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Big Brass Plan U.S. Forces for Indo-China War Defense Guards Are Formed As Bombing Outrages Spread

If the warmakers in Washington succeed in their plans, American troops may soon be dying in the steaming swamps and impenetrable jungles of Indo-China. Top swamps and impenetrable jungles of Indo-China. Top generals of the United States.

So grave was the French situa-

Britain and France have secretly | tually to a direct attack on China. agreed to measures that may lead to the dispatch of U.S. armed forces to Indo-China and even-

Buffalo Cops Try To Disrupt George Clarke Meeting

By L. Jones

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BUFFALO, Jan. 12 - George bled white. The cabinet has again Clarke's coast-to-coast speaking fallen as a result of the crisis tour under the auspices of the brought on by the endless drain Socialist Workers Party got off of the unsuccessful war to reto a rousing start in this city, enslave Indo-China. despite the combined efforts of the red-baiting Buffalo Evening tion in Indo-China last week that rupt it. The meeting was widely plead for U.S. aid on a grander publicized by the local SWP scale than the huge amounts althe newspapers in the area.

The Buffalo Evening News, cther aid from the U.S. In adwhich has made the Buffalo SWP dition, the U.S. has shipped branch a target for some of its \$100,000,000 worth of arms and most rabid red-baiting attacks, planes directly to Indo-China. attempted at this meeting to go According to Washington cor- DEFENSE GUARDS beyond its role of smear, artist respondent Ned Russell in the

and engage in open disruption Jan. 13 N. Y. Herald Tribune, in Harlem and 100 were sold in with the aid of the local police. Juin came 'with a clear demand Bedford-Stuyvesant. Many pass-This red-baiting rag, the only that the United States pledge ers-by stopped to discuss aspects afternoon newspaper in this area, the use of American troops to the of the Moore case with SWP ran a story of the meeting in defense of Indo-China in the event members. Others inquired about its Saturday edition, headlined, of Communist Chinese interven- the slogan of defense guards as "Socialist Workers Foiled in tion." But Russell adds signifi- a way of fighting the lynchers. Attempt to Destroy Film."

the following statement: "Mem-of the Socialist Workers of the Socialis the following statement: "Mem- continue the Indo-China strug- on the Moore bomb-lynching. bers of the Socialist Workers gle, even if China does not in-

Campaigns on These moves to involve this country more directly in the French war of conquest against the Indo-Chinese people were worked out "in extraordinary

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secrecy in a guarded section of The New York local of the the Pentagon" last week, report-Socialist Workers Party has ed the Jan. 12 N. Y. Times. carried on a protest campaign The French imperialists, armed against the Jim Crow outrages with American guns and dollars, in Florida which culminated in have been waging their "dirty the bomb-lynchings of NAACP war," as the French people leader Harry T. Moore and his bitterly call it, for six years. wife, Harriet Moore. France has been bankrupted and

WORK STOPPAGE Mass mobilizations of Militant salesmen in the busiest sections of Harlem and Bedford-Stuyvesant have been responsible for bringing for the first time the attention of thousands of people News and the "Anti-subversive Gen. Alphonse Pierre Juin, In- to the NAACP proposal for a Souad" of the local Police De- spector General of the French national work stoppage as a partment who attempted to dis- Army, was sent to Washington to protest against the Moore murders.

Along with mass sales of the branch through spot radio an- ready supplied. The attempted Militant were signs and posters nouncements, ads in the press, conquest of Indo-China is costing on autos and held by hand and special press releases to all a billion dollars a year, equal to proclaiming: "Avenge the France's total Marshall Plan and Moores!"; "Protest the Bombing Outrage in Florida!"; "Support the NAACP Call for a National Work Stoppage!"

> Over 500 Militants were sold Truman Speech Shows

Operation White House

THE

Killers of Harry T. Moore **Encourages More Terrorism** Defense guards to protect lives and homes against bombings are being formed by both whites and Negroes as more cases of dynamiting and other violence spread throughout the South. As The Militant warned, the failure of federal and state authorities to terrorists.

MILITANT

punish lynch-violence and police murder of helpless Negroes has encouraged new outrages of a similar character. As the Socialist Workers Party urged, defense guards are being set up to safeguard the intended victims of the

Govt.'s Failure to Punish

On Jan. 10 two dynamite charges were exploded near Oxford, N. C. under a new house belonging to Sanford Holding, 65 year old Negro farmer, wrecking two rooms and cracking the foundation. The sheriff blamed it all on "novices," but neither he por the State Bureau of Investigation has discovered the novices" yet.

FAKING NO CHANCES Meanwhile, Sanford Holding is taking no further chances. Determined to rebuild the home and

Guy. move into it despite the terrorist attack, he has recruited an armed guard and posted it around his iouse. The sheriff said there was "no evidence of racial differences" but Holding knows posed to his occupying it.)

Our Program to Stop Terrorism

1. A nationwide work stoppage by all the unions to protest the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore.

2. Formation of defense guards to protect lives and homes against violence that the authorities wink at and fail to punish.

3. A mass march on Washington to show the government that the people will tolerate no more stalling.

4. Mass demonstrations in every community to express the anger, determination and concern shared by every enemy of racism.

crusader was not home, but his home was wrecked and his son was hurled 30 feet into the yard, and he has arranged to move his family out of the state); the better, and his defense guard is composed of Negroes. (The property had been bought from said he "got the idea" by reading whites, and Holding could be about the Phenix City explosion; sure that Negroes were not op- and a case of a Ku Klux Klan flogging in Whiteville, N. C.



Party of Buffalo attempted to tervene.

take away the film of a Buffalo There is strong evidence that Evening News photographer who Juin got more from Washington George Breitman, SWP candidate had taken a picture at a party than a promise of additional for U.S. Senator from New Jersey meeting. Intervention by two dollars and planes. "There are will speak on "The Murder of Steelworkers' President Murray, cago Wilson told a gathering of they were going to get an openmembers of the Police Depart- reports here to the effect that Harry T. Moore." The meeting is ment's Anti-subversive Squad - the French have obtained limited open to the public. It will be who were attending the meeting American commitments of naval (Continued on page 2)

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PRUDENTIAL UNION CHIEF TELLS STORY OF STRIKE

By George Lavan

AFL insurance agents are going into the eighth week of their strike against the Prudential Company. Violence | lost my legs in the war, but that and mass arrests of strikers. especially in Newark where I lost my rights at home," stated the company has its home office, *-

have failed to break the picket at our men on the picket line lines. In order to give a picture or watch them battling the cops of a white-collar workers' union Prudential workers towards the in combat with a giant corporation, the Militant interviewed changes." Oscar D'Adolph, president of Lo-This AFL union represents 15,cal 19 of the Insurance Agents 000 out of 18,000 Prudential International Union, at strike agents in 35 states and Wash- probe.

headquarters in New York. Strike headquarters is a busy place. Picket details are coming and going, officials and committeemen are in conferences or making phone calls, and in one room union members are turning out mimeographed answers to the company's strikebreaking propaganda. On the wall is a big chart showing the strike organization with the various committees and their members. One notes that flying squadrons are

part of the strike setup. Mr. D'Adolph is a short, slim deny this and point out that if man who came out of the hos- that were so, what possible ob- justice in the case of James pital just in time to lead Local 19 jection could the company have to Kutcher were Julius Bernstein, in the strike. He is himself a agreeing to a \$55 weekly guar- representing the Boston Labor Prudential worker - the local antee? has no full time officials - having All strikers point out that the tion, and Max Edesses, chairman worked for Prudential for 22 picture of a Prudential agent's of the Community Church Civil years. "They presented me with earnings is incomplete without Rights Committee. At the cona watch," he said with a note taking into account his expenses. clusion of Kutcher's stirring of irony.

FORCED STRIKE

"Prudential forced this strike," repairs, etc. They must run up D'Adolph said. "They thought be- big phone bills, and spend money cause our union is a young In- for postage. ternational - chartered in 1951

- and without funds that they 24-HOUR DAY could break us. They made only To cap it all, agents are on call 24 hours a day. In addition addressed a meeting of the one offer and it was impossible to accept. Then they wouldn't to being salesmen, they are ser- Harvard Liberal Union at the budge an iota. They thought our vicemen for their customers. university. Afterwards there was

men were too dignified to picket. Weekends, holidays - they are on a spirited discussion by the Well, the company's crystal ball call for potential customers and students of some of the issues wasn't very effective. Take a look (Continued on page 4) raised.

ington, D. C. D'Adolph's local

represents over 2,000. The union

demands are for an increased

weekly guarantee from the

present \$35 to \$55, expense

allowances, improved grievance

procedure with arbitration and a

All Prudential agents work on

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union shop.

PROTEST MEETING On January 24 at 8:30 p.m.

held at 116 University Place (corner of 13th St.), N. Y. C.

Legless Vet Tells Story of Purge To Mass. Forums BOSTON, Jan. 14 -- "The

significant thing is not that I James Kutcher, victimized legless He concluded that only a strike veteran of World War II, to a meeting sponsored by the Civil in Newark. The attitude of the Rights Committee of the Community Church of Boston, last company has undergone terrific Friday evening. Kutcher proceeded to tell the audience the history of his case and also gave an analysis of the entire "loyalty"

WILSON AND TRUMAN "My case is the only one now

The WSB hasn't ruled officially remaining in the federal courts yet but broad hints have been which will test the constitugiven about the fate of the steeltionality of the loyalty order." he workers' case. C. E. Wilson, head said. "It is different from all the of the whole stabilization setup, others because I have never is touring the country making

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denied membership in the Socialist Workers Party, so the issues have to be faced clearly by the courts. It is the test case to determine whether the Bill of a commission basis. Company Rights will be affirmed by our propaganda claims that the aver- courts or whether the way will age weekly commission of an be cleared for more and more agent is about \$111. The agents attacks on civil liberties."

Among the speakers who urged Committee to Combat Discrimina-

Agents are allowed no expenses. address, John Ciardi, the chair-Yet every agent must have a car man of the meeting and professor and spend money for gas, oil, at Harvard University, declared: "I came here primarily to learn more of the facts of Mr.

Kutcher's case. I leave here with renewed strength for the fight for civil liberties."

