Millions Demand Wage Raises to **Meet Price Rises**

War-inflated prices plus fears of a government-imposed wage freeze have spurred wage demands by unions representing several million workers.

Under pressure of a wave of P

strikes that conservative union rises in the U.S. Bureau of Labor leaders have been unable to Statistic's cost-of-living index. The agreements reached last restrain, major corporations in the auto, electrical and other im- week by the CIO International portant industries have already Union of Electrical Workers with been forced to grant wage con- General Electric and the CIO United Auto Workers with Bendix cessions. In addition to increased basic Aviation both provide for forms

wage rates, the most significant of the sliding scale of wages or aspect of recent settlements, escalator clause. The IUE-CIO agreement with particularly in auto, is the widespread inclusion of cost-of-living GE calls for an average general escalator clauses in contracts. wage increase of 10 cents an hour, These provide for periodic auto- including 5 cents granted on July matic wage increases scaled to 1, and an automatic rise on March 15, 1951, of one cent for every 1.14

No Difficulty in Getting Signatures below the basic wage rate if the index declines. The contract runs For Grace Carlson

By Chester K. Johnson Campaign Manager

Grace Carlson, Socialist Workers Party candidate for 5th District Representative in Congress, is as-MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 17 sured of a place on the ballot in escalator clauses, the UE leaders Minnesota.

culating petitions to place the SWP in the election race, 600 The UIE and UIE contracts signatures, or 100 more than the additional 200 signatures.

Party in the congressional race ers. here. "We've had enough of the The IUE escalator clause is in-Republicans and Democrats - ferior to those adopted in the they don't do anything for the auto industry. If prices rise very workers," one trade unionist said. | rapidly in the next period, the GE "It's about time to give Socialism workers will have to wait six a chance."

"LIKE DEBS"

Campaign workers have also found that many persons recall day in auto. Under the OE con-tract, however, the workers may found that many persons recall ed time in prison for his socialist pared to strike again.

Grace Carlson's candidacy last

for a year. At the same time as the IUE settled for 60,000 workers in 60 GE plants, the rival independent United Electrical Workers, representing about 46,000 workers in

point advance in the government's

living cost index over the present figure. There can be no reduction

accepted a two-year contract with After only five days' work cir- three semi-annual wage reopeners

trance of the Socialist Workers be paid for entirely by the work-

months before their wages are adjusted, instead of three months

as in auto. Under the UE conthe election campaign of Eugene V. Debs and the fact that he serv-od time in miner for the serv-

ed time in prison for his socialist views during the first World War, as Grace Carlson did during at Chrysler, Ford, Kaiser-Frazer By AFL Seamen World War II. "I'll sign for your and other UAW-organized comcandidate - she's a real Socialist panies, the Bendix Aviation like Debs," one worker said and Corporation, after a spreading passed the petition board among his friends, urging them to sign. Series of strikes, granted its 13,000 workers a five-cent wage

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We Accuse Congress of High Crimes

Police-State Bill is Conspiracy To Subvert Bill of Rights and Destroy Civil Liberties

By The Editors

We accuse Congress of high crimes against the American people.

Every member of Congress who voted for any form of the McCarran-Kilgore-Wood-Mundt-Nixon registration and concentration-camp bill is guilty of conspiracy to subvert and destroy the Bill of Rights in the

Constitution.

These members of Congress should be indicted, tried, convicted, punished and banished from public life.

They have violated their oaths to uphold the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Their speeches and votes are overt acts in furtherance of their conspiracy to abolish free peech, press and assembly, to deny trial by jury, the right of habeas corpus and punishment only for crimes committed.

Their attempt to impose concentration - camp, police-state rule on America is a "clear and resent danger" to government founded on democratic liberties. They have passed a bill, patterned after the decrees of Hitler, Mussolini, Franco, Hirohito and Stalin, that would make it a crime to think "dangerous thoughts." They would arrest and hold in Nazi-like "preventive detention," without jury trial, anyone who "might" hold such houghts.

Who are the most frenzied supporters of this police-state bill?

They are the open labor-haters who passed the Taft-Hartley Law; the lynchers and whitesupremacists who howled down FEPC; the Mc-Carrans who publicly embrace bloody dictator Franco; the Rankins who use Congress as a forum for their filthy spewings against Jews and and price-gougers, their prostitute press and hired hands of every

which is part of the bi-partisan conspiracy to bury the Bill of Rights. All the capitalist politicans, courts and administrators of the law, as agents of the ruling plutocracy, are in the criminal gang.

Only the people themselves can halt these scoundrels. The people - especially the labor movement on whose militancy and initiative the nation's fate depends --- must refuse to be gagged and intimidated. They must reject the police club as the national emblem.

American People Must Act

In the democratic tradition that Congress defiles, they must demand the veto of the McCarran-Kilgore bill and, if enacted, its immediate repeal. They must voice this demand so powerfully that the would-be American Hitlers will halt and draw back in fear.

But whatever happens to the bill, the police state will menace the American people until all the politicians who supported this bill - the two capitalist parties as a whole - are driven off the political map. That means political action.

But not the kind practiced by the labor and liberal leaders. Not by replacing a Republican with a Democrat, or vice versa. That is the kind of politics that led to the fiasco of the labor leaders' campaign against another repressive law, the Taft-Hartley Act.

The lesson of the worst Congresses in American history — the Democratic 81st and the Republican 80th - is that capitalist politics of any variety leads to the police state. What is needed is a new party, a labor party, based on the unions and enlisting the Negro people, the working farmers, the youth and all other targets of capitalist regimentation and exploitation. A national labor party ticket cannot be put into the field in time for this election. But the groundwork for its organization and success in the next campaign can be laid right now. By rejecting every form of capitalist politics at the polls, the labor rank and file can help to make their union leaders - the chief opponents of a labor party - understand that if they do not support an independent labor party they face repudiation by the union ranks. The one positive way to demonstrate rejection of capitalist politics is to pile up a big vote for the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party, firmest fighter against the witch-hunt, most consistent advocate of a labor party and staunchest proponent of a Workers and Farmers Government. A large vote for the SWP will be viewed as a protest against thought-control and concentration camps and for independent labor political action that will lead to a Workers and Farmers Government as the sole alternative to a capitalist police state.



pressed enthusiasm over the en- The IUE hospitalization plan is to



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Demand Rejected SENT TO WHITE HOUSE

Officials of the AFL maritime

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unions are now frightened by the police state.

New Coast Guard McCARRAN-KILGORE BILL

SEPT. 21 - By the time you read this, the Bill of Rights may be dead and the United States of America a

consequences of the current Coast The House and Senate yester- war production, but all trans- Negro; the monopoly corporations, war profiteers Following the announcement of rate increase and an escalator selves had agreed at the Washing on Kilcon and Senate yester-race Carlson's candidacy last clause which is adjustable every selves had agreed at the Washing on Kilcon and Senate yester-ties and Senate yester-

Sunday, a number of persons have three months. The workers are called and visited party headquar- tied, however, by a five-year conters, expressing interest in her tract. The wage movement has gained anti-war position and socialist (Continued on page 2) program for the U.S.

DAN ROBERTS NAMED FOR **CONGRESS RACE IN WASH.**

By Marianne Stanley Campaign Manager

SEATTLE, Sept. 17 - At a nominating convention held here last Tuesday, the Washington State District of Guard. the Socialist Workers Party nominated Daniel Roberts

for the office of U.S. Representative from the First Washington District.

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Roberts, a 32-year old produce worker, has been Washington District organizer for the past seven years. He is a seasoned political campaigner, having run on the SWP ticket for Governor in 1948 and for the State Legislature in 1946.

The convention was well attended by an enthusiastic gathering of members and friends, who pledged \$285 for a campaign fund. More than the necessary number of registered voters' signatures was obtained on the certificate of nomination required by the law to place a minority party on the ballot in Washington.

Daniel Roberts is opposed by interested students on the Univer-Mrs. F. F. Powell, Republican, sity of Washington campus. A member of the stagnant Seattle campaign document containing City Council\for years. Incumbent the party program will be dis-Hugh Mitchell, the darling of the tributed at plant gates and else-ADA, who likes to pose as a great where. In addition, radio broadliberal, is the Democratic Party casts will be made over the local candidate. The Stalinists are networks. In his acceptance speech, candi-

running Paul Bowen, a Negro.

This campaign will afford date Roberts outlined the platform seamen continues to go on. In a Roberts an excellent opportunity on which he is running. "We are front page editorial attacking the to expose not only Mitchell's opposed to Truman's war in Ko-"super-supers," the Log cites the phony "welfare statism," but also rea and favor the immediate with case of "two Seafarers recently the policies of the Communist drawal of troops from Korea," barred from ships" by the Coast Party. When Secretary of State he said. Emphasizing the SWP's Guard without any explanation. Coe threatened to attempt to rule opposition to the growing drive to The demand for an appeal hearthe CP off the ballot, the Stalinestablish an American police ing "was met with the notificaists chose the ballot name of "In- dictatorship, he stated, "We are tion that the Appeal Board is as dependent Voters Party" and a for freedom of speech for every- yet non-existent." correspondingly innocuous pro- one, including the Stalinists, al-Despite their protests and though they are our bitterest alarm, however, the SIU leaders gram.

