times, like a great many conservatives and liberals, is distressed by the "extreme" lengths to which the witch-hunt is going, but it doesn't want the witch-hunt itself stopped. It doesn't object to the persecution of the Com-

VOLUME XIV munist Party and other groups on the "subversive" blacklist or to the victimization of James

Kutcher and Harry Bridges, but it wants care taken that the witch-hunt should not get out of taken that the witch-hunt should not get out of hand and defeat its purpose by making it plain SWP Nominating that the civil rights of all Americans are affected when the civil rights of any are abrogated. It wants a "clean" witch-hunt, more "selective" in its methods, more "restricted" in its aims, conducted with less hysteria and more common sense.

At State Capital But if that is what it expects, it will remain ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 5 disappointed, for there never has been and there Michael Bartell, Socialist Workcannot be any such thing as a genteel witch-hunt. ers Party candidate for Governor, That was convincingly demonstrated in Germany, where in the beginning many people thought the personally filed his party's inde-Nazis would confine themselves to destroying pendent nominating petitions with communism or to driving out the Jews. But it the office of the New York Secredidn't work that way — the labor movement was tary of State this morning, on the smashed too, the reformist Socialist Party was opening day for such filing. A outlawed, then all other parties but the Nazis total of 17,249 signatures of qualwere done away with, capitalist democracy itself ified voters, 5,249 more than the was destroyed and many liberals were surprised legal requirement, was presented. to find themselves in concentration camps. The slate nominated in addition

to Bartell included Joseph Han-The American witch-hunt will inevitably follow the same course as its German forerunner because sen for .U. S. Senator, Gladys Barker for Lieutenant-Governor, its ultimate aim is not to protect "democracy against totalitarianism," as the Times would have Harry Ring for Comptroller and us think, but to undermine and then to destroy Arthur Preis for Attorney Gendemocracy altogether. The brutal McCarthy, de- eral. spite his lapses in "good taste," is a more authen-

CLEAR-CUT CHOICE tic symbol and spokesman for the witch-hunt,

"We consider it a tremendous which the Times supports in principle, than the achievement," Bartell stated, "to editor of the Times. And unless the entire witchhunt is stopped by the militant action of the labor have met the requirements this and liberal movements, it is the McCarthys that year in the face of vicious attempts by hoodlum elements and will set the standards of the witch-hunt, as they authorities in some localities to are already doing at an ever more rapid pace.

obstruct the legal processes of democratic elections by preventing our campaign workers from complying with the provisions of the law for nominating candidates.

"The Socialist Workers Party

Petitions Filed

- By William E. Bohannan -

Jim Crow As Usual

SWP Candidate for Congress, 11th District, N. J.

In Mobile, Ala., the NAACP last week complained that when the Army brings rural draft registrants to that city for pre-induction examinations, it feeds the whites in the regular dining room of a private restaurant while the Negroes are compelled to take their meals in the hot kitchen. When there are too many Negroes to fit into the kitchen, the remainder "must go to the back yard of the restaurant and put their trays on the ground to eat their meals." Negroes are compelled to ride in the back of buses transporting the registrants to the examination centers. In other words, things are as they always have been in the South, and the military Jim Crow pattern is a carbon copy of the civilian Jim Crow pattern.

At Fort Dix, N. J., the first draftees inducted since the beginning of the Korean war began to arrive from the New York metropolitan area last week. Most of these draftees had grown up together, gone to non-segregated schools together, etc. But as soon as they got to Fort Dix, they were separated. The whites were assigned to one outfit, the Negroes to another, and they were sent off to different barracks. Here the military pattern of race relations is different — and worse - than the civilian.

A group of reporters questioned the commanding general at Dix, Maj. Gen. John M. Devine, who is also a member of the Department of Army Board for Utilization of Army Manpower, the body which is supposed to end segregation in the Army. Yes, said the general, "it is shocking. but what is the solution?" Most Americans, he said, are "probably opposed to integration. It is part of social change, upheaval. The South would oppose integration to the last ditch and that would

probably apply to many in New York." This hoary alibi is supposed to explain why the Army can take young men away from their normal lives and occupations - which is certainly change and upheaval for them - but can't treat Negroes in even the same way that they have grown accustomed to being treated in such cities as New York.