The previous evening, Kutcher

By Jerry Warren

In the "Dear Phil" letters to Truman stated: "The machinery businessmen that the fight minded hearing before the WSB of the Wage Stabilization Board

offers a practical substitute for a test of economic strength. . . It will consider the case promptly increase in steel would "knock by men handpicked by the steel on its merits and will make recommendations for a fair and ceilings" said the "unprejudiced" pals to prejudge labor's demands. mobilization-stabilization czar.

equitable settlement." It was on In his State of the Union the basis of this and other message to Congress Truman promises that the CIO Steelmade a thinly veiled reference to workers called off their strike. the steel dispute. "We will Murray's big complaint about permit only those wage increases the unsuccessful negotiations in which are clearly justified under steel was that the corporations sound stabilization policies." had prejudged the workers' case. Along with his strong statement on wages, Truman referred to could "open" the minds of the prices but in much less categosteel magnates on the union's rical terms. Prices would be held demands. But this correct con- down "just as tightly as the law clusion was quickly changed allows;" manufacturers should when Truman promised that the absorb increased costs "wherever WSB would produce a "fair and feasible;" except, of course, in equitable settlement." cases where "the recent amendments to the law specifically

require us to give further price

increases.' State of Union--'Full Steam' to War

speeches that show he is no more | Any steelworkers who thought open minded on the case than that instead of the prejudgment were the steel magnates. In Chi- of their case by the steel barons

against inflation depended "en- are due for bitter disappointtirely" on the outcome of the ment. Many already realize that steel industry wage case now be- the stabilization law itself is antifore the WSB. Any unwarranted labor and the whole setup is run he props from under the price magnates and their industrial

299 More

Announced battle casualties for U.S. forces in the Korean "police action" rose 299 in the last week to a total of 104.383. These figures do not include "non-battle" casualties such as the numerous cases of frostbite resulting in amputation. The number of killed and wounded keeps mounting each week. Demand that the American GIs be brought home from Korea immediately.

The next day, in Jacksonville, described as the fourth in that Fla., a white Baptist evangelist area within the last three was warned over the phone months.

"that the same thing is apt to And in Dallas, Tex., on Jan. 12, a bomb was exploded near a night happen to him and his church as club in a Negro neighborhood. happened in Mims, Fla., between now and Friday" if he did not The cops hastened to announce stop his "fiery preaching." that there was "no indication of an anti-Negro motive." The tiny What happened in Mims was the bomb murder of Harry T. report carried by United Press Moore, courageous leader of the called it "the third apparently National Association for the Ad- pointless bombing here in less than a month." vancement of Colored People,

PATTERN OF TERROR

of "energetic action" by the De-Actually, of course, there is partment of Justice, the killers nothing "pointless" about these of Mr. and Mrs. Moore are still incidents, as Negroes all over the South know. They are part of a ARMED GUARDS

and his wife. Despite promises

at large.

wrong.

pattern of terror designed to in-The evangelist spoke as usual timidate the Negro people and to his congregation the next Sun- prevent them from fighting for day, and he told them that his their rights. There is no need enemies did not "have the guts" to "indicate" an "anti-Negro motive" when the facts themto bomb the church. But 18 armed guards stood around the building selves speak as loudly and clearly just in case the reverend was as a bomb being exploded in the dark of night.

Other cases of violence during More and more Americans are the last week included the becoming aware of this, despite bombing of the home of an anti- the suppression of the full news vice crusader in Phenix City, about the crimes being com-Ala., near Fort Benning, Ga. (the (Continued on page 4)

By David R. Morton lis to "move ahead full steam" Truman's State of the Union on the military program. was framed with an eye to the political fights in a manner that ment of civil rights" and only

parties. His remarks showed, above all, in effect, a bid to the Republicans that any real differences have to nominate a man like Eisen-like, "We will have to give up narrowed almost to the vanish- hower, who represents the same ing point. This is true not only foreign policy as Truman. Indeed. on foreign policy, which is Fisenhower's name has been put decisive, but even on those issues forward by the Big Money of domestic policy that affect precisely to ensure that there is labor and the Negro people no change in Washington's war directly and immediately. FIRST JOB?

For Truman, the war prepara-But Truman's speech showed ions and the global strategy that there is scarcely an echo Deal" may be polished up as a flation, high taxes? Isn't it time elaborated under his administra- left of the so-called "Fair Deal" campaign slogan to corral some tion are everything. From this it issues that once differentiated votes, but nobody with political follows, as he said, that the many Democrats from Repub- understanding takes the slogan "first" job on the domestic front licans - at least verbally.

Gone was Truman's 10 - point | Washington correspondent of the civil rights program. He made N. Y. Times, reported that the He urged that the Democrats only the scantiest reference to Truman Fair Deal, "though and Republicans "conduct our "action toward the wider enjoy- presumably still available as, a Democratic platform for the 1952 national elections. If its con- does not harm the national in- vague allusions to other promised coming Autumn, plainly is Senate . . . have been congratution promise of 1948. lating themselves upon the Presi-The real keynote of his speech

dent's moderation, upon his air - its true sentiments - were of conciliation, as they call it. . . expressed in repeated phrases questions that are being raised some things, we will have to go in the minds of thinking workers. forward on others at a slower Is there any real difference bepace. . . We cannot do all we tween the two capitalist parties? want to in times like these ... we have to choose the things that | What will it mean to us whether an Eisenhower or a Truman is will contribute most to deelected next November? Won't fense. . .

CAMPAIGN SLOGAN

it still mean a war program a program of blood and destruc-It is very likely that the "Fair | tion, repression, shortages, inwe workers had our own party fighting for our own program seriously. William S. White, and running our own candidates?

Truman's speech reinforces the

In this sense, his speech was,

Message to Congress on Jan. 9

tents were not new, they did shed terest" and made plain that he parts of his "Fair Deal." He did moribund as a legislative prosome light on what differences, regards the elimination of op- not even speak of repeal of the gram. . ." He relates how "the f any, remain between the position to his "bipartisan for- Taft-Hartley Act, his chief elec- Southern Democrats of the likely presidential candidates of eign policy" as the "national the Democratic and Republican interest."

preparations and strategy regardless of whether a Republican or Democrat wins.

THE MILITANT

An Ex-Attorney General on the Witch-Hunt By George Breitman THE FEAR OF FREEDOM together in the human spirit. At the American people so that a times the impulse to liberty war of world conquest can be

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dominates, at other times, the prepared and carried through. tendency to abandon liberty for Thus Biddle denounces Mcthe protection which the frighten- Carthy and McCarran quite ed individual believes his gov- vigorously, but he never bothers

The new book by Francis ernment can give him." People to indicate why they act as they Biddle, national chairman of become scared, you see - scared do; his answer, self - evidently, Americans for Democratic Action of wars and new responsibilities would be that they too have sucand former Attorney General in and depressions and the Soviet cumbed to their "fears," and are Roosevelt's cabinet, is a strong Union - and then the impulse no more to be blamed, preindictment of the current witch- to liberty within us gets thrown sumably, than all the rest of the hunt from the viewpoint of lib- for a loss and that is why we have population - the real "tyrant." eralism. It pleads for retention a witch hunt. And naturally if Biddle takes this attitude to his Republican

of democratic traditions and the Bill of Rights; it recites the facts A NEW "TYRANT"

in many cases of repression; it | The corollary of this notion is toward his Democratic friends. urges certain changes in the that the existence of a witch hunt Truman, the author of the present "loyalty" purge program and is itself proof that "the febrile witch hunt, he praises for having the abandonment of all attempts lives of human beings" have suc- "always shown a genuine and to enforce thought - control and cumbed to "fears." And Biddle courageous concern for civil spells it all out: "Power in rights and civil libertles. His conformity. America rests on public opinion, order of March 21, 1947, setting

Those are the merits of the book, which will earn it the which at present seems to be ap- up the federal loyalty program, respect of labor and liberal proving the slow abandonment of was undoubtedly intended to ... individual freedoms, so gradually block more extreme measures by circles and the hostility of the achieved, so casually discarded. McCarthy-McCarran gang. They The struggle for freedom is no fair methods of dealing with place Biddle on the progressive side of the struggle around the longer against an oppressive tyrant of the people. The tyrant disloyalty. . .' witch hunt. But they do not comis public opinion, the people thempensate for a number of serious selves, who, in fear of an imagin- these methods are not "fair" at errors and omissions in a book that is advertised as "a comprehensive study."

Biddle attempts to supply an he never tries to prove it. answer, but the answer he gives What a handy theory for to organize for a fight against wisdom is another question." is completely useless except in liberalism! It enables Biddle to Truman and his fellow witch one respect — it provides an completely ignore the class char- hunters; it is rather a plea for of present-day liberalism.

capitalist democracy and of the According to Biddle, the answer material interests of Big Busi- the Smith Act trials. Biddle ing. One of the reasons he cites action he takes to stop it. But is to be found, not in politics or ness and the Pentagon which are thinks the officials should be for wanting the "loyalty" pro- the liberals, individually and as economics, but in - psychology, served by the promotion of a thanked for their "commendable gram modified is that it takes a group, have failed completely At some length he informs us police state. The difficulty is in restraint" in not having used this up so much of the FBI's time! so far in explaining the causes that "the desire to be free from us, each one of us, and not in law more often. The trials of "This dilution of the power of of the witch hunt and in concontrol and the longing for the capitalist politics or the necessity Socialist Workers Party members the FBI is not only unnecessary, tributing to the formulation of a shelter of external safety dwell that the ruling class finds to gag in 1941 and of Communist Party it is unwise," he writes. "The program to defeat it.



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members in 1949, he says, were the 18 Socialist Workers Party free of "the atmosphere of in- members in the Minneapolis trial. federal employees accused of tolerance and bias" that char- In fact, he devices only two acterized World War I sedition sentences to it although it set trials; the CP trial "sentences the precedent for further use of were not immoderate, the charge the law which he now holds is ed peril to their institutions of all, but he never once denounces was scrupulously fair, the "unwise." And he does not give in the scrupulously fair, the "unwise." And he does not give in the scrupulously fair, the scrupt fair, the scrupulously fair, the scrupt fair, the sc was scrupulously fair, the "unwise." And he does not give day, Feb. 4. The first question that should secured by repressions which devotes himself to proving that day in court." Now the constitu-be answered in any study of the may ultimately stifle them." This the "loyalty" purge is "not tionality of the law has been played in 1942-43 in instigating witch hunt is: what causes it? appears so obvious to Biddle that wise." This is not an approach sustained by the Supreme Court. the Post Office attempts to supsummoning the American people Nevertheless, Biddle adds, "Its press The Militant — a much more significant violation of free And so he goes with most other | speech than many he does discuss. aspects of the witch hunt. The Biddle, like every other liberal,

index to the political and acter of the witch hunt, to evade Truman to reorient himself, act "end" sought is fine, he declares, is welcome in the camp of the theoretical poverty and cowardice all consideration of the decay of "wisely" and overcome his "fear." but the "means" is unwise be- struggle against the witch hunt, The same attitude is shown to cause ineffective and self-defeat- and deserves credit for every

and since the war they have done By Reba Aubrey a skillful and telling job of

counter-espionage. . . The FBI should not be burdened by the distasteful and futile necessity of gathering opinions." etc. In his chapter on "Guilt by Association" Biddle recalls that as Attorney General in 1945 he Roosevelt that certain groups, like the German SA and SS, should be branded as criminals at the future Nuremberg trial, and that this brand should be automatically applied to all the members of those groups. In a footnote he says that this seemed right in 1945, but now he thinks t was wrong because it was a ase of guilt by association. But Biddle makes no such explicit apology for his prosecu-

tion, under the Smith Act, of

16%.

