Truman's Moves **Heighten Danger Of China War**

By John G. Wright

NOV. 30-Three factors are now playing a central role in the acute and hourly aggravation of the international crisis, which was inherent from the beginning in Truman's "police action" in Korea and

which has now brought this they are now improvising from country and the whole world so day to day, if not from one perilously close to the outbreak minute to the next. of a major war in Asia, if not

to another world war. The first factor is the abrupt change in the military situation on the China-Korea front, Things here turned out in a way entirely unforeseen either in Washington or Tokyo.

Second is the blind alley into which the diplomats of Wall Street have maneuvered themselves. They had deliberately greatly alleviate at least, the stalled all along in the expectation of dictating the terms of a possible settlement, with a "strong" mil.tary position on the China-Korea border as their trump card. This diplomatic "strategy" blew up in their faces with the military reverses. And

Lt. Gilbert Faces **20 Year Sentence; Protest Saved Life**

The sentence of death passed by court martial in Korea on Lieutenant Leon A. Gilbert has been commuted to twenty years at hard labor by President Truman.

Lt. Gilbert, a veteran of combat in Italy, was given a drumhead court martial in the early days of the Korean war. The charge be hanged. No soldier in World charge and Gilbert was the first so condemned in Korea.

In the early stages of the Korean war American troops were was apparent that Gilbert, a Neto a hospital as a combat fatigue case was disregarded in Gilbert's trial.

till Lt. Gilbert, a victim of mili-

M'ARTHUR'S ROLE The third major factor is the sinister role of General Mac-Arthur who continues to press for a showdown in Asia and whose political and military strategy has been from the first directed toward this end. It is widely recognized that his re-

moval from command would diplomatic situation. On the other hand, his remaining in command can easily precipitate an even graver state of affairs.

The Truman administration does not want a major war with China now. Its cautious course since China's intervention on the Manchurian border is a clear

enough indication. The Pentagon is actually not prepared for a major war in Asia. Even more important, the Atlantic Allies are opposed to it for a whole number of domestic and international reasons, and above all, because the mass of the people in

Europe want no further extension of war. But the dictates of caution are giving way to the demands of expediency in a situation which the American imperialists are

finding more and more intolerable. They are determined at all costs to maintain a "position of strength." And in harmony with this, Washington's diplomats keep was misbehavior before the introducing sharper and sharper enemy and he was sentenced to notes into their public statements, adding powder kegs to the War II was executed on this already explosive diplomatic mess.

DANGEROUS MOVES

Ambassador Austin's charge in retreating all along the line. It the UN of "open and notorious aggression" in answer to the Mao gro, was sentenced to death for Tse-tung government's counteran offense that would have been charge of American aggression overlooked in the case of a white | in Formosa and Korea, has been officer. Medical testimony that would have sent a white officer Acheson's denunciation of China's Acheson's denunciation of China's "shocking and brazen act of aggression.' If Austin in the UN refrained

The protest on behalf of Gilbert from referring directly to the has so far saved his life. But | Kremlin, Acheson in his nationtwenty years at hard labor is not wide broadcast pointedly includmuch of a life to look forward to. ed the Soviet Union and "inter-The campaign must be continued national communism." Truman, accompanied by the

P THE WAR NOW! Withdraw All Troops! Recall Gen. MacArthur!

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By James P. Cannon To the President and Members of the Congress: Gentlemen:

Once more, as at the start of your Korean intervention, I take this means to tell you what I believe is the heartfelt sentiment of the overwhelming majority of humanity, including the American people today:

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Stop your criminal aggression against the Asian peo-

Your reckless military adventure in Korea has brought this country into a clash with the 500 millions of China and threatens an "entirely new war" that will engulf millions more of our youth and drain our last resources.

You have permitted MacArthur, with his mad ambition to be the conqueror of all Asia, to deliberately provoke a situation that could mean war on a titanic scale. Now he has turned for a "solution" to the "United Nations and number tens of millions. chancelleries of the world."

kind has been forged - in the UN and the chancelleries. Can we then entrust the further fate of the world to pin- in unmistakable terms that they will not bear your arms striped diplomats?

Your proposed solution. Mr. President, is a threat to repeat the atrocities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki by using the American people are not fools. They are not blind to the atom bomb in Korea.

Workers of the World, Unite !

THE MILITANT

NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1950

Take heed, Mr. President, before it is too late! Hear the voice of the people of America and the whole world. They are thundering:

Stop the war NOW!

Recall your madly-ambitious MacArthur!

Withdraw the troops from Korea!

Let the peoples of Asia alone to settle their own fate! choke the Himalaya passes. Who wants this war?

mourn hundreds of thousands of the slain.

Not the Chinese people, whose dead in the struggle against imperialism and Chiang Kai-shek's despotism

Not the peoples of Europe, whose fears are reflected But that is precisely where this grave crisis of human- today in the warnings to you by their governments.

The German people, by their votes, have just told you in another war.

And, if you stop to think about it, Mr. President, the price they have paid for your disastrous "police action" in Korea. Their hearts ache for their slaughtered youth. And they dread the hatred that your bombs have generated throughout the vast Asian continent. The American people know that before you can even hope to subjugate the new China, the bleached bones of their boys will be strewn across the desert reaches of Gobi, their frozen corpses will

Only your arrogant militarists like MacArthur; only Not the Koreans, whose cities, towns and villages have your profits-hungry ruling class of monopolists and inbeen reduced by your bombs to charred rubble and who ternational financiers; only the political hirelings of a rapacious imperialism seek this war.

Take heed, Mr. President, I adjure you.

You are trifling with the fate of the human race. Stop, look, and listen.

This great and good American people abhor militarism and war. They love the ways of peace and freedom. They are trying to tell you their will:

STOP THE WAR NOW!

SWP Convention Adopts **Policy to Fight Reaction**

NEW YORK - The 14th National Convention of the | between the demands of the arms Socialist Workers Party, which met here Thanksgiving program and the living standards weekend, took stock of the political situation in the United States and worked out a program D

aimed at defending the rights of been rejuvenated nor the masses the working people and promoting subdued, and the balance in favor. the cause of revolutionary social- of U. S. mil.tary preponderance ism against the onslaughts of has begun to diminish. That is reaction. At a time when the why American imperialism has capitalist ruling class is wran- turned now to a more drastic gling over its future course in remedy for the permanent crisis foreign affairs and when other of capitalism - an unprecendentradical parties are in crisis or edly vast rearmament program full retreat, the SWP convention and a militarization campaign to was notable for the firmness and which everything else is being clarity of its decisions and the subordinated.

of the masses, and the political, producing a struggle between the arive toward a police state and the defense of democratic rights. One of the main tasks of the SWP in the coming period must be to make plain to the masses the connection between these two problems and to help draw them nto the fight against the witchhunt.

The recent elections, Warde continued, will bring an accentuation of the rightward swing, it its extent must not be overestimated because the labor movement still retains great capacities for resistance. Moreover, the elections showed a growing restlessness, anxieties, questioning and doubts among road sections of the people, even (Continued on page 4)



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tary Jim Crow, is freed.

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REGISTRATION OF CP DEMANDED BY M'GRATH

No Republican administration could or would enforce the McCarran-Kilgore police-state law faster or more vigorously than the Truman administration is doing. Attor-

ney General McGrath's Nov. 22 petition to the Subversive Activities Control Board, demanding that the Communist Party be required to register under the the Trumanites are moving.

It is also proof of The Militant's contention from the begin- the gullible will accept the idea ning that Truman is playing the that the administration doesn't same two-faced game on this law understand what it is doing. that he played on the Taft-

Hartley law. He went through the gestures of vetoing that law too, and of calling for its repeal after it was enacted over the veto. But while posing as an opponent of Taft-Hartleyism, he enforced the T-H law to the hilt, employing it as a strikebreaking

measures in scores of cases. Now he is doing the same thing with the McCarran law, putting into effect the very provisions which he himself had labeled thoughtcontrol measures, while holding in abeyance those provisions which he really opposes, such as the one calling for publication of a list of arms plants.

PETITION'S EFFECTS

The immediate effect of Mc-Grath's petition, which was operation of the law set in the deliberately speeded up before Congress reconvened on Nov. 27,

will be to guarantee that a long time will pass before there will many opponents of the law will be any serious attempt to repeal tend to abstain from the fight the worst sections of the law.

The administration's main complaint was that the law was "cumbersome" and "unworkable." But the first objection is being strengthen the belief that the law met by the rapidity with which the administration itself is enis aimed only at the CP.

forcing the law. As for the second, even Congressmen who are doubtful about the law will now be inclined to say, "Well,

still trying to get widely acceptsince the registration process is already initiated, we might as ed, and it is the most dangerous well wait and see whether or not belief possible. The precedents (Continued from page 2) it really is unworkable."

The administration's entire The administration's entire procedure, therefore, works to the advantage of the McCarrans and WITCH-HUNTERS INFURIATED BY required to register under the law enacted on Sept. 23, is ample proof of the speed with which mobilize the American people for McCarthys and to the disadimmediate and unconditional repeal of this repressive law. Only

HELPS M'CARTHYS

McGrath's selection of the Communist Party as the first orfits neatly into the administration's double-dyed strategy with to bury the book under an avalregard to the law.

The Stalinists are most vulnerable on the "foreign domination" charges because of their subservience to the zigzags in the Kremlin's foreign policy. The most rabid supporters of the new police-state law would like nothing better than to have its constitutionality based on a case in-

volving the Stalinists, because that is the best variant they could get. They will also be pleased to Hoover appointed him executive have the legal precedents for the Stalinist case.

Furthermore, the Stalinists are against it because they do not

want to be identified with the ton today. Stalinists in any way. The onestep-at-a-time enforcement of the law will, for a while anyway,

DANGEROUS BELIEF

That is the belief that the supporters of the law tried and are

By Frank Poole Many people have believed, rightly or wrongly, that the Washington politicians are not interested in books, that they rarely read one. This belief certainly does not hold today. A book has just been

written on one of the most ex- book was published. Then on plosive subjects in U. S. life - Sept. 15 Lowenthal was summonganization brought before the that holy of holies, the FBI, and ed before a secret session of the SACB for an order to register reactionary congressmen and House Un-American Activities editors have risen as one man Committee. In the committee the witch-

hunters made Lowenthal "admit" anche of distortions and red-

baiting. The Federal Bureau of Investigation was written by Max Lowenthal, a corporation lawyer and bank director, who for 38 years has on and off served as federal counsel under both Democratic and Republican administrations. That Lowenthal's liberal-

ism is of the mild variety is attested by the fact that Herbert secretary of the National Commission on Law Observance.