Expressing regret, but what could he do, etc. Devine added: "Separation in training is Army policy." And that's the important thing to remember. Negroes should not let themselves be misled by the talk of people like Lester Granger, the big wheel in the Urban League who goes around making speeches and writing articles pretending that "Jim Crow Ends in Korea" and pretty soon it will be ended all over. It's still Army policy to segregate Negroes in the South, in the munist" would have to register North, and in Korea itself. Various so-called and list all of their members and "experiments" are going on in the Army, but file reports on all their activities.

Personally, I don't think they ever will convince illegal for members of either kind the people of Asia. They haven't even convinced of organization "(1) in seeking, the people of Korea whom they are supposed to be helping, and they are not going to as long as the predominant attitude of the U.S. military forces remains that Koreans (and other Asians) are "gooks." It will take a lot more than talk engage in any employment in any to hide the ugly facts of white supremacy, or to defense plant." (A defense plant get the colored people of this or any other coun- is defined as one that furnishes try to accept the "inferior" status reserved for "any commodity or service" to them in the plans of imperialism. Negro leaders the government.) who don't understand this are riding for a fall, just like the imperialists.

world." How the Wood

Will Affect You

(Continued from Page 1) bill. Groups designated as "com-Jim Crow is still in the saddle, despite the gov- Groups designated as "communist ernment's wish to convince the people of Asia fronts" would have to register and that it is not "a white man's war" in Korea. It is their officers. It would be list their officers. It would be

accepting, or holding employment in any defense plant, to conceal the fact that he is a member of such organization; or (2) to

Since registration would mean, and Conductors. The leaders of road workers. at the very least, that members and Conductors. The least of Had workers been the yardmen, roadmen and con- Had the railroad workers been almost any job, registration would constitute suicide for the organizations under attack. The alternative would seem to be for the organization to resign itself to week at 48 hours pay. having all its members fired (if not jailed) or to disband. Yet the sponsors of the bill have the nerve to declare that it does not penalize railroad workers, who are now law. persons for their ideas! working under an Army dictator EFFECTS ON PRESS

THE MILITANT

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Army Takes Over Roads



Assigned to "supervise" in operation of the nation's railroads, Army officers confer in New York immediately after the government strikebreaking action in seizing the roads to prevent a threatened strike for the 40-hour week at 48 hours pay. Despite Army "control," everything - including profits - will be as before.

will be the only party on the ballot to provide the electorate with an opportunity for a clearcut vote SWITCHMEN CHEATED against capitalist war and reaction and for a socialist society of peace and freedom throughout the ON 40-HOUR DEMAND

AFL Switchmen's Union leaders have bowed to the pressure of the White House, which is fronting for the Big Business inserted into the not only for what it contains but railroad corporations in their opposition to the 40-hour price "control" section of the bill what it does not. Most signifi-

week at 48 hours pay for operatng employees. The union officials agreed to a ment, that it "will not have any contract that continues their 5,000 effect whatever on the larger members on a straight-time 48- case" affecting their 300.000 hour week for at least another members. But these leaders asked year. While granting the 40-hour for "seizure" and accepted it week "in principle," the agree- "gladly" when they got it, so it ment sets it aside in practice for is hard to see how they can effec-12 months and after that it is tively press their demands while still subject "to the desires of the the workers are on the job, their employees and the manpower conditions frozen by presidential situation."