Comrade George of Milwaukee writes: "Through a clerical error our last payment was 50c. short of our \$275 objective. Here, it is 100 - 110% over the top justifying your confidence in us. The comrades here have taken their pledges seriously and Comade DeWolfe has done a good job in the short time he was

ooking after the fund." Buffalo branch smashed hrough all obstacles to reach 100% this week. Comrade Young says: "Enclosed are money orders totaling \$239, which completes payment of our \$1,000 pledge. We are very anxious to get in their bayonets when they began under the line. It is not only a question of the other branches, but our many friends - and enemies - in Buffalo who are watching the fund campaign very

Comrade Hildegarde indicates brought the fat playboy exthe determination of the Chicago comrades to fulfill their quota: "Check for \$83 enclosed which thank whatever gods there be! --Demand: Hands off Indo-China! gets us paid in full and under "limited" "police action." First it Not a cent, not a gun, not a the wire. It was a strain to make The following note from M

fundamental policies.

imperialism? If you think that it

will, then you don't really be-

lieve that this is the "very

The correct conclusion that

flows from Foster's argument

against Lippman is that peace

can be secured only through class

truggle to end the power of

U.S. imperialism. This requires

two things: consistent opposition

to any and all illusions about the

possibility of having both capital-

ism and peace; and consistent

opposition to any and all capital-

NOW OUT

Complete Report:

116 UNIVERSITY PLACE

st parties, candidates and plans.

The Socialist Workers Party,

nature" of imperialism.

Fund Campaign Manager

totaled \$2,993, the largest weekly total since the \$18,000 Organization and Press Fund opened. This was a demonstration of the This morning Detroit sent the anxiety of the Socialist Workers following wire: "We are sending AND ON TIME!" joined in a recommendation to Party branches to finish the cam- check for \$389 to complete paign 100% by this week. The balance of \$1,500 on schedule." grand total as a consequence has Los Angeles scored 100% with gone up to \$16,124, or 90% of \$962 check. the national quota.

Two \$20 bills handed to us this Nine more branches crossed morning completed Newark's the finish line this week: Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, quota 100%. Comrade Seymour sent in \$129

Newark, Oakland, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and St. Paul-Min- to fulfill Oakland's \$150 fund neapolis. Only seven branches pledge. "As usual," he writes, "it have yet to complete their quotas. was a last minute affair. The Several of them, hit by unemgeneral financial affairs of our ployment, have asked for an excomrades are not too good and it isn't easy. However, it's nice to tension of the campaign to make it possible for them to complete send in another completed assignment." "We didn't think it was

\$11 boosted them into second for \$5 to make our 100% on the place on the scoreboard with

Baker accompanied \$100 from Detroit early in the week: "This tradition of completing fund brings us to \$1,111, leaving a quotas on time. Comrade Jean Receipts during the past week balance of \$389. This is quite a to go, but we will do our best to get it in so we finish on schedule."

sent in \$69.50 for St. Paul and large balance with only one week Grace Carlson mailed in \$165 for Minneapolis, "so the Twin Cities will be on record as having completed their quota IN FULL Correspondence from those

The Twin Cities upheld their

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branches not yet 100% indicates they are working hard to complete their quotas. Now that the campaign has been extended two weeks, we are confident they

will make it. Sally Conti says that Boston is 'still plugging to make 100%." М. Jones of Youngstown

writes: "We hope to be able to make our quota.' "Insofar as San Francisco is concerned," comments E. Harris, Organizer, "it looks like we won't be able to finish by Jan.

15. We discussed the matter at some length and finally decided possible," says Alma Seton for to ask for a one-month extension. the end of January. The final Philadelphia, "but here is our in the fund campaign. We want scoreboard will be computed Mon- final payment of \$68 on the fund. to make as much as we can." It is good to breathe a sigh of Even though the 'campaign has Cleveland elbowed its way to relief and know that we are been extended only two weeks, the top of the scoreboard with a paid up IN FULL AND ON we hope that San Francisco will be among the 100%-ers when the

Comrade Oscar of St. Louis final scoreboard is computed on writes: "Enclosed is money order | Feb. 4.

The group of Socialist Workers fund. More will probably follow, Party supporters in the South but I wanted to go over the top sent in another \$15 which chalks before the deadline." ap 166% on their \$250 pledge.

PIU,UUU FUND	JUUN	SCOREBOARD		
Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent	
Cleveland	\$ 300	\$ 379	126	
Connecticut	75	87	116	
Milwaukee	250	275	110	
Akron	150	152	101	
Buffalo	1,000	1,000	100	
Chicago	1,000	1,000	100	
Detroit .	1,500	1,500	100	
Flint	350	350	100	
Los Angeles	2,600	2,600	100	
Newark	500	500	100	
Oakland	150	150	100	
Philadelphia	400	400	100	
St. Louis	100	100	100	
St. Paul-Minneapolis	1,000	1,000	100	
Seattle	400	400	100	
Boston	, 550	481	87	
New York	5,000	4,240	85	
Youngstown	350	260	74	
Pittsburgh	50	35	70	
Allentown	75	45	60	
San Francisco	1,000	455	46	
Toledo	50	20	40	
General 🦉	1,150	695	61	
Total through Jan. 15	\$18,000	\$16,124	90	

The Cause of Lynch-Terror **Bv** Albert Parker

Who and what is responsible for the present wave of violence against the Negro people in the South? It is the custom today, among liberals who are shocked by these outrages, to blame the whole thing on a comparatively small number of "extremists," a handful of crackpots who are acting on their own, and to loudly demand that the Department of Justice crack down on these few criminals, after which, presumably, everything would be happy and peaceful in the South.

We therefore think it is worthwhile to quote at some length from an editorial in the Jan. 5 issue of The Nation, weekly magazine, because it approaches the question in a more fundamental fashion. While it does not go beyond the limits of liberalism, it sounds downright radical in comparison with most other liberal publications and spokesmen.

Reviewing some of the recent acts of violence which went unpunished, The Nation says: "In a sense Harry T. Moore was murdered because the

the Southern ruling class, and that their aim is to intimidate the Negro people so that they will be afraid to continue their struggle for equality.

the Congress, and to establish

Biddle shows in detail that

Actually, this struggle is broader than the suit against segregated schools, important as that is. The Groveland case, for example, had its roots in directly economic issues; Negro workers there had begun to talk about organizing against the conditions of virtual peonage under which they worked, and it was this that led the local emplovers to unloose a week-long reign of terror in 1949 when an alleged "rape" case offered them a pretext.

Furthermore, the Nation editorial is considerably weakened by its failure to indict the federal officials as clearly and as strongly as it indicts the Southern officials. Federal officials may not incite lynch violence - the Southern ruling class takes care of that - but they are no less guilty because they fail to intervene and stop it. This is true not only of elected federal officials but also of the Supreme Court, which the editorial by inference praises for "civil rights victories." As recently as Jan. 10 the Supreme Court, for the umpteenth time, ducked ruling on a Tennessee case which sought to have all school segregation laws declared unconstitutional. This leaves in effect the previous Supreme Court endorsement of segregation which the Byrneses and Talmadges henefit from so greatly. Finally, the Nation editorial is all wet in its remarks about the coalition and "the civil rights gains of the New Deal and the last six years." (We defy anyone to list a single civil rights law passed under either the New Deal or the Fair Deal.) How foolish it is to say "IF this (Dixiecrat-Taft Republican) coalition becomes a reality," when it has been a reality all along and has succeeded in blocking any and all civil rights legislation introduced in Congress! How misleading it is to talk about a Dixiecrat-Republican coalition and to omit all mention of the Northern Democrat-Dixiecrat coalition which ganged up to kill anti-segregation amendments to housing and education bills in Congress! The aim of lynch violence, we repeat, is to terrorize the Negro people into frightened silence and hopeless acceptance of the status quo. The blame for it rests on the capitalist class in both the North and South, and on all the wings of both capitalist parties. Recognition of this fact is as necessary for victory against the terrorists and their protectors as The Nation's correct insistence that the acts of terrorism are essentially political crimes.

(Continued from Page 1) and Air Force help," Don Cook their drive to regain the im-

reported from Paris in the Jan. mensely profitable resources of 14 N. Y. Herald Tribune. Ludwell rich Indo-China in the same year. Denny, Scripps-Howard column- In 1949, to give their attempted ist, reported that Juin returned to rape of Indo-China a cover of closely." Paris "quite happy" over the "popular" support, the French results of his secret conferences. How limited is "limited" Amer- emperor Bao Dai back from the ican commitments of air and Riviera and set him up as head naval personnel? Korea, we will of a puppet government. recall, also started out as a will be U.S. air and naval forces; soldier for the criminal war it this last week though."

then it will be land forces. against the Indo-Chinese people! Tomorrow it will be Indo-China. And the day after it will be China. Thus, the N. Y. World-Tele-gram, leading Scripps - Howard Wm. Z. Foster: Past and Present

newsnaner admitted editorially on Jan. 8 that "this country began to back its way into this war ago when it agreed to furnish Legion, has been fighting to put indictment of past and present down the native uprising in Indo- | Stalinist theories as well. China for four years without having made noticeable progress. Obviously a large number of American troops would be required to make any material change in the situation."

PENTAGON PLANS U.S. FORCES FOR INDO-CHINA

payment on their quotas. In compliance with these requests. we will continue the campaign to \$73 payment that scores 126%. |TIME.' Although Connecticut hit 101% ast week, another payment of

rising tide of violence was ignored." Attacking the N.Y. Times and Herald Tribune for editorial evasions of the real issue, it continues: "These crimes cannot be understood as senseless acts of depraved or prejudiced individuals. On the contrary, they were essentially political crimes, crimes deliberately committed for a purpose.