Despite his unassailable poliwith murder - wholesale murder. No. 1 smear target in Washing- making millions on these crimes

As soon as news of the book's

preparation reached Washington, mission and federal judges, the the thought-police went into governor and state legislature action. In an effort to suppress and Public Service Commission,

the book, or failing that to dis- the county and local officials, the credit it, Representative Dondero Big Business press and corporaof Michigan told the House that tions would rush to protect you Lowenthal was "a menace to the from the just penalties for your best interests of America," and hideous crimes. That is the true story behind that his record was "replete with

incidents where he aided and the ghastly Thanksgiving Eve abetted Communists." This was collision on the notorious Long almost three months before the Island Railroad which snuffed occurred on the most heavily- milked more than \$2 billion of killed 32 last February - opened reason to install a safety system.

unity and confidence of its mem-Washington has definitely embers.

barked on a course that can The main resolution before the eventuate only in all-out war, barring revolutionary events. convention, reported on by William F. Warde, dealt with the Along this road there is still the possibility of deals between the prospects facing the working class as a result of American White House and the Kremlin, but they can be only partial and imperialism's drive to dominate the world. Warde showed that temporary.

while the U.S. monopolists had Analyzing the factors pro and emerged from the second world con, Warde concluded that the war far stronger, the world weight of evidence seems to be system of capitalism on which against the outbreak of global they rest had become smaller and war in the immediate future. But weaker. The enormous efforts to he warned that the situation in sustain the sagging structure of the world, and even in Korea, world capitalism have imposed remains extremely fluid and insevere strains on American canidecisive, with neither Washington nor Moscow in complete con-

"It is no simple matter to act trol of the colliding forces, so

as a fire brigade to put out the that the situation is liable to abrupt change. Whatever the flames of revolt around the globe," Warde said. "These are future holds, he said, the factors too many, too widespread, too to be taken as the basis for the stubborn and recurrent to con- party's practical work are the tain and extinguish easily. Hardly existing realities - "the more aggressive role of America's does one die down than another flares up. MacArthur had no militarists, the heightened dansooner announced that Korea ger of war, the stepping up of

ran into Mao's troops." Two main consequences flow But despite all the measures from the new turn in policy taken so far, capitalism has not the economic, bringing a clash

And Now LIRR Wants Fare Boost

Governor Dewey's Public Service Commission began "investigating" the Long Island Rail Road last December. It hasn't yet found anything wrong although 110 have been killed and 500 injured in LIRR disasters since last February. But now, following the Nov. 23 collision that killed 78, the Commission has resumed hearings on - the railroad's petition for a 32% commuters fare increase. This, if granted, would be on top of three previously granted temporary increases of 20% in 1947, 5% in 1948 and 25% in 1949, which would be made permanent.

talism. that during his 38 years in Washington he had known Alger Hiss and Lee Pressman and some other "suspect" or "proved" Communists. The testimony of

this secret hearing was released Nov. 18, by "coincidence" two days before Lowenthal's book was published.

demand is for immediate gov-

thought-control and witch-hunting, reviewing this book on the (Continued on page 4)



By Joseph Keller If you were Pierre S. duPont

history of the state. and Richard King Mellon, the Public indignation has spilled two richest directors of the Pennover in a roar of wrath, which sylvania Railroad and heirs of the world, you could get away

tical orthodoxy the mere fact You could slaughter 110 people so discredited and hated that that he dared write a book with and mutilate more than 500 unfavorable conclusions about the others in the state of New York FBI has made Lowenthal the in period of nine months while of the LIRR to halt further giving Eve was caused for want decrepit railroad whose assets

and nothing would happen to you.

bound LIRR trains loaded with a train within a fixed safe The Interstate Commerce Commore than 2,300 passengers in distance of a preceding one -Kew Gardens, near Jamaica, which costs \$2,400.

carnage.

Long Island, last Wednesday, was This device - like many others the third and worst disaster on which the LIRR lacks - was this line since last Feb. 17, when "too expensive," according to the a head-on collision at Rockville LIRR management, who are

Center, L. I., killed 32 and in- really dummies for the Pennjured more than a 100. A second sylvania Railroad. The Pennsy wreck on Aug. 6 at Huntington owns all the stock of the LIRR and recent investigations have Station, L. I., injured, 47. This pile-up of disasters has revealed that the former has

out 78 lives and injured 331 in | travelled railroad in the world, | profits from its subsidiary since | a new "investigation." Dewey the worst train disaster in the carrying more than 400,000 pas- 1901. sengers daily in 800 trains that operate two minutes apart in the the LIRR into the ground. Then by former Secretary of War Patmorning and evening rush hours. it worked out a phony "bank- terson. Five other "investigatwo of the wealthiest families in public officials and agencies are This packed human freight is ruptcy" deal whereby the LIRR tions" are under way. trying to quell with a flood of hurtled at fast speed over gets out of paying taxes and the

Pennsy, nominally out of the 'investigations," hearings, state- jammed lines lacking in the most ments, alibis, etc. The greatest elementary automatic safety de- control, continues as "favored an angle how to make money out vices. The crash of one train into creditor" to collect interest on of the wreck and the public ernment seizure and operation the rear of another on Thanks- \$38 million of bonds on a outcry. There has been the sugof an automatic "tripper" amount to only \$11 million. The smashup between two east- a device that automatically stops

pened the capitalist press which Murder!" and from the liberal

N. Y. Post to Hearst's ultrareactionary N. Y. Daily Mirror clamored for "seizure" of the LIRR by state or local authorities.

Governor Dewey's Public Serv-

himself set up a special com-By 1949, the Pennsy had run mission to "investigate," headed The Pennsy financiers and the public officials are now figuring

gestion that the LIRR be taken over, like the New York City When the latest disaster hap- subway lines, by a public authority. The Pennsy would get a had closed its eyes to the previous huge compensation for this, and catastrophes yelled "Bloody collect interest for the next 99 years.

The only thing the Pennsy and LIRR owners and managers should get is a trial for murder. The LIRR should be seized without one cent of compensation and placed under the control of the ice Commission -- which is still railroad workers who have their "investigating" the crash that own lives at stake and every

was thoroughly subdued than he militarization at home." In this period of growing



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Yugoslavia Seen With Open Eyes: 5 How Workers Councils Are Chosen and How They Operate

By Ernest Germain

and of world imperialism and the tion on the workers councils. Soviet bureaucracy outside of it, the Yugoslav CP had to solve the problem of the hour: How to leaders from 1949 on.

road was practical only if (1) Year Plan, in the so-called "prothe workers achieved a minimum duction conferences" which could

pressure of the well-to-do and And the main road toward tha rich peasantry inside the country, goal has led through the legisla harsh winter of 1949-50.

PREVIOUS PRACTICE

When the industrial enterpris trial working class. That was the viet Union. Some forms of work- factory committees would still ample opportunity to change the ing plant in Belgrade (1,000 road chosen by the Yugoslav ers' participation in the manage- be allowed only consultative pow- slate. Second is the fact that the workers), only 25 of the 31 slate ment of the factories existed ers, but they would meet regular-Experience told them that the since the beginning of the Five- ly and be elected by all the work-

ers in secret ballot. The procedure employed at standard of living which makes be called by the manager. They these elections is very interestworkers democracy practicable; were purely consultative organs, ing, because it constituted a the ballot. (2) if the active and conscious and were only used to break some transitional stage between the participation of the working bottleneck in production. In the old "one party unanimity" sys- COMPETING SLATES class in the administration of the shipyard Chukarica on the Dan- tem, which the CPY had inheritstate and the economy was made ube near Belgrade, this "produc- ed from its Stalinist godfather, ly indicate that the workers used votes. possible. From the end of 1949 tion conference," embracing the and the new course of workers' both instruments put in their the whole internal policy of the most skilled workers and shock- democracy which was slowly be- hands. The journalist Pierre sultative factory committees ap-Yugoslav CP has been concen- workers, had functioned irregu- ing realized in the country. At Gousset, who visited many fac- peared to be very satisfactory

In the meantime, the leaders racy into these elections.

that this was not the type of inworkers, becoming confident that candidates were actually elected, the ballot was really a secret one, the other six elected members of took the opportunity to vote the factory committee being against the single slate, writing workers whose names had been

Results of these elections clear- 426 and 381 of the 700 odd valid The functioning of these con-

Caught between the growing trated on achieving just that goal larly ever since 1947 and solved these elections there was only tories and made a thorough study and provided a big support in of the workers' councils may be the Litostroj plant, where they the problems arising from the un- one slate of candidates, but two of these elections and whose ar- mobilizing the working class. The paid in any manner for their ac- suspended the norm bureau and usually cold weather during the important provisions introduced ticles appeared in the Rheinische law of June 28, 1950 was thus tivities on these councils.

real elements of workers' democ- Zeitung, cites the following facts: prepared, which represented a In order to prevent any for- place. As' a result, in general, At the big steel plant of Je- revolutionary development on the mation of a new "workers' aris- all the Yugoslav factories have of the Yugoslav CP understood First is the fact that the orig- sinica (employing 7,500 workers) road of socialist democracy. This tocracy" inside the plants, the law norms which can be easily atinal slate, worked out by an two-thirds of the candidates on law actually puts the manage- provides that no members of the tained by all the workers, and safeguard the conquests of the es, the mines, the transport cor- stitution that could instill real "electoral committee of the trade the original slate were removed ment of the factories into the administrative council may serve hardly an average of 5% of the revolution against these hostile porations, etc. were nationalized confidence in the workers. The union branch," had to be pre- at the general assembly of shop hands of the workers, operating longer than two successive years workers in a plant fall below forces, how to push forward on in Yugoslavia, they were placed Supreme Economic Council de- sented to the general assembly stewards; at the Litostroj turbine through two elected committees: in this office. By this means the their "norm." the road of socialist construction? under the management of a state- cided that in the beginning of of all the workers in the given plant in Ljubljana (1,800 work- the factory committee, chosen by leaders of the Yugoslav CP want The only progressive answer pos-appointed director. The main 1950 elections of factory com-plant (or in very big factories, ers), 20 candidates were add-universal suffrage of all the to educate the largest possible right to intervene for the gensible was the following: By mo- task assigned the factory union mittees would be held in 200 of to a general assembly of many ed during the general assembly of many ed during the general assembly of many ed during the general assembly workers of a plant; the admin- number of all the workers in ad- eral welfare of the workers. They bilizing the conscious, decisive was to collaborate with that man the most important industrial enforce in the country, the indus- ager - as is the case in the So- terprises of the country. These ards), who were thereby given unions. At the Jugostampa print- all the members of the factory tions, in order to start on the the ekonomia i.e., a large statecommittee.

> COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS From August to October 15, ecute managerial functions in ro-

these committees were to be tation. elected in all nationalized enterprises. The factory committee HOW DO THEY WORK? in people of their own choice on written in on the ballots during This is the mechanism set in would be the supreme legislative the election itself by the voters. body in the management of the In that same plant, the elected plant. It would meet at least once achieve vital progress on the road candidates received only between every six weeks, and be composed of from 15 to 120 members. The big question is: To what extent The Litostroj ekonomia is 150 administrative committee, com- has the letter of the law become hectares in size, and has 120 posed of from 3 to 17 members, reality? To what extent are the pigs, 16 cows, many hundred would be the executive organ of workers councils true organs of

average of once a week.

more work and be satisfied with istrative committees were a clear indication of the progress made less real wages?

It is too early to give a definon the road of the democratization of the regime. In many, if tive answer to that question. The alize the organization of producnot in most cases, several slates workers councils have hardly tion inside the plant in order to of candidates were presented to started their activities. Many ex- allow the workers to achieve their the electorate. Quoting again the amples, however, already indi- "norms" with less time and effigures cited in the survey of cate that the Yugoslav leaders fort. At the TAM truck plant at the journalist Pierre Gousset, are eager to give the workers Maribor (5,000 workers) the facthere were two slates of candi- every opportunity to achieve what dates presented at the election the law concedes to them as their bers of the planning bureau to of the administrative committee of the machine-tool plant Ivo bureaucratic elements tried to and had the workers themselves Lola-Ribar (2,000 workers), with organize fake elections or to bully candidates elected from both the workers, the workers could slates. There were also two slates appeal to the CP or to the state, which protected their rights. presented at the printing plant At the brick-making plant Om-Jugostampa, one electing '7, and the other one candidate. At the ladina at Batchki Petrovats, elecformer Bata plant of Borovo, in tions were held on a slate which Vinkovci, Eastern Croatia (5,000 the trade union committees had EFFECTS ON PRODUCTIVITY workers) there were three slates not previously submitted to the of candidates, each of them win- general assembly of the workers. ning some places. Finally, at the These elections were declared il- agerial capacities of their own tractor factory of Rankovica legal, and new elections were there were four slates of candi- held. At the silk mill of Mari- and to instill the spirit of inibor, a sharp rebuff was admin-

31%, 15% and 27% of the votes. istered to the manager who attempted to subordinate the fac-

Metalna plant in the same town

put a group of workers in their

The workers councils have the road which leads to the complete owned farm operated by statewithering away of the state, i.e., paid agricultural workers, whose a situation where all workers ex- crops provide supplementary food for the factory workers above the normal rations which they re-

ceive. They have radically eliminated black market and speculative practices, and assured a motion by the law of June 28 to high level of food in the canteens where workers and managing towards socialist democracy. The personnel eat at the same tables. sheep, etc., supplying valuable. the management and meet on an defense of the workers' interests, food supplements to 1,800 workand not some new means of comers who get three meals a day The elections of the admin- pelling the workers to put out at the plant for something like 1,000 dinars a month (about 25% of the average monthly wage).

Workers councils try to rationtory committee sent the memright and privilege. Wherever work at the bench for six months organize the inner plant circulation of parts and material from department to department in such a way that the plant functioned without loss of time, something that had never happened before.

The workers councils try by all means to increase the manmembers and of all the workers, tiative and free creation in the working class. It is in that field, and not through an increase of tory committee to himself. At the physical effort or through speedup, that the leaders of the CPY hope to achieve an increase in productivity. Results here are also amazing.

The members of the workers councils of Rakovica are very proud of their new tractor, which was conceived and discussed by themselves, and they have been fighting a bitter battle against the "technicians" who gave them too little assistance in their work. The workers of the Jugostampa printing shop have solved dozens of production problems by introducing new gadgets and inven-

tions. Everywhere, materials are put at the disposal of the workers to build models of newly invented equipment. Everywhere study classes in technical problems, in electrodynamics, in physics, in accountancy, in law, are organized right in the plants. On the same subjects, the CPY has had a dozen pamphlets printed and distributed in tens of thousands of copies to the workers. The school of practice and the practice of the school are creating a new generation of workers, capable of the day-to-day managerial work in the factories.

CIO Convention Leaders Fail to Draw Lesson of the Nov. 7 Political Setback

By Art Preis

Delegates to the CIO national convention in Chicago, Nov. 20 to 24, were greeted by an editorial "memorandum" in the CIO News warning them in advance that this year's

gathering would be "duller" than the previous one. It recalled al- vention and had agreed to defer most wistfully the 1949 conven- a full consideration of the polition that "really saw some ex- tical action question until they citement" when Philip Murray could deal with it privately in and his lieutenants used the their own little circle, removed Stalinists as the scape-goats on from any expression of sentiment whom to pour all the blame for or intervention by the rank and the CIO leadership's short- file.

The political action resolution, comings. Every observer at the latest drafted by the Resolutions Comconvention agreed with the CIO mittee headed by UAW President News prediction. "Dull" was the Walter Reuther, was reduced to adjective they all applied to the a bare declaration that the work proceedings. This year there was of the CIO Political Action Comno "excitement" of red-baiting mittee must be continued and exdenunciation of a discredited panded. But there was no intimaminority, no "thrill" of a whip- tion of any change in its fundaped-up hysteria against a weak mental policy of backing candiand unpopular opposition, no dates of the capitalist parties, preparations for bureaucratic ex- particularly Trumanite Demopulsions and splits, no rallying of crats, nor any consideration of the capitalist press with its hordes even the possibility of forming of reporters and photographers to | labor's own party and running its egg on the "kill." own candidates. As for the

Not that there were no vital reasons for the election results, controversial subjects crying for these they ascribed mainly to full and honest discussion. But the "despicable techniques of any real discussion of such crucial McCarthyism," with no explanaissues as the CIO's political policy tion given why they could not and the recent elections, the huge | meet the challenge of McCarthydecline in CIO membership, the ism.

effect of the expulsion this year KROLL'S APPROACH of the Stalinist-led unions, etc., The tone of the Murray leader would have proved most painful and embarrassing to the CIO leadership.

Talk About Excess Profits Tax



Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder (1.) uses a chart to show Sen. Robert L. Doughton (D, N.C.) how corporation war profits could be taxed 75% and still leave plenty behind. Big Business is conducting a vigorous campaign against even this inadequate measure, and a large section of Congress opposes action during the lame-duck session.

dates, receiving respectively 23%, COMPOSITION

istrative committees are repre- where the manager had actually succeeded in using that commitin the plants. The law requires tee against the workers, they dethat at least three-fourths of manded and obtained the recall each committee be composed of of the committee and new electhe workers actually working at tions. 20 ret and a star the star and the more than one employee and one RIGHT TO INTERVENE





The workers councils have the members of the administrative right to intervene against decicommittees, besides the bench sions of the norm and the plan workers, a majority of whom are bureau if they consider these de-



the bench. In general, rarely technician (or engineer) are

OLD HOME WEEK

For at this convention, Murray. Reuther, Potofsky and the other CIO top leaders had to take full responsibility for what the CIO has done or failed to do. So, instead of the "excitement" of flailing a scapegoat, they genteelly waltzed around the key issues. This could be nothing else but dull.

tionaries of international unions and state and local CIO councils attack the CIO leadership's un-- dutifully applauded at the holy alliance with the Truman right spots. There was scarcely administration and the Democratic machine. an echo of the voice of the rankand-file. It was just Old Home Week for the bureaucrats.

The one big question that thing to apologize for in the loomed over this convention was election." political action. Every CIO work- placency, he boasted that the CIO er, every section of the American labor movement was looking to job than ever before in camthe CIO convention to provide paigning for CIO-supported candisome frank analysis of the dates and insisted that the CIO reasons for labor's bad political workers had gone down the line setback on Nov. 7 and some for PAC-sponsored capitalist proposals for new and more candidates. He tried to arouse the effective policies.

All they got was sickening ficial optimism, declaring, "From evasions and crude boasts and this licking, we are going to the promise to do it all over bounce back and bounce back again the same way the next hard."

But the leaden lid of the time. It was well known that the top leaders had held a special bureaucracy could not succeed meeting in advance of the con- altogether in preventing some



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tion that the election results were president of the United Textile "a vindication of the program of Workers, who is considered something of a maverick in top CIO Truman's Fair Deal."

Here was the ideal spot to point circles. He tossed a small stone out that the elections were not a in the otherwise placid waters "vindication of Truman's Fair of the convention. Deal" but a repudiation of his Speaking on the political action

demagogy and broken Fair Deal resolution, Baldanzi urged the

While the leaders talked in promises and a reflection of the CIO to "reexamine" its policy of circles and sounded off their people's fear of his War Deal. supporting "hacks" and "rackeplatitudes spiced up with the But Kroll was anxious only to teers" nominated by the Demousual demagogy, the hand-picked defend the false political policies cratic Party. He questioned delegates -- mostly paid func- that led to the election debacle whether, as a result of its supfor the CIO and to shield from port of such elements in the recent election, the people conof either party."

Baldanzi stated that "the Brazenly, Kroll asserted: "

workers of America will no don't believe we have a damned sooner follow PAC-CIO in an attempt to elect a lot of racke-With smug comteers than they will if the Democratic or Republican Party membership had done a "better" sponsors them. When we say we support men with a program we must mean that down to the end, and not accept some political hacks that may be handed to us by a Tammany Hall or some other group of politicians." apathetic convention with arti-

"SUCKED IN"

He complained that "a lot of so-called New Deal" candidates had "campaigned against the

National Health Program, against social security, they were against FEPC, they were against everything that their own party

capitalist parties. But the small spark struck by

the others met it with stony silence, although Reuther himself sider the CIO to be "independent had made a similar type of declaration in the UAW paper.