This settlement is now expected inake their profits as usual. to be used by the Truman ad- WEAKENED BY DISUNITY ministration, acting for the railroad barons, to force similar terms on the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors.

advance of a scheduled strike of union against another and prevent ers, it provides for a joint House-

Tax, Controls Bills Hit Labor, **Protect the Rich**

It has been a popular assumption since the start of the Korean war that Big Business would make a profits "killing" out of it, while the wage-earners would get it in the neck. This assumption is be-O-

ing confirmed by act of Congress | signs this bill, as he is expected through the economic controls to do, he will be signing a bill bill, already passed and sent to of the Taft-Hartley Act which he Truman for his signature, and promised two years ago to have the \$5 billion tax bill approved repealed.

by a joint conference committee of both Houses and passed last bill is a section that permits the week by the Senate.

falsely labeled an "anti-inflation" Another will enable Truman to measure-is a compulsory wage give \$2 billion in "loans" to corfreeze. Truman is given broad porations for "defense" work. No powers to "control" prices on a ed for such loans by the bill. "selective" or industry-by-indus-

try basis — but he must freeze wages in any industry where prices are fixed.

wages even though these may es. have fallen way behind prices.

PLENTY OF JOKERS

all kinds of jokers to protect variment of the Switchmen's settleeffective regulation and left loop- ed that such provisions be left holes thru which individual cor- out because he didn't want the bill porations or industries may es- to be held up by a "controversial" cape lower price ceilings by ob-

taining "adjustments" to "prevent or correct hardships or inequities.' Specifically exempted from the bill's provisions are prices or rendecree and the companies able to tals for real estate, professional fees, charges for newspapers, books and periodicals, motion pictures, insurance and utilities In this present case, as in all rates, transportation fares on the previous struggles of the railpublic carriers and margin reroad workers, their division into quirements for commodities spec-

21 separate craft unions has ulators. proved a dangerous weakness. Just to make absolutely sure Truman ordered the strike- Once more the companies, with that Truman administers the bill a year ago. breaking "seizure" of the coun- the aid of the Truman administra- so as to favor the corporations try's rail lines two weeks ago in tion, have been able to play one and put the clamps on the work-

administration to exempt any corporation or industry from the re-The heart of the controls bill- strictions of the anti-trust laws. restrictions or conditions are fix-

THE TAX BILL

If the economic controls bill is written so as to enable the capitalists to drain off bigger profits Under the measure, Truman through a cheese-cloth price "conwill be able to let prices rise as trol" measure that is really inmuch as he wants, but if he does decide to impose price ceilings at the government doesn't take back some high point, he must freeze any of these profits through tax-

The tax bill which the Senate

has passed, and which Truman is expected to sign as soon as the The sly legislative agents of House acts on it, is noteworthy cantly, it does not contain any provisions for an excess profits ous special interests from any tax. In fact, Truman himself urg-

> issue. A lot of people will say that any profits made out of war are excess. But this bill would not touch even those profits above the huge amounts made in the record years from 1948 to today, which are four times higher than profits before the Second World War. The Senate passed this "protect-theprofiteers" bill on Aug. 31, just three days after the Wall Street Journal published the report that net profits in the second three months of this year for 606 industrial firms were 44% higher than

WHO WILL PAY

But that's nothing to the gravy 300,000 members of the Trainmen an effective drive by the rail- Senate "watch-dog" committee to they're lapping up now with the keep the bill's operations under Korean war underway and the surveillance government handing out new bil-The bill provides for the regula- lions for arms orders. Somebody's "seize" the lines under the notion (ne program they would long ago tion of labor under a virtual presi- going to pay for these war orthat this would force the com- have beaten the railroad pro- dential dictatorship. It empowers ders, of course. panies to capitulate to the unions' fiteers to their knees. Instead, a Truman to set up a War Labor And that somebody is everyone 18-month demand for the 40 hour million railroad workers - once Board, which could invoke compul- who works for wages. An average the highest paid section of labor sory arbitration and fix wages 20% increase in income taxes for With the settlement he has in the country - are still trying and conditions of work. Such a the lower brackets will provide foisted on the small Switchmen's to get the 40-hour week that most board, when set up, is required by the bulk of the \$5 billion more Union, Truman has shown the other workers are guaranteed by the bill to operate within the Taft- the war tax bill will extract from Hartley Act. Thus, when Truman the American people.