"The struggle for full civil rights for Negroes entered upon a new phase with the filing of the suit which sought to end segregation in the public schools of Clarendon, South Carolina. Coming in the wake of a series of important civil rights victories in the Supreme Court this suit threatened the entire edifice of segregation and white supremacy, since it involved, not a few individual Negroes, but all Negroes of school age in almost every Southern state. The Dixiecrats were quick to see that if the trend of which this suit was part was not reversed, the existing social pattern in the South would be seriously undermined. It was not the crackpots but the Bourbon leaders who voiced the first threats and thereby revived the always present danger of mass violence."

The editorial then quotes statements by a number of Southern officials - Byrnes of South Carolina, Talmadge of Georgia, Wright of Mississippi - to show they openly advocate "defiance of law and provocation to violence" against any attempts to end educational segregation.

Pattern of 'Force and Violence'

"What they mean, and were intended to mean, is that the South will never voluntarily abandon the system which has kept Negroes "in their place" these many decades," The Nation declares. "Segregation is part of a strategy of dominance, the ultimate sanction of which is force. It is absurd, therefore, to condemn the unknown and perhaps demented individual who placed the bomb under Harry Moore's home without condemning the pattern of 'force and violence' upon which the structure of white supremacy rests. It is equally absurd to inveigh against 'racial prejudice' or KKK hoodlums without condemning the elected public officials who incited the violence which. for special reasons, has broken out in Florida but may soon spread throughout the South.

"This is the same phenomena that came with the organization of the KKK in the Reconstruction period: it is political terror, instigated by Bourbons and applied by Kluxers, to prevent the real emancipation of Negroes in the South. Once before a 'deal' robbed Negroes of the full fruits of the victory of the Union forces in the Civil War. Today the 'coalition' between Dixiecrats and Taft Republicans being engineered by Senator Karl Mundt and others threatens to repeat in 1952 the famous bargain of 1876. If this coalition becomes a reality, it will rob Negroes of the civil rights gains of the New Deal and the last six years as surely as the bargain of 1876 robbed them of the protection of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments."

While this editorial is subject to criticism on a number of counts, it rings the bell by its realization that the crimes of lynch-terrorism are not isolated or accidental, that they are political crimes encouraged, instigated and protected by

Political Consequences

The editorial makes one other point worth repeating. The Moore bombing, it says, "is likely to bring about an imponderable change in the political thinking of American Negroes. It was not the Negro leadership that proposed a huge meeting in B¹rmingham, Alabama, to protest the murder of Moore; the idea came from rank-and-file Negroes whose patience is utterly exhausted not only with Dixiecrat provocation but with the relaxed middle-class attitude of some of their leaders who have been quite willing to issue further political bills of credit to Mr. Truman on the basis of his stale civil rights speeches of 1948 and the lesser evil premise. If these leaders show reluctance to challenge the threatened forfeiture of gains made in the last decade. the Negro people see the danger and will no longer be put off with feeble promises and slippery phrases. The bells that tolled for Harry Moore may thus have sound-

ed the political death knell of Harry Truman." That is strong talk from a publication that supported Truman four years ago because of his "stale civil rights speeches of 1948 and the lesser evil premise." We hope that The Nation will remember what it is saying now at least until next election day. Meanwhile, we think that the correctly described sentiments of rank-and-file Negroes explain why the conservative board of directors of the NAACP suddenly voted in favor of consulting with the labor leaders about a nationwide work stoppage on the Florida cases. Negro leaders who try to sell Truman again in 1952 are in for a hard time.

This same paper suggests further, in an editorial on Jan. 15, that the statements of Gen. Juin and Britain's Anthony Eden

on the Big Three conference on Southeast Asia "suggest that direct military action is contemplated against Red China itself. if a new front is opened anywhere in Southeast Asia. Such a decision, if it has been made, NOW AND THEN would mean that our Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as the British

months ago." The pretext for U.S. intervenion to bail out the French imperialists will be, of course, the claim of a threatened Chinese

Tse-tung government took conon Indo-China. The legitimate government of

and so recognized by treaty with the French in 1946. But the French tore up that treaty with

Twin Cities GEORGE CLARKE speaks on "The Approaching International Showdown" 10 S. 4th St Friday, Feb. 1 8:00 P.M. Minneapolis **Auspices Twin Cities Branches**

By John F. Petrone William Z. Foster, national (Indo-China) nearly two years chairman of the Communist Party, takes columnist Walter the French forces with military Lippman to task for writing that supplies for use in Indo-China. it is "our own mistakes in the Now we are being asked to go exercise of our power which have the rest of the way." A sub- brought the western world to its sequent editorial on Jan. 12 ob- present plight." However, in serves that "a French army of order to show the shallowness of 120,000, which includes the crack Lippman's theory of "mistakes," troops of the French Foreign Foster is compelled to make an

> Discussing the causes of the wo world wars which contributed so heavily to the present plight of capitalism, Foster writes in the Jan. 2 Daily Worker: "World

> War II was not the result of mistakes of Chamberlain, Daladier, and Roosevelt and villainies of Hitler. Mussolini and Hirohito — it was caused by the bitter and inevitable struggle of German - Japanese - Italian imperialism against Anglo-French-American imperialism for the redivision of the world."

That is true. But when we said it before and during World War government, have come all the II, Foster as well as Browder way around to the position taken denounced us as "agents of y Gen. Douglas MacArthur Hitler" for saying it and demanded that the government suppress

us. They blamed the war on the "villainies" of the fascists, denied that it was "inevitable," insisted that it could be prevented "invasion." But the U.S. has been through "collective security" financing and arming the French pacts and hotly rejected the invasion of Indo-China since charge that Anglo-French-Amer-1946, three years before the Mao ican imperialism was fighting for its own "re-division of the world" trol of southern China bordering rather than "democracy."

If Foster's statement is correct today - and it is subindo-China is that of the Viet- stantially - then he and his party Minh, led by Dr. Ho Chih Minh, stand convicted of lying to the workers before and during World War II and of betraying their followers by getting them to sup-

port the Allied imperialists in their war for "re-division of the world." This is plainly not the kind of party whose word should be taken for anything.

is the logical result of the whole

PRESENT SITUATION Continuing his criticism of Lippman, Foster takes up the present situation: "Nor is Wall Street's present ill-omened warfascist drive for world rulership a 'mistake' on the part of Ameri-Socialist Workers Party can capitalist leaders — it, too,

position of United States im- | which takes the Marxist analysis | lace whom it can support in the perialism, which, by its very of imperialism and war seriously, 1952 election because he will nature, is driven on inexorably to acts accordingly. Despite its preach in favor of the need and strive to subjugate the whole limited resources, it has entered possibility of "peaceful cothe 1952 election campaign re- existence" between the U.S. and world.'

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Again, in his polemical zeal, solved to do everything in its the Soviet Union, between im-Foster has uttered a truth. But power to alert the American peo- perialism and the colonial peofor him and his party it is only ple to the war danger, to teach ple, between capital and labor. a debater's trick, convenient on them the causes of imperialist

A FAMILIAR TYPE certain occasions, but firmly ex- | war and to urge them to prepare

We are all acquainted with peocluded as a basis for their themselves to abolish it through independent labor political action. ple who say "I hate war" or "I The Communist Party, on the am opposed to Jim Crow," but

RAISES QUESTIONS other hand, continues, despite who never lift a finger to fight How does it square, for ex- occasional radical talk, to foster these crimes and the criminals ample, with their present main essentially class - collaborationist responsible for them. William Z. programmatic demand — for a policies and tendencies, nationally Foster's occasional pious endorse-Five-Power Pact" as the only as well as internationally. In line ments of Marxist truths fall into way to achieve peace? How can with its lying claim that we will much the same category - they peace be achieved by any pact so have peace if only Truman and are utterly worthless, platonic long as U.S. imperialism, "by its Stalin will work out some and misleading because they are very nature, is driven on inexor- mutually acceptable deal, it con- never acted on in real life and ably to strive to subjugate the tinues the hunt for another but are negated by the real policies whole world"? Will such a pact not - yet - discredited Henry Wal- and practices of Stalinism. change the "very nature" of U.S.

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political plane.

in power.

Intimidation in Buffalo

"It will take more than the cronies of pinball operators to intimidate the Socialist Workers Party."

When Sam Ballan, organizer of the SWP Buffalo branch, flung the above words into the teeth of the corrupt police who, in collusion with the yellow capitalist press, tried to disrupt a public meeting of the Socialist Workers Party in Buffalo, N. Y., he expressed the unshakable conviction of every genuine socialist.

The intimidation, force and violence of reaction can out a party of their own they never halt the unceasing struggle of humanity to free are at the mercy of the ruling itself from the unending horror of capitalist oppression and war.

The history of the U.S. labor movement is replete with examples of the futile attempts by the lords of capi- | the super-monopolies. tal to stem the forward march of the American working class. The same crude methods employed today to suppress dissenting opinion and intimidate the socialist vanguard were used in a vain effort to prevent the union- the corporations and their twinization of American industry.

It was not so long ago that the steel and coal centers of this country were dotted with company towns ruled by profound political concept. Labor's the minions of a seemingly invincible corporate power. Police and press, Pinkertons, thugs and informers, invaded union meetings, sought to photograph workers who attended such meetings, beat up union organizers and spread fear and terror in a merciless effort to halt union organ- with the super-trusts, their poliization. To no avail. Today, the mighty coal and steel unions need only shake their fist to send a tremor through the ruling capitalist class.

How long has it been since union organizers were beaten on the streets of Dearborn, Michigan by paid thugs of the Ford Motor Corporation? Yet, this seemingly impregnable bulwark of the open shop was breached by workmen."

The history of union organization in coal, steel and auto is repeated in other industries, just as it is today in southern mill towns and cities where workers, Negro and white, are harassed and intimidated by police, press, informers and thugs to prevent unionization of the openshop South.

The attempt on the part of agents of the Buffalo corporate interests to intimidate the advanced political work- this. Before the start of the ers of that city is a piece with the methods employed by meeting a Buffalo Evening News all labor-hating corporations to stem the tide of unionization. They fear the onward march of the American working graph of George Clarke and some class. They understand that class conflict on the trade of the local SWP branch leaders. union field must inevitably lead to political struggle that Permission was granted to take will challenge their monopoly of American political life. the photograph of Clarke and

Intimidation and terror failed to halt the wave of unionism that swept this country in the Thirties. It will that no other films would be taken prove no more effective against the surging tide of working class political action in the period ahead.