Election plans call for the enemies. We are campaigning for are still facilitating the governmaximum number of personal ap- a Workers and Farmers Govern- ment's union - busting campaign pearances by the candidate before ment," he concluded, "instead of by conceding the Coast Guard's union meetings, Negro gather- a government dominated by Big right to purge so-called "subings, and forums of politically Business such as we have today." versive" workers.

elves had agreed at the Washing ran-Kilgore omnibus "anti-subversives" bill, after a joint com- must reveal their membership ton conference last July. The AFL union leaders had mittee of both houses had speedily

hoped that the purge would be put the final touches on the comdirected solely against their mili- bined McCarran registration and tant opponents within the unions. Kilgore concentration-camp bills But they are discovering now that passed by the Senate on Sept. 12. the government has far more The vote was 312 to 20 in the sweeping aims: the destruction of House and 51 to 7 in the Senate. ndependent unionism in the mari- Although Truman himself had ime industry, which the Coast criticized the original McCarran the U.S. of a totalitarian dicta-Guard is promoting by its demand House and 6 in the Senate voted call anything — a speech, an that all seamen "voluntarily" give up their present certificates brutal final bill.

for new ones issued by the Coast It now awaits Truman's signature or veto. He can veto it with

the assurance that its supporters, Harry Lundeberg, president of including most of the Trumanite he AFL Seafarers International "Fair Dealers," are strong enough Union, sent a telegram to theto override his veto and enact the Coast Guard denouncing the inbill into law. roduction of these "specially

It was the "Fair Dealers" who validated" papers as "very suspiintroduced the Kilgore "prevencious," and declaring that the anion refused to comply. Special tive detention" bill as a "sub-SIU & SUP meetings have been stitute" for the McCarran bill, eld "up and down all coasts" and which they called "dangerous, have voted unanimously not to burdensome and repressive." Trusign "applications for new sea- man called this Nazi-like "detenmen's certificates," reports the tion" bill an improvement over McCarran's. Most of the "Fair Sept. 15 Seafarers Log.

CAUSE, FOR SUSPICION

The Log explains: "The suspicious nature of the Coast Guard the combined police-state measure. scheme was further evidenced by a contradiction contained in its

TRULY "CATCH-ALL" memorandum on the issuance of. The 68-page bill passed by Conthe new seamen's papers. Algress contains all the most though applications were to be repressive features of all the made on a purely voluntary basis, "anti-subversive" measures inthe CG memorandum concluded troduced into Congress during the with this statement: 'It may be past several years. These include expected that after a reasonable Truman's own "espionage and time only those persons holding sabotage" bill, as well as the specially validated documents will Mundt-Nixon, Wood, Hobbs and be eligible for employment on Kilgore bills. merchant vessels'."

It defines the "Communist Meanwhile the victimization of movement," "Communist action" and "Communist front" organizaregistration of all such organizations, as well as all members of "Communist action" groups. Failure to register when ordered makes violators liable to 10 years strain to get essential machinery in prison and \$10,000 fine for and other supplies, Yugoslavia each day of violation.

CRIME TO TAKE JOB

winter perspective is grim. The bill makes it a crime for The Yugoslav people not only a member of a "Communist face hunger; their entire heroic the other hand is calculating in come nowhere near \$120,000,000. action" organization to take a job effort to heal the wounds left by bandit fashion on what it can get The government can take it out loading ships now with the food in a "defense plant," which in- war and the Nazi occupation is out of the crop failure. It is still of the vast surpluses which have that can save these heroic people cludes not only plants engaged in threatened. They may have to holding up the loan of \$25,000,000 been artifically removed from the from starvation!

ties. Those belonging to "fronts" Labor exploiters, lynchers, bribe-givers and before taking a job. A "front" is determined by "the extent to not deviate from those" of a "Communist action" organization. It is a felony, under the bill, to "conspire" to "perform any act

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which would substantially contribute to the establishment in bill, only 18 Democrats in the torship." The police-staters could against the even more drastic and article, a strike - "conspiracy" to "perform an act substantially contributing" to "totalitarian dictatorship."

> The "preventive detention" part of the bill authorizes the Attorney General, in time of war, invasion or insurrection "in aid of a foreign enemy," to detain indefinitely and without jury trial persons "who there is reasonable ground to believe probably will commit or conspire to commit

espionage or sabotage." A detainee's only appeal is to a detention review board."

bribe-takers, grafters, professional militarists yearning for war, advancement and glory - all the corrupt, brutal, gangrenous elements in our which its views and policies do society \rightarrow have seized on the occasion of the Korean war to push through their long-cherished schemes to crush all their opponents and critics.

What Reactionaries Want

Do not think for a minute that they are gunning merely for the demoralized, discredited Communist Party, or "spies and saboteurs." They have far bigger game in mind. Their prey is the American people- especially the working class. This is D-Day in their long-prepared offensive to smash labor and minority rights in America. Their bills to wipe out free thought, to imprison

without trial, are aimed at those who fight for higher wages and resist the speed-up; who demand racial equality; who refuse to show enthusiasm for intervention in Korea and even less for the atomic world war to come; who threaten, through their pressure for independent labor political action, the political monopoly of the capitalist class and its parties.

The Attorney General, who should be working to put these criminal subverters of the people's rights behind bars, is a party to their crime. He is an appointee of the Truman administration

McCarran's. Most of the "Fair Dealers" ended up by voting to add the Kilgore bill to the Mc-Carran bill and then voted for

By Joseph Hansen SWP Candidate for U. S. Senator from N. Y. The revolution of the Yugoslav

crop alone. Wheat and other

grains have likewise suffered

severely. Farmers, short of fod-

der, are forced to slaughter cattle.

To get through the winter with-

out famine, Yugoslavia needs at

least 1,000,000 tons of corn, 500,-

tons of other vital foodstuffs.

people against capitalism is in cott. Even this desperate measure which was overthrown. danger. A summer drought has will not be sufficient to guarantee destroyed about 40% of the corn food.

STALIN'S AIM

The Soviet Union could easily They were willing to pour billions supply the needed grains. But of dollars into the rat-hole of

ernment on Yugoslavia. Now the is, tighten the screws! Ordinarily Yugoslavia exports Kremlin expects hunger to bring At official rates, the foodstuffs a big part of her harvests, paying for purchases abroad with the Yugoslav people to their needed to tide Yugoslavia over if they can wring additional profit to do so by a hand-picked board this surplus. Because of the knees or to force Tito into the the winter will cost about \$120,camp of American imperialism, 000,000. This is a relatively small thus confirming the Stalinist con- amount and it would be wholly in tention that the peoples of the the generous spirit of the Amerihas been unable to build up a world have no choice but Moscow can people to grant the food with reserve of food stocks. Thus the or Washington. no talk of payment.

The Truman administration on Even then the actual cost would

hold up orders for industrial which Yugoslavia applied for long | market to keep up prices. These equipment already placed, thus ago from the World Bank. The surpluses, as is well known, are further endangering the plans for Bank is trying to force the Tito so great they have overflowed their economy which were already regime to assume the pre-war storage capacities and much of it cannot be kept without serious dislocated by the Kremlin's boy- debts of the bankrupt monarchy deterioration.

> In addition Washington wants However, the Yugoslav governfar-reaching political concessions. ment is not asking for a handout. That is why the loan application It is willing to pay for the food, gathers dust in a pigeon hole, assuming the debt as a government obligation.

> > portunity.

But the cold blood of the Wall dictator Stalin has declared war dictator Chiang Kai-shek's repu- Street banking system flows in to the knife on the Tito regime diated regime. But for a popular the veins of the Truman adtions as criminal and requires the 000 tons of wheat and 500,000 because it dared to resist his regime that tries to steer an in- ministration. If they turn over attempt to impose a puppet gov- dependent course, Truman's rule any food at all on any terms to Yugoslavia it will only be to keep Tito out of Moscow's orbit. And and advantage from Yugoslavia's misery they aim to squeeze everything possible out of the op-

> Let's end this cruel way of responding to human needs and human suffering. Grant Yugoslavia the loans she needs. Start

DANIEL ROBERTS



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THE MILITANT

How the Senate **Voted on Police State Measures**

By John F. Petrone all the other apologists for the When the U.S. Senate convened two party system will have an on Sept. 12 to vote on the McCar-ran and Kilgore police state bills, it had completed on the state bills,

it had completed a discussion in which the McCarran supporters (Dearly When the Sill of Rights intact. which the McCarran supporters (Republicans and a majority of the Democrats) and the Kilgore supporters (the "Fair Deal" Dem-ocrats) had denounced each other all over the place during an en-tire week for attempting to vio-late constitutional guarantees and the initiative of the McCarran bill felt that they had to do some-thing to justify their switchover. to impose thought control on the thing to justify their switchover American people.

But it took only a few minutes sions, which Ferguson (R, Mich.) for both sides to get together, see the "virtues" of each others' re-pressive locidation of a dictator in Amerpressive legislation, combine them

to support of the Kilgore provi-

and pass the McCarran-Kilgore DOESN'T MEAN A THING bill by the thumping majority of So after Lucas had offered the 70 to 7.

70 to 7. So when all the blather was finished, it was plainly shown that the Trumanite Democrats see waith are with the most react eye to eye with the most reac-was an amendment saying: tionary Republicans on the key "Nothing contained in this title domestic political issue of the day. shall abridge any right or privi-What a useful lesson for the lege of any citizen of the United bers on strike at ten plants of compan American working class! What a States guaranteed to him by the the International Harvester Com-terms. powerful antidote to the labor fifth or sixth amendment to the pany had returned to work on bureaucracy's lies about the advantages of electing "liberal Democrats"!

SEVEN VOTES AGAINST

Among the 70 who voted for right has been duly suspended the merged McCarran-Kilgore bill in conformity with the provisions were most of the Trumanites in of the Constitution." (The McCarthe Senate. Hubert H. Humphrey ran-Kilgore bill abridges just (D. Minn.), the fairest-haired boy of the Fair Deal, had in the course ment says it shall not abridge.) of a long speech on the previous day, told the Senate: "I want to be on record as being right for for the McCarranites, and Lucas the long run. I know that it is not said that "in order to get along going to be popular to vote with the bill, I am willing to acagainst this (McCarran) bill. I cept it as a modification to the am going to be unpopular. I amendment, if it will help the should rather be unpopular, vot- Senator from Michigan any." Fer- the Daily Worker - in an unpopular voting for it, and rue the be of assistance." And Lucas said, day a few years from now."

ist promises, this one was cynic- modification." ally broken the very next day when Humphrey voted in favor of the McCarran bill after it had tacked the McCarran bill as untration camp provisions of the get up on the floor and explain escalator clause. Kilgore bill. The Humphreys talk why he was switching over to its differently than the McCarrans, but under pressure they act and vote the same.