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Goodbye Dad

By Genora Dollinger

Well, Dad, as I stand looking down at your cold and lifeless body laid out in your casket my mind is shocked and dazed and my heart is overflowing with burning tears. It was only last year that we stood here in this very spot, torn with grief, over mother's body. You and we four kids couldn't forget that the current headlines were blaring forth about the billions of dollars being poured out for bigger and better atom bomb research to kill more human beings while cancer research was plodding along with an infinitesimal amount of financial support to save our loved ones from the great white scourge. We said to each other, "If this world were not upside down, Mother would still be with us and leading a useful and happy life."

This year our indignation burns even more intensely. What a terrible shock to answer the door and find a cop standing there to tell you that your father dropped dead on the early morning bus on his way to work - right in front of the factory gates! Talking to you on the telephone just prior to going to bed the night before, you said you were worn out from the overtime hours you had to work - a double shift of TWENTY hours on the previous Saturday and ten and eleven hours the following working days! A man of 64 years of age working such killing hours in the FOUNDRY - just to put by a little money in case of illness in your old age!

"Welfare State"

Next March you would have been 65, Dad, and you were planning to quit because you could get your GM pension. But you didn't live to receive that pittance because you were literally worked to death, as most workers are before their 65th birthday. You did your best to keep going even though the din of the foundry had impaired your hearing and tired your body so that you could only eat and sleep in order to punch that time clock each morning.

How bitter and ironic to recall that your grandfather, Rodman Albro, left the East to settle here in 1839 to find security. And that your father, serving on the City Council, voted to bring the is intended to be . . . circulated infant Buick Motor Company to Flint by "paving the road way out to Stewart Avenue" to allow more workers a job and security. But even though streets and roads were named after your family in honor of the pioneering they did here, neither you nor your children, Dad, found that security.

How terribly symbolic! - you were found dead in front of the Buick Motor Company with the only identification on your body. . . your factory badge. . . just a number at Buick. . . and waiting the public to think that it is a for the "security" of the GM union pension!

At the next quarter when GM's huge profits go out of business. are announced we'll have the aching knowledge that this time it was our father's life - and death - that went into the greedy piling up of those profits. And all that GM left for the members of the family is to stand beside a whitelined casket and whisper, "Goodbye Dad."

ship with seven railroad company The bill makes it illegal for presidents in colonels' uniforms any organization or publishing enterprise ordered to register to

ransmit through the U.S. mails The Switchmen's agreement or "by any means or instruprovides for a 23-cent hourly mentality of interstate or foreign wage increase, with time and a commerce, any publication which half to begin only after 48 hours of work. On a 40-hour week basis, or disseminated among two or the new wage rates would mean more persons" unless the publica- an actual cut in take - home pay tion and the wrapper it is sent over the present weekly wage for of crisis and of danger there are the United States. in are marked: "Disseminated by the 48-hour week.

-, a Communist organization." WAGE DEMANDS Thus a revolutionary socialist

In the case of the Trainmen and paper that is sternly opposed to Stalinism could be ordered to label itself in such a way as to lead hours pay. The operating unions Stalinist paper - or else it could

'APPEAL" PROVISIONS The bill provides the oppor-

tunity for organizations ordered crease, which had been won by are going today, that could mean to register by the board to appeal a million non-operating employees | (no) chance for a job of any charto the courts for redress. But the more than a year ago. Wood-Nixon gang did not feel After 18 months of crawling in that this would constitute much vain to all the governmental of an obstacle to the police state agencies they could think of, the regime they are intent on estab- leaders of the Trainmen and Conductors were forced by the lishing. Their supporters in the House quoted at length from pressure of the membership to ecent Supreme Court and lower call a series of stoppages and

court decisions upholding various then a national strike. At the aspects of the current witch-hunt same time, they appealed to Tru-- especially the Supreme Court's man to "seize" the railroads so as the change that this will make in approval of the non-communist to give them a pretext for calling affidavit in the Taft-Hartley Act the strike off. The "seizure," as was to be exand the Appeals Court decision by Judge Learned Hand upholding pected, was a farce. The government gave a written stipulation the constitutionality of the Smith Act and the conviction of the 11 to the railroad corporations that