FOREIGN POLICY

Neither Baldanzi nor anyone else at the convention came to grips with the real factor underlying the wide-spread repudiation into a new global slaughter.

in their five-page foreign affairs

huge armaments, the Korea intervention and all other basic measures of the American imperialist preparations for war and world conquest.

platform said they should be They could only beef about for." Nevertheless, Baldanzi insome of the reactionary consesisted, the CIO leaders could not quences of this program and ad-"assume the blame," because vise the war government how it their only fault was that "we might better conceal its reacpermitted ourselves to be sucked tionary aims under a "progresin to endorse people who were sive" cover. Thus, they proposed not acceptable" to the voters. that Marshall Plan funds be used "A large part of the responsibilito help the European workers ty" for the elections outcome, he more, instead of the rich: that the said, rests on "some" of the Dem-U.S. stop aiding dictators like ocratic Party leaders "who Chiang Kai-shek, Franco and thought this election was a push-Syngman Rhee; that the union over and gave us a lot of political hacks instead of men of great for office.' program.

Where the CIO could have There were many secondary asfound "men of great standing" among the Democrats or Repub- found fault. But in all these com- to prevent such a capitulation. the award. Conceding that he is what is to be done.

ship was expressed in the speech overflow of the disgust and dis- licans, Baldanzi did not explain. | plaints they carefully avoided by CIO-PAC Director Jack Kroll content that is boiling in the His complaint boiled down to a any criticism of Truman and his who spoke on the political action ranks over the miserable results suggestion that the CIO be "more State Department. Here they resolution just after Truman's of the GIO's political policy. This discriminating" in endorsing can- showed the real tie that binds Secretary of Labor, Maurice J. found reflection in the speech of didates. But what should the CIO them to their fatal political poli-Tobin, blandly told the conven- George Baldanzi, executive vice- do if the Democrats continue to cy. They support the Trumanite run "hacks" and "gangsters?" war program and, for good or Will it just retire from political ill, they are bound to support the action? On this, Baldanzi had political machine that is putting no answer. He stressed that he that program through. That is did not advocate formation of a why they supported the Demonew national party by labor, but cratic "hacks" and "gangsters" only "more independence" in in the last election and why they backing candidates of the two big promise to do so in the future.

Baldanzi died in midair. His mild admonition, which proposed no M'Grath Demands real change in CIO policy, lit no discussion. Murray, Reuther and CP Registration (Continued from Page 1)

that are set in the Stalinist case will hang like a sword over the heads of the whole American

people. The difficulties in the way of a struggle against the McCarran-Kilgore law have been increased of the Democrats. That is the by the administration's policy, reaction of the people to the just as they have been increased growing danger of a third world by the Stalinist policy of refusing war and their fear that the Tru- to defend the civil rights of their man administration will drag us political opponents, especially the Trotsky sts. What this means is

On this score, the CIO leaders not that the struggle against the law should be abandoned but that resolution went down the line in a merciless criticism and exposure support of Truman's foreign poli- of administration and Stalinist cy - the Marshall Plan, the ECA policies on civil rights must be the program of militarism and conducted alongside of the efforts to secure the repeal of the law. Above all, it must be made clear to the American people that defense of the Stalinists against McGrath's persecution of them

under the McCarran law in no way represents defense or sympathy for the policies of the CP. This point is especially important in connection with the leaders of the labor movement.

They opposed the law, verbally at least. It is their duty now to oppose its use against any organization, including the Stalinthe specious ground that they his characters.

Book Reviews

By John F. Petrone COLLECTED STORIES OF WILLIAM FAULKNER, Random House, 1950, 900 pages, \$4.75.

The recent award of the 1949 | a great artist and that "the Unit-Nobel prize for literature to Wil- ed States can be proud that one liam Faulkner was doubly wel- of its artists has earned the Nocome. First, because Faulkner, bel prize again," it complained probably the most important nevertheless: "His field of vision is concen-American writer of fiction in this century, manifestly deserves the trated on a society that is too honor. Second, because the publi- often vicious, depraved, decadent, city surrounding the award will corrupt. Americans must ferventundoubtedly lead to the republi- ly hope that the award by a cation of many of his books that Swedish jury and the enormous vogue of Faulkner's works in Lahave long been out of print.

tin America and on the European The present volume, issued a few weeks before the announce- Continent, especially in France. ment of the award, contains two does not mean that foreigners books of his short stories first admire him because he gives published in the early Thirties. | them the picture of American In addition this volume contains life they believe to be typical and the equivalent of another book of | true. There has been too much of stories that were previously that feeling lately, again espeprinted only in magazines. Al- cially in France. Incest and rape though Faulkner's main contribu- may be common pastimes in tions to literature are found in Faulkner's 'Jefferson, Miss.' but his novels, especially Light in they are not elsewhere in the August and The Sound and the United States," etc.

Fury, some of his best writings THE REAL POINT are also available among these We don't pretend to be as short stories.

A TRUE PICTURE

Most of Faulkner's work deals lating to incest and rape in either with the South, especially the Mississippi or the rest of the rural South, and its people - the U.S. Anyhow, it's utterly irreledescendants of the slaveowning vant. Faulkner's point is not that aristocracy, the newly rich com- so and so many cases of rape mercial elements who replaced and incest are committed in the the old aristocracy, the back- South, but that society itself is "vicious, depraved, decadent, corwoods farmers, the tenant farmers, the Negroes, the intellect- | rupt," and he has the right to emuals. Faulkner is concerned with ploy any fictional devices he their relations with one another, chooses for illustrating his point. their morals, their struggles with Understood in that light, the picthe heritage of the old South. His | tures he draws are certainly social views are nothing to brag "typical and true," not only of about, being confused and some- the South but of capitalist societimes even reactionary. But be- ty as a whole.

cause he is an honest artist, he Capitalist editors and critics gives a generally true though have the right not to like the imaginative picture of the decay truth, even when imaginatively and corruption of the Southern presented, about the society they ists. If they shirk that duty on system as reflected in the lives of defend against revolutionary defend against revolution ST. LOUIS-For Anti-change, but they shouldn't be MO 7194. SAN FRANCISCO-1739 Fillmore Ave-san Francisco-1739 Fillmore Ave-

leaders be given more voice in disagree with the policies of the It is his uncompromising hon- permitted to distort the issue of CP, then they too will be playing into the hands of the McCarrans and McCarthys and striking a blow at the security of the whole labor movement Militant union foreign policy-making and in the CP, then they too will be playing esty that leaves the capitalist what it is that they are defendstanding in the country to run conduct of the war mobilization into the hands of the McCarrans publishers and publicists uncom- ing. Those of us engaged in trypects of American domestic and labor movement. Militant union- ample, just couldn't help voicing tistry and integrity, although he to support in the last election foreign policy about which they ists must do everything they can their reservations after he got can't teach us anything about Box 1502. Foundation to support in the last election foreign policy about which they ists must do everything they can their reservations after he got can't teach us anything about Box 1502.

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"The bourgeoisie and its agents use the war question, more than any other, to deceive the people by means of abstractions, general formulas, lame phraseology: 'neutrality.' 'national defense,' 'struggle against fascism,' and so on. All such formulas reduce themselves in the end to the fact that the war question, i.e., the fate of the people, is left in the hands of the imperialists, their governing staffs, their diplomacy, their generals, with all their intrigues and plots against the people.'

- Leon Trotsky, The Death Agony of Capitalism, 1938.

The Busy Union Officials

The top union leaders of all affiliations are busier than the proverbial one-armed paper-hanger. They are rushing around to meetings galore to settle the many and crucial problems of American labor. Only, the kind of people they've been meeting with, and plan to consort with in the future, bode the American workers no good.

For instance, last week they were reported to be planning a secret meeting, scheduled for Nov. 28, with a group of Big Business representatives to chart out a program of "self-control" on the matter of wages and prices during this period of war mobilization. Who was there, what was said and decided, we have not yet learned. But we know it wasn't for the benefit of union members.

Last week, too, the labor representatives on the new Wage Stabilization Board - Harry C. Bates of the AFL Bricklayers, Emil Rieve of the CIO Textile Workers and Elmer E. Walker of the independent International Association of Machinists - were sworn in and held their first conference with Alan Valentine, former corporation executive and Economic Stabilization Director, and the industry and "public" members of the wage board. There the union leaders took up the task of enforcement of a wage-price control law that they themselves denounce as a "fraud."

Finally, W. Stuart Symington, chairman of the National Security Resources Board, summoned thirty union officials - ten each from the AFL, CIO and independent unions - to the Pentagon on Nov. 30 to further discuss how to freeze wages and regiment labor.

The union leaders, it appears, are discussing the problems of labor with corporation owners, with government agencies designed to impose restrictions and restraints on labor, with everybody except those most intimately concerned - the workers themselves. These bureaucrats are being briefed in secret sessions on how to put over the program of labor's enemies instead of mobilizing the forces of labor to draft a program that will defend the workers' interests.

What these union officials should be spending their whole time on right now is a national conference of all labor bodies to discuss and prepare a program to keep this country from war and to safeguard the lives and living standard of the American working people.

Victims of Capitalism

When 78 people died in the recent Long Island Rail Road collision, the capitalist press milked the tragedy for all it was worth in sensationalism and pretended indignation. But there are no editorial headlines screaming "Murder!" at the slaughter of thousands of American boys in Korea and hundreds of thousands of Koreans.

The same newspapers that cry their mock outrage for the victims of a railroad wreck furiously demand more victims for the war of American imperialism and some of them, following the latest defeat for the U.S. forces, are deKorea and threatens to cost millions in a new world war.

Every year in this country, the drive for profits regardless of human safety causes thousands of deaths and millions of injuries in industrial accidents, mine disasters, rail and plane wrecks. And every few years, the desire to extend profitable foreign investments, grab new markets and resources, seize new sources of cheap labor leads the capitalist system to war.

