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Can't Hold It Down

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Big Brass Is Reluctant To Make Korean Truce

neither to resume full-scale war around 300 a week. Youths in By Joseph Keller Washington and the Pentagon nor to get out. . . Casualties on Korea, about 500,000 of them, seem ever more reluctant to that basis will be accepted by might be segregated some way, achieve a truce in Korea. The U.S. at a rate of around 300 a left to do a job." imperialist politicians and profes- week. . .' The Big Brass hope to build an

sional militarists fear that once **300 PER WEEK** actual fighting ends the troops

American mothers and fathers will demand to be sent home and opposition at home will increase and wives will be asked to "accept" "around 300" casualties against the staggering armaments budget. These are the a week indefinitely. And it won't reasons, rather than alleged be considered war. No, explains, Chinese stalling, why cease fire U.S. News, "Korea, in effect, is negotiations have reached an ap- being turned into a training ground. . . At a cost in casualties parent stalemate.

"War, not peace, is the pro- of about 300 American youths and being killed in a U.S. imgram for Korea," states the each week, this country is able to perialist invasion of a colonial Jan. 18 U.S. News and World train half a million men at a nation 6,000 miles away. It will **Report.** But the American people, not to speak of the people of the The number of Americans in troops. be just "training" for U.S.

whole world, are bitterly opposed Korea now is close to half a milto continuation of the Korean The scheme, then, is to keep a assurance that the pot won't boil war. Therefore, the program of the warmakers is to carry on a huge army of half a million over at any time - fits in with "simmering war," with casualties troops in Korea in readiness for domestic politics in an election further extension of the war at year. By keeping the war a bit Clarke Predicts Workers' Victory "simmering war," with casualties troops in Korea in readiness for domestic politics in an election tacular level, until the political a more favorable time. Thus, the subdued, it will be possible, the atmosphere is more favorable for U.S. News adds the cynical note: Democratic and Republican poli-"Hope of politicians seems to be ticians hope, to keep Korea and full-scale warfare. "The political decision out of that voters will forget the war. the whole question of war and Washington and London . . . is Casualties then might be held to peace out of the elections. That

'PATIENT ENDURANCE"

The strategy of the "simmer-

ng" war is now being openly

Whose patient endurance? Not

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By Cy Thomas

can win their demands is through

the exercise of their economic

The arrogant steel barons have

demanding a three-week delay in

the CIO United Steelworkers

of the Bethlehem Steel Company's

power.

of the workers.

"This is alarming to one who

policy: "The military approach

has been about as great."

Here is a picture of the state

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Tension is mounting in the steel by the local union.

In Baltimore, 5,000 members of | iron out the dispute.

Union shut down the four mills FOOD FOR FINKS

and more steelworkers become dispute over an incentive plan

convinced that the only way they that has been under discussion

lown."

Negroes Defy Ku Klux Klan at NAACP Parley **Conference in Jacksonville** Time for Action

On Jan. 8, Socialist Workers Party chairman Farrell Dobbs wrote the steering committee of the civil rights assembly called by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for Washington on Feb. 17-18, urging them to "transform the character of this gathering into a mass mobilization that will express the determination of the American people to halt the growing racist terror." (See The Militant, Jan. 14.)

This letter has gone unanswered. Indeed, recent press releases of the NAACP disclose that instead of broadening the scheduled civil rights assembly it has been narrowed and is now being referred to as a "leadership conference." Even more disheartening to those who seek an effective program of action against racial terror is the complete silence of NAACP leaders on their own proposal for a nation-wide work stoppage to protest the murder of Harry T. and Harriet Moore.

The NAACP Board of Directors endorsed the proposa that secretary Walter White confer with labor leaders on the calling of a national one-day stop work protest demonofficial word since, a number of questions inevitably arise: Moore Protest stration against the brazen racists. As there has been no

Has anything been done to further the proposal since it was adopted by the leaders of the NAACP? Has Walter Los Angeles branch of the Social-White conferred with the AFL and CIO leaders? If he has, ist Workers Party is conducting Wilkins, administrator of the Iron Curtain between the "segre- how have they responded? Have they been sympathetic a vigorous campaign in support NAACP, told the audience that gated" troops at the front and to the proposal or have they rejected it? If the silence of the city-wide mass meeting Moore was killed because he the folks at home. They want to is not because the NAACP leaders haven't advanced the sponsored by the NAACP, AFL, fought the doctrine of white use the "simmering" war as proposal but because of the hesitancy of the labor leaders CIO, Anti-Defamation League justification for keeping the then all union members have a right to know. They could and other organizations to protest troops in Korea. They also want, for the time being, to keep then exert pressure from the ranks to persuade the top the Florida bombing terror which casualties down to a point where union officials of the necessity for action. the people at home will "forget"

The NAACP has organized protest mass meetings his wife Harriet. that American youth are killing throughout the country which have aroused enthusiastic support. Labor papers and union spokesmen in their great | Thursday, February 21, at the majority have condemned the frightful Jim Crow terror. Shrine Auditorium with Walter But words alone are not enough. As Farrell Dobbs wrote, Association for the Advancement noon by the Florida Peace Of-This concept of a "simhering" it is time for the kind of militant action "that will send of Colored People, as the main ficers Association which had One of the delegates to the



Unions, NAACP In L.A. Plan Joint

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22 - The The emergency conference culminated in a mass meeting attended by 1,200 people. Roy supremacy. A message from Walter White, NAACP secretary, declared that "the bomb has

replaced the lyncher's rope" and culminated Christmas night in that violence in the South was the murder of Harry T. Moore and no longer directed primarily the Grand Dragon of the Florida against the Negro but that now "Jews, Catholics, trade union-The mass meeting will be held White, secretary of the National a radio broadcast of that after- Negro. He was a Communist and

Pledges to Fight Spreading Racial Terrorism in South By George Lavan

Meeting in defiance of a giant Ku Klux Klan rally of robed racial terrorists in nearby Tallahassee, over 150 delegates representing approximately 10,000 members of the National Association for D the Advancement of Colored Peo-

NAACP leader Harry T. Moore

and resolved to carry on the

work for which he gave his life.

Plans were mapped at the con-

erence to combat the wave of

racist terror and to carry on the

fight for equal rights.

hate organization."

A dramatic moment of the con-

MOORE GETS AWARD

Our Program to Stop Terrorism 1. A nationwide work stop-

page 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.

timidation of the NAACP. The preceding week a Conference of Florida sheriffs brazenly invited, KKK to address its Daytona Beach convention. There the KKK ists" and others were targets of leader barked that the murdered the bigots. Wilkins also answered | Harry T. Moore, "wasn't just a a trouble maker in this state." meared the NAACP as a "racial gathering was Willis V

McCall of Lake County. McCall

shot two handcuffed Negro

JUSTICE DOUGLAS HITS WITCH-HUNT, ASIA POLICY projected. The N. Y. Herald

By Jerry Warren

Tribune states the case editorially Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas has written on Jan. 23: "It is at least possible a bitter description of the current witch hunt in the U.S. that the United States has been and its connection with the reactionary military program too eager for a 'peace' or 'truce' by which we have actually less of U.S. imperialism against the? Asian revolution. This article, We are developing tolerance only to gain than we have imagined. entitled "The Black Silence of for the orthodox point of yiew There is a third alternative be-Fear," appeared in the New York on world affairs, intolerance for tween surrender or renewal of all-Times Sunday Magazine section new or different approaches. . . out war. There is the alternative audience remained glued to their There have been eras of incf patient endurance. . ." of Jan. 13.