As a result, the labor leaders and the liberals have been put in of the American people. the uneasy seat. CIO President Philip Murray, desperate to saltelegrams to the seven Senators who had voted against the final bill, hailing their wisdom and

members of the Senate would realize that these seven had been demands since 1948 have been correct. etc., etc. But that 70 to 7 vote does not raises. They are the CIO Textile tendency to accept long-term freeze. No one doubts that Tru- that any attempt to freeze wages 70 voted to put an end to the lim- Clothing Workers and the AFL auto industry. ited kind of democracy that has International Ladies Garment existed in this country up until Workers. now, so did the seven (Graham, Green, Kefauver, Leahy, Lehman, Murray and Taylor, all Democrats).

Destroying Korea



Belching clouds of heavy black smoke, the 8-inch guns of a U.S. Navy cruiser blast shore installations on the east coast of Korea. When imperialism gets done with Korea, there may be nothing left worth "liberating."

In the Harvester Strike A day after their 27,000 mem-1 that it was ended "after" the demands, and at a time which was

bers on strike at ten plants of company agreed to the new wage one day prior to the expiration of

Constitution of the United States, Sept. 18 without a wage settleor the right of any such citizen to petition for and to receive a writ of habeas corpus unless such

ers announced an agreement. ported in the Sept: 20 Daily Worker, included not only a 10those rights which this amend-"an escalator clause for the This caricature of "legal pro-

has about 20 months yet to run." Daily Worker did not say. Acceptance of the escalator

On the other hand, not a single members of the CIO United Auto Democrat who had previously at- Workers, who had initiated the strike and are still out, unless the been combined with the concen- constitutional had the decency to UAW dropped its demand for an picket lines.

UNCOMFORTABLE support. Or maybe it was just that none of them had the gall.

It was a typical bi-partisan cover up for the fact that the FE was not reflected in FE's making the pay envelopes of their mem-"compromise" — at the expense leaders originally called off the a tentative settlement "on a basis bers precisely because we are in



cedure" was designed to save face

"I do not think it means a single

(Continued from Page 1) Along with the gains made in | members back to work; the 9,500-1 rise a bit to meet past price rises would soon come when the other ternational unions which have the long will prove highly and continued to nicket. courage and hoping that the day such momentum that three in- lecent settlements, the union member Syracuse GE local voted before he puts the clamps on. been notorious for waiving wage

ization can find it possible to inclease your wage demands to the possibility."

our contract." The UAW letter

farm implement trust, called the action if the UAW made "the an accidental bombing by U. S. Avenue in Los Angeles or in Chiremainder of the contract which FE back-to-work order an "act price of unity an 'escalator' of treachery" that "smacks of clause." This, in effect, was a 24th Infantry. There is a bitter How the clause would operate the collusion" with the company and declaration that the Stalinistdominated FE leaders would fight

the inclusion of an escalator clause put the FE leaders - and reached a. tentative agreement clause in the Harvester contracts with Harvester for increases of and block the UAW's demand ing against this bill, than to be guson replied, "It will certainly comfortable position. They have only seven cents. This undercut even at the cost of dividing and weakening the strike.

But like all the other capital- thing, but I will accept it as a FE leaders had rejected joint ac- the basic wage rate abreast of cause of the action of the UAW tion with the 22,000 Harvester price increases. The UAW called and the present war economy, it out its members. The company appears unrealistic for this (FE) conference board to subject its then followed the UAW onto the membership to a long war of attrition against the so called

escalator clause." But this escalastrike "unity" meeting with the tor clause, which they opposed UAW committee. The later re- and which the UAW won for The Daily Worker, trying to plied that this "desire for unity" them, will mean added dollars in strike with no settlement, claimed inferior to the UAW - CIO an inflationary "war economy."



the hypocrisies and contradictions truly disgraceful spectacle. It otherwise, singly and in groups, leaders are more ready than beof American democracy, par- reported that wounded Negro they fought the American cap- fore to pay for their petty priviticularly on the question of war. troops were waiting their turn italists for their rights as citizens. leges by complete support of the The Negro press vividly reflects "for a second crack at the Reds." All through they were handithe struggle that is going on It asserted that the Negro soldier capped by the opportunistic against Jim Crow. It is equally among Negroes on the war in had tanght the North Koreans to lickspittling of the middle class obvious that the Negro masses Korea. Taking the Pittsburgh Courier as an example, we can field of battle. The high propor- tory abroad was the primary acfollow the development of mass Negro sentiment on this question. The Courier is perhaps the most goistic, chauvinistic.

prosperous of the Negro news-EMPHASIS SHIFTS papers. But its policy has gone a long way from the days when it But the middle class Negro is

sponsored the CIO in the Negro one of the most feeble political community and stressed the necessity for Negroes to align themselves with American labor. sycophants attempt any public Today it is the paper of the activity whatever, they show how Negro middle class.

upon the Negro mass. The Negro mass is rebellious and, as the last war proved, hostile to the persecutions to which Negroes are subjected in the armed forces under the banner of democracy. The Courier depends on a mass circulation and this has been perfectly evident from its issues of the last month.

The Courier does not, of course, attack the war in principle. But it upon the practice of discrimination against Negroes in the army. The change is startling.

We learn that there is discrimination against Negro draf- atmosphere of a bar. tees in Mobile and that they have

To this, the FE leaders replied is given to what is called one of as much those of ordinary workplanes of the Negro regiment, the cago's South Side.

editorial protest against the re- TWIN EVILS ported integration of South Koreans in the U.S. Army while Jim Crow run through the and file of the 24th Infrantry ficers because these white officers the book. slander the regiment. There is widespread suspicion in Korea and nine times - my ring," Simple hardly no more. They learned soldiers and white officers, befficers

AUSE OF CHANGE

Formal support of the war con- customs and thinking dominate inues, but in the Courier and the the book. Sometimes Simple is Negro press as a whole, the wistful about it, like when he emphasis has shifted to mistreat- muses over the possibilities of a ment of Negro troops, race prei law "setting up a few Game quotes approvingly. If he read judice, fake integration, Jim Crow Preserves for Negroes . . . some their review, Simple would at home and abroad. It is fairly place where we can go and nobody probably ask: "How come you easy to speculate on what is can jump on us and beat us, speak that way now, when in 1943

usual to be the most sensitive to months, its pages presented a home and abroad, politically and higher scale. The middle class "treat him with respect" on the Negro leaders, for whom the viction of Negro casualties was noted tion to which the struggle for with pride. The tone was jin- Negro rights had to be suborgreat struggles of the war.

dicates, that this struggle is Inside and outside the army, at beginning to be repeated on a

war and hypocritical gestures are ready to start from where they left off in the last war. We believe that as usual this relation of forces is symptomatic dinated. This was one of the of the relations of forces in the country as a whole and par-

Simple never misses a chance to

take a crack at those responsible

for his trials and tribulations as

a Negro, but he also enjoys the

embarrassment of Harlem's upper

crust in one of the most delight-

ful dialogues in the book,

Despite all the disadvantages

of ghetto life, Simple loves

"I would not move for no

depression. No, I would not go

don't nobody push me off. The

Harlem. "It's so full of Negroes,"

"Banquet in Honor."

It is obvious already, as the ticularly in the labor movement.

types among the population of the U. S. As soon as these while the unit of the population of the second sec activity whatever, they show how absolutely dependent they are **POVERTY AND JIM CROW**

By J. Blake

For a down-to-earth story of "how bad my colored condition is" in these United States, particularly in the Northern ghetto, read Simple Speaks His Mind, by Langston Hughes. (Simon and Schust-

er, 1950, 321 pages, \$3 cloth cover, never get together without bringing up the race question?" Simple \$1 paper cover.) is rebuked by his beer companion. Written originally for the Negro "Because it is not even a ques-

audience of the Chicago Defender, has opened a vigorous attack the book consists of a series of tion. It is a hammer over our dialogues in which Jess B. Semple heads and at any time it may - Simple, to his friends - un- fall." ourdens his mind to his "colleged"

> companion, usually in the relaxed The scene is Harlem, but the

to eat in the kitchen. Great play cttitudes and experiences are just

The twin evils of poverty and he explains.

Negroes are still being segregated. dialogue as they do through the We learn now that there is un- lives of the Negro tenth of the back down South, not even to rest and discontent in the rank population. The congestion, the Baltimore. I am in Harlem to loneliness, the insecurity and the stay! You say the house ain't Regiment against their own of- instability of Harlem permeate mine. Well, the sidewalk is - and "The downstairs doorbell rung cops don't even say, 'Move on."

here that there is an official plot comments in passing. Or, explain- something from them Harlem to break up the 24th Regiment as ing why he stays up at bars riots. They used to beat your head part of an attempt to discredit so late when he has to rise early right in public, but now they only Negro troops. There are accounts to go to work: "Sleep don't worry beat it after they get you down of sharp conflict between Negro me. I just hate to go back to my to the station house." And he likes little old furnished room alone." Harlem too because: "At least, if tween Negro officers and white And, "I'm lonesome inside trouble comes, I will have my own myself."