Capitalism — the private profit system - has reduced the value of human life to the value of dung. Its countless victims of accidents, poverty, social neglect and war fertilize the golden soil of profits. Capitalism can live on only by nourishing itself on more and more victims until its supply of human fertilizer is exhausted. Whoever feels real sympathy and indignation for the victims of profits-made railroad accidents and profits-made wars will abhor capitalism. He will fight to achieve the system of socialism, where the means of production, exchange and distribution are owned by society and run under the control of the workers. When the railroads, the mines, the factories are removed from the hands of a tiny, ruthless owning class and are placed in the hands of the whole people there will be an end both to such tragedies as the LIRR disaster and to the infinitely greater tragedy of imperialist war.

Opposition to War Rises KOREAN NATION FACES Among Europe's Masses TOTAL DESTRUCTION

By Paul G. Stevens

Bavaria, the number of seats held group which regards Health by the two parties is not yet Minister Aneurin Bevan as its As MacArthur rattled the sword at China's millions on the Man- determined, but in the popular bright hope. The MP's of the vote the Social Democrats retrade union wing are in effect churian frontier and the U.S. ceived 2,386,689, a 5% increase urging that the alliance halt delegates, with unmitigated gall, short of involving Britain in a over their 1949 total, as against flung the charge of "aggression" 2,526,780 votes for the Christian war with China. at the newly arrived delegation

There is grave concern and Democrats, a decline of 2%. from Peiping in the UN, the In each of the states the Social unrest among the rank and file rumble of opposition to Wall of the British labor movement Democrats became the strongest Street's war plans grew louder over the prospect of war with single party. In the larger inlast week among the peoples of dustrial towns and cities, the China. News from Britain reveals swing was even more decisively that in recent weeks the Stockholm "peace petition" of the

in favor of Schumacher's party, tatives in the UN expressed fear as for instance in the Bavarian Stalinists, whose political inlest the American pro-consul in capital, Munich, where it received fluence is insignificant there, has the Far East request once more 38%, and in Augsburg, where it been meeting with a ready authorization to bomb Manchurian bases — as he did on got 46% of the total vote cast. response among dock workers, Formally, the Social Dembminers, auto and steel workers Oct. 12 - and be granted such crats have not taken a firm stand and working class women despite authorization by Washington. repeated bans by the Laborite against German rearmament. Moreover, they were deeply dis-They have merely put forward leadership. turbed by reported anti-war The trade unionist representathe demand that the German

people be consulted in a general tives in the House of Commons declared they would have to take election on the conditions under have taken note of these mass cognizance of them and oppose moods and their motions are which they would rearm. But any "full - scale" war moves simply appeals to the government their chief election poster, acagainst China. to go slow on a war policy with cording to dispatches, simply

showed a rifle surmounted by a which the British masses give feelings of Europe's masses was trench helmet, stuck in the torn every evidence of refusing to go best expressed, however, in Gerearth of a battlefield and bearing along. many where in the course of In France, likewise, the heightthe legend, "Never again."

three provincial elections, several It can be safely assumed that ened war danger appears to have million voters had a chance to created a crisis atmosphere. At the people voted for the sentiregister their opinions at the the moment, this is reflected in ment of this poster and its slogan polls. In all three Hesse, Wuerta conflict within the cabinet temburg-Baden and Bavaria, the rather than for the devious policy around the personality of the voters expressed themselves in no of maneuvering with the occupy-"Socialist" Minister of Defense, ing powers for an "independent" uncertain terms for the Social German army, which Schu-Jules Moch. Democratic Party of Dr. Kurt While the pressures exerting Schumacher - which is opposed macher and his Social Democratic themselves on the French govto German rearmament without colleagues are pursuing. ernment are not as yet clearly

a national referendum - and CP DECLINE

against Dr. Konrad Adenauer's The elections have also made Christian Democratic Party, the evident the unpopularity and chief party in the federal govdiscreditment of Stalinism ernment at Bonn, which is the CP vote dropped to an allacquiescent to American plans time low of less than 2% in with the British in fairly open for Germany's remilitarization as Bavaria, less than the required part of the "North Atlantic 5% to get any seats in all three

states. But the decline of the CP, Particularly significant was the the traditional anti-war party, Social Democratic victory in has not benefited the militarists. Bavaria, most conservative of the The German people are not in three provinces, and one-time the least inclined to be used as citadel of Hitler's Nazis. Bavaria, cannon fodder by American imlike the other two provinces, lies perialism. in the American zone, and the

While the anti-war sentiment occupation authorities have all in Germany was expressed in a along favored the most conpopular vote, in Britain the same servative and reactionary polimoods found expression more intical forces. The election results, directly through increasing fertherefore, as the N. Y. Times corment in the Labor Party. Some respondent put it, "cannot be viewed as anything but a serious 80 members of that party have presented or signed motions in set-back to the Western Allies" Parliament critical of the Labor and their plans for German Government's foreign policy. participation in "Western de-Most noteworthy among the 80 is

a group of Labor members of In the state of Hesse, the Social Democrats increased their parliament usually associated seats in the legislature from 38 with the so-called "moderate" to 47, or a majority of the total trade union wing, the mainstay of Foreign Minister Bevin's folof 80, while the Christian Demolowing. crats dropped from 28 to 12. In

Previous challenges to Bevin's er's strength in the legislature policy of close alliance with the rose from 32 to 35, while Adenau- U. S. had come from the "Left

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Conditions in "liberated" Korea under the regime of Syngman Rhee are such that if the war continues much longer "the Korean nation will be totally destroyed." This warning comes from the Korean Affairs Institute, an organization with headquarters in Washington that has been and still is sympathetic to South Korea and U. S. intervention under the UN facade.

An estimated four million are homeless throughout South Korea. "Approximately one half of the residences in Seoul alone were destroyed." Destitute millions are now "fighting death by cold and hunger," and this in the face of the fact that "there is no adequate relief in sight." These and the following quotations are from the Nov. 21 issue of The Voice of Korea, published by the institute.

Amid the havoc of war, amid the universal lack of food, clothing and shelter there is a reign of terror raging in areas where the Syngman Rhee regime has been reimposed. No one is immune. 'Today all of the inhabitants in Seoul are 'suspects.'

Arrests involve every layer of the population. These widespread rests "have touched off a veritable holocaust." Here is The Voice of Korea's account of how this holocaust is organized:

In the Hands of the Police

"Despite the South Korean army's proclamation in early October dissolving all private investigating groups such as the Self-Protection Corps and banning the lynching of communist suspects, and the National Assembly's attempts to reach sane procedure in dealing with 'collaborators.' the police have largely taken the matter into their own hands.

"Although the citizens are nominally protected by 'good citizen certificates,' whether or not a person is a 'good citizen' is left up to the discretion of the policemen assigned to his street. Communist suspects are told that they will receive 'special consideration' if they surrender, but it is again up to police discretion as to whether the suspect is (a) sent to a military court, (b) sent to a civil court, or (c) executed on the spot.

"No warrants are needed for the arrest, detention or searching suspects, as of an Oct. 16 order of the martial-law headquarters. . .

"The military courts, consisting of three judges, one prosecutor and one 'official defender,' sentence some 30 'communist collaborators' a day. The 'official defender' does not seem to present any defense for the accused, but merely interrogates in a slightly milder fashion than the prosecutor. The 'fair-mindedness' of the judges appears to be the only criterion as to whether the sentence is death or long imprisonment.

still led by the Stalinists, the fact "Anything from having helped to build road-blocks to distribthat the French are joining hands uting ration-coupons - if done under the three-month communist regime - is deemed 'collaboration' and the sentence is usually opposition to Washington on the death. Since there are no material witnesses, the extent of 'collaissue of China is indicative that boration' is again left up to the discretion of the judges. there too no reliable mass forces

Arrested in 'Wholesale Fashion'

Rhee's Army Intelligence Bureau issued a "warning" toward the end of October that "anyone found to possess any communist literature after Nov. 5 would be 'treated as an enemy.'" Needless war" policy is thus reaching a to say, included here under the classification of "communist literature" is any printed matter or anything in writing which is. or may be construed as, critical of the regime or opposed to it.

puts it, the Truman administra-In Seoul alone "police and military arrested in wholesale fation "might very well be conshion 55,000 men and women through Nov. 13 who are suspected fronted with the collapse of the Allied coalition and with a big of being communist sympathizers." If even greater numbers were not involved it is obviously because there are simply not enough war in the bargain." Need we add that this prospect is hardly cal- policemen, "tribunals," prison pens and executioners to "process" the victims.

culated to arouse much war That is what the "democratic government" promised the Korean enthusiasm among the mass of the people right here at home? | people by Washington and United Nations actually looks like in life.

Truman Policy Deepens Danger of China War

(Continued from Page 1) | a quick settlement through nego-|, From Tokyo another Joint Chiefs of Staff, demon- tiations. The prevailing opinion respondent significantly notes the stratively has been holding ex- in Washington, which approved "wide discrepancy" between Mactraordinary sessions, among them | the offensive, was that the sooner Arthur's Nov. 24 and Nov. 28 with the National Security Coun- American troops "reach the communiques and concludes as cil, top strategic body in the Yalu, the sooner the UN will be follows: "It seems unlikely that land. Acheson, meanwhile, holds able to talk with the Chinese." UN intelligence has learned of closed "consultations" with the This was reported last week by the presence of such a large force of Chinese only during the past Joseph C. Harsch, political expert mittee and the House Foreign Af- of the Christian Science Monitor. four days." If that is unlikely, fairs Committee. Everywhere the | This was used as the main arguand it surely is, then the likelihood stress is not on any possible ment to beat down the growing is that MacArthur deliberately peaceful solution, but on the reluctance among the Atlantic undertook the offensive, heedless eventuality of war. Allies. of the consequences. With the reversal of the situa-Nevertheless the European retion on the military plane, there action to the news of Mac-Arthur's offensive was neither has been a reversal of roles on the diplomatic field. What tends favorable nor enthusiastic. The British foreign office, to the to aggravate the military situaobvious chagrin of the State Detion is that MacArthur has repartment, hastened on its own portedly "already committed most of his available reserves against initiative at the time to reassure next day by Truman's declara- Peking of the UN's peaceful inthe Chinese bulge in Korea," as tion at a press conference that tentions. one correspondent put it. Distrust of MacArthur is



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The strength of the anti-war

manding that millions more be sacrificed in war with China and even a "preventive war" against the Soviet Union.