The very next day the N. Y. tolerance when the views of the Herald Tribune's but that of tions. Times carried a front page story minorities have been suppressed. the half million troops, who will by its chief political writer, But there probably has not been Arthur Krock, asserting that a period of greater intolerance

Douglas was out of the running than we witness today." as a presidential possibility. To appreciate the Krock alleges that Douglas wrote atmosphere in the U.S., Douglas Truman from India last August says one should go abroad for a stating that he was not interested while (as he did in several trips in the Democratic Party nomina- to Asia). "When he returns to tion. No word of Douglas' alleged America after a few months he letter ever reached the press until probably will be shocked. . . He the day following his anti-witch will be shocked at the arrogance nunt, anti - Asian policy article and intolerance of great segments of the American press, at the was printed! arrogance and intolerance of

MARKED UNRELIABLE

many leaders in public office, at Douglas' article certainly the arrogance and intolerance recaused Big Business to mark him flected in many of our attitudes down in its books as unreliable. toward Asia. . . In his story Krock wrote that Democratic bigwigs who had been loves his country. It means that considering Douglas as a replace- the philosophy of strength ment for Truman on the presi- through free speech is being dential ticket "got goose flesh forsaken for the philosophy of and developed a fever over this fear through repression." (Douglas') article," and that the THE MILITARY MIND news that a man with such In Douglas' opinion the represdangerous thoughts was out of the running "should restore their sion stems from U.S. foreign

political health." Douglas' article is significant conditioned our thinking and our PLANT-WIDE STRIKE because it is a sober, public planning. The military, in fact, criticism by an important judicial determined our approach to the personage of Big Business' reck- Asians and their problems. That less drive toward all-out war in has been a great tragedy in Asia. Asia and toward a police state And the tragedy to us at home at home.

The article begins: "There is an ominous trend in this nation - although there can be no the racists scurrying back to their holes

In Coming International Showdown

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 19 - George Clarke, editor of for an overflow attendance and s precisely what Truman proposthe Marxist magazine, Fourth International, made a great for a militant program to combat ed in his State of the Union hit here with an audience of auto workers, unemployed the Jim Crow terror." Message and what the Big Money and students who gathered to hear his speech on the "Ap- the world scene. They will be backers of Gen. Eisenhower want.

proaching International Show- richly rewarded with a greater Sunday heard NAACP attorney

The response was shown by the victory for the working class of of the Florida outrage. Williams repeated applause which greeted the world. This was the opinion is the attorney who defended Clarke's analysis. The audience of everyone who heard Clarke three Negro youth framed in speak in Flint. showed such a thirst for informa-

tion on the world crisis of capitalism that Clarke extended his speech to try to quench their audience filled the Socialist Work- two were shot in cold blood by desires. Even after the conclusion ers Party hall here to listen to Sheriff McCall while being con-George Clarke, in the Detroit apof his speech, which had the close attention of everyone, the pearance of his national tour. A lively discussion period followed the speech. More literature was chairs for another hour to hear sold at this meeting than at any the speaker's answers to ques-

meeting in the past two years. (See Clarke Tour Schedule

Every reader of the Militant should hear Clarke's analysis of on Page 2)

In Youngstown, Local 1331

for over a year. The men went

back to work after giving the

In Gary's mammoth steel center

insight into the prospects of Franklin Williams tell the story

Groveland, Florida on a charge of 'rape." He won a Supreme Court DETROIT, Jan. 20-A capacity reversal of their conviction but

> ducted to court. Harry T. Moore protested this inhuman deed. Six weeks later he was murdered. The Los Angeles SWP is asking the unions to support the NAACP proposal for a protest work stoppage by holding a citywide stop-work demonstration.

Steel Locals Resist Provocations

speaker.

PLEDGES SUPPORT

Myra Tanner Weiss, chairman

of the Los Angeles SWP, pledged

all-out support to the joint mass

meeting. "The Socialist Workers

Party," she declared, "is prepar-

ed to wage a vigorous campaign

A preliminary mass meeting

attended by 2500 people here last

officials of half a dozen Gary fight." centers of this country as more shut down Republic Steel in a locals representing 35,000 steel-

Truman's "Defense Mobilizer" workers issued a sharp protest Charles E. Wilson has been cause it was only a "little" fraud. against WSB permitting the stumping the country for the prowould strike Feb. 22 unless the

profits run wild. Ryan's agreement.

have joined in issuing a special being treated by the corpora-

strike sentiment reached a fever port of the union's 22 demands. ernment. By their actions they Sparrows Point plant in an overtime dispute. This is the first pitch when it was discovered that The paper is titled: 22 in 52 or are serving notice that they are time in the history of Sparrows U.S. Steel Corporation was mov- Fight. The lead article calls upon ready and willing to fight for Ryan who gleefully hailed the and self-proclaimed represent Point that "unauthorized" plant- ing in cars of meat and other the Youngstown steelworkers to their just demands.

Award is conferred annually by the Christmas night lynch-hombthe Council Against Intolerance ing of Moore and his wife. in America to persons selected As Florida police and the FBI for their "furtherance of the remained inactive on the Moore principles of democracy." case, the terror continued to The race-hate Tallahassee spread throughout the South and gathering of the Ku Klux Klan into the North. Latest Florida

ference was the posthumous con- prisoners, killing one, last Nov.

ferring of the Jefferson Award 6. It was Moore's demand for the

to Harry T. Moore. The Jefferson indictment of McCall that led to

was not the only attempted in-(Continued on page 2)

N.Y. DOCKMEN ROOKED BY **STATE LABOR BOARD**

By Frank Faber

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 - East Coast dock workers have been taken for a ride by a New York State "factfinding" board set up by Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi to "study" the causes of P

the insurgent strike that tied up phony agreement but quickly the waterfront here last fall for added in criticism that "a mere glance at the report seems to ina period of 25 days.

The strike broke out in protest dicate that the board went far against an agreement signed afield," in suggesting that Ryan's after a phony membership refer- cesspool be fumigated.

One of the major recomendum by Joseph Ryan, lifetime mendations of the "fact-finders" president of the AFL Internaional Longshoremen's Associa- was that the union "establish a tion. The strike committee ac- fact-finding board of three public cused Ryan of fraud and demand- members, at least temporarily, to wide strike action had been taken food to feed strikebreakers in the "use the next 45 days to prepare ed that the agreement be sift grievances of members and component units and members and component units and make recomupheld the charge of fraud but mendations to the ILA," until a ruled the agreement valid be- permanent "arbiter" is established,

If there is anything the in-Handwriting and other excorporations to stall the steel fit - hungry corporations preach- perts had been called in, the surgent longshoremen should wage case and warning they ing the disastrous effect a steel board report states, "and had learn from this dispute it is to wage increase will have on the determined to its satisfaction that steer clear of mealy - mouthed economy. Truman himself used in three locals there were "arbiters" and "fact-finders" and his State of the Union message evidences of fraud." However, to rely on their own strength and to Congress to strike a blow at because the "irregularities" dis- organization. The Corsi board the steel wage demands by warn- covered were judged insufficient was set up for one purpose and ing that wages must be kept to "have changed the final result" one purpose alone: to get the "stabilized" while prices and the board upheld the validity of men back to work and then jam Ryan's fraudulent agreement

Having disposed of the central down their throats." issue in dispute to the complete These college