The resentment against white ON HARLEM RIOT. America's Jim Crow institutions

In other dialogues Simple has more to say in defense of the Harlem riot of 1943, which the Stalinist Daily Worker review neither lynch us nor Jim Crow us you almost split a gut denouncing every day. Colored folks rate as us as 'groups of irresponsible

window to shoot from.'



suggested that "if your organ-But the FE leaders had issued their back-to-work order on Sept. ment, the leaders of the Farm 15, four days before the settle-Equipment' Council of the Stalment with the statement that they level of those for which/we are ... inist-led United Electrical Work- would "continue to negotiate striking, coordination . . . is a when the time presents itself" but The surprise settlement, rethat present negotiations were PREVENTED UNITY "futile."

Leaders of the UAW strikers, cent hourly wage increase but left to fight it out alone with the that they would not go for united the biggest blunders of the war, ing men like Simple on Central

Stalinists' Shabby Role

'strikebreaking."

FE officials last month had been attacking automatic cost-of- | the UAW demand for 15 cents living wage increase clauses. The and an escalator clause to keep Now, the FE explains that "be withdrew its offer to FE, which

The FE leaders asked for a

NOT MUCH DIFFERENT

For on three separate occasions before the final vote was taken. all of these seven voted in favor of the original Kilgore bill to per- on Sept. 14 for 25,000 TWU memmit "detention" in concentration bers in the New England cottoncamps, without the right of trial layon industry. by jury, of anyone suspected of the McCarran bill, and then they Average wages in the industry actual inflation. voted for it a third time when it are actually below the 1948 level. was submitted as an addition to If Dubinsky now feels pressed to original McCarran bill.

This means that they bear di- bers feel conditions have become rect responsibility for helping to absolutely intolerable. make the final bill, McCarran plus Kilgore - which they voted against — even worse than the failed to raise demands is CIO creasing at the rate of 3% to be telling all this to you. And people don't know the kind of to the same penalties that the tion? Chasing an ambulance original NcCarran bill.

In other words, when the true facts become known, Murray and

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Although the present contract rates, much of the advantage of tions. This is one big reason why trols are considered." expires next February, the Tex- escalator clauses may be lost over the union leaders, as well as the ile Workers leaders have opened a long period of time. Escalator negotiations for a 20-cent hourly wage adjustments, at best, are increases now as quickly as as soon as some adjustment is raise for 90,000 workers in the always three months behind prices possible.

because, according to the terms woolen and worsted industry. of the UAW contracts and others, They have had no increases since 1948. A 10% increase was secured the wage increase is based on index does not register the real

increase in living costs and Some sections of David Dubinharboring dangerous thoughts. sky's ILGWU have not had wage especially in periods of rapid They voted for this twice when it increases since 1947, notably the price rises, such as the present, was submitted as a substitute for 80,000 New York dressmakers. its figures lag 'way behind the

> LONG-TERM CONTRACTS make demands, it means the mem-

Long-term contracts do not make proper allowance for the The average output of industrial sometimes I seem "disgruntled." me for a promotion, but nothing ganizations — in line of duty, of would he be able to put out Red

the only one that has thus far workers, for instance, is now in- Well, maybe I am, or I wouldn't ever time I think of it. I th 4% yearly. GM and Ford con- if I am, I have good reason to sacrifices we have to make. President, Philip Murray's own tracts provide for an annual "im- be. After all the years I've put mined to wait until the official provement factor" of just 4 cents in for the FBI, after all the dirty PATRIOTIC TOO mined to wait until the official provement factor" of just 4 cents in for the FBL, after all the dirty of course, if you're lucky and slipped up — why, we might be Dut the month of the backs it's a fine tak

contract wage reopener date in at abut, which is way below the assignments i to carried about, after all get the breaks, it's a fine job, slipped up — why, we might be November before asking for actual increase in hourly output never complained about, after all get the breaks, it's a fine job, in the can for ten years. Stranger Many workers are aware that credit for my ideas and sugges-ing nowadays the steadiest kind pionage business, you know. igher wages, although the steel per year.

the union leaders have sacrificed tions, it wouldn't be human na- of job around, next to being a That's one of the reasons the Deworkers have not had an increase the union leaders have sacrificed tions, it wouldn't be numan na-important conditions in order to the reasons the use way I've been treated. I have not intereasents and the bills. since 1948.

of imposed contracts above the wage increases. That is the reason needs of their families and won why a very large minority of the our job is glamorous, but it just

ers did not place the "sanctity" be able to claim they have won way I've been treated.

higher wages in spite of con. Ford workers voted to reject the isn't so. Once I was given the tracts. Murray, however, appears new contract. For the same assignment of joining one of those to hold his contract more "sacred" reason, the IUE leaders have run front organizations, Nature than the welfare of his union into difficulties in getting their

in the long run will prove highly and continued to picket. disadvantageous to the workers.

The most serious threat to the Bunting, president of the National forced to issue demands for This is particularly due to the workers is a government wage Association of Manufacturers,

> Unless the workers are in posi- thinks it expedient, which will not rise . . . to establish a proper tion to raise their basic wage be until after the November elec- basis of parity before wage conworkers, are anxious to get pay ready to accept wage controls just

That the union leaders are hree-month period. The BLS demands - is a foregone con-

begging Truman is to let wages offective.

freezing powers as soon as he and "wages must be permitted to It is apparent that Green is

made in present wage rates.

President has asked Congress to

Confessions of an FBI Agent

- As Told to Albert Parker

registration bills they have up not the real American way.

the officers, or would have to the big shot now, telling people

register themselves if the officers to come and see him and beg him

My boss at the FBI says that boss said he was recommending agents who have joined these or- wasn't for fellows like me? How

A wage freeze under any ready to submit to a wage freeze circumstances would inevitably - and every other imposition on result in lower living standards. possibility that government price clusion. All the union leaders are controls, if invoked, will prove

press on the war in all probability much protection as a buffalo, or elements' who 'began a wholesale called down a storm of criticism a deer."

from the Negro masses, and even tell the whole story either. If the Workers, CIO Amalgamated contracts, up to five years in the man intends to invoke his wage- "at present rates" would be unjust from middle class Negroes who is great, and he hopes Christ will of stores was a shameful act at may not be so critical of general come back "mad" and wipe all the this moment in our nation's hissocial and political capitalist white people off the earth. When tory'?" policies but who always have be- his educated friend argues that fore their eyes the difference be- whites bomb each other in wars inist of 1943 and the queasy tween American pretensions and and "don't treat each other like liberals of all periods, the book American treatment of Negroes. human beings, so how do you During the last war the Ne- expect them to treat you that groes finally worked out a policy | way?" Simple replies:

"To be shot down is bad for known as the Double V. This stood for double victory, victory the body, but to be Jim Crowed against the foreign enemy and is worse for the spirit. Besides, price increases over the previous labor that the war government because there is not the slightest victory on the home front. The speaking of war, in the next war great majority of Negroes were I want to see Negroes pinning infinitely more concerned with the medals on white men."

"How is it two Negroes can second victory, the victory against

communists would. Sure, we'd be that's where. Don't tell me that's

publicity and glory. But us, we organization. It took a long time

friend that way. I had to join

protected, but suppose something justice.

Still and all, it has its setbacks, have to do all the work and keep before my request went through

these communist organizations in the FBI a damned sight longer last man on earth. So don't think

What would happen to us Well, where would he be if it the-scenes, exclusive series.)

would have to be registered by than he was, but he quit and he's my job is a bed of roses.

looting of stores owned by white At other times Simple's wrath storekeepers' and said 'this looting

> As though in reply to the Stalends with a conversation in which the "colleged" man sighs:

> "One regrets that, after all, life is a conflict."

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TROTSKY

-Leon Trotsky, Imperialist War & Proletarian Revolution, '40.

Starvation Is the Penalty

Starvation is the penalty reactionary union leaders are demanding for members who don't accept the politics of the union bureaucrats. Four members of the UAW General Motors local of Linden, N. J., have been condemned to this penalty because they dared to express their political views and distributed "Hands Off Korea" leaflets.

Last week, they were called for trial before a membership meeting, which had been whipped up to a veritable lynch mood against them, and expelled from the union. In the course of the trial, one of the prosecutors, Frank James, claimed that expulsion from the union did not deprive them of a livelihood. He said, "There are plenty of non-union workers in the plant."

But the next day, the company fired the four. A management spokesman explained it was on the basis of the action taken against them by the union. What James failed to add in his statement about non-union men working in the plant, is that the company welcomes only anti-union men who refuse to join the union. But the company is only too glad of the chance to fire pro-union men who for any reason have lost the protection of their union.

There are millions of workers, especial-

Subway Incident

The other day, as a train was pulling into a New York subway station, there was a short circuit caused by a faulty brake. Following a sudden flash, some smoke billowed and the train suddenly stalled. In the New York subway system such accidents are by no means uncommon. As a rule, these periodic breakdowns merit a few lines and the resulting delay in traffic is duly noted. This time, however, it received front page

ly in the AFL, who are covered by closedshop and union-shop contracts. The company is required by contract to discharge any of them who lose their union membership. In such a case, expulsion from the union is a direct sentence of starvation for a worker and his family.

That's what the AFL Executive Council advocated in its report to the AFL convention in Houston urging its affiliates to expel all "communists." This is nothing less than a proposal to deprive of their livelihood any member whom the union bureaucrats choose to call "communist." A "communist," in the vernacular of the AFL bureaucracy, is anyone who opposes any policy of the reactionary leadership.

Time was when the unions had to fight for their lives against "conspiracy" laws and the capitalists who called all union men "reds" and "anarchists." The unions grew strong and great in the battle to defend the political rights of their members as well as their economic rights.