Yet, if we examine closely the causes for these two seemingly unrelated tragedies, the LIRR wreck and the Korea war, we will find that they both stem from the same thing and that whoever cries murder for the LIRR victims should shout it from the rooftops for the victims in Korea.

Though differing in many respects each of these catastrophes reflects a basic phase of the capitalist profit system. As the article by Joseph Keller on the LIRR disaster discloses, greed for profits led to the neglect of safety measures that snatched 78 persons from their loved ones. And greed for profits is the driving force that is costing the lives of so many thousands of American youth in

What's Left of the Fair Deal

Only a few days before the lame-duck session of Congress convened in Washington, President Truman gave assurances that he would continue to fight for his "whole Fair Deal program." But of the five "must" bills he submitted to Congress there was only one that will be taken seriously — and that is the request for additional billions to supplement previous appropriations for war preparations.

So far almost 31 billion dollars in military funds have been voted this year, including 10 billions for Korea alone. It was estimated that the supplementary appropriation sought at the lame-duck session would be between 10 and 17 billion dollars more — and that was before Gen. MacArthur's communique declaring that a "new war" had started on the China-Korea border.

Next year's arms budget will be far bigger. Secretary Marshall has reportedly submitted a military budget of 45 billions, which Truman has approved, and which will bring next year's overall budget to the 72 billion dollar mark. Further deepening of the crisis with China will make even that astronomical figure outmoded.

Truman also asked for an emergency a since their inception.

loan of 38 million dollars to droughtstricken Yugoslavia. If Congress clears this loan, it will not be for any humanitarian reasons but as a means of extorting political and economic concessions from Belgrade.

The other three "must" bills concern the extension of the present inadequate rent controls for three months to next March 31; the admission of Hawaii and Alaska to statehood. and an "excess profits" tax bill.

Congress is balking at the extension of any kind of rent controls. The Southern Democrats are threatening a filibuster against the Hawaii and Alaska measures because these would slightly decrease the relative strength of the Southern Democrats in the Senate. As for Truman's "excess profits" bill - to nip off only four more billion dollars of. the record profits now running at the annual rate of over 40 billions - even that is meeting growing resistance from the Democrat-controlled Congress.

Only two aspects of the Fair Deal program are not dead. One is the part relating to war preparations. The other is the vote-catching demagogy that has characterized the New Deal and Fair Deal

er's declined from 39 to 31. In Wing" of the parliamentary

INTERNATIONAL COURT RULES AGAINST RIGHT OF ASYLUM

There is no such right any longer on our planet as the right of asylum for political refugees. This was the gist of five decisions passed in the last two weeks by the International Court of Justice at D grant political asylum without The Hague.

The right of asylum was in- the consent of the government volved in the case of Haya de from whose clutches the refugee a Torre, head of the Peruvian seeks to escape, then obviously Apra party, on which these rul- the right of asylum is reduced to a mere mockery. ings of the World Court were Long before The Hague decimade. Twenty-six months ago, sion, it became the standing prac-

following the abortive 1948 uprising in Peru, de la Torre found tice of "democratic" governments refuge in the Colombian Embas- to violate the right of asylum by the simple device of refusing to sy at Lima. grant visas. Leon Trotsky, after

The military junta who had he was exiled from the Soviet seized power in the country de-Union by Stalin, was hounded manded that the Colombian govfrom one country to another. ernment turn de la Torre over to In fact, Trotsky would have been them as a "common cold-blooded handed directly over to Stalin's criminal." This was refused by executioners had not the govern Colombia on the grounds of asyment of President Cardenas of lum for a political refugee. The Mexico proved the only one with Peruvian government rejected courage enough to grant him this, and, in its turn, refused to asylum. grant safe conduct abroad to de Today the same treatment has

a Torre, who has been living in become extended not only to opthe Colombian Embassy for the ponents of capitalism like Trotlast 23 months. sky but also to pro-capitalist The dispute was finally sub-

cide "unilaterally" the issue of

In between these rulings the

judges sandwiched in a denial of

to the Peruvian police. And when

Colombia pressed for such a rul-

ing, the court on Nov. 27 denied

If a country has no right to

nolitical asylum.

the request.

Nov. 20.

politicians like de la Torre. And mitted to the World Court, which this a brief five years after the made its first four rulings on victorious world war to defend The judges did not outlaw the

"democracy" against fascism. right of asylum in so many **Chicago Lecture** words, they did it queasily by ruling on four specific propositions. They judged that Peru was "not bound" to grant safe con-Series duct out of the country to de la Torre; that Colombia's action in "CRISIS ON THREE this instance was in violation of CONTINENTS" existing Latin-American treaties; and, most important of all, that * * * Colombia was not entitled to de-

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sizable trade union movement

can be counted on in a show-

down precipitated by the Pen-

The ruthless and reckless "cold

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Times diplomatic correspondents

tagon.

Defense Secretary Marshall in his Nov. 29 declaration on the China-Korea crisis introduced the grim perspective of a "long period of tension" ahead, accompanied by at least "a partial nobilization."

All this was followed up the

the use of the atomic bomb widespread in the European against the Chinese troops was now "under consideration." tial Parisian papers last week Talk of an increased draft, more arms appropriations, and "manpower controls" etc. is becoming more and more insistent.

AIMED AT EUROPE All this is not intended for

ome consumption alone. Nor is heard." (Monitor, Nov. 28.) it directed at Mao alone to facilitate diplomatic discussions and a possible deal. It is directed also to the Atlantic Allies, to force them to toe the line as in the case of Korea. In European chancelleries alarm has been increasing and there is a marked hesitation to follow Washington in its determination to proceed from a "position of strength" and

the UN General Assembly had this position alone. The most notable development the 38th parallel in Korea. has been the proposal of British This demand to bomb "privi-Foreign Minister Bevin to resume leged sanctuaries" is implicit in top-level "Four Power" talks, that is, again seek a deal with MacArthur's special communique of Nov. 28. He has reportedly the Kremlin. In the European press there is a rising demand to remove Gen. MacArthur. Limitations of space permit and, according to "a high Penthe political and diplomatic dicated column, Marquis Childs atmosphere.

NOV. 24 "OFFENSIVE"

When MacArthur issued his unarmed transport plane deep Nov. 24 "end the war" com- into Communist Chinese territory that invest the China-Korea munique; Washington was abuzz and over known enemy fighter crisis with its especially maligwith confidence and optimism for bases.'

"THE TIME HAS PASSED"

The top Pentagon, strategists chancelleries and press. Influenaccording to Harsch, are "of almost unanimous opinion that openly blamed MacArthur for launching the offensive. The unthe time has passed for a military solution." They fear that dercurrent feeling in the UN is the American forces may find that it "might have been postthemselves "in an impossible poned until the delegates from military situation," and are Communist China had been urging "the earliest possible

> tary situation in its turn aggravates the relations in the

It is not Washington's diplomats but Mao's who are now in to a Nov. 28 United Press cable, a position to negotiate on a the British government was in-"situation of great strength, formed of this request on Oct. 12, and this leaves the diplomatic that is, a brief five days after situation as "fluid" as the military front. "A resort to diplomacy approved MacArthur's crossing of would be hopeless as long as the UN forces are in retreat," ex-

plains Harsch. Militarily the situation threatens to become "impossible." Diplomatically things appear 'hopeless." Such is the blind alley - more accurately a whole series of blind allevs - into which Truman has led this country by his undeclared war in

Korea. At the same time, the military, diplomatic and political reveals that MacArthur, in a huff entanglements in which the strategists in Washington are over being overruled by Pentagon, "last week flew in his caught and for which they have no visible solution - it is these I nant character.

Peru's "right" to brand de la Forre as a common criminal. But they evaded any ruling on whether Colombia was now bound to hand over the political refugee

"American Economy in

brought such a grave changes in

only a brief review of Mac- tagon authority" permission has Arthur's sinister role, which has been once more denied.

again asked Pentagon for permission to bomb Chinese bases,

In his Nov. 28 nationally syn-

SENSATIONAL NEWS London has permitted the sensational news to leak out that MacArthur had demanded permission to bomb Manchurian bases seven week ago. According

resort to diplomacy to extricate the armed forces." But the milifield of diplomacy.

Who Gives to Charity?

By George Lavan

Most workers believe the charitable institutions of this country are supported by the capitalists. They explain the charitableness of the rich either as the product of guilty consciences or as true humanitarian feeling.

Consequently the results of the most comprehensive survey on philanthropy in the U.S., just completed after two years work by the Russell Sage Foundation, come as a shock and an everpener. This survey shows that families with net incomes below \$3,000 a year, i.e., less than \$58 a week, contribute more than 60% of all money to charity. Further, about 82% of all charitable contributions from individuals come from families with a yearly income below \$5,000. These figures are based on contributions to tax-exempt charities and as is well known the lawyers and accountants of the wealthy make sure that every penny they give is recorded for tax purposes. Workers do not have people to keep such records and it is reasonable to conclude that workers donate more than they are credited with on the official figures. Another factor is that many workers cherish a deep hatred for the big organized charities such as the Red Cross, Community Fund, etc., and exercise their generosity in fields that are not tax exempt. In poor districts contributing to a bereft family to pay the expenses of a funeral is a standard practice. Taking in a neighbor's child when the mother is in the hospital is another charity that the government will not recognize. In how many shops and factory departments is it normal procedure to take up a collection for a fellow worker who has suffered some misfortune? Moreover, donations to hard-pressed strikers in another industry or area is the truest form of generosity and solidarity. These and many others go unrecorded.

Yet the rich get all the credit for being charitable. In reality even the organized charities they control are mainly supported by the pennies of the poor. Why is public opinion on this subject so out of accord with the facts? The answer is obvious: The capitalists control the organized charities and their publicity. Also the capitalist newspapers studiously play up every millionaire's donation till the impression is given that the rich and powerful are the sole supports of these institutions.

The poor give out of goodness of heart. Maybe some of the rich do, but it is well known that many of them give from motives unrelated to benevolence. Many have the whole thing worked out by their public relations experts. For them it is a propaganda program to blunt the hatred that their ruthless climb to wealth created. Such was the case with John D. Rockefeller, once the most hated capitalist in the U.S., known popularly as "the Octopus." He hired the best publicity man in the country, Ivy Lee, to make the public forget. Under Lee's direction the popular conception of Rockefeller came to be that of a kindly old man who gave huge sums to charity and shiny dimes to little boys.