Truman and his gang of satisfaction of Ryan and the ship- priests, ward heelers and profesprofessors. mobilizers and stabilizers are out owners, the "fact-finders" re- sional social workers who have picket line," they said if no to do a hatchet job for the commended a whole series of the towering gall to palm themsatisfactory agreement is reached. corporations. The steelworkers union reforms in a 114-page selves off as impartial represen-In the strategic Youngstown are showing their displeasure report which strike committee tatives of the "public" interest district seven important locals with the way their demands are attorney Peter Johnson char- are the most blatant fraud of acterized as "sophomoric with all. Ryan, at least, is an unedition of a newspaper in sup- tions and their stooges in gov- platitudes, promises, income abashed scoundrel who can deceive no one. But beware of the tables and things to come." This opinion was confirmed by "impartial" arbiters, fact-finders board's decision whitewashing the 'tatives of "the public."

company seven days in which to dispute was settled. work out an acceptable plan. STRIKE MEETING continued their stalling tactics by MORE SHUTDOWNS Orval Kincaid, Gary subdistrict A dispute over the question of director, was authorized to call the presentation of their case to incentive rates led to a walkout a meeting next week of the Gary the Wage Stabilization Board. In last Monday of 13,000 workers at

strike strategy board. Steel union the meantime they have carried the huge Aliquippa plant of Jones representatives in the Gary dison a policy of provocation in the and Laughlin Steel Corporation. plants that is meeting with The one-day strike led to a comdetermined resistance on the part | plete shutdown. The men went back to work upon the assurance

with union representatives to

"We will fight it out on the of the company that it will meet

trict are opposed to any extension, HATCHET MEN. beyond the Feb. 22 deadline.

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THE MILITANT

Monday, January 28, 1952

Truman's New War Budget By John G. Wright Inter the Will go, as last year, for war of entire annual national income. Marty Fund Campaign Reaches 93% of Quota

On Jan. 16 Truman in his "Economic Report" demanded of the American people that they foot a staggering bill of \$85.4 billion in payment for the "State of War" message to Congress issued a week earlier.

Only twice before, during the peak years of World War II, have the American people been soaked so much and so hard as of Truman, Pentagon and Wall Street.

Gone are all pretenses of main-'taining a "balanced" budget, as Truman so falsely claimed he would last year. Deficit government spending is this time openly earmarked for what this demaadmitted. And it is topped by a gogue labels as "major national demand for billions more in security programs." This means taxes. Veterans' programs and that some \$68 billion will go social services have been sliced directly to pay for "the military in order to raise all the higher services," plus "international expenditures for arms here and security and foreign relations" abroad. The living and working (read: financing the arms prostandards of American workers gram abroad), plus the expenare thus to be subjected to a the dollar; and on the other, by a cost.

hugely expanded "guns not butter" program.

In the pre-Korea days the budget called for "armed services'" expenditures of \$12.3 billion. This time Truman demanded by this "Garrison State" budget \$50 billion, or more than four times as much. The actual increase is far higher: incredible

police. In Florida, police officials

declared the bombings "pointed

months there have been 15 actual

or attempted bombings in Miami

in the wave of floggings in the

The Militant has warned that

Southeast.

made in the Moore bombings or justice.

expenditures (likewise slashed), Of the huge sums already aplisted by Truman, amount to less propriated by Congress for the by deficit government spending, than \$14 billion dollars! And this military, there are some 90 to past, current and projected. comparatively small remainder 100 billion dollars still unspent. RUNNING IN RED two-pronged onslaught: on the Bombs and other "fantastic likewise contains other hidden (The Brass Hats had previously one flank, by inflation fed by weapons," plus the interest on expenditures for war. Actually demanded \$60 billion more than deficit government spending and what all this costs and what the not 15% of the total budget, as the sums Congress appropriated, by the resulting debasement of previous arms programs have Truman falsely claimed, but ap- but that was "refused.") Now proximately 10% will go for Truman has come forward to add

Excluding the cost of "vet- "non-defense" expenses, includ- \$50 billion more, raising the total erans' programs" (drastically ing social services, welfare, projected arms expenditures to

will go, as last year, for war or entire annual national income. war-connected expenses, past and | With the current budget, the present.

American people will find them-The world has never before selves economically not on the seen in "peacetime" such snow- threshold of the Garrison State of expenditures for but right across this threshold. balling 'military services" as those By October last 'year "checks which the American people from the government" already have suffered in the 18 months supplied about one-fourth of the since Korea. In the first six "national income" (U.S. News, months from June to Decem- Oct. 5, 1951). By the beginning ber 1950, arms expenditures al. of this year, 51/2 million found most doubled (leaping from \$12.3) themselves employed in defense billion in June to \$22 billion in industries, while the ranks of the Dec. 1950). By December of last unemployed began to increase by year they had again more than scores of thousands in all confoubled, soaring to \$45 billion. sumer-goods industries, from auto And now-still another demand and house appliances to leather

and textiles. More ominous than for even higher arms expenditures. And here we come to the this mushrooming of arms prosecond "hidden" feature of Truman's "Garrison State Economy."

duction amid a slump in the "light" industry, is the tremendous impetus imparted to inflation fund total to date \$60. We hope

The Treasury has been running deeply into the red for many onths now on the basis of last year's arms expenditures. But these deficits have thus far been in the 100% category when the "covered" by the shadiest of manipulations. To illustrate, for Feb. 4.

the six months through Dec. 1951 the Treasury has run at a deficit of \$7.5 billion. And here is how, "without borrowing," this deficit has been "covered." First, the

Harry Gold, director of New York Local's campaign, says: You can count on New York being 100% by the deadline."



By Reba Aubrey

Fund Campaign Manager

Payments to the \$18,000 Organ-

ization and Press fund this week

totaled .\$686. The scoreboard.

computed on the basis of receipts

through Jan. 21, shows a total of

\$16.810 or 93% of the national

Sixteen branches are now over

the top with a score of 100% or

better. A. Dalton from Toledo

wrote early in the week: "Am

enclosing a check for \$35 - our

pledge in full and I hope on time.

Our wonderful sympathizers came

through with flying colors; other-

wise this would have been im-

possible." Today Comrade Dalton

sent another \$5: "This makes our

Six branches have yet to com-

plete their quotas - Boston, New

York, Youngstown, San Fran-

cisco, Pittsburgh and Allentown.

With two weeks remaining before

the deadline, we anticipate pay-

ments that will nut these branches

final scoreboard is computed on

Sally Conti of Boston assures

us "that now the campaign is ex-

tended. I'm quite sure we'll make

to raise this a little higher."

quota.

of civil liberties as it appears to the liberal jurist: "Fear has many manifestations. The Communist threat inside the country has been other \$2.7 billion to the "publicly- magnified and exalted far beyond its realities. Irresponsible talk by irresponsible people has fanned (and the interest charges on it). the blames of fear. Accusations (Source: "Daily Statement" of have been loosely made.. Character assassinations have become common. Suspicion has taken the place of good will. . .

FEAR AND SUSPICION

gain.