Today a bunch of fat, mercenary leeches living off the union membership and calling themselves "labor statesmen" are trying to turn the unions into instruments for curbing and shackling the workers. And they are using that most potent weapon — the threat of starvation - to terrorize opposition.

deep-seated and widespread is the fear of war among the great mass of the people. But it shows more than this. It is also a striking confirmation of how little confidence is being placed nowadays in the most authoritative assurance emanating from Washington that the course followed since the Korean crisis offers the way to preserve peace, that the arms program is the best security against war, and so on.

Nobody really believes in the "peace"

The Steel Nationalization POLICY STATEMENT FOR Controversy in Britain NEW GERMAN PARTY

is it that makes Attlee and Com- the workers as downright be-By Paul G. Stevens The British Labor government pany think they can or must risk trayal. The declared intention to go

could do at present and still

retain their hold on their working

class following. For, with their

participation in the war program

of Allied imperialism, the Labo-

rites will hardly be able to im-

prove or even maintain wage

standards and living conditions

under the press of inflation and

the new taxes to pay for the arms

Their apparent reversal in

policy on the nationalization pro-

gram does not at all mean a

change of heart. On the contrary,

remaining reformists and col-

laborators of capitalism as they

have always been, they are never-

They hope that by yielding to

it partially on domestic issues

they will be better able to

Whether the calculations of the

he-scenes pressure they have

ional items.

program.

an election at this time rather isked another general election than continue to postpone steel through with the steel law was this year when Winston Churchill nationalization? challenged its intention to go There have been numerous inthrough with the nationalization dications ever since the last elections that the militant temper of of the steel industry. Speaking in the masses of workers in Britain the House of Commons for his has been rising. The solid turnarty, the Tory leader had asked out of the working class vote last in a routine question period where February, amidst defections of the Attlee cabinet stood on this the Laborite middle class followmatter, in view of this internaing — a turn-out which alone

tional "period of tension and enabled the Labor Party to danger." A cabinet spokesman squeeze through with a majority immediately replied that the govwhile the political tide was changernment intended to proceed with ing - this already indicated to taking over the industry as of the leadership that the workers next January, in accordance with were not in a mood for retreats. the law passed by Parliament last Since then there has been conyear. The Tories then demanded inual pressure in the economic showdown. In a vote strictly field. along party lines, the Laborites

theless astute enough to know This pressure culminated two that they cannot attempt to lead weeks ago in a number of signithe workers of England into the ficant defeats for the Attlee leadership at the Trades Union threatening imperialist war with-Congress. The most important of out yielding to the mass pressure as it mounts. these was the majority vote

to halt the nationalization of the against any further wage-freeze WHAT THEY HOPE FOR key steel industry from the and in favor of the enforcement noment it was first proposed. of equal pay for equal work for They regard such action in steel women — an issue which plays a as a body blow and entirely difbigger role in England today than ferent from the previous nationmost political observers realize. alizations which, as in the case There was also an outcry against of coal and railroads, turned the continued mulcting of the popelessly unprofitable businesses nationalized industries for cominto relatively safe investments pensation payments to the former owners and against the enormous

What suprised most capitalist profits being reaped by the steel newspapers and commentators in barons. In addition, there was an England as well as here was important and growing minority the decision of Prime Minister calling for workers control. lement Attlee's Laborite cabinet RISKS MASS REVOLT

to meet the issue squarely and Under these circumstances, it an election maneuver at this time face a showdown on it. The British was more risky for the Laborite is a paying risk for them. labor leaders have been trying to soft - pedal nationalizations ever leadership to face a revolt of the masses who form its solid poli- Labor leaders will work out as since before the elections last tical support by delaying action planned is another matter. The February. Like all reformists, on the steel act than by going impact of class pressures unfolds they are inclined to compromise through with it. This becomes a logic of its own. A victory for with the capitalists rather than to fight on crucial issues. Their particularly clear when we note steel nationalization can very well that the workers, no less than the entail a further increase in class whole policy in the elections last capitalists, regard the nationaliza- consciousness among British February was based on the idea tion of steel - and in Britain workers. The growth of class conthat they must not "antagonize steel has its tentacles in the whole sciousness may make several complex of the country's in- breaches in the dam set up by dustries - as the test of the the present reformist leaders and, seriousness of the Labor Party under favorable circumstances,

program. As one of the chief may even bring pressure for a publicists of the Attlee regime change toward a proletarian, inhas put it, to go back on steel ternationalist foreign policy as would simply be interpreted by well.



The Truman administration moved might and main to force the issue of rearming Germany in the secret meet- with which they have expressed their opposition to Social Democratic

Page Three

The Sept. 4 Militant reported that "a movement to create a new workers party, independent of Stalinism and Social Democracy, is now making strong headway in Western Germany. On July 23, a conference to lay the basis for the new party was held in Ratingen thus the least the labor leaders near Dusseldorf."

The first issue of Freie Tribune, independent weekly newspaper for a genuine socialist policy published by the committee for the formation of an Independent Workers Party of Germany, appeared on Aug. 12. It contains interesting material on the crisis of German Stalinism. It tells of the numerous communists who have broken away from the Kremlin and its native stooges because they understand that the Stalinists like the Social Democrats are continuously betraying socialism, and that only a consistent socialist policy can save the German working class.

In their statement of policy the former CP functionaries, SP members, trade unionists and members of independent Marxist groups who assembled at Ratingen, first explain that German capitalism, though controlled by Western monopolists, is independently exploiting the West German workers, and that the 'capitalist class of West Germany, approved and supported by the three Western powers, is making the German workers pay the cost of the lost war and the fascist collapse. The Marshall Plan has strengthened the position of the German exploiters and is a bulwark against progress and socialism. West Germany is not a U.S. colony, therefore the Stalinist slogan for a "national front" with the German capitalists for "national liberation" is absurd. The Schuman Plan is cited as proof of the relatively independent part which the German capitalists will be able to play in the imperialist camp.

The declaration then goes on to analyze the situation in East Germany: In West Germany the workers have at least a formal possibility of defending their interests, but the East German masses have almost no possibility of defending themselves against the Stalinist (SED) party and government machine and against the Soviet bureaucracy of which the East German state is a mere agency.

forestall mass disruption of their **Role of Traditional Parties** foreign policy, for which the

Tories eagerly voted in the Com-Next the declaration emphasizes that the present state of Germany reflects the world political situation. Decaying capitalism mons. In this, they no doubt ex pect the support of a good part on one side, anti-internationalist Stalinism on the other. The Gerof the middle class who turned to man working class today has no political class representation of its Churchill last February and who own. The CP is yoked to the foreign policy of the Soviet Union have since had occasion to feel the and has lost much of its influence. The Social Democratic Party power of the working class as is proud of being the physician at the sickbed of capitalism; it tries to profit from antagonisms between the Western powers and plays well as of the workers' determinaits role of "opposition" to the Bonn government with a certain tion not to retreat. That is also success. But its relative strength is due to the absence of a genuine why the Labor leaders feel that working class party.

As regards the danger of a new world war, the statement warns that only by an intensified struggle against the exploiters in their own country can the workers secure peace. Signatures on peace petitions cannot achieve this. The best allies of the European and German working class and of the entire world proletariat are the colonial and semi-colonial peoples fighting for freedom against world capitalism.

The Ratingen statement then stresses the necessity of creating socialist workers' movement. This is the main task of German Marxists. Neither the anti-Marxist Social Democratic leadership, nor the CP which has also revised Marxism-Leninism, has been able to shake the correctness of the principles of scientific socialism. On the contrary, these have time and again proved to be right, and must remain the basis of the socialist movement which is to inherit the proud tradition of the German labor movement. This movement must be free and independent, but must establish contacts with groups and parties all over the world which have the same goal - a socialist society without exploitation, with happiness, peace and security for all. A socialist movement cannot be successful without internal democracy and without international solidarity.

The new movement is just beginning and many difficulties lie ahead, the statement concludes. But German workers are beginning to realize that the traditional workers parties are no longer capable of attaining the socialist goals. The socialist movement in Germany has long and great traditions; its creative force will prove stronger than the apparatus of the revisionists of Marxism.

They Deserve to Be Congratulated

This is a truly socialist declaration. The delegates who met at the Ratingen conference should be congratulated on the clarity

the middle class vote" by any issues smacking at all of socialism and class conflict. WHAT EXPLAINS SHIFT? Last week's decision therefore

seemed to be a reversal in line, particularly since it comes at a time when reformists generally call for "national unity" in the

face of international tension and war danger.

won by 306 to 300.

for them.

The Tory move was not unex-

pected. The capitalists and their

political representatives have

been incessant in their campaign

the press that the risky move of tical position with the Tory party. The Laborite leadership feels that

Italian Trotskyist

Groups Hold Their

The second national convention

Revolutionary C o m m u n i s t

Groups) was held on July 29-Aug.

2. The delegates attending rep-

resented groups from Rome, Na-

ples, Venice, Milan, Turin, Peru-

gia, Sardinia, Palermo and Genoa.

The Trieste group sent a letter

explaining that it was unable to

attend.

class.

elected.

2nd Convention

now is the propitious time for it o face another election and increase appreciably its parlia- ing with Foreign Ministers Bevin and Schuman at the reformism and Stalinism and on their loyalty to internationalist mentary majority, which at Waldorf - Astoria in New York present is too slim for comfort. City. While publicly disclaiming | Europe and raises doubts about the potency of the potential That political maneuvers, on both any "intention to ream Germany,"

headlines.

Mechanically the mishap was a minor one, but the reaction of the passengers was not. That's what made it news. Men and women inside the stalled train clawed at each other to get to the doors, while others battled to smash windows in a frantic efforts to escape. More than a score were injured. The panic seized even those on the platform, some of whom rushed to hide behind stairways and other protected areas. There were cries of "Bombers!" and "War!" The flare of a short-circuit and some fumes were enough to convince those in the train and in the station that the city was being atom-bombed and that a new world war had started.