V. I. Lenin's True Political Doctrine

By John G Wright

On this 28th anniversary of Lenin's death, it is necessary to restore the truth. It is necessary to emphasize, over and over again that the heart of Lenin's thought and action was LABOR'S INDE-

own, labor cannot remain true to PENDENT POLITICAL ROLE. tself, loyal to its historic mission. This is the heart of Marxism, American workers are beginthat is, of our struggle for a ning to realize that without society free from all oppression. labor's vigorous intervention into This was the essence of the politics, not a single gain wrested teachings of Lenin, who was the from the corporations can be orthodox disciple of Marx and safeguarded, let alone extended. Engels, orthodox before all when Better than any one else in his it came to labor's tasks on the time Lenin knew what the Czarist obility in Russia knew and what Each class defends its vital inthe U.S. billionaires know and erests through a political party that is: Woe to the wage slaves suited to its own needs. To the who fail to grasp the importance of political action, and fail to use extent that workers remain with-

such knowledge to the full! Let us therefore briefly recall class. In Russia it was the Lenin's true teachings in this Czarist autocracy, the noble landconnection. His very first Marxlords in coalition with the liberal ist work was written in April 1894, under conditions of Czarist capitalists. In this country it is illegality, a pamphlet entitled, Who Are These 'Friends of the SERIOUS HANDICAP People'?

Lacking its own party the They were the Russian Populworking class is at the mercy of ists who in that day pretended to be amused that the Russian party of Demo-Republicanism. A working class, so "tiny" and Labor Party is more than a mere "non-existent," so "illiteven organizational form; it is a erate," "stupid," etc., should be "misled" into any political preown policy is the precondition for tensions. These "friends of the its own party. Any other course people" urged instead a unity of leaves labor in a position where 'all men of good will." In short, is used as so much small the same line that is now peddled change in deals and compromises by the CIO-AFL officials and their "friends of labor," and the tical parties, their administration variation of this line peddled by the Stalinists in their various

Following his great teachers; "peoples' fronts," "peoples' peace Lenin, from his earliest writings crusades" and the like.

to the day he died never ceased **EXPOSED MISLEADERS** teaching labor the first law of the class struggle, namely, that Labor, shouted the Populists, the highest expression of the should avoid politics like a plague, Russian workers, just as today ers hounded and intimidated for years by Ford's "service proletarian struggle is in politics. and at worst, simply support its the union officialdom and Stalin's Failing a party and policy of its "friends." In their hearts, they henchmen in this country are the

> DISRUPT SWP MEETING COPS TRY TO

(Continued from page 1) saved the film and probably "Don't touch that reporter!" and Evening News, which named in loud voices ordered the other Police Lieutenant Schultz, head of the expensive camera."

What actually happened was additional police. POLICE PROVOCATION

reporter and photographer asked It was only a few minutes after \$50 per week. for permission to take a photo this incident that a police siren Sam Ballan, chairman of the Buffalo branch. It was agreed either of individuals or of the

entire audience and that the photographer would leave as soon agreed to by the photographer.

Truman's "State of War" **Fumans** State of the Union" report on Jan. 9 In delivering his "State of the Union" r differ about. . . without abandoning our bi-partisan foreign entrance to a stairway leading the floor briefly on what ap-Socialist Workers Party." policy" and then he added, without choking — "for peace!" to the stage of the meeting room peared to be a most timely sub-The Buffalo Evening News Truman was addressing himself here to the Southern and began to photograph the ject — the relations of the local quoted the above paragraph from audience in violation of the agree- police to the recent pinball racket Sam Ballan's remarks but for political activity," and as the masses, governments; and here many-millioned masses, instead Democrats and the Republicans who indeed agree with ment. Immediately several mem- trials in this city. He had not reasons that are only too clear him on "bi-partisan foreign policy" to which the bulk of bers of the audience demanded spoken more than a couple of to it and its henchmen in the that he leave the premises. No minutes when the bull necks of Police Department, it left out Russian political newspaper." sooner had they risen from their the cops began to redden; they any mention of Lieutenant seats than two members of the were obviously becoming uncom- Schultz. (See editorial on page 3.) Anti-subversive Squad rushed fortable. Soon Ballan got around



-Vladimir I. Lenin

were actually scared stiff at the | main obstacles, keeping the giant titanic role young Russian labor of U.S. labor from taking its first oirs of Lenin. - Ed. could and would play. They were step toward political independence

the main obstacle at the time to by building its own Party. the political education of the Lenin exposed the Populists, telling the Russian workers to role whatever at this moment pay no heed to these miseducators. "The Russian Marxists . . .

know of only one way out from the scope of my vision on a plane capitalism," he said in 1894, "and with the other people and events. that is the class struggle of the proletariat against the capitalist terest to me, the chronicler of lass."

Toward the end of 1899, he spelled this out politically in the first draft program written by News reporter to rush down for the Anti-subversive Squad present him. "The labor movement, as it at the meeting, as one of those flows together with and into listed on the payoff rolls of the Socialism and political struggle pinball racketeers, at the rate of must organize its own independent party" - independent of agogy nor salacious flirtations

"These are the people who all others and AGAINST all was heard and a police car made come here to search for sub- others. All the "friends of the its way to the door of the head- versive activity. Why doesn't the people" howled in fright and quarters, evidently waiting for a Police Department send them to anguish, as they have been howlignal to break up the meeting. watch the meetings of the big ing ever since. But Lenin paid However, the audience remained banks in this area and of the them no mind. calm and seated in spite of the corporations who are really sub-In May 1901 Lenin wrote the ancient truth has a sharp ring provocations of the reporters and verting the interests of the peosignificant article Where to on his lips, harsh and irreconthe threats of the police. The ple of the city. . . These goons Begin, which is, in reality, the photographer was escorted out cannot stop the march of our first draft of the programmatic faith in this truth is unshakable,

After Clarke's speech there cause it is based on revolutionary world-famous book: What To Do? faith of a fanatic, but of a fanatic successes in art, in science, followed a series of interesting ideas. . . It will take more than At the turn of this century Lenin who is a scientist, not a meta- technology and, parallel with

political activity."

own first paper had to be estab- (ing the workers politically, even ished abroad and smuggled the Czarist Duma, the caricature of our Congress, and what a nside. With all the parliamentary advantages at the disposal of caricature!

Were Lenin alive today he American labor, abject political dependence of our class is shown would regard with hate and connot only by its still lacking a tempt the politics of the Stalnation-wide labor party but also inists who sponsored Wallace for being without a national daily President in 1948 and who are now searching for a similar that truly speaks for labor. "progressive," "peace" candidate. Lenin would have acclaimed the To be sure, the Daily Worker ppears six times a week to serve heroic effort of the Socialist not labor but "friends of the peo-Workers Party in 1948. in that is, Stalin's foreign policy. The Militant, U.S. labor's the face of colossal odds, to only true voice, is still able, after awaken American labor to the 24 years, to appear only as a need of "nation-wide political activity." weekly.

This effort was the remarkable Space does not permit us to list, literally year by year, Lenin's campaign of Farrell Dobbs and ndomitable lifelong struggle Grace Carlson, SWP Presidential first on the scale of Russia and and Vice-Presidential candidates ater on a world scale to realize respectively. Lenin would have n life the need of labor's inde- hailed the renewed effort in 1952 pendent political action. Suffice it in which the SWP again poses to repeat it was stressed by him |"on the plane of political activity" - in a national presidential elecn his earliest writings. It was the main content of his lifetime's tion - all the burning issues thought and action. He constantly facing the young giant of Amerprobed for every avenue of reach-lican labor.

Gorki on Lenin

A Frenchman once asked me: Among those of Lenin's con-'Don't you find that Lenin is a temporaries who preserved for the working class a true picture guillotine equipped with a human of Lenin's incomparable revobrain?"

lutionary role was Maxim Gorki, "The workings of his thought," a life-long friend and famous was my reply, "I would compare Russian author. Reprinted below with the strokes of a sledgeare extracts from Gorki's memhammer which, possessed of vision, pulverizes into dust that which should have been destroyed

Let me say that my personal long ago."

attachment to Lenin plays no To the little citizens of all countries Lenin must, of course, when I am writing of him. I see appear as an Attila, come to him as a human being within destroy the Rome of middle-class prosperity and comfort which rests on human slavery, blood which cannot fail to be of inand rapine. But just as ancient Rome earned its downfall, so, my native Russian land.

needs, he said, was for Russian which is humanly individual; he slowed down by the creation of

labor to engage in "All-Russian thinks only in terms of parties, a new condition, namely, that

this, the founding of "an All- vision, the genius intuition of a dividuals, shall take active part

So handicapped were the Rus- sesses that happy clarity of Vladimir Ilyich Lenin. Written in

sian workers by conditions of thought which comes only 1924 in commemoration of Lenin's

too, the crimes of the modern And so, here is this man making world justify the necessity of a speech at a gathering of workdoing away with it. This is a ers: he speaks using marvelously historical necessity; no one, simple words: the language is nothing can any longer avert it. that of iron, the logic is that of We hear tearful talk of how an axe: but in his severe speeches precious is European culture, of 1 never heard either foul demhow imperative it is to defend it against the onlaught of the New with pretty phrases. Lenin al-Huns. Such speeches are sincere ways talks about one and the and meaningful only upon the same thing, about the need to lips of a revolutionist; but in destroy, root and branch, social the mouths of the organizers and inequality among men and about the ways to attain this. This accomplices of the evil slaughter of 1914-18 they are nothing but

revolting lies. The process of the growth of ciliable. You always feel that his culture, if by this we actually as the meeting started. This was and the speaker resumed his talk. party. Our party is invincible be- classic he was to write later, the and how calm is this faith — the mean the further growth of The need of most without interest in that process cannot. naturally.

thinker-experimentalist. He pos- in all cultural work. (M. Gorki:

towards the platform shouting, to quoting from the Buffalo

Truman blurted out: "We can find plenty of things to the American people are more and more opposed.

Everything else may be and has been, in fact, "abandoned." "We will have to give up some things," Truman announced. And what he really meant by this is the "giving up" of more of our living and working standards, "giving up" what still remains of our civil liberties, "giving up" to the Jim Crowers and all the lynchers, and the like. But NOT the foreign policy.

That was Truman's keynote for 1952, as it was for the dismal year of 1951, as it has been ever since Korea. His entire speech was centered upon it, and to it everything else was subordinated.

This "foreign policy" (read: "Guns-not-Butter" program) is sacrosanct. On this there is indeed basic agreement among the capitalist ruling circles, whatever else they may agree "to differ about." And so, for the second time in as many years, Truman has palmed off a "State Boston. of War" proclamation under the guise of a "peacetime" State of the Union report. This year, as last, Truman has dared to flout the expressed will of our people.