Income tax considerations explain a lot of the charity of the wealthy. The tax rate in the upper brackets makes tax-deductible giving important, while this factor is of little importance for lowincome groups. Another motivation for giving among the rich is the desire to keep or better one's social standing. And don't think that the organized charities don't utilize this motive. In fact they turn it into a pressure and many "generous donors" are cursing under their breath as they are practically blackmailed into shelling out.

From whatever motives the rich give they are amply rewarded by the hosannas of the press and public figures. Even if they are the kind that can't part with it till death and set up a phony "charitable" foundation to escape inheritance. taxes, they are hailed posthumously as veritable paragons of Christian benevolence.

Mr. Dooley, that famous Irish wit and philosopher of the early decades of this century, exposed the most celebrated and hypocritical of philanthrophists, Andrew Carnegie. Said Mr. Dooley: "I like him (Carnegie) because he ain't shamed to give publicly. Ye don't find him puttin' on false whiskers an' turnin' up his coat-collar whin he goes out to be benivolent. No, sir. Ivry time he drops a dollar it makes a noise like a waither fallin' down-stairs with a tray of dishes." Today's capitalists may not give as much as Carnegie but they make as much noise.



Only a few months ago we were being told by Negro leaders that the war in Korea marked the end of American military Jim Crow. But now the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announces through its chief counsel, Thurgood Marshall. that "The defense of our GIs in Korea, many of whom apparently are victims of racial discrimination in courts martial proceedings, is the No. 1 task of the NAACP legal department.'

What the Negro leaders were talking about last summer were their hopes, and not the facts. They were kidding themselves and trying to kid others into believing that military and propaganda necessities would persuade the authorities to abolish Jim Crow in the armed forces. But it didn't work out that way. In minor respects the brass hats are willing to modify the Jim Crow system; but they are not willing to destroy it. And one of their chief instruments for maintaining Negro oppression and discrimination is the court martial system.

The case of Lt. Leon Gilbert was widely publicized. But it is only one of many. Reporting from Taejon, Frank Whisonant wrote in the Nov. 11 Pittsburgh Courier that "ninety-nine and nine-tenths per cent of the men" tried before court martial boards were Negro troops from the 24th Infantry. He said one Negro had been convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment after a three-hour "trial." He observed "two long lines of Negroes going through the two military courts of 'justice' set up in Taejon." Other Negro reporters told similar stories.

wholesale arrests and convictions of white troops.'

When Marshall announced that the NAACP was willing to defend any of the servicemen convicted because of racial discrimination or denial of constitutional rights, letters began to arrive from such servicemen in Korea. They told a bitter story. "Investigate the 'mass persecution' of the 24th Infantry," pleaded one. "We are being court-martialed and sentenced to imprisonment for life - not one or two of us, but in groups of four's and five's."

"I don't think I had an even break," wrote a soldier sentenced to 10 years imprisonment. "It seems as though the Negroes are the only ones to get a lot of time. Please, do what you can." A twice-wounded veteran said: "We put up a great battle over here. And this is what we get in return." A 20-year old GI sentenced to life masses begin to feel the full imprisonment wrote: "Every fellow in my out- effects of the arms program. fit has fought hard and tried to make the best of this, but somehow someone seems to be trying to make an example of us in Korea."

These victims of military injustice and Jim Crow deserve all the support that the NAACP, the labor movement and other defenders of civil rights can mobilize in their behalf through mass resumption of the class struggle. for the successful struggle of the phase of American life, including protest as well as legal action. While fighting At this point the government will Tito regime against the Soviet the unions. in their defense, however, it must be borne in intervene with a heavy hand, bureaucracy and for the pro- Warning that the difficulties

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Heralding the end of their 11-day strike against Western Electric, these pickets of the CIO Communication Workers of America burned their placards outside the main Chicago office of American Telephone and Telegraph, parent of WE. The union won wage boosts and benefits.



Committee.

(Continued from page 1) registering their discontent.

At the same time it must be understood that many workers have been conservatized and even corrupted by a decade of artificial prosperity, that organized militancy has ebbed in the labor, Negro and other mass movements. These facts, which make the work of the party more difficult, must be recognized; the party must prepare patiently for a turn in the situation and devote The turn will come, although butter, when taxes and price rises dustrial bourgeoisie and the sta- had stood up well to the test of World War II levels, new cur- production, exchange and trans- by its bold electoral activity and rents of unrest will stir up the portation. This social revolution its partic pation in the struggle masses and set the stage for the provides the basic explanation against the witch-hunt in every

though this took the form of tical problems resulting from revolution, make known its some workers voting Republican the post-war developments in achievements, and rally the workfor lack of another way of Europe and Asia, with special ers to aid Yugoslavia's struggle reference to Yugoslavia, the for independence and socialism buffer countries of Eastern against both Moscow and West-Europe, the role of Stalinism, and ern imperialism, and thereby inrelated questions. Murry Weiss fluence the further leftward was found that there was no selected lists. These are influencwas the reporter for the National evolution of the Yugoslav Communists."

The discussion was serious and fruitful, concluding with the with 6 votes against, and 2 adoption of a resolution on Yugo- abstentions. The convention deslavia. The resolution charac- cided to continue a discussion in terized Yugoslavia as a workers the party on the related questions state, established by the victory raised under this point on the of the proletarian revolution in agenda. itself more to propaganda work. that country. "The insurgent The organization report was working masses smashed the old made by National Secretary its date cannot be set, after the capitalist regime; created new James P. Cannon. He reviewed popular organs of power; and the obstacles facing the revoluwere the driving force behind the tionary party in a period of reac-When oleo is substituted for economic expropriation of the in- tion, and showed that the SWP lower living standards below tification of the main means of the last two years, most notably RED HERRING.

which will give an increasingly gressive evolution of Yugoslavia were still great, he outlined a

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Police Brutality Produces Added Deaths in Detroit

DETROIT. Nov. 25 - For the fourth time in recent months, Detroit police brutality brought death --- this time to a cop. Another officer was wounded, while a Negro, Charles Gordy Sr., is charged with

ordon cut off all traffic for blocks around the neighborhood,

while they blazed away at the Gordy home with pistols, machne guns, automatic rifles and tear-gas guns. When the smoke cleared, the elder Gordy was taken to police headquarters, while more than 4,000 Negroes home. The Negroes defied steel-

facing them with bayoneted rivicinity.

HOW IT BEGAN

a warrant, which is a direct vio- fires back?

lation of a basic civil right, they pushed a pistol into young Gordy's ribs, and twisted his arms as they handcuffed him. The father became enraged and got his deer rifle. One cop One cop was killed, another

The resolution was adopted, compelled to release him.

The Gestapo tactics of the po-

lice not so long ago brought death to a teen-age Negro youth supposedly desire a race-riot. in the famous case of Leon Mosley, murdered in cold blood after caught and arrested him.

say the newspapers echoing the Defense of police, stems from the work of become the syn

first degree murder. The facts stated that "the Russians are clearly prove Detroit's law-en- stepping up their anti-American forcement agency to be guilty propaganda based on the race of the most violent outrages problem, look what they did in against an oppressed minority. | the Gordy case. . . The unfortun-After the shooting, a police ate thing is that they have not told how wisely and capably the situation was handled by the Detroit Police Department and by Detroit Negro leaders. . . "

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Labor leaders are silent as the grave

But the plight of Gordy, a Negro, is symptomatic of the plight of 15,000,000 colored people in milled around his bullet-riddled the U.S. Hounded from pillar to post; denied the right to eat in helmeted riot squad patrolmen restaurants of their choosing; the last hired in plants and the fles, and refused to leave the first fired if possible; compelled to work at the most menial jobs with the least pay; forced into ghettoes to live under conditions

What touched off this latest of filth, overcrowding and disoutrage of cops was their man- ease - is it any wonder that handling of Charles Gordy Jr., when a cop starts manhandling as they attempted to take him a son and then opens fire, that to jail for questioning. Lacking a father becomes enraged and

WHO SHOULD BE TRIED

The Detroit labor movement and Negro community must come to Gordy's aid. A step has already been made in this direction with opened fire. Gordy fired back. Recorder's Court Judge Charles Wesley Jones' decision to defend wounded. These are the facts as him. But this is not enough. Jurrelated by the father. Later, it ies are picked from previously cause whatever for arresting ed by public opinion, itself in4 young Gordy, and the police were fluenced by this city's anti-labor and anti-Negro press. The press is already trying to tie the whole

case up to the "communists," who

But an aroused union and Negro movement, throwing full he was already in the custody of light on the facts in the case the police; to a young white lad and the history of other brutalkilled recently when the cops ities of the same nature, can wantonly opened fire on a speed- start a counter-campaign and ing car; and to Beverly Lee, a bring an opposite pressure to youth who was shot and killed by bear. It is not Gordy who should police who could easily have be on trial, but the police who violated every precept of the Bill of Rights. And even more, the whole social system should be

Meanwhile newspapers are on trial - a system that hounds waving the red herring at the millions of Negro people because Negro people, claiming they are of the "crime" that they are colunduly aroused. Their tension, ored. Defense of Gordy's life can

According to Marshall, "the reports of these cases seem to fit into a pattern designed to discredit the heroic performance of Negro soldiers in Korea." He noted that in the early stages of the war, white as well as Negro troops had retreated: "Yet I have seen no reports indicating

mind that many other Negroes will be victimized by mass persecution inside and outside the armed forces so long as illusions remain about the authorities' intentions regarding Jim Crow. Mass action, independent political action will smash Jim Crow, and nothing else will do it, no matter what the capitalist politicians or brass hats or Negro leaders pretend. That was the lesson of World Wars I and II. That is the lesson of Korea. It's a costly lesson. Let's work to prevent having it taught all over again in a third world war.

voted for increased appropriations for the com-

An anti-discrimination resolution was adopted

crimination clauses, particularly pertaining to

calling for enactment of federal civil rights laws,

anti-lynching and anti-poll tax bills, "non-dis-

hiring" in contracts, etc. But the resolution

speaks falsely of the "crumbling" of discrimina-

tion and segregation and "progress" in civil

rights. Incidentally, the number of Negro dele-

gates in attendance reached an all-time low. Al-

though there are hundreds of thousands of Negro

CIO members, less than 10 were delegates. May-

be, the CIO leaders ought to take stock on dis-

It looked for a time as though a full-scale de-

bate would break out over the question of gov-

ernment ownership of public utilities. Leaders

of the Utilities Workers Union, holding con-

tracts with Consolidated Edison, opposed a reso-

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crimination inside the CIO.

the movement for socialism to a slavia since 1948, called attention new and higher level.

adopted unanimously and will soon be printed.