This incident discloses, of course, how

Sparing the Rich

No matter what "emergencies" may be publicly proclaimed, it is always "business as usual" so far as Congress is concerned when it comes to such things as taxes. The interests of the rich, first and foremost, their pocketbooks, are always protected — but good! The poor invariably get soaked — but plenty!

The tax bill being rushed through Congress won't even plug up the worst of the scandalous "loopholes" whereby the plutocrats actually escape paying any taxes at all. For example, it has been estimated that some \$200,000,000 annually remain unpaid on unreported corporation dividends to individuals. It was proposed to slap a 10% withholding tax on such payments. The House actually passed such a provision. It was thrown out in the joint committee conference. Coupon clippers can continue pocketing this whopping sum.

Or take another scandal, little publicized. By a "quirk" in legislation the insurance companies - which are among the biggest super-monopolies and profiteers in the world - have actually been exempt from federal taxes since 1947. You may be sure that this "oversight" did not occur without the active participation of the insurance moguls and the financial tycoons (often one and the same

tripe served up around the clock by the vast capitalist propaganda machine. Certainly not the passengers of the New York subways, who represent a typical cross-section of the American population.

Coupled with the dread of war is a growing mistrust of those in the seats of power. Large layers of the populations, like those caught up in the subway panic. are still themselves unaware of these moods of mistrust, of their own inner revulsion against all phases of the steppedup war preparations.

But these moods are beginning to take shape. That is shown by the subway incident, which affords a truer and more intimate glimpse of the developing mass moods than all the public-opinion polls put together.

gang). These gentlemen have also taken good care to see that this "quirk" remained uncorrected all these many and lush vears.

How much have they pocketed meanwhile? Well, the retroactive House provision is estimated to amount to \$176 million in taxes for 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950, or close to a billion dollars! The actual amount of unpaid insurance taxes is unquestionably much bigger.

So the joint conference not only slashed the insurance tax rate to one-third of the proposed House rate but also made payments retroactive only to 1949. This amounts approximately to a quarter of a billion dollars in taxes, leaving three-quarters of the stolen billion safe and sound in the coffers of these big-time thieves.

There is, naturally, no provision at all for an excess profits tax. There is plenty of time for such trifles. It will be done "after the elections," promise those Congressmen who are a little worried about the possible repercussion among their constituents.

But there is no time to lose when it comes to soaking the poor. The tax bill must be rushed to the "White House in time for higher withholding rates on wages and salaries to take effect on Oct. 1, as provided." (N.Y. Times, Sept. 21.)

sides, have contributed to setting Secretary of State Acheson perarmies." A resurgence of German milithe stage is unquestionable. mitted it to leak to the press that arism and power could only add But it is necessary to go beyond he was pressing for "an agreefurther fuel to the fires of mass ment in principle on arming Gerthese maneuvers and into the coropposition and resentment. Washmany," which is diplomatic relation of the class forces that ington is prepared to meet this double-talk for exactly the same condition all maneuvers in order head on. Its British and French to understand their whys and thing. (and other European) colleagues wherefores. The question is what

What is more significant, the cannot afford this, they must earming of Germany has been carefully probe their way and wrapped up in "a single package" prepare the ground at each step.

with the rest of the European Hence the complaints that the arms program. Take it or leave U. S. demands are "premature," t. Faced with this ultimatum that more time is needed for Britain and France are obviously discussion and "consultation," stalling. The discussions went that there is not enough arms to beyond the scheduled dates and go around and the Atlantic allies then the conference recessed, must have the priority, etc. without any agreement being The war-maddened crew in the reached last week. The conferees Pentagon and Capitol Hill and the of the Italian Trotskyists (the will reconvene "some time during White House must of course take

the next two weeks." these stalling attempts into accapitalist press openly The count, but they refuse to be admits that there is a "snag" deterred. In addition to behindover the issue of rearming Germany, which cannot be accomplanted in the press two sensaplished without, among other things, bringing the Nazi militarists and industrialists back to DOUBLE PRESSURE

a powerful position in Europe. James Reston, the political expert of the N. Y. Times, commented on Sept. 18 that "the conference to date has been a disappointment" and "a little frustrating to all concerned."

The report underscored the progress accomplished despite the the columnist Anne O'Hare Mcstill weak ties with the working Cormick to explain what it is that

Next taken up were the politiso touchy for European polical and trade union reports, the ticians. In her Times column of Sept. 18 she writes that "there is ugoslav question and the agrarian situation in Italy. Statutes powerful resistance, in France and for the organization were adopted throughout Europe, to a speedand a Central Committee was up of rearmament. No European government is strong enough to

A resolution was adopted in structing the leadership to effect effects of a return to austerity as soon as possible the transfer of its headquarters to the North and orienting the groups to center

their activities on the proletarianization of the organization. A representative of the International Secretariat conveyed to ican aid, fills finance ministers tional Executive Committee.

up to 10% and maybe more on the

ground that the Athens govern-Let us here give the floor to ment has not made "sufficient efforts" of its own. There is no pressing reason why renders the arms program itself

either or both of these announcements could not have been made public a few weeks earlier or later. They were obviously timed for the benefit of the "snag" in the foreign ministers' conference. By announcing the unrestricted rearming of Japan, Washington face with confidence the political underscores its determination to

oursue a similar course in Gerbefore the population has acnany cumulated any fat to squeeze." The threat implied in the action

After commenting that "the against the Athens government is equally obvious. Every governprospect of financing a rearmament program, even with Amerment that refuses to toe the line laid down by Washington faces a the convention the greetings of with dread," she then adds the slash in the "aid program." And the Fourth International and following significant words: this is a prospect dreaded by made a report on the work of "Equally dreaded is the undertow every European government just the Eight Plenum of the Interna- of anti-war, anti-conscription as much as that of financing a feeling that inspires the youth of rearmament program.

social'sm in the spirit of Marx and Lenin. The publication of Freie Tribune and the projected formation of an Independent Workers Party are important steps toward the regeneration of the German labor movement and will be warmly welcomed by everyone interested in the rebirth of genuine socialism all over the world.

What opportunities await the Independent Workers Party may be seen from the local example of the city of Worms (Rhine) where three years ago six communists were expelled from the CP. They formed an organization called "Socialist Union." When this group participated in municipal elections for the first time, it won five seats in the City Council. The CP got only three. In the last parliamentary elections the "Socialist Union" received 5,000 votes.

Freie Tribune also reports the arrest in Russia of Zenzl Muhsam, the widow of the German socialist poet and militant (murdered by the Nazis in July 1934). The Soviet authorities refuse to give any information about the fate of Zenzl Muhsam.



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The first is that Truman has ssued orders for the State De-

trade union bulletin, conferences, training school for militants). WHY EUROPE WORRIES

The convention discussed the ollowing questions: The organizpartment to propose a peace tion report, which gave a detailtreaty with Japan "placing no d survey of the organization and restrictions on rearmament." resented a plan for future work The second is that the "aid (publication of party periodicals, program" to Greece is to be cut

Thoughts on Trial

By Harry Ring SWP Candidate for Comptroller of New York

The thought-control system of the Japanese Mikado was once held up as a horrible example of totalitarianism which must be kept from our shores at all costs. Today in New York City a thought-control system little different from that of the Japanese Mikado has been clamped upon the public schools.

In the pattern of imperial Tokyo, Tammany New York is driving hard for victims. Eight teachers, suspended without pay last May on the fiat of William Jansen, Superintendent of Schools, are now coming up for a kangaroo hearing.

Jansen charged the eight with "insubordination and conduct unbecoming teachers." The real charge, however, is having thoughts that do not dovetail with those of the Democratic and Republican machines.

This became crystal clear last week at the opening of the hearing for David L. Friedman, head of the English Department of Public School No. 64, who has been teaching satisfactorily in the city schools for almost 24 years. Attorney McGrath, mouthpiece for the Board of Education. in outlining the case said nothing about "insubordination." Instead, he said he would try to prove Friedman was a member of the Communist Party.

First witness for the prosecution was neither a fellow teacher, student nor superior of Friedman who might charge him with "insubordination" or "incompetence." Instead it was a government stool pigeon brought all the way from Royal Oak, Michigan.

This miserable professional witness is Joseph Zack Kornfeder, a former Stalinist leader. who does not even know Friedman. Kornfeder spent his whole time in the witness chair giving his version of what he considers to be the tenets of the American Commun'st Party. That version, shaped according, to witch-hunt requirements, makes out the Stalinists to be genuine followers of Marx and Lenin and in addition addicted to "force and violence" and the "violent overthrow of the government." This is the case which the government tried out to make out against the leadership of the Stalinist party in the trial at Foley Square, and which The Militant pointed out at the time, has no connection with the truth.

The American Stalinists are neither advocates of "force and violence" nor followers of the liberating program of Marx and Lenin. They are simply professional propagandists or deluded fol-

lowers of the dictatorial Stalin regime. The ideas and arguments of the Stalinists cannot stand the touch of truth and reason. In an atmosphere of free discussion they are inan atmosphere of free discussion they are in-variably discredited. But the Democratic and Of Ford Contract Republican machines are just as vulnerable to truth and reason as the Stalinists. In a school system where students are taught to freely examine ideas, Wall Street's economic, social and clause in the new Ford contract, political views cannot withstand scrutiny.

That is why the plutocracy and its stooges need a thought-control system. They try to pick Stalinists as their first victim because of their unpopularity. However, this is only the first step. If Stalinists can be fired from jobs because of what they think and not what they do, then no one is safe.

The trial procedure for the eight victimized teachers smacks of the Nazi courts. A trial examiner, Theodore Kiendl, hears the opposing evidence and arguments. He then makes a "recommendation" to the Board of Education. However, the Board is not even bound by this kangaroo decision. It can accept, reject or modify his findings. Thus this reactionary body can victimize any teacher it considers to be of an independent turn of mind.