Stalinist leaders. nothing would be changed. Opera-Judging from such decisions it tion and control of the railroads would indeed be dangerous for would remain in the hands of the anybody to rely on the courts to company executives. All profits fight the Wood Bill or any would be retained by the private variation of it adopted in the owners. Dividends would be paid. Senate. The adoption of the Wood But wages and working conditions Bill means that the police state were frozen and employees forin the U. S. has become a clear bidden to strike. Under these conand present danger to the liber- ditions, the companies welcomed tics of the American people, and the "seizure." only their independent mass ac-

Officials of the Trainmen and

ductors had asked Truman to united and fighting together on

directing operations, what his "seizure" really means. The Switchmen's operational Bi-Partisan Witch-Hunt

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"Secondly, and the most imsome citizens who are always hurt and injured." Meaning: so what? | portant point, an individual is not But there was one especially prohibited from having a governrevealing exchange. Javits (R, ment job unless he is a present Conductors, Truman's "fact-find- N.Y.) complained that the bill member of that organization and ing" board had originally "recom- provided extraordinary powers for remains in it after that organiza-

mended" a 40-hour week at 44 arbitrary discrimination against tion has been found to be a Comy members of allegedly "commun- munist-front, and after that decihad rejected this and pressed ist-front" groups - for example, sion has been upheld by the subversive tactics of a governtheir demand for a 40 hour week it would prohibit them from get- courts. I submit to the gentleman ment of a foreign country or a with no cut in take - home pay, ting "a job in a government de- that is a great improvement over equivalent to a 31-cent hourly in- fense plant, and the way things the present proceedings of the government or police personnel Attorney General."

> LAME RESPONSE acter whatever except perhaps What Nixon was saying was:

> > bill is in addition."

work in a shoe-shine parlor" and all because they have "cer-Don't you liberals talk to us about tain ideas." arbitrary powers, because Tru-

NIXON'S TAUNT

Nixon (R, Calif.), co-author of the bill, replied as follows: "I think it is important to point out that what we are concerned with here is the present system and it. At the present time the Attorney General of the United States without hearing, proceeding ex parte, with no notice to the front organization involved whatever, with no opportunity to cross ex-

amine witnesses, from time to time issues a list of subversive organizations. Those lists are the change Truman's arbitrary "loy- CIO, the NAACP, the ADA and basis for the President's loyalty alty" procedure, only to amend it. the American Civil Liberties program, and individuals are held But we don't see you liberal try- Union. This indicates that not to be eligible for government em- ing to change it either - why only the composition of Congress ployment by loyalty boards on the then are you trying to change our but also the leadership of the basis of whether or not they be- "liberalized" variant of Truman's labor, Negro and liberal organlong to those organizations now procedure? or may have belonged to them in The liberals further undermined the past.

Conductors stated, on announce- bill. Here the organization cannot bill of their own, introduced by defeated.

be cited until it has had a hearing Celler on behalf of the Truman ceive of a situation arising where and until it has had an oppor- administration. This was appeasesome individual may be dis- tunity to present its case and ment of the most shameless kind criminated against a bit. Possibly until it has had an opportunity to but it did not satisfy the Nixonhe may be hurt, but in a time appeal to the Supreme Court of Wood crowd, which was out for blood.

"SUBSTITUTE" NO BETTER

The Celler substitute bill would ompel the registration of "any person who has knowledge of, or has received instruction or assignment in, the espionage, counterespionage, or sabotage service or foreign political party" except for and those who obtain this knowledge from academic studies pursued independently of foreign governments or parties.

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