"Suspicion grows until only the orthodox idea is the safe one. Suspicion grows until only the orthodox view, or who once having been a Communist, has been on the Harry T. Moore case and

The resulting boost to inflation and the bar. Those accused of to buy it, for it had a story about expressed agreement with the illegal Con nunist activity Harry T. Moore in it. One man ssive depasement of the dollar is no secret to all presumed innocent, of course, trying to tell a lady not to buy ton and for the building of the financial sharks. The mere until found guilty - have dif- found a surprise when she said a publication of Truman's budget ficulty getting reputable lawyers Negro has been killed and if this sufficed to cause the dollar's for- to defend them. Lawyers have paper has a story about it I issue were sold the following day eign exchange rate to drop in talked with me about it. Many want to read it. Many were readelation to other relatively stable are worried. Some could not ing the paper inside. currencies, such as the Canadian volunteer their services, for if dollar. A Scripps-Howard finan- they did they would lose clients this Sunday also and sold 13 cial writer does not hesitate to and their firms would suffer. papers. She said if she had got speak of "the flight of the Amer- Others could not volunteer be- there even earlier she would have ican dollar" i.e. of U.S. capital, cause if they did they would be sold her whole bundle. Barney to Canada, whose dollar is now at dubbed 'subversive' by their com- has been working on a project munity and put in the same since the last subscription drive, category as those they would and continually revisits his sub-The N. Y. Times, mouthpiece of the most influential capitalist defend. This is a dark tragedy. scribers and sells them literature "Fear has driven more and circles, which has hitherto backed and tickets to our meetings. He nore men and women in all walks has had some very excellent the fiscal measures as well as of life either to silence or to the results. Last week he sold 15 the previous budgets of the Trufolds of the orthodox. Fear has more copies of the Negro Strugmounted - fear of losing one's gle pamphlet there." job, fear of being investigated, fear of being pilloried. This fear did a bang-up job on the campus

M. Jones of Youngstown hopespaid on their \$250 pledge. "to be able to send the balance A. G., a friend in Los Angeles, cf our quota in the Organization sent in a \$3 contribution for the and Press fund in a few days." fund.

A check for \$315 from San Sam K., a veteran of the radical Francisco shot their score to 77%.movement and an Old Guard Our group of friends in the Trotskyist from 1928, came into South hit 172% with another \$15, our office Saturday to contribute which gives them a total of \$430\$1 to help in the campaign.

\$18,000 FUND) SCOR	EBOA	RD
Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Cleveland	\$ 300	\$ 379	-126
Toledo	50	60	120
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	530	96.
New York	5,000	4,468	90
Youngstown	350	295	84
San Francisco	1,000	770	77
Pittsburgh	50	35	.70
Allentown	75	45	60
General	1,150	714	62
Total through Jan. 2	21 \$18,000	\$16,810	93

THE MILITANT ARMY

Detroit sends in a number of | are accompanied by a promise of Militant renewals this week, the "more to come." Elaine, who is in result of 115 visits by a hard-charge of the renewal campaign,

working crew. Lit- is also the pacesetter. Harold, erature Agent Bea Marj and Snow did a good job Allen reports a very too, Bert writes.

favorable response Lou Cooper reports that Akron among subscribers is at the half way mark in their many of whom have renewal work. Sally and Kat been hard hit by spent about five hours last Sunlayoffs. Bea plans day visiting subscribers. Kat's callbacks on unemplans for expanding literature ploved workers and work include regular sales at the expects many of meeting of the CIO Council. these to renew when

New York Literature Agent they are working Ethel Swanson sends in the names of the high scorers at the suc-

In addition to their renewal cessful demonstration and sale of work Detroit conducted a very 600 Militants reported in last successful sale of the Moore week's Militant: "Lenny went out issue. "Last Sunday," Bea writes, twice and sold 14 papers in person who loudly proclaims that "Gil, Leroy, Fred, and Cyn went Brooklyn and 36 in Harlem for a to a mass meeting of the NAACP total of 50; George R. sold 34: Fred E., 32; and Jack J. and converted, is trustworthy. Com- sold 70 copies of The Militant Anne sold 31 each. Many comsmaller budget (of \$71 billion) petition for embracing the new and 43 copies of 'The Struggle ments by passers-by showed an has, as the Treasury statements orthodoxy increases. Those who for Negro Equality' plus four enthusiastic interest in the program of The Militant and the that size. So the new and much Everyone who does not follow We were very pleased at the Socialist Workers Party. One person was interested in joining many comments were made about the party and another in helping

slogan for a march on Washing

defense guards.

"Another 24 copies of this

at a Moore memorial meeting at

Negro Delegates Defy Ku Kluxers

atrocity was a beating and shoot- with this the Grand Dragon of quarters of the AFL meat work- gings or desecration of churches ing of a 26 year old Negro taxi the Associated Carolinas Klans ers union in Chicago. The blast and synagogues. The next outdriver in Winter Garden, not far boasted that many "state highway, racked the area and damaged the break could come in the North from the scene of the Moore patrolmen, sheriff's deputies and building. Chicago police quickly or the South.' murders. The spread of terrorism | constables" are members of his | adopted the tactics of the Florida to North Carolina was revealed organization.

by a statement of the sheriff of SPREAD OF TERROR

Columbus County that his deputies are afraid to approach A foretaste of the spread of Communists were involved." In States," Charles Abrams, special houses at night. Rural house- the terror bombings to the North Chicágo, police immediately point- correspondent of the N. Y. Post, holders are jittery and armed be- and against labor unions, was ed the finger of accusation at the writes from Florida: ". . . the cause of a wave of floggings by seen in the Jan. 20 bombing of CIO.

TUNISIAN MASSES RISE **AGAINST FRENCH RULERS**

Emulating the British in Egypt, the French colonial despots, backed by Washington, are shooting down Tunisians in cold blood. On Jan. 14, ten Tunisian war veterans were wounded. On Jan. 17, three

demonstrators were killed and 30 by the Treaty of Bardo (which wounded. On Jan. 21, three were billed and 20 wounded Bein they forced in 1881 on the Bey this racist terrorism, if allowed Florida (population of only 3,-billed and 20 wounded Bein killed and 20 wounded. Rein- Generals rule arbitrarily over throughout the country. Others dragged from his bed and forcements from Algeria have this North African "protectorate," are now becoming aware of the murdered by a white mob, and a been rushed in to stiffen this with a population of over 3 1/3 danger. Alex Miller, southern year before another Negro was French assault upon the Tunisian million.

people: "Armored cars and troops The Neo-Destour Party asks surrounded the Arab section of monarchy in the framework of the capital, while police in the the "French Union," leaving city lead terrorists in other areas have recently occurred there. European section searched defense and foreign affairs in Tunisians for weapons," reported | French hands. It thus does not the Associated Press. On Jan. 22, fighting was in progress in a for real inde-pendence, being ready to settle W. Walden, Old-Time IWW town south of Tunis, captured for an "improved" protectorate. by the insurgent people. But the French bourgeoisie re-

though this may seem. According to Truman's own doctored estimates, 80 cents out of each budget-dollar are TRUMAN reduced), all other "non-defense" ditures for more A-Bombs, Hell-

Treasury has "reduced" its "working balance" — for a total night-riding mobs. In connection the new half-million dollar head- to substitute dynamite for flogof \$3.1 billion. This is a bookkeeping device pure and simple, which cannot be repeated again.

> EPIDEMIC OF VIOLENCE but it does not appear that way on the books.

In an article entitled, "Fla. Second, the Treasury approstrongly to the conclusion that Violence Spreads to Other priated the "net surplus". from old-age pension fund and other "government trust' accounts" to the tune of \$1.7 billion. In place wave of dynamitings and racist of money, these "trust accounts" Bombing and racist terrorism terrorism that started last May now have more IOU's, otherwise spread and will continue to has flared into an epidemic of known as government bonds, spread so long as the terrorists violence that threatens to engulf certificates and the like. Finally, have reason to believe that they the entire Southeast, a survey the Treasury simply added anare immune from arrest or revealed today. Not a single punishment. In the past few major arrest has been made." held debt," that is, lifted still The Negro people and other higher the huge national debt targets of the terrorists can put alone. No major arrests have no reliance on the Southern police been made. No arrests have been to bring the perpetrators to the Treasury Department June 29

and Dec. 29, 1951.) An idea of the reign of terror in this area can be formed from financial expert to understand the fact that in Winter Garden, that such tricks "cover" up nothing but a progressive debasement of the country's monetary standard. It is equally selfevident that by "admitting" a \$14.4 billion deficit for his pro-jected and much larger budget, director of the Anti-Defamation "taken for a ride" by white men League, states: "Racial bigots who threw his body onto the for an independent constitutional and terrorists are imitative. Un- highway. In addition to this a punished bombing attacks in one number of beatings of Negroes.

into the red.