And make no mistake about this Board being reactionary. When the Catholic hierarchy howled about articles in The Nation revealing some of the evil effects of their intervention in American politics, the Board banned this liberal magazine from the school libraries. Wide popular protest has not been able to move the Board to rescind this two-year-old ban.

Armour, Swift, Wilson and Cudahey.

more per pound for pork loins.

Paul C. Smith, a Swift vice-president, brazenly

told a Senate Agriculture subcommittee hearing

on Sept. 8 that "in the meat business you have

to take advantage of increased demand by imme-

diately raising prices." This was his statement

after the committee's counsel, Paul Hadlick, point-

ing to the swift rise in Swift's prices immediate-

ly after the Korean events began, showed that

while hogs in the livestock market went up 41/2

From the end of June until the middle of

modity prices has soared from 264 to 332 - near-

ly 26%. This covers the basic commodities that

determine the general level of prices. It is notable

that industrial prices - what the big corpora-

tions charge - have risen twice as fast as farm

Symington indicated the government intends to

make an example of a few petty "hoarders." But

this is to cover up for the "unpatriotic chiselers"

turers whose half-year profits before the Korean

One of the new clauses which And when a fascist-minded teacher, May Quinn, voiced vicious racist propaganda in her classes against the Jewish people, thus arousing a storm York, the Board of Education stood in her defense with a firmness which Dictator Franco of Spain himself might well approve. regardless of whether the unior

The Real Profiteers

products.

Bv Frank Poole

Soaring war prices are due only to a few "unpatriotic chiselers," according to W. Stuart Symington. The former corporation big-shot whom Truman has made top policy man in the war economy set-up told a Senate committee on Sept. 15 that the sudden flare-up in prices of virtually every commodity is the fault merely of "people new in the market, organized to make an illegal or black market profit, or at least a profiteering

profit." Symington tries to convey the notion that if it weren't for a handful of penny-ante speculators who have jumped in to make a dirty buck out of war scarcities, there would be no price inflation. This serves to divert attention from those really responsible for price gouging — the big monopoly corporations, the "legitimate" profiteers.

If what Symington says is true, the problem of halting price rises would be relatively simple. It would take no great policing job - particularly with the aid of alert consumers - to crack down on these few fly-by-night "people new in the market."

The only serious defect in Symington's statement is that it's a lie. He knows there is scarcely a commodity today that is not controlled by monopolies, established corporations, who fix pri**VOLUME XIV**

Large Minority **Opposes Ratifying**

DETROIT — Despite an hourly wage increase and an escalator a large minority of the Ford workers voted against it when they learned of the other clauses it contained. These "jokers" in the contract leave the issue of speed-up and of "decentralizing" the Rouge plant completely in company hands.

The vote in Local 600, which contains more than half of all the Ford workers, was announced as 18,578 for and 12,224 against. Local Lincoln, which was the first to vote on the contract, rejected it by a 96% majority. While some of the smaller Ford locals at Waterford, Mich., Canton, O. Edgewater and Dundee, N. J., accepted the contract, it was rejected by Highland Park Local

400/ and the Buffalo plant. The new contract is the old one extended for five years with two

new important additions.

"WAIVER" CLAUSE

aroused bitter opposition is the so-called "waiver" clause. It completely bars any collective barof indignation among the poor people of New gaining on any issue already covered in the contract, and on any issues arising in the future

> or the company had "knowledge or contemplation" of such prob lems.

Contained in the agreement are such sweeping provisions as: Negro people. The Company retains the sole war began. It was the Big Four meat trust of ight to manage its business in-

beaten with blackjacks and fists cluding the right to decide the that 13 stitches had to be taken number and location of its in his head and lips. His "crime" plants," and "The right of the was walking the streets of his Workers Party candidate for U.S. Company to establish and enforce neighborhood carrying a portable Senator, got the floor. Advocating production standards." radio.

It can readily be seen why Ford is more than happy about the "waiver" clause and the foregoing provisions. It guarantees that cents a pound between the end of June and the Ford can go about his business end of July, Swift charged retailers 18 cents of increasing production and 'accentralizing" the Rouge plant,

without any intervention by the resisting arrest, disorderly con- a round of applause and adopted September, the official index of wholesale com. union leadership on behalf of the duct and assaulting an officer, and unanimously. This brutality occurred a few

The two biggest issues facing days after the campaign against ended in disorder and heated the Ford Rouge workers, that of police terror had been initiated debate arising out of a squabble speed-up and the run-away shop, around the beatings of Oscar Wil- over how to use the proceeds have thus been put on the shelf liams and Alice and Barbara from the meeting. Its termination Smith.

The "waiver" clause ties the The police seem to have taken regrettable; all differences should hands of the union more than heed of one detective's suggestion be subordinated to the struggle

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\$1-A-Year Man Confers



Discussing requirements of the steel industry, William H. Harrison, head of the National Production Authority, confers in Washington with President Benjamin Fairless of U.S. Steel and Secretary of Commerce Sawyer. Harrison is on leave from his job as president of International Telephone and Telegraph.

Phila. NAACP Holds Second **Meeting on Police Brutality** PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 18 - A second protest meet

ing was held here last Wednesday by the NAACP at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, to rally support of the community for another victim of police? But the proposed delegation to

brutality — Joshua Mason, a bar-ber and veteran — and to orminimum of 7,500 valid signaganize the necessary actions to after Mrs. Goldie Watson of the tures. Our experience in getting stop further outrages against the NAACP executive committee signatures on a state-wide basis for our N. Y. State slate indicated argued that "time should be that we could succeed despite the allowed to properly organize' Joshua Mason was so severely such a delegation. difficulties.

However, the judge's decision After cross-discussion and heckeft no alternative but to let the ling on the proposals broke out, nayoralty campaign go by un-Mrs. Clyde Turner, Socialist contested this year.

the mobilization of the entire comlifficulty meeting the require-Because he resented being munity and giving a voice to all ments. Hastily cooking up an narassed by the police for no who are affected by police justifiable reason, Mason was brutality, she called for a broad as its nominee, he turned loose a beaten, spent the night in jail continuations committee consist- battery of professional signature- behind Impellitteri's ear and and was released only after post- ing of any and all persons who gatherers and machine hangers-on ing bond which cost him \$40. He want to participate in the strug- to round up names. is now out on bail charged with gle. This motion was greeted by

HOW JUDGES ARE MADE Tammany offered Impellitteri a 4-year judgeship paying \$28,000

Unfortunately, the meeting a year if he would decline to run in favor of Pecora. That's how judges are made in capitalist politics. But Impellitteri apparently deon a note of internal conflict was

either move into Gracie Mansion wagon. on the grand scale — the 670 leading manufac- any other clause ever written into after the South Philadelphia com- against the common foe. This for a full term or sleep in the Pecora is now being ballyhooed

ng from years of hureaucrati

SWP Prevented From Running Mayor Candidate

By Michael Bartell

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 - Another dirty chapter in the machine-ridden politics of New York came to an end

Sept. 16 as the deadline for in-? dependent nominating petitions for mayor of the world's biggest city.

O'Dwyer resigned Sept. 2 for a gravy-train appointment as Ambassador to Mexico. Botein's decision left a bare week for printing of petitions and signature gather- casts and other inauspicious ing. This was so raw that even the omens, Impellitteri decided to play Wall Street machines thought a out his lucky streak. If a nonentihit of a retreat was in order. And ty of the corrupt Kansas City maso Botein extended the time one pellitteri? week - sufficient for Acting

Mayor Impellitteri to file nominatng petitions for himself, but not enough time for any of the ninority political parties to get n under the wire. Friends of the Socialist Work-

ers Party urged us to run a candidate for the office vacated by O'Dwyer. Given a reasonable ging for him. time, we thought of trying to

meet the stiff requirement of a BUREAUCRATS BACK OUT

This professional machine politician started out with the endorsement of the United Labor Committee, a CIO-AFL body of union heads formed for "political unity." Politics to these bureaucrats is the same cynical business as it is to the Wall Street professionals, a foul horsetrading of high-paying posts at the

and the people of the city.

Within a few days, Tammany 'Experience Party" to run him cracked the whip. The CIO chiefs wasted no time laying a blackjack switching to Pecora. Some of the AFL heads dragged their feet. Finally with the heat on, Impellitteri himself released Martin T. Lacey, head of the Central Trades and Labor Council, from his pledge of support "through thick

In this way the greater part of New York's labor bureaucrats once more ended up a shameful cided to play the stakes high and exhibit on the Tammany circus

munity had become aroused by weakness is due to distrust flow- streets. Possibly he has already as a great liberal, but his program onsulted with the Republican ma-

chine about a happier alternative any of the other tools of Big

and thin.

SWP Candidate for Governor of New York

last week when Supreme Court Justice Bernard Botein set Impellitteri fell into office by a fluke. He was in line for suc-

cession in case O'Dwyer died or resigned. No doubt thinking of how Truman hit the jackpot by a similar turn of the political wheel and how the Pendergast ward-heeler managed to stay in office despite the pollsters' fore-. chine could do it, why not Im-

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His chances for a sizable vote are good. New York's biggest tabloid, the reactionary Daily News has hailed his move; he has converted WNYC, the municipal radio station, into a campaign in-

strument; and a good section of the city bureaucracy, which includes some 20,000 police, is plug-

Impellitteri, of course, had no expense of the labor movement

ces by agreement among themselves and charge whatever the traffic will bear. Small dribbles of goods may get into the hands of petty speculators. But the vast bulk of commodities - from the raw materials to the finished products - is made and sold by the great trusts.