"We Trotskyists will do our convention was devoted to a

against the economic effects of with Moscow in 1948." tenaciously to its principles, the confirmation of the Trotskyist distribution of its press. raising SWP will be in position to take theory of the permanent revolu- the level of its educational work, advantage of the opportunities tion, traced the reforms that and concentrating on individual that are sure to arise for lifting have taken place inside Yugo-

to the dangers facing Yugoslavia The political resolution was as a result of its isolation and the report, and to implement it the false positions of its leadership, especially in the field of

Another important part of the foreign policy, and pledged:

student and working class youth.

The convention voted to adopt by raising the necessary funds. Almost \$18,000 was pledged by the delegates, with the exact figure referred back to the branches for their final decision. Collection of the fund will begin an. 1.

In addition to the regular sessions of the convention, panels were held on trade union problems, the Negro struggle, student highest point in U.S. history on and youth work, and the distribu-Oct. 15. tion of the party press and literature.

The convention sent greetings to Farrell Dobbs, SWP National clauses will receive automatic Chairman, who is now convalescwage increases of three cents an ing from a serious operation, and hour. to Natalia Trotsky, widow of the Had these workers not been

great Marxist leader. Most of the delegates shared the opinion of one who said: "The discussion at this convention was the rise in prices. Other millions remarkable for its high political level and its sober and realistic tone which remained fired with the spirit of revolutionary optimism at a time when so many of our radical opponents have given up the ghost. This was a convention that really armed the party to discharge its socialist responsibilities in the coming period."

The 29,000 Mark

tions of New York and Pennsylduring the next period.

This includes the vote for SWP candidates in single congressional districts in California, Minnesota, New Jersey and Washington, and one assembly district in California, plus partial returns from the York, Pennsylvania and Wisliberals of the ADA are being consin. No reports have yet been received on the vote in Michigan. smeared as "subversives" if they where the SWP ran a state-wide

On Nov. 26 the Washington | don't keep their mouths shut. | ticket.

political edge to the struggles towards the left since the split practical program of action for tary of the Mayor's Internacial Jim Crow in its ugliest forms the party to resist the pressure Committeee was compelled to say police viciousness and terror. At the arms program. By swimming The resolution analyzed the de- of reaction by strengthening its that the race tension was not the same time it can become the against the stream and holding velopments in Yugoslavia as a propaganda work, increasing the caused by "communists."

accordingly.

WEAK ASPECT

"communists." Even the Secre- fense of a people's rights against starting point for resistance

But Negro leaders are echo- against the same cops who ating this sentiment, and insisting tack workers on picket lines. that "justice" be permitted to That is why the case is of such recruitment, especially among take its course. NAACP secreta- importance to both labor and the ry Walter White, for example, Negro people.

ESCALATOR CLAUSE GETS PAY RAISE FOR MILLION

The merit of escalator clauses in union contracts was once again demonstrated when the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the cost of living had soared to the

correct the index some time next year. The amount by which the It was announced at the same ime that approximately a mil- BLS index errs on rents alone lion workers covered by escalator is 1.3.

Actually, there is no reason at ell why the unions should rely on the government for a service which so directly affects their living standards, contract negocovered by a sliding-scale wage tiations, etc. The union movement clause their real wages would have been slashed in relation to is big enough and powerful enough to provide an index of not so protected have suffered its own - and index which would give an honest and unbiased picture of how price changes The, previous highest price affect living standards of worklevel was reached in August, ing people. 1948, when the consumers' price

According to the BLS index. index stood at 174.6. (The base) food prices have risen only 2.2% figure of 100 is the average of above the pre-Korea level. Every prices for the years 1935 to housewife knows that this is a 1939.) Prices had begun climbing lie, that prices have actually" even before the outbreak of the Korean war, and after June 25 risen from 5 to 15% since the war began in Korea and the they began to shoot up rapidly. profiteers became more brazen. By Oct., 15, they reached the record level of 174.8. And every Substitution of a union-sponsored source estimates that with addi- index for that of the BLS would tional billions being appropriated mean the difference of millions for arms in Washington, prices of dollars each year to union will continue to keep spiraling members.

The escalator clause by itself is of course not the final answer of labor to inflation. Wage raises

One of the weak aspects of the must be sought not only to mainescalator clauses now included in tain but also to improve labor's union contracts is their reliance standards. Consumers commiton the index of the Bureau of tees of housewives, unionists, Labor Statistics, which does not working farmers and small shopgive an accurate picture of the keepers are needed to fix and prices paid by working class police prices. And political action families. The BLS itself admits is required to prevent the worsenthat its index gives a lower ing of living standards through average on rents than workers crushing taxes on the working really pay, and has promised to class.

BOOK ON FBI SMEARED Post published two reviews of

wants to be watched by the FBI, who damned the book and lauded have one's phone tapped or get a the FBI; the other by Joseph L. dossier on oneself started by the Rauh. Washington attorney, who American Gestapo? Besides, there was favorable to the book. Rauh have been persistent rumors that opened his review thus: "The the congressional unanimity of most important thing about Max adulation for J. Edgar Hoover is Lowenthal's book is that it was based partly on the FBI's collec- written at all. At this time when tion of scandals of personal life. criticism of the FBI is treated in many quarters as tantamount

> The next day witnessed the unprecedented scene on the Senate floor of an attack on a book review. Senator Hickenlooper of the facts about the FBI and

Federal Communications Commissioner Fly of "ADA notoriety," and more of the same. It is evident that the FBI and its friends will not tolerate any notified that they too will be

HOUSE AND SENATE (Continued from Page 1) FBI confronted editors with a the book. One by a spokesman ticklish problem. After all, who for the Roman Catholic hierarchy,

That's something not to be dismissed lightly, either.

lution proposing the extension of power develop-Remember that story about ments like TVA because the preamble said that such projects developed with public money should Hoover's ordering James Farley's be run by the government. UWU President Josphone tapped in New Orleans in eph E. Fisher raised the cry of "socialism!" the hope of getting something on Philip Murray stepped in to allay Fisher's him? A review praising Lowenfears and to support the resolution at the same thal's book could, in these days, time. "I don't profess to be a Socialist any more lay both reviewer and editor open than I am a Communist," the CIO president said. to suspicion of crypto-communism "But if I thought it was going to serve the best or something equally dreadful. interests of the people of the Uniteed States for It was certainly a problem to the Government to take over enterprises of this make editors think twice. kind I would vote for it, no matter what anyone

The N. Y. Times book reviewer called it." However, he advised the delegates to gives cautious praise to the "disregard" the controversial preamble and conbook's documentation - most of centrate on the objective of increased power it is based an official FBI reports developments like TVA. This ended the debate. and releases - but then in haste singles out a number of "errors."

Privately in the CIO national executive board, Murray reported the CIO membership at about To make doubly sure that the four million, a drop of more than two million Grand Lama of the secret police won't take offense, the review from the wartime peak. In public at the convention, he continued to speak of a membership closes with the thought that of "over six million." Last year, even before the liberty in the U. S. is safe despite expulsions of 11 Stalinist-led unions, the CIO the unlimited power of the FBI leaders filed a financial statement with the De- because "Mr. Hoover is a man of partment of Labor which revealed, on the basis intelligence and moral integrity. activities. The anti-Communist of average per-capita receipts, that the mem- Still, it is also a little appalling bership was then only 3,700,000. Murray still has to reflect that Mr. Hoover can't a lot of explaining to do about the one-third de- live forever." cline in members.

CIO Convention Sidelights

mittee.

CIO leaders at their convention in Chicago were silent about the widely-publicized statement of a high-ranking spokesman of the Textile Workers Union who suggested at a recent Senate hearing that labor might accept Taft's proposed 28 amendments to the Taft-Hartley law - which would mean acceptance of the law itself.

However, the resolution adopted by the convention called for "repeal of the unfair and unjust" law and enactment of a "fair and equitable labor relations law, based on the principles of the Wagner Act." Arthur Goldberg, chief legal counsel of the CIO, made what was taken as an indirect answer to the TWU spokesman's position when he said there, would be "no compromise on the issue" by the CIO.

Ironically, two CIO-supported Senators, Democrat Paul H. Douglas of Illinois and Republican Wayne H. Morse of Oregon, were on hand by invitation to peddle the line of "compromise" on repeal. Douglas told the convention that he was against a return to the Wagner Act and favored some of the key provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law. Morse, addressing the CIO Conference on Labor Law, asked the CIO to be "realistic" and asserted that repeal of the law "is not going to happen."

One of the first resolutions adopted by the convention condemned the "ill-considered and unwise" McCarran-Kilgore police-state bill, most of whose sections were drafted by Democrats, and called for its repeal. It urged retention, however, of the section, drafted by the Department of Justice and the FBI at Truman's request, which deals with "espionage and sabotage." The CIO also proposed a presidential committee of "outstanding citizens" to recommend measures of "security" that would "fully protect democratic rights.'

Major stress in the resolution was on the registration section of the McCarran Act. It stated, "The tests laid down for requiring registration tread dangerously upon freedom of speech and belief, since they depend upon political tenets rather than actual conduct."

One omission from the CIO resolutions this year was the usual condemnation of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. In a resolution on civil liberties, the CIO leaders referred merely to the Committee's witch-hunting conduct in "prior years." This year the Fair Dealers to subversion. Mr. Lowenthal has written a brilliant exposition on the faults of our national police force. . . . He and his publisher too, deserve great credit for their courage."

> lashed out at Rauh as a distorter SWP Vote Nears "revealed" the "damaging fact"

that Rauh was a leader of Americans for Democratic Action. Hickenlooper dug up other vania raise the total vote for the "damaging facts" — such as Socialist Workers Party candi-Rauh's service as a law clerk for dates in last month's elections to Supreme Court Justice Frank-

28.679. furter, his friendship with former

criticism of its thought-control state-wide campaigns in New

Additional returns from sec-