And Asia Policy (Continued from page 1)

One does not have to be a

Truman was lying. Last year's

roughly \$20 billion, if not more, suspect. . .

bigger budget is bound to run the military policymakers is amount of literature sold, and

show, been piling up deficits of are unorthodox are suspect. copies of "The Road to Peace."

"Fear even strikes at lawyers the paper as people told others to sell the paper. Many workers

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DEMAND AUTONOMY

The "crime" of these Tunisian ers by mass demonstrations. nationalists consists in their The French "Socialists" began leader, Habib Bourghiba's demand by threatening, because of Tunthat the French live up to their promise to grant Tunisia, seized from Edgar Faure's newly formed 71 years ago, internal autonomy cabinet. They ended by support-- a freely - elected Tunisian parliament and a government without any French "representan "indefinite" general strike. In atives," i.e., dictators.

Although the French "guaranteed" the country's autonomy

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Militant, Dies at Age of 62

Editor: Wayne Walden, long an active member and After months of fruitless worker for the Industrial Workers of the World, died on negotiations with the French by January 9 at Wilmington, Delaware. He was buried near

prisoners were thrown into con- two of these ministers was made Wilmington. Some fellow-workers in 1916 and 1917, he became centration camps "somewhere in to the United Nations in Paris. went down from New York to active in anarcho-syndicalism as Tunisia." The nationalist weekly In vain! Thereupon the Tunisian pay a last tribute to this old well as the I.W.W. itself. Already fighter for industrial freedom. a capable writer, he joined Harry and Egyptian struggle against He was 62 years old at the time Howard and the Russian Anarchcolonialism, supported their lead- of his death, which resulted from ist Aron Baron in editing an par. heart attack.

Anarchist paper, "Alarm." Walden, like Frank Little and Wayne Walden, born in Texas, was brought up in Colorado dur- many others, believed in direct isia, to withdraw their support ing the fighting days of the old and militant opposition to the Western Federation of Miners. Wilson War.

With regard to Wilson's propa-He worked in the mines as a ganda slogans of a "war to end 23, those "members of Congress ing Faure. Meanwhile the Tunis- boy, but shifted to cow-punching ian workers answered by calling and other work. He joined the for democracy," Walden pointed who nave expressed their deter-ion "indefinite" control strikes In I.W.W. in 1911, and at once be- for democracy," Walden pointed mination" to "whittle down" the and other work. He joined the war" and make the world "safe their struggle against French came known through his splendid out with complete accuracy that Wilson took us into the war to on to call "for a re-examination imperialism the mass organiza- singing voice at street meetings ions of the North African people in the Northwest. He soon be-world safe for the Morran ion's inflationary deworld safe for the Morgan in- fenses all along the line. leserve the fullest support and came an effective speaker, and terests and their munitions shipsympathy of American workers. an interngent and construction gangs, an intelligent and courageous job ments. Wayne was arrested even BURDEN ON LABOR The cause for which the Tunis- the harvest fields and elsewhere. before the Conscription Act was Walden took part in the hard- passed.

struggle today is the same for fought free speech fight in .W.W. card for many years be- organized labor, the poor farmers which the American people fought Kansas City. In 1915, when the fore his death, he believed in and and the city poor who have al-Agricultural Workers' Organsupported its principles to the ready paid through the nose for days." ization of the I.W.W. (400) was end. In his last years, his prin- the war program of American The right of self-determination, formed, he did fine organizing cipal companionship was that of imperialism. When such enemies work in the Dakotas. In Chicago,

workers.

his devoted wife Lena (Lena of labor as the editors of the N.Y. Fusco), also an old-time rebel. Times become concerned, it is daughter, Eleanor, and a grand- rouse itself. The first condition child. He will be sadly missed by for a successful struggle against all his old friends and fellow-

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The "Dirty War"

The French people have named French imperialism's aggression against the Indo-Chinese people the "Dirty War." This expresses the loathing of the French workers and farmers for France's five-year assault of flame and murder, carried out with American arms and money, in Indo-China.

For its bestial work of slaughter, rape and robbery in Southeast Asia, the French capitalist government has relied primarily on mercenaries. The French people have forced through a law prohibiting the use of conscripted or drafted French youth for colonial duty. Only paid "volunteers" — the fascist and criminal elements of France, North African professional colonial troops, plus former Nazi SS men and others of the Foreign Legion - have been turned loose on the Indo-Chinese. These are the types who would — for a cash payment — cut a throat in an alley or bayonet women and children in Indo-China with equal relish.

Popular revulsion in France to this war is so great that one French government after another has toppled. The French rulers have come to the U.S. with appeals for direct American intervention with air, naval and land forces. There is evidence that Washington has secretly committed this country to feed such forces into Indo-China if the French can't hold on - and they can't.

There is grave danger that the American imperialists are going to use American forces - draftees, for the most part - for the filthy chore that the French people would permit only to hired mercenaries and fascist volunteers. U.S.'s own "Dirty War" in Korea, face the prospect of being sent to fight France's "Dirty War."

What contempt the American people will bring down upon them from the rest of the world if they permit their sons, dragooned against their will into the armed forces, to take over the role assigned for the past five years exclusively to the lowest French mercenaries.

Let the People Decide!

On Jan. 23 the Wall Street Journal, influential daily of U.S. financiers and speculators, front-paged a scoop by its Washington correspondent to the effect that "top strategists of the Pentagon and the State Department" have committed themselves to Paris for all-out "aid" in Indo-China. Since U.S. munitions and equipment have for be a signal for the U.S. soldiers "blessing," the Nov. 27, 1951, months been flowing to this area, this decision can only to start a huge "Bring Us Back Wall Street Journal found that mean the sending of American boys to die in Indo-China Home" movement, such as swept peace could be a curse - at least 383; South Korean. 301.864: 15 as they still are dying in Korea.

"If things go this far, Congress will complain," cynically comments Wall Street Journal's staff correspondent. "but probably that's all, Administration bigwigs figure. The President will consult with his henchmen on Capitol Hill (and maybe even some key Republicans) as things get worse in Indo-China, but he's not expected to ask Congress to vote on whether we'd throw in planes, ships - or even then Secretary of Defense George of European defense will be more ariven from their homes by the ment's strategic position and [infantry] troops."