The American people want an end to Korea and not the perpetuation of this illegal war which Truman continues to decree. In the same dictatorial way he announces the shipment of more arms and presently of more American youth to every forsaken corner of the globe. He proclaims not the curbing but the expansion of military spending, ever more exorbitant, wasteful and corruption-ridden. He demands further increases, instead of cuts, in the already intolerable burden of taxation; a further ballooning of inflation and of the national debt whose monstrous size has long made some top financiers and bankers doubtful and concerned. And so on down the line. Everything the mass of the people oppose, Truman favors and - decrees

- in the name of this "bi-partisan foreign policy."

Against whom is this "State of War" directed? Against all the colonial peoples from Korea, China through Indo-China, Malaya, into Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and the rest of North Africa; against the Soviet Union and its East European buffer states; against the insurgent, socialist-minded workers of Western Europe. And, last but not least, it is directed against the American people themselves, principally against organized labor.

Out of the sheer need of self-preservation labor must break in 1952 with this foreign policy which is also that of the Southern Bourbons and of the Big Money Republicans. In the coming presidential elections, the foreign policy for the working class — against this war program of imperialism and for Socialism - is being offered by one party and one party alone: it is the SOCIALIST WORK-ERS PARTY.



By Harry Frankel

THE OLD MAN

At the time of the Boston Tea Party, Sam dams was 51 years old. His "long" head and steadfast reliability had won for him the affectionate title "the Old Man" among the people of

A biographer, William V. Wells, says:

"In the shipyards, where the real popular power resided, Samuel Adams was especially the favorite from among the champions of the public liberties. He found the people willing listeners and converts to his doctrines, and, as a most perfect embodiment of the democratic theory, he exercised more influence with them than any other nan. His good judgment was often appealed to, and in many instances, lawsuits were avoided by making him the umpire. They placed the most implicit confidence in him as a man and a patriot, and he never deceived them. . . . Careless of personal gain, he seemed to have been specially ordained for the times in which he lived. Frugal and temperate in his habits, his wants were few, and his powers of endurance fitted him for ceaseless industry."

The Adams Household

Elizabeth Wells became the second wife of the revolutionary leader in 1764. She shared the dangers and difficulties of life with Sam Adams without complaint; indeed, with zest, for she too was a staunch radical. The household contained six children from both marriages, and a giant Newfoundland dog named Queue who hated a British redcoat as much as did Sam.

The "Old Man" was poor almost all his life. His famous cousin, John Adams, testified about him: "He never looked forward in life, never planned, never laid a scheme, or formed a design of laying up anything for himself or others after him." Cousin John inclined to think that Sam Adams was "too attentive to the public, and not enough to himself and his family."

Adams accepted poverty without complaint because it came necessarily as part of his great life purpose. Revolutionists who seek to overthrow unjust, exploiting societies are never invited by



the wealthy and powerful of those societies to share in the riches of the age.

There are some who try to get the best of both worlds. They seek righteous self-satisfaction in the fight for a better world, while at the same time sharing in the material luxuries of the old regime which they seek to alter. But such twofold lives are, in the long run, impossible. Sam Adams, although he had many chances in the Boston that loved him to make his fortune, never made an attempt. He had neither time nor inclination for self-seeking. His whole life was consecrated to the fight for liberation of his people from an oppressive bondage.

"The Last of the Puritans"

Sam Adams has been called "the last of the Puritans." This title derives partly from his in-" corruptible revolutionary asceticism, comparable to that of Robespierre and Lenin. But in addition, it comes also from his attitude towards religion. His asceticism was partly revolutionary and partly religious; he was a convinced and devoutly pious man.

This strange mixture makes Sam Adams something of an anomaly among the great leaders of revolutionary history. Outside of his direct interest in revolutionary politics, his mind was narrow. He had none of the sweeping appreciation for the rising new science, art and culture of capitalism as had someone like Thomas Jefferson, or Tom Paine, or others who were his pupils in politics.

However, he never permitted his religious feelings to interfere with his main life work. He was the daily associate of the most advanced thinkers of his region: freethinkers and atheists like Dr. Thomas Young and William Mollineux. When they were attacked, he defended their right to unorthodox opinions, and stated that it was their politics, not their religious opinions that mattered.

Whatever the cause, Adams' personal mode of life was frugal and at times even impoverished. Friends he had in plenty, and the more thought-

Czarist illegality that even their through unceasing work. ful among them considered it their responsibility to care for the brave warrior. When Adams prepared to set out for Philadelphia to do his great work of the First Continental Congress, he was rather poorly clad. His friends, who were proud of him, wanted him to appear to advantage in the flashy company in which he was to move. The story of his outfitting was told in a personal

first indispensable step toward he possesses the gift of pre-

"He Has Very Many Friends"

"The ultimate wish and desire of the high government party is to get Samuel Adams out of the way, when they think they may accomplish every one of their aims. But, however some may despise him, he has certainly very many friends: for not long since, some persons (their names unknown) sent and asked his permission to build him a new barn, the old one being decayed, which was executed in a few days; a second sent to ask him to repair his house, which was thoroughly effected soon; a third sent to beg the favor of him to call at a tailor's shop and be measured for a new pair of clothes, and choose his cloth, which were sent home for his acceptance; a fourth presented him with a new wig; a fifth with a new hat; a sixth with six pair of the best silk hose; a seventh with a pair of fine thread ditto; an eighth with six pair of shoes; and a ninth modestly inquired of him whether his finances were not rather low than otherwise. He replied: it was true that was the case; but he was very indifferent about those matters, so that his poor abilities were of any service to the public: upon which the gentleman obliged him to accept of a purse containing about fifteen or twenty johannes."

Adams' hair had grayed at an early age, and his hands shook from a palsy-like affliction. His voice was weak, and he was not an orator, although he often moved audiences by the sheer strength of his intellect. An historian finds his popularity hard to explain: " . . . not at all the imposing hero of swashbuckling romance; there is indeed nothing of glamor in his personality."

His power lay not in glamor, but in his thorough mastery of politics. "Our business," he said, "is not to make events, but wisely to improve them." These words show his understanding the essence of revolutionary strategy.

"It is often stated," he once pointed out, "that I am at the head of the Revolution, whereas a few of us merely lead the way as the people follow, and we can go no further than we are backed up by them; for if we attempt to advance any

further, we make no progress, and may lose our labor in defeat."

untimely death.)

of tens of thousands of in-

Adams possessed an unflinching personal courage, another trait of character that helps to account for his prestige. The masses cannot be led into the dangerous path of revolution by those who are themselves afraid. Sam Adams let threats roll over him without effect. "I never suffer my mind to be. . . disturbed with prospects. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof. It is our duty, at all hazards, to preserve the public liberty.

The Peak of Popularity

After the Boston Tea Party, Adams reached the peak of his popularity. Boston was calling him "the father of America." "America," said the Boston Gazette, has erected to him a statue in her heart." Thomas Jefferson called him "truly the Man of the Revolution."

Among the Tories, Adams was known as the 'Arch-Manager," the "Chief Incendiary," the "Master of the Puppets." The whole Revolution was often named "the Adams conspiracy." In England, he was called "the first politician in the world" without a peer in the work of "for-warding a Rebellion." "The whole Continent," said one Tory, "is ensnared by that Machiavel of Chaos."

When John Adams went to France and was asked whether he was "the Adams" he had to deny it. "Monsieur," the French said, "c'est votre modestie." They never said that after they knew John Adams better.

The "Old Man" was now more surefooted than ever in the risky game of opposition to Britain and the Tories. He had the training of a lifetime devoted to a single object to guide him. He was the firmly entrenched political leader of New England, and of the radical workers and farmers of all the colonies.

With the Boston Tea Party, Sam Adams had precipitated the final crisis. Another year and a half of careful work would see his life project through to completion. The radical groups in all the colonies would be united, the rupture with Britain complete, and the military side of the Revolution begun.

Adams said: "The people are in council; their opposition grows into a system; they are united; they are resolute; and it requires but a small portion of the gift of discernment for anyone to foresee that Providence will erect a mighty empire in America."

(Next Week: Unity and Revolution)



The Negro Struggle "War for Democracy"

By Jean Blake

It's time for the American people to declare a real "war for democracy" - in Florida. The fight. for democracy is a fight for security against bombing, dynamiting, violence and murder of American citizens. It is a fight for the democratic rights of citizens to vote, live, work and go to school without discrimination, segregation or intimidation.

Truman and the capitalist-dominated Congress have been quick to scream "anti-democratic" at every attempt of the Asian or European masses to rid themselves of the small minority of capitalists and stooges for imperialism who ruled their countries by force and violence. Every departure from traditional American legal procedures in Eastern Europe is pounced upon as an incident that could spark a third world war.

But when a Florida sheriff kills a handcuffed Negro prisoner; when Jewish synagogues and a Catholic church are systematically marked for destruction by dynamite; when a leader of the democratic struggle for justice for Negroes is murdered-not a word from Washington's wouldbe leaders of the "free world." No impassioned speeches about leading a crusade for democracy in Florida. No appropriations for the Voice of America or the U.S. Information Service to enlighten the "masses who have had no experience with democratic principles and procedures." No arms for the defenseless victims of Southern atrocities.

It is not surprising that the government does not take the measures needed to guarantee democracy in Florida and the rest of the South; the officials in Washington are brothers of the officials in the South and cousins of the terrorists whom they permit to get away with murder. Even when they promise "stern corrective action," nobody can believe them or rely on them because it is 75 years since they did anything effective against lynch violence.

That is why the working people and the minority groups themselves must assume the initiative. This is our fight — not a war for profits or to maintain the rule of unpopular tyrants, but in self-defense against a real and present danger of violent death and subversion of the democratic gains of the first two American revolutions, of 1776 and of the Civil War.

The wave of terrorism in Florida must be stamped out before it spreads with equal virul-

ence throughout the nation. We have seen the symptoms in the anti-Negro violence in Cicero. Ill., in police shootings of Negroes in cities **Seattle Free** throughout the country, in the bombing last week of the automobile of a United Mine Workers' organizer in Leslie County, Ky., in the dynamiting **Speech Fight** of Negro homes in a dozen major cities in the past year.

If the Florida terrorists continue to get away with murder, their kind throughout the nation with murder, their kind throughout the nation will step up their campaigns against civil rights and against those who advocate them. Already a and against those who advocate them. Already a Ku Klux Klan leader has brazenly announced his candidacy for governor of Florida and in California an outfit called America Plus, Inc., has started a national movement to eliminate civil rights laws in every state.