When milk and bread prices were hiked in New York City within a day or so after the Korean war began, those price boosts were initiated by the dairy trust headed by Bordens and corporation bakeries like the National Baking Company. 'It wasn't "black-market" dealers butchering diseased cattle in some filthy hide-away who jerked up meat prices to record heights two weeks after

war began "was a rise of 2 r cent over the SPEEDUP ALREADY ON similar six months of 1949." (N.Y. Times survey, Sept. 17.)

For every dollar in "profiteering profits" the small-fry businesses are making out of warbrought price rises, the monopoly corporations are making a thousand.

The statement of Symington reveals two things: 1. Prices are going to rise because the government intends to protect the big corporations. 2. To cover up its Big Business policy and make

government may go after some chicken-feed 'chiselers."

return for using his influence to obtain contracts

for them. May was convicted in July 1947 but

managed to keep out of jail by appeal maneuvers

so that he did not start to serve his eight to twen-

The Federal Parole Board took into considera-

tion the "poor health." advanced age and "ex-

cellent conduct" records of the illustrious con-

Of course, in the case of a couple of ordinary

Joes who happen to land in jail for strike activ-

ity or something like that, the parole boards

usually want to know whether they have seen

the error of their ways, whether they have jobs

waiting for them and will not be "a burden to

But such criteria apparently do not apply to

crooks who held high public office. As Thomas

left the federal correctional institution at Dan-

bury he stated that he was confident that in due

time he would be "judged innocent of wrongdo-

had served only nine months of his sentence.

ty-four month term until last December.

many departments in the Rouge. While the workers were still

a pretense of attacking "profiteering profits," the

union negotiating committee bear full responsibility for all this because they agreed to it. In ex-'Patriots' Leave Jail change for a few cents an hour they traded away the future

workers.

workers.

to be forgotten.

a union contract.

doors. engaged in voting on the new Mason and Oscar Williams both contract, they were told by the elated to the meeting their ex-

foremen that they had to meet periences with the tender mercies the newly established higher proof the police, and urged united duction, rates. action to make the streets of Walter Reuther along with the

Philadelphia safe for our neighwas made clear, are waiting for every man, woman and child in livelihood and the daily working conditions of the rank and file

Rev. Marshall Shepherd, Negro

Democratic spokesmen, urged Ne-Among the Rouge workers there groes to use their political power was considerable dissatisfaction to oust those in office who abuse with the way the vote on the contract was conducted. These for the removal of Public Safety workers objected to the irregular Commissioner Rosenberg and manner in which this vote was Police Commissioner Parson, both held in comparison to the regular Republicans. victs in releasing them this month after each Local and Unit elections of several

Theodore Spaulding, Republican months ago. The workers did not candidate for Congress and memvote by units; there were no lists ber of the NAACP National prestige. of names to be checked off as Board, described another case of

each person voted; there were no police brutality. Certified Public Accountants con-The purpose of the meeting was ducting the polling and the ballot somewhat obscured by the recounting; the ballot boxes remainmarks of Thelma Dale, of the Progressive Party, who spoke

ed unguarded overnight. about "disruption" at the previous There was only a brief interval NAACP branch meeting. She between the actual announcement seemed more interested in seeing of the agreement and the voting days. No union meeting was held that the do-little local NAACP at which the workers could dis- leadership (which she supports) got "due credit" for its activities

than in the real business before the meeting. This factional and sectarian attitude was definitely out of place at a public meeting

W. Gardner Smith, Pittsburgh "Smash the Jim Crow system. Courier reporter and novelist, meetings and telephone conversa- August issue of Chrysler Motors, their self-dependent actions, Reu-Full economic, political and social tried to concretize the discussion equality for the Negro people and by proposing a series of actions:

legislation to punish lynching, possible from the Mason meeting abolish the poll tax, establish a call on Mayor Samuels to demand posts in wartime was set earlier this year by Fair Employment Practices Com- the dismissal of Rosenberg and Here is what the official UAW of changed conditions since the to chisel on the wage gains won at "full and unconditional pardon" to former Mayor discriminatory practices, elimi- Sutton. 2. That petitions be cir-James M. Curley of Boston, another patriotic nate segregation wherever it culated calling for their dismissal.

ing some clients government contracts. When he all its forms. Wipe out dis- of 10 persons, charged with planfailed to deliver, some disgruntled clients squawk- criminatory immigration policies ning and organizing further aced. and Curley was convicted of using the mails and open the doors of the U.S. to tivities against police brutality, to defraud. He was sentenced to six to eighteen refugees. Unite the workers of all be appointed immediately. 4. That months in jail. Truman's intervention freed him races for the common struggle all funds raised in the petition the General Motors 19-cent patagainst their exploiters." - From campaign be placed at the And then they complain when workers de- the Socialist Workers Party's disposal of this continuations with getting results, not headlines, hands and limited itself to beg- steps-to the Reuther administra-1950 Election Platform.

brutalities in their neighbor hood. The detective had stated at inactivity by the local NAACP Ford Motor Co. didn't even wait that time: "If they have to beat leaders. for the ratification vote before up anybody, they don't have to

in case he turns up a losing Business who have enjoyed the But the need for united action number when the votes are unusual opportunities City Hall raising production standards in do it in the street." Mason re- against police brutality is greater counted. In any case he refused offers in the way of power, ceived his treatment behind closed than ever. In recognition of this to make way for Tammany's prestige, profit and plunder.

need. Clyde Turner has accept- choice of Pecora as a respectable- The labor movement of New ed chairmanship of a commit- looking front man whom the York City must again pay through tee responsible for planning a liberals and union bureaucrats the nose for not having its own neighborhood protest meeting on can support without too much party to put its own candidates the Oscar Williams case. embarrassment. in office.

bors, our friends and our families. The blows that they received, it was made clear, are waiting for Reuther Tries to Steal every man, woman and child in the Negro community unless such united action is taken. Rev. Marshall Shenherd Negro

DETROIT - Walter Reu- | these efforts to get further wage | the traces and won. His adraises recently won by wildcat strikes of the rank and file. He also is trying to cover up these actions, since they represent a blow at his program and

In the September issue of United Auto Worker, the Reuther administration presents its explanation of how the recent costauto workers are completely ignored. You would never know Reuther's version. Such preup to now expected only from the an hour!

ther, president of the CIO increases without the benefit of ministration cannot even mention the rights of Negroes and called United Auto Workers, wants publicity or fanfare. In view of the walkouts, in which the auto the fact that our contracts were workers simply turned their backs to steal the credit for the pay closed, we were confronted with on the international officialdom the problem of convincing man- and hit the bricks for cost-ofagement of the need to reopen living increases. The membership closed contracts for the purpose felt that the international was an of making these additional wage obstacle, due to its bankrupt "do adjustments." The same policy is nothing but talk" policy. Without reported in the Ford negotiations. these wildcat strikes, which the Here Reuther admits to secret top UAW officials bitterly opprivate dealings full of "We posed, Reuther would still be sayurged, we requested," etc. There ing in private, "Please, Mr. Boss,"

is no doubt that it was during and the auto manufacturers would of-living wage increases were these secret talks that Reuther still be saying "No." won. The paper does not say a agreed to the five-year contract Even Carl Stellato, president of single word about the wave of and the waiver clause at Fords. It Ford Local 600, was compelled to walkouts. The fighting tactics of is the policy of a poor relation give the lie to Reuther when he tens of thousands of rank and file begging. It is not the policy of a admitted in a statement which fighting union leader such as received nation-wide attention. John L. Lewis. He is trying to tell "The Ford Motor Company would they took place if you read only us that the corporation executives not have negotiated if these stopwere talked into changing their pages had not taken place last judiced labor journalism we have position from "No" to 10 and 15c. week." The only thing Reuther can legitimately claim credit for The auto manufacturers give is what the union surrendered.

According to Reuther, secret the same "explanation." In the Much of what the workers won by tions between him and the manu- a statement on the pay increases ther gave away in negotiations. facturers did the trick. Reuther says the following: "Sometime He horsetraded away many union heart and see the light, and sud- CIO asked Chrysler Corporation agreement at Ford. He even per-Genly they were "convinced." to consider raising wages in view mitted the Ford Motor Company resolution, entitled "New UAW- May 4 contract was signed. On Chrysler by settling for an 8c. CIO Policy on Economic Wage August 24, 1950, Chrysler Cor- instead of a 10c. increase, and even this was not added to the base rate.

The big opposition vote in the Ford ratification shows clearly credit where credit is due: for Reuther does not dare say that benefits and progress - to them-

By J. Blake Two high class criminals were released from prison by the Federal Parole Board this month; the honorable ex-Congressman J. Parnell Thomas, New Jersey Republican and former chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, and the honorable ex-Congressman Andrew Jackson May. Kentucky Democrat who headed the House Military Affairs Committee during World War II.

Thomas was convicted of defrauding the government of about \$8,000 in kick-backs from persons on his payroll and in padded payrolls. He could have been given the maximum of 32 years in prison and a fine of \$40,000 for the 34 overt acts - not thoughts, mind you - listed in his indictment. But Thomas pleaded "no defense' and the merciful court sentenced him to only six to eighteen months and a \$10,000 fine.

His colleague, May, while being paid out of the juicy tax deductions from our war-time wages presumably to protect our' interests, accepted bribes of \$53,000 from private businessmen in

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ing." Obviously this hardened, unrepentant criminal thinks it is OK to go on padding payrolls cuss the contract. if only given another chance. His former colleague, May, just a month ago practically received a bi-partisan vote of confi- Unite to Smash dence from his buddies in the House of Repre

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sentatives who applauded vigorously when Democratic Leader John W. McCormack (Mass.) hailed him as "a great American" while Rep. Dewey Short (R., Mo.) praised May for rendering "a great and honorable service to his nation during World War II."

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after he had served only five months.

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