It is plain enough what is being plotted: Truman,

Italian Workers in Critical Plight By Charles Hanley Under the title "Italian Perspectives." Pierre Frederix, Of the War Bases

a special correspondent of a leading French capitalist daily, Le Monde, published in December 1951 a series of articles surveying the existing

The workers resisted, and con-Italian situation, which is a tinue to resist this trend with highly critical one. the utmost energy. Several fac-In the official statistics some 1,800,000 unemployed are listed; tories have been occupied since many, however, are not inscribed 1947. The Stalinist - led unions never declared that they were on the official lists. Italian seizing the plants; they merely unemployed insurance benefits are very meager; and the agriculstated they wanted to prove the tural workers in the south get inability of the capitalists to nothing when they are out of maintain production as against work. In fact only 600,000 re- the workers' ability to do so. Thus, the workers of the big ceive unemployed insurance benefits. Five hundred thousand Ansaldo docks in Genoa occupied them for 70 days in 1950 and others get paid for participating in various government schemes began building a 25,000 - ton vessel. The workers of one fac (vocational training, public works in the south, government-financed tory in Reggio (Emilia) occupied it for one year (until October construction work). In some regions, certain landlords are 1951), parading in the streets of obliged to employ jobless agricul-tural workers. The 600,000 who made. These occupations led to these

get insurance receive it for only compromise solutions. Remaining subtle. De Gasperi, the Prime isolated, they failed to deal 180 days yearly. decisive blows to Italian capital-INDUSTRY CONVERTED sm.

After World War II the era of Those capitalists whose factnilitary production closed for the ories are temporarily occupied unwise to provoke a civil war

ime being. Italian industry which get them back by yielding some against millions of socialist workers. This administration tries to concessions to the workers. had developed under Mussolini had to be converted entirely to After a few months, when busi- avoid the use of force against the ness is bad, the same conflicts peace production. But there were working class. (These tactics would, of course, change in the not many possibilities for export, arise again without any fundaand the buying power of the mental solution. The workers are face of a general assault.) Italian people was too small to thus caught in a vicious circle The economy of Italian capitalabsorb all these goods. The in- because the extension of this inism is incurably sick. The clever dustrialists therefore wanted to cipient offensive against capitalbourgeois doctors can prolong its

reduce the volume of their ism runs counter to the Stalinist life, but they cannot cure it of production and to fire thousands line of conciliation. The Government's reaction to Marshall Plan, it has been a flop. of workers.

Conscripted American youth, already being used in the U.S. BIG BRASS FEAR KOREA TRUCE WANT TO KEEP WAR "SIMMERING

(Continued from page 1) 1 A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army com- income taxes on wage-earners. be kept indefinitely on a foreign mander in Korea and head of The present stalemate and consoil and slowly drained by "around "Operation Killer."

300" battle casualties a week, "Korea has been a blessing," disease and frost-bite, being Van Fleet opined. "There had to 'trained" for full-scale slaughter be a Korea either here or some whenever the Washington poli- place in the world. . . There had

ticians figure the home folks have to be a Korea to put our defenses been swung into line. in good shape. Our factories now No small part of the decision are turning out more and more to keep a "simmering" war going, arms again. . ."

with the number of casualties PEACE A "CURSE"

that the Americans will "accept" In the same sense as Van Fleet and "forget." is the fear that cessation of actual fighting will finds the Korean carnage a the armed forces at the end of for capitalism. "It is under-

the last war. The troops in Korea standable that peace in Korea, or 8,698. don't believe in this war and even talk of peace, should make would welcome any movement to people - in the United States as WITHDRAW TROOPS well as Europe - less eager to get them home. Moreover, they would get plenty sacrifice civilian standards for

letdown" in war sentiment if a The scheme to keep a "sim- If the American people want class elements who would readily The dispatch further tells us the Jan. 9 N. Y. Post, one of the truce were reached. "He said it mering" war going in Korea is to save themselves and the rest ally themselves to labor, provided plus the five-star generals, plus the pin-striped diplomats, may be very hard to resist pres- part of the drive to squeeze more of such labor's leadership followed a bold, men of the Wisconsin over the "Cardinal Spellman, who made sure to bring the boys back and more military funds out of "blessings," they will put no faith consistent, pro-socialist course. It public address system" and "then a long-distance plea from Tekyo." home' but the country must do the American people. The sickly whatever in the generals and is not too late: The Italian work- toured the ship before retiring so." (United Press, July 2, 1951.) capitalist economy needs bigger admirals who have been negotiat- ers are not beaten into sub- for the night in the captain's tween church and state has be-The war profiteers, capitalist and bigger doses of war spending, ing at Panmunjom. Instead, they mission. Their organizations are cabin." The U.S. Navy and Air come flimsy indeed when an politicians and Big Brass have Last August, the breaking off of will demand with all the power all intact. There is no doubt Force were put at his disposal to agent of the Vatican like Spellanother impelling reason for fear- the truce negotiations coincided they possess that the U.S. forces about their determination to travel throughout the Far East, man can play such an influential

inuation of the Korean war fits every priest is a Christianin with Truman's latest demand Democratic propagandist, every for an \$83 billion war budget. Thus, we are to have, it appears, more of the "blessing" of the Korean war which has cost Italian Christian Democracy?" the combined U.S., South Korean asks Frederix. And in answer, and UN forces a total of 414,- he says: "I believe so." Afraid 945 military casualties, according to an Associated Press survey

released in Paris on Jan. 16. clude so - called "non - combat" casualties due to sickness, frostbite, etc. — were listed as 104,-

than two million Korean civilians C. Marshall expressed fear of a cifficult and much more costly..." U.S. "scorched earth" policy. alienated many dissatisfied middle

he United States has to finance Italy's imports of supplementary raw materials. Rearmament will not absorb the greater part of

Italy's unemployed. Socialism remains the only alternative. Despite this incurable condition.

taly has one of Europe's most stable governments; with Alcide le Gasperi as Prime Minister since December 1945. He formed his seventh cabinet in July 1951. Middle East and Europe. His Christian Democrat party has These two events are the latest held a virtual monopoly of political power since the general encroachments of the Catholic elections of April 1948. In June hierarchy — a totalitarian ma-1946, the Christian Democrats chine owing allegiance to a obtained 35 percent of the popular supreme and "infallible" Emperor vote; in April 1948, 48.5 percent. in Rome — on the government Pierre Frederix explains that and institutions of the American the 35 percent of 1946 constitutes people. the party's real base while the

What is significant is not that other 13.5 percent rallied to the Truman dared to nominate a Christian Democratic camp after general as an official U.S. reprebig anti-communist campaign Minister, knows that they fall sentative to the Vatican, but that n which the American - financed far short of abolishing Italian he dared to nominate anyone. and Vatican - sponsored Catholic capitalism as long as they are This country has never sent an Action movement exploited the isolated; and that it would be ambassador to the Vatican, not Gottwald coup in Prague (Czechoeven when it ruled substantial slovakia) to corral many Italian territories. To do so has always petty bourgeois. The activity of been considered a violation of Catholic Action was certainly one the American democratic tradition of the factors that helped to of separation of church and state. make the Christian Democratic Party the ruling party of the

CLARK DECLINES Italian capitalist class. Catholic Tremendous opposition from Action. with 2,500,000 members, the American people, less than 18 is as large as the Italian Com per cent of whom are Catholics, munist Party.

its mortal sickness. As for the THE VATICAN

he intends to name someone else The Vatican is the most reacand seek the approval of Conionary anti-labor and anti-socialgress. That he would so defy the ist center in Italy. It is only ights and traditions of the Amernatural that the biggest political ican people is a measure of the organization of Italian capitalism owerful influence the Catholic should be directed by the agents ierarchy wields in Washington. of the Holy See, and that, owing This influence is vividly demonto the Vatican's direct support, this party should become exour, extending through Japan tremely influential. Virtually Korea, Formosa, and the Philipines to Rome and Paris. He was reated all along the way like the church a political organizing ighest figure of a powerful poli center.