The American people cannot look to the government to stop these movements. Washington and the administration itself has given birth to them, has set the example with its "loyalty program," its witch-hunts, and its "security" programs which discard every traditional democratic procedure.

The time has come for working people and minority groups to take their security problem of the Socialist Workers Party. into their own hands, to defend themselves against violence and to invite all genuine sup-and my boss. My leadman told **Ganvasser Finds** porters of democratic rights to join with them me: "I can't agree with you, but in taking the offensive against those who would you are entitled to your opinions." destroy them. The Florida battlefront is a good My boss told me: "You haven't place to start. got a chance to be elected, Dan,

The popular character of the "war for democ- but I wish you luck. It's difracy" in Florida is indicated by the methods be- of ferences of opinion that make the ing proposed for conducting it. The National Asworld go 'round." sociation for the Advancement of Colored Peo-Throughout the rest of the day,

ple has appealed to labor for a national work the boss wanted to argue politics stoppage in protest against the unpunished murwith me. He wanted to show me demonstrations throughout the country, and the run for political office without we would be confronted with a formation by the labor movement and Negro money. A candidate must sell stone wall of resistance that organizations of defense guards to protect lives, himself to a machine. There might prove insurmountable. homes and meeting places threatened by the

terrorists. All of these methods have been used before and will be used again when the masses have been aroused to act in their own behalf.

space for every candidate on a matter what a candidate stands Now is the time for action.

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1,000 Minnesota Students Condemn Wiggins Firing

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 9 - At | First Unitarian Society of Min-|neapolis Central Labor Union the largest protest rally on the neapolis, told the meeting that committee to investigate the Wig-University of Minnesota campus the Wiggins case "would have gins dismissal said, "Wiggins since the thirties 1000 students repercussions on the rest of the was dismissed because he said the today jammed Burton hall auditorium to hear the Student Action he said, "Who will be next?" Committee report on the dismissal of Dr. Forrest O. Wiggins, in- the Hennepin County CIO Coun- profit." structor in the philosophy departcil and chairman of the CIO com-

ment. Demolishing the contention of university administration that "competency," not academic freedom, is the issue in the Wiggins case, the SAC report revealed that president J. L. Morrill had refused last year to apreinstate Wiggins and "promote plained. prove the appointment of Malcolm him to the position his accom-Cowley, prominent liberal, to the plishment and ability merit." staff of the English department because he is a "controversial UNPOPULAR VIEWS

figure.' Rev. Carl Storm, pastor of the Murk, chairman of the Min-

COMBAT BOMBINGS

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ought to be a provision whereby There simply was no such stone mitted or attempted each day. the government pays for free wall, at least not on that street The events beginning with the radio time and free newspaper corner in Orange, N. J., which Christmas night murder of Harry we had picked at random for our T. Moore have had a profound basis of equality. It doesn't petition gathering last Sunday. impact on the thinking of mil-It was with some trepidation lions.

for. Your views should have an that my partner and I volunteered a quota of 200 signatures to paper, says: "The blast (that wherever it has been presented a precipitous drop. would be the really democratic be secured by the end of February. We looked ahead to fight for equality in politics, their reaction was the reported REJECTED BY REGENTS an onerous six weeks of staireducation, the courts and other climbing and knocking on doors. spheres of life in the South could Moore case held by the workers Minnesota regents yesterday repartment store official — a But to our surprise, after only be won with little or no in the paint shop of the Detroit jected a student resolution, Republican in his political views an hour and a half we found bloodshed."

PROPOSE STOPPAGE

- and those of the American ourselves with over 60 signatures Even if that is an exaggeraion, it is not a big one. People And this was not on a crowded are apprehensive that the terrorbusiness corner, but just among ism will spread even further, and a few Sunday strollers along a they are demanding federal action residential street, in a small in angrier terms than Washingcandy store, a shoe shining ton has heard in a long time. The

The response: "Everyone has parlor, and a bar. Everyone we the right to his own opinion — approached, with the exception ment to accomplish anything has it's' differences of opinion that of one or two, not only signed, produced demands for militant make the world go 'round" ____ but expressed eagerness to sign! action by many groups. this response is deeply rooted in

Dobbs' Petitions

By Margaret Stewart

plunge into the 1952 petition

NEWARK, Jan. 15 - My first

the thinking of the American NO MAGIC FORMULA

in our hands.

people. They don't hold with No magic formula was neces-Judge Jones — who ruled against sary. We were seeking petitions me in the Superior Court - that for Farrell Dobbs for President, tional Association for the Ad-Grace Carlson for Vice-President, vancement of Colored People free speech has become "a shopworn phrase." It is the strength of this tradi- Senator. In a few words we told work stoppage, and set up a comtion that is now beginning to the people we met what the mittee to consult with labor filibustering conference scheduled gins." nunt. We who fight for free to get on the ballot. Negroes speech, must bring this tradition were especially receptive to our paign for mayor and my lawsuit raging in the South is by getting American labor movement. They mittee of the 25 groups. against the election officials is together the labor and Negro ntended to achieve. movements and putting their The initial gratifying exrepresentatives into office. perience has been followed by "That's what I like to see" many others. Union meetings are and "This is what I've been friendly, and I believe that we waiting for" were the most frequent comments. Everybody support. liked The Militant when we I attended the candidate's rally showed it, and most compliat the Washington Republican mented Gray's cartoon showing Club, and received, as I expected. the FBI hunting for "reds" while a small but definite applause even ignoring the murder of Harry there. T. Moore. The pacifists among the liberals I have been in many petition are enthusiastic supporters of the anti-oath campaign and have campaigns in the last ten years, They must promise 24-hour a day helped us with individual endorse- but I feel I am not exaggerating ments and contributions. In the when I say that never have I met ranks of the Quakers, we found with such an eager response to Fred Post, who undertook to be our message. It was clear, at any my attorney. It is a pleasure to rate, that in this particular New work with a man of his integrity Jersey suburban neighborhood the and courage in the battle for workers had not at all been cowed by the witch hunt. democratic principles.

der of Harry T. Moore, the NAACP official bombed to death in Mims Christmas night. The is the best of all possible systems is the best of

have deplored and denounced the racist violence, but they have

night) exploded all hopes that the to them. A typical example of 40-minute work stoppage on the Briggs Conner plant on Jan. 7.

ANOTHER SIGN

Another sign was the sharp inreaders almost unanimously ex- said: pressed their agreement with continued failure of the governingness to join in united action

to put it into effect. The Militant article that at- view of the enthusiastic student

For the first time in its history, the board of directors of the Naand George Breitman for U.S. came out in favor of a nationwide the CIO, AFL and NAACP, student expression and par-

heen heard against lynch-violence. As this can Association of University from the NAACP on expression. That is what my cam- the Jim Crow terror that is practically all the leaders of the received from the steering com- action on the Wiggins case Monday.

faculty." Teachers will wonder, National Association of Manufacturers and Wall Street are ex-Arthur Hopkins, secretary of ploiting the wage earners for

William Cratic, President of mittee to investigate the Wiggins the Minneapolis Branch of the dismissal, called the dismissal the NAACP, said that "the univer-"act of a base and unworthy sity's action is a violation of University administration," and academic freedom." The univer-"part of a movement backed by a sity is "taking the first step" in war party." Amid applause he denying students the right to hear called on the administration to all sides of an issue, he ex-

"High - handed and authoritarian," were terms used by Dr. Donald W. Calhoun, assistant professor of general studies, to State Representative George describe the administration's treatment of Wiggins. Ridiculing the administration's charge of incompetence, Calhoun said "more than 100 full professors" would show up worse than Wiggins if the same competency rules were applied to them. To keep a job nowadays, Dr. Calhoun emphasized, a university teacher must be "a genius, a saint, or a conservative.'

been quiet as the tomb about the on the faculty attempted to pressure the students into can-This is especially disappointing celling the mass meeting, earlier because the proposal has been this week. The prestige of these greeted with tremendous enthu- teachers among students has --The N. Y. Age, Harlem Negro siasm by Negro and labor ranks as might be expected — suffered

January 12 - University of adopted at a mass meeting attended by 1000 students, requesting the retention of Dr. Forrest crease in sales of The Militant sophy. A statement issued by the O. Wiggins, instructor of philofeaturing a militant program of Student Action Committee within action against the terrorists. New a few hours of the regents' action

"The board of regents has this program and their will- chosen to leave the disturbing implications raised by the facts in this case unanswered. . . In

tracted most attention and endor- support for the SAC's activities sement last week was the letter and in view of the regrettable sent by Farrell Dobbs, national stand taken by the regents we chairman of the Socialist Work- will go ahead with our announced ers Party, to 25 groups including plans to provide for even greater urging them to change an anti- ticipation in support of Dr. Wig-

reassert itself throughout the socialist Workers Party stands leaders about arranging it. So far, nothing further has a mass march on Washington Minnesota chapter of the Amerithis. Even more disappointing issue of The Militant goes to Professors will hear a report of to the fore and give it organized explanation that the way to end has been the total silence of press, no reply has yet been its tenure committee and take

Comic Strip Culture

("Take it away!" cry the colonial people when they are offered U.S. imperialist propaganda and culture. Aside from the crudeness of the propaganda, it is hard to fool Asians about the "people of America who make sick men well" when they can see what napalm bombs have done to Korea. The following article, reprinted from the Nov. 22 Samasamajist, Ceylon Trotskyist paper, is a trenchant reaction to U.S. propaganda from advanced elements of the colonial people.-Ed.)

Among the latest excrescences in print sent by the United States Information Service to schools in Colombo (Ceylon) are propaganda magazines in the form of comics. The free distribution of these magazines is supposed to show the good will of the U.S. towards Ceylon and is supposed to be a part of their avowed purpose of helping in the development of free and democratic peoples. It will be interesting to see what the quality of this help is by considering a specimen of this aid, viz., propaganda comics.

The comic, that typical product of culture sponsored by American capitalism, is a narcotic to

lombo and also people on the USIS mailing list are "They saved our village" and "I have lost my land." They follow the standardized pattern of the comics. There is the usual white-haired old man of the comics, Batista, and it is through his eyes that the story is seen. He looks like the village idiot. There is a smallpox outbreak in a village somewhere in Asia, and Batista calls for help from the "people of America who make sick people well," suggesting that the Yanks have some magical power. Poor Batista seems to be suffering from something worse than the smallpox - a softening of the brain.