ical state. The full facilities of "Is there a crisis inside the the U.S. armed forces were placed at his disposal and the chief U.S. nilitary spokesmen were at his beck and call. that this crisis might eventually

rock the party, one of the PELLMAN "BRIEFED"

prominent leaders (who belongs In Korea, this priest travelled U.S. losses - which do not in- to the center) told Frederix: "The s the official guest of the United Christian Democracy is the last tates Eighth Army Commander, chance of democracy. If it fails. James A. Van Fleet. An Assoin our country, the road will be ciated Press dispatch from Seoul open not to Bolshevism, but to a on Dec. 26 reports that Spellman UN member nations . at least nationalist clericalism." In other words: a Catholic dictatorship. city and "traveled by light plane,

But would the Italian workers helicopter, jeep and staff car." permit this? The Christian Subsequently, reported the AP on Attorney General Howard Mc-Other "blessings" are the more Democrats would never have be- Dec. 29, the Cardinal was "wel- Grath. Then to the surprise of come so strong a party, had not f support from home. That is arms. . . In short, if there is peace blown up by bombs, burned alive the anti-socialist policies of Stal- Wisconsin by Vice Admiral changed his mind and put Mcwhy, back last July 2 at the start in Korea the position of the by napalm, strafed by machine, inism and reformism considerably Harold H. Martin, commander of Grath in charge of "investigatof the cease-fire negotiations, the United States as the prime mover guns, etc., and the ten million weakened the Italian labor move- the United States Seventh Fleet." VISITS HIS FRIEND

or clerico-nationalist tyranny.



militarist, Gen. Mark W. Clark, as first U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, the Roman Catholic Church-State's world headquarters, it was only proper

that Pope Pius XII should send friend the Butcher - Dictator nis top-ranking priest, Francis Chiang Kai-shek.

On his return, Spellman archly Cardinal Spellman, to inspect the far-flung military bases of U.S. eported he found Chiang mperialism in the Far East. optimistic - very much so for man who thought himself an

ally in 1945 only to find that his indications of the far - reaching country has dwindled to the island of Formosa." Spellman would like the U.S. to stretch Chiang's rule back to China again.

Spellman travelled everywhere, spreading holy oil on the troubled waters of imperialism, landing



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finally in Rome and Paris. At Rome he combined the inspection of U.S. troops with a visit to the trated by Cardinal Spellman's Pope for a report and further instructions. He wound up, symolically, with a visit to SHAPE. supreme Headquarters of the Allied Powers in Europe, where ie lunched with Eisenhower. Then e was "'briefed' on the organization and development of Western defenses by Brig. Gen. Anhony D. Biddle and by Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, General Eisenhower's chief of staff."

(N. Y. Times, Jan. 19.) But while Spellman was 6,000 miles away looking after "his" military outposts in the Far East, he did not fail to keep an eve on his base in Washington, There returned with Van Fleet to that Truman, under much heat because of the tax scandals, was getting set to fire the Catholic comed aboard the battleship everyone, Truman suddenly ing" government graft and corruption. According to Washington columnist Robert S. Allen, in

that "the Cardinal addressed the "rescuers" of McGrath was

The "wall of senaration" he.



factory occupations

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are plotting another Korea. A quarter of a million American youth were killed and wounded in Korea in what is called a "police action." The American people were not consulted. Now the warmakers plan another bloodletting under a similar pretext.

The American people are awakening to the truth that the teeming millions of Asians, from Korea through Indo-China, Malaya and the Philippines, into Iran, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and the rest of the Middle East, are today fighting the same battle for independence as our colonial predecessors did against the British in 1776.

The Indo-Chinese have fought the French to a standstill for the last five years. These heroic fighters for freedom from colonial slavery merit the support of every foe of tyranny. The American people, with labor in the forefront, should demand that every issue of war or peace be decided by our whole people in a national referendum. Let the People Decide!

Douglas Changes His Tune

Elsewhere in the paper we report an important article by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas decrying the destruction of civil liberties in the U.S. and the catastrophic course of U.S. militarism in Asia. Only a few years | lution, has written that "Americans were more ago Douglas spoke very different words to a CIO convention.

In 1948 Douglas, in a speech widely circulated by the CIO, told American labor that Marxism had been disproved by the development of liberal capitalism in the in opposition to the British in 1766, when Stamp U.S. He claimed that the "idea of class was foreign to us in this country" where a "human welfare state" had come into being. He urged American labor to disabuse the workers of other countries whose minds were encumbered with Marxist prejudices. American labor, declared Douglas, must become "a missionary of the American way of life" bearing the glad tidings that the U.S. was going to spread its "human welfare state" to the whole world.

In little more than four years reactionary U.S. imperialism has shed its "liberal" trappings and Justice Douglas after several trips abroad is forced to cry out: "From Asia one sees an America that is losing its humanity, its idealism, and its Christian character." And from the Supreme Court bench, in a powerless minority, he now sees "the black silence of fear" destroying the liberties of the American people.

The development of U.S. imperialism and its mad rush toward war confirms the truth of Marxism and explodes the illusion of Douglas and other liberals about the nature and future of capitalism.

ing a truce in Korea. It was ex- with Truman's demand for in- be withdrawn from Korea at resist any neo-fascist onslaughts including Formosa, where heren- role in Washington's war program pressed on Jan. 19 by Gen. James creased arms spending and higher once.

Sam Adams and the American Revolution: 12-UNITY AND REVOLUTION

By Harry Frankel

With the Boston Tea Party of Dec. 16, 1773, the radical wing of the opposition became the dominant force in the colonies. Sam Adams' twenty-year fight for a revolutionary policy had ome to a victorious climax. From that point on, the so-called "moderates," "conservatives" and vacillators of all kinds were compelled to either go along with the Revolution, or go over to the Tories, as some of them had already, and as many more now did.

John C. Miller, historian of the American Revounited in 1766 than in 1776." From this he draws the conclusion that the revolution would have

been easier ten years earlier than when it actually flamed into open warfare.

It is true that there was a more general unity Act repeal was being forced, than there was ten years later when the chips were down and the crisis came. As a matter of fact, the process that went on during those years was largely a process of disunification of the nation.

Professor Miller doesn't understand that this polarization of forces, replacing the previously more unified movement, was the very process which prepared the Revolution and made it possible.

A Law of Revolution

Great social upheavals always go through this process of disunification, of polarization. It is part of the very nature of revolutions.

The reason for this law of revolution is easy to comprehend. We know that popular rebellions are not produced by scheming "conspirators," but come about because the old society is rotten, decaying, decomposing. When a society is in that shape, naturally there is widespread opposition to the existing order of things. Everyone has gripes. Not only the most oppressed sections of the population, but also better-off groupings, and even parts of the ruling class, are discontented,



have grievances, and would like to see changes made.

That is why, when the movement against a dying social order begins, it is supported by "everyone," it is very popular, in a word, "unified." As an instance, in the great French Revolution of 1789, the very nobility against which the Revolution was directed, even parts of the court nobility close to the king, started out in the camp of the opposition.

This state of affairs can't last too long if the revolution is to move forward. Although most of society appears to be united in demanding changes, questions soon arise: What kind of changes? How much are these changes worth to us, and are we willing to fight to get them? These questions divide the opposition.

The most oppressed portions of the population favor a complete overturn of the social order, and a new society, more equalitarian, both politically and economically. They are willing to fight for these changes. But the other layers, the middle groupings and the discontented portions of the ruling class, who only want a few minor changes which would leave their privileged positions untouched, draw back from this revolutionary program.

This division of the opposition movement into two wings, variously called "right and left," "radicals and conservatives," "revolutionaries and reformists," is basic to all revolutions.