The villain is anti-American, the communist Julio, who, for some mysterious reason, likes the smallpox. He looks like the typical villain of the comics - bushy beetling eyebrows, fierce mustachios, and sunken unshaven cheeks. He is contrasted with the Yankee doctor's well-fed face, brilliantined hair, and a shaven chin that is the ideal of all razor blade advertisements, the typical hero of the comics. The heroine too is typical -the nurse has a fine figure, a perfect hairdo, and is the dumb blonde.

The fight against Julio and the smallpox begins.

By Daniel Roberts Candidate for Mayor SEATTLE, Jan. 14 - In our campaign in Seattle against the loyalty oaths for candidates we are appealing to deeply ingrained traditions of the American people. I found this to be true at the very start of the campaign,

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when I announced that I was quitting my job at the Bon Marche department store in order to run for mayor on the platform

equal chance with the rest. That

What a marked contrast be-

tween the thinking of this de-

ruling class that ordered the

Kimball law placed on the books!

This law requires that candidates

foreswear certain beliefs before

their name can appear on the

way to do things."

ballot.

Dr. F. O. WIGGINS I had talks with my lead man It Easy to Get

which undeveloped and adolescent minds are very much addicted. They deal with violent sadistic stories presented in a series of pictures and captions, prepared in such a way as to be understood without thinking.

They result in the deadening of intelligence in children, they create the habit of not reading at all, for the comics are essentially designed to save a person the trouble of reading - all is there in pictures. An unrestrained reading of comics will result in a state of chronic imbecility in which a person will not be able to understand anything except what strikes his eye. Anything which requires the least bit of reasoning or reflection will baffle him completely. All he can understand will be the crudest material specially prepared to satisfy his grosser instincts. He can exist only on an intellectual diet which is administered to him pre-digested. In this situation the mind ceases to think critically of the life around it, it gets accustomed to be spoon-fed in all its thoughts and feelings. The capitalists who control the press, radio and film thus decide what people are to think and feel. Thought is standardized just as much as shoes and toothpaste are standardized. One of the qualities which distinguish man from the animals, the capacity for critical -thought, is thus effectively killed.

This is the way in which the Americans are trying to convey their crude propaganda. Two examples of comics received by a school in Co-

After the usual crash! bang! whiz! tactics, Julio and the smallpox are out for the count; they lose no time in succumbing to these Yankee Mighty Mice. Just like that. Batista assures you then that "the Americans are working to make a healthy world which lives in peace." Here are new heroes to join forces with Hopalong Cassidy, the Phantom and Captain Marvel. The trick adopted is to present the whole story through the eyes of old Batista, who is idiotic enough to consider as miracles the deeds of these sanitary Buck Joneses. will pick up some official labor He is astounded by injections, DDT ("the magic destroyer") and the "jeeps that brought us mercy." So the Yanks become demi-gods in the eyes of a village idiot, and the reader is expected to become as idiotic.

"I have lost my land" is a similar comic about "Communist oppression." The hero is probably a Balkan peasant who looks like Tyrone Power and has a cow, a wife, land and kids. He is a communist sympathizer. In come the Russian Communists, the villains of the story, fierce fellows with mustaches and beards, thick spectacles, ugly mouths, and guns. They shoot people and burn houses. Disillusioned, the hero fights back valiantly. Never since the day Errol Flynn recaptured Burma from the Japanese singlehanded has such courage been seen. But there are no Yankee Mighty Mice this time, and the hero is overwhelmed. The comic here has a tragic ending. The propaganda is just as crude.

Insurance Company Forced To Halt Jim-Crow Evictions

NEW YORK, Jan. 17 - The this committee succeeded in lions for newspaper and radio the project. Since then Metropol- Inasmuch as Prudential is suppolitan Life Insurance Corporaitan has been out to get the anti- posed to be a mutual company, tion was forced to halt its plans discrimination tenants. today to evict 19 families from

its tax-exempt housing projects, Stuyvesant Town and Peter them dispossess notices followed

Cooper Village. Plans for a huge by eviction notices. Ordinary landdemonstration to protest the ords cannot dispossess tenants attempts of city marshals to evict when their leases run out. But the 19 families were changed into Metropolitan, which is supported a victory picket line at the by millions of dollars of public. housing project early this mornfunds as a result of their tax exemption, is not subject to the

Whether the victory over the ordinary housing laws of New temporary or permanent is not views of the 19 families - among known as yet. The corporation whom are 17 veterans - made simply announced at the eleventh | them "unsuitable" tenants in hour that it was "postponing" Metropolitan's eyes.

As the eviction deadline apcame after a week of picket lines proached, many organizations on a 24-hour basis at Metropolwhich had held aloof, came to the mittee including representatives of the N.Y. CIO Council and the The 19 families belong to the NAACP urged Metropolitan officials to call off the evictions. crimination in Stuyvesant Town. The postponement was announced three year fight against had not heard of the postponehousing projects. Over a year ago | victory.

Prudential Union Official Tells of Militant Strike

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(Continued from page 1) for helping policy holders. All ings have increased terrifically sends over a couple of hundred Prudential agents are compelled year after year." to sign a contract with the com-

STRIKERS ARRESTED pany binding them body and soul. The day before this interview. availability to policy holders, thus making the taking of another job, part-time, a cause for sending large numbers of its against the arrests. He declared firing.

In answer to the company's picket line is maintained around booked to clear the misrepresenclaim that it can't afford to give the clock at the 42-entrance home tation spread by this giant of the agents increases, D'Adolph cffice of the Prudential Com- the insurance industry." points to the enormous profits pany. The president of Local 19

of the company. "Prudential has explained the Newark arrests as LABOR SUPPORT given its clerical workers two follows: "Those men were arrestraises this year, plus a 40 per- ed for trying to enter the build- getting help from both AFL and cent increase for the duration of ing. They were all Prudential CIO. However, they are not too the strike," he said. "Also staff policy holders and they have the well off from a financial point managers got this wage boost. | right to go in and discuss their | of view. There is no money for Then the company can find mil- policies with the company. On welfare expenses. Local 19 alone the orders of Prudential, 140 were is spending over \$1,000 a week. 10-billion dollar Jim Crow Metro- bringing four Negro families into advertising against the strike. arrested. The police were very Just sending men to Newark for rough, riding their horses right picket duty is a big financial into our men. Some of the pickets drain. Donations from union locals it is policy holders' funds it is were injured. Here in New York will be appreciated and put to When leases of the 19 tenants spending for strikebreaking. Com- last week one of our pickets was good use.

expired, the corporation sent pany officials receive tremendous taken to the hospital after being

N.J. Unions Back Insurance Strike

Five hundred business agents of local AFL unions in Northern New Jersey met in Newark and voted to authorize the calling of a one-day work stoppage by AFL workers in support of the Prudential Insurance agents' strike.

The resolution empowered a policy committee to set the date for the stoppage when and if deemed necessary. There were only six votes against the resolution.

Speakers condemned the company's attempt to break the AFL Insurance Agents union, its refusal to submit the dispute to arbitration and the role of the Newark police. Numerous speakers declared the police were being used to break the strike. They pointed out many instances where there were five cops to one picket at Prudential offices.

Another resolution requested that "all unions carrying either cash sickness benefits or welfare fund policies with Prudential, notify the company immediately that failure to bring about a speedy and mutually satisfactory settlement of the strike will cause termination of policies on expiration date."

salaries and the company's earn- | hit by a company auto. Local 19 men to help out in Newark every day, sometimes more."

Earlier in the day, D'Adolph had told reporters that 700 140 striking agents were arrested Local 19 pickets would join in Newark. Local 19 has been Newark strikers in a mass protest members to Newark where a that "700 of us are ready to be

The insurance agents are

Union men and women who are Prudential policy holders can also aid the strikers. Since there is a lot of confusion on the part of many who don't want to pay the premiums through strikebreaking channels and yet are afraid their policies will become invalid, the union has a special service for Prudential policy holders. Also policy holders' committees have been set up. D'Adolph states that policy holders should not pay by mail but get in touch with their agent or with the union for information. Policy holders can help in other ways to bring pressure on the company. So if you have insurance with Prudential, get in touch with the union.

Deadline for Militant

The deadline for articles and ads for The Militant is the Tuesday before the date of publication.

Notes from the News

THE GENERAL WASN'T SPEAKING IN GEN-ERAL. . . In his statement that he would accept the Republican nomination for president, Eisenhower declared: "Of course there is no question of the right of American citizens to organize in pursuit of their common convictions." Lest any reader jump to the conclusion that the General was condemning the Smith Act or defending the right of people with anti-Big Business or antiwar convictions to organize, it should be added that he was talking about the inalienable right of Americans to form Eisenhower-for-President Clubs.

SOURCE OF COLONIAL REVOLUTIONS. . . Walter White, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. speaking at the annual NAACP meeting at Freedom House in New York declared that the social upheaval sweeping the colonial world is "a revolt against white arrogance and colonial exploitation which would continue if Stalin and every other Communist in the world turned capitalist overnight."

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PROPAGANDA SPIGOT. . . General Ridgway's headquarters in Tokyo has issued a pamphlet to U.S. troops entitled "Japan - Friend and Ally." Attempting to eradicate the results of wartime "Slap-the-Japs" propaganda, the pamphlet says: "Forget any preconceived ideas that you have formed about the Japanese. Much that you have heard and much that you have read is at least

ceed in throwing the feudal-industrialist regime now in power off their backs then, of course, the army can turn on its other propaganda spigot labelled "Yellow Peril, Treacherous Japs, etc." * * *

cent of the companies in New York and New Jersey investigated by the Department of Labor were found to be violating minimum wage, overtime or child labor laws.

* * * DANIEL RENARD, French Trotskyist leader, proposed a united front against the war in an Jim Crow insurance giant is York. The anti-discrimination address to a delegated conference of the Renault auto workers at Billancourt, near Paris, on Nov. 10. Invited to present the viewpoint of the Inter. nationalist Communist Party, French section of the 4th International, he spoke to the Peace the evictions. The postponement Conference which was made up of representatives of the C.G.T. (Stalinist dominated union federation), the Communist Party of France, and itan Life offices and the calling aid of the 19. Yesterday a comother organizations. Renard opened his talk by of a mass demonstration for praising the democratic spirit of the gathering, eviction morning. went on to differ with the Stalinist slogan of a five-power pact as the answer to the war danger, | Tenants Committee to End Disbut proposed all forces at the conference "unite and fight" on the basis of concrete slogans which This organization has carried on late last night. Hundreds who could be agreed upon by all. Renard proposed slogans against the Indo-China and Korean wars, Metropolitan Life's Jim Crow ment arrived early at the project against all military appropriations and the At- policy in the huge city-aided and picketed in celebration of the lantic Pact.

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