In the French Revolution, there was a party division along these lines between more thoroughgoing revolutionists in the Jacobin wing, and the "moderates" of the Girondin grouping. In the Russian Revolution of 1917, the revolutionists rallied around Lenin's party, the Bolsheviks, and the compromisers around the Menshevik and Social-Revolutionary parties.

In the American Revolution, the radicals were led by Sam'Adams, in such organizations as the Committees of Correspondence, the Sons of Liberty or Liberty Boys, the Committees of Mechanics in the various cities, etc. The conservative the merchants, who were the center of the comoppositionists rallied around Merchant's Committees, Chambers of Commerce, etc.

It must be noted that the compromisers, the reformers, don't simply stand pat. As the revolutionary movement grows, the choice is put squarely before them: With the revolution, or against it? Large sections of the in-betweeners, fearing that the new society will be constructed to their disadvantage, desert the insurgent masses altogether, and go back to the camp of the old society.

That is what happened to most of the so-called "moderates" in the American Revolution. They went back to the British-Tory camp, deciding, in Hamlet's words: "rather bear those ills we have, than fly to others that we know not of." The Adams radicals, no suckers for "unity-shouters," wisely helped them along. They preferred to sacrifice "unity" for the sake of the revolution, rather than the revolution for the sake of "unity."

The Coercive Acts of the British

The Boston Tea Party brought the polarization of right and left wings to a climax, and, as we have noted, the radicals commanded by far the biggest popular following. The British themselves helped the radicals by their tyrannical actions.

The British Ministry replied to the Boston Tea Party with a series of coercive decrees which became known as the Intolerable Acts. The most important of these was the Boston Port Bill, which closed the city to commerce with the outside world. Sam Adams' answer to the Intolerable Acts was twofold: He moved to convene the First Continental Congress, through which he hoped to weld the 13 colonies into a single bloc committed to revolution, and he proposed the Solemn League and Covenant, which was a sweeping non-intercourse-with-Britain program.

This new boycott was based on the experience of the previous boycott movement, which had collapsed when the merchants deserted it. Sam Adams had good reason to distrust what he called "mercantile avarice." He included in the Solemn League and Covenant of 1774, a provision that "this effectual plan has been originated and thus far carried through by the two venerable orders of men styled Mechanics and Husbandmen (workingmen and farmers), the strength of every community."

Adams adopted a far sharper tone towards

promise movement, than he ever before had. He said of the non-importation agreement that it didn't matter whether " 'messieurs les marchands' ('Messers Merchants') will be graciously pleased to come into it." If no one would buy imported goods from them, it would do them no good to trade with Britain.

joyed a discussion with his good abroad and witch-hunt at home.

A good example of the temper of the radicals towards the merchant-compromisers is to be found in this letter written to Sam Adams by his lieutenant Dr. Joseph Warren, while Adams was away at the Salem meeting of the General Court (Legislature):

"If the timidity of some and the treachery of others do not ruin us, I think we shall be saved. fear New York will not assist us with very good grace; but she may perhaps be ashamed to desert us: at least, if her MERCHANTS offer to sell us, her MECHANICS will forbid the auction."

The Radical Temper of the People

Clearly, Adams and his associates didn't fear a split with the compromisers. They held their course regardless. The Solemn League and Covenant was carried over the opposition of the merchants, and when the conservatives tried to censure a committee of Adams for its conduct in this dispute, a great meeting of the people at the Old South Church upheld the radicals by vote of four to one.

When Adams set out for the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia he was backed by a solid revolutionary movement in New England, representing the bulk of the population.

This was a far cry from the situation at the time of the Stamp Act Congress of Sept. 1765. That gathering had been called by the erratic James Otis, and Massachusetts had sent as delegates, besides Otis, one "moderate" and one extreme right wing Tory. In contrast with the coming Continental Congress, which was to adopt much of the radical program, the Stamp Act Congress had contained only a tiny radical minority, led by Chris Gadsden South Carolina radical. Sam Adams had not even been present.

Things had come a long way since that day. And Sam Adams, Professor Miller to the contrary notwithstanding, found the situation far more favorable to the Revolution.

(Next Week: National Battleground - The Continental Congress)

The Negro Struggle -Let's Look at the Record

By Jean Blake

Some desperate liberals looking for a capitalist candidate they can support for president are grasping at a straw named General Dwight Eisenhower. His chief asset, it seems, is his lack of a record in civilian politics. A military record has not yet become a virtue in a candidate for the post of chief executive in the United States. Back in 1948, we recall, the labor and Negro leaders were pleading with the Democratic policymakers to select Eisenhower as the party banner-bearer. "Give us anyone but Truman," was their cry. This year the Republicans beat the Democrats to the draw, and the General is one of the four main contenders for the party nomination.

One of the most independent thinkers in the Negro press, Roscoe Dunjee of the Oklahoma Black Dispatch, commented on the Eisenhower candidacy in an editorial last week. "The best way to prevent this writer," he said, "from casting his ballot for General Eisenhower is to permit him to occupy the position of the Sphinx. which will enshroud him in utter silence. On the other hand, we might be inclined to support the Eisenhower candidacy if we knew what his position is on many urgent questions, including civil rights and colonialism. . . . We certainly do not want to vote for a president who endorses second class citizenship for subject peoples."

We agree with Roscoe Dunjee that he and the rest of the voters must have answers to the questions on Eisenhower's position on these important questions, and we refer him to the following sources of information:

1. Eisenhower on civil rights: In April 1948 the General testified on this point before the Senate armed services committee and what he said is a matter of record. Ben Gill, former Republican congressman from Texas and the candidate's campaign manager there, has dug up that record and is circulating it to prove that Ike should be acceptable to the South.

This should be enough in itself, but we'll repeat the quotation that came right from the horse's mouth at the Senate hearings lest there be any doubt that Eisenhower takes his stand with all the other opponents of civil rights legislation.

After a lot of the usual double-talk about the fact that race prejudice is a problem, the General said:

"I do not mean to say that I have any final answer to the problem, and I believe that the human race may finally grow up to the point where it will not be a problem.

"But I do believe that if we attempt merely by passing a lot of laws to force someone to like someone else, we are just going to get into trouble."

Eisenhower was not being asked his opinion on "a lot of laws to force someone to like someone else." He was being asked about segregation in the armed forces. His answer makes it clear that his position on civil rights is no differ-ent from that of Senator Taft who last week in Virginia repeated his opposition to Federal abolition of segregation in southern schools and to a national FEPC bill with teeth in it. to a national FEPC bill with teeth in it.

2. Eisenhower on human rights: On September 21, 1948, speaking to the Sales Executives Club in New York City, the General indulged in more double-talk, this time on "human rights." After stating that some people incorrectly counterpose property rights to human rights in the United States, he made it clear which he considers primary.

"The right to property is only one of the human rights, and when that falls all else falls with it," he said.

3. Eisenhower and unemployment: At the same Sales Executives Club meeting mentioned above the General had this to say about unemployment:

'We have been criticized for our large numbers of unemployed during the early nineteen thirties. That was held up as condemnation of the capitalistic system. But those men were not working in the salt mines, and they were not under the whin and bayonet. You businessmen can prove to the world that a free democracy can, and shall, continue to exist on this continent.'

Neither Eisenhower nor his businessmen friends did or could attempt to show the world, however, that a "free democracy" or full employment "can and shall continue to exist on this continent." To maintain the capitalist system it has been necessary to curtail democratic rights steadily. And few persons will be found, even among the Sales Executives Club, who will deny that only the war economy keeps this country from sinking quickly into one of two alternatives: a major depression with unemployment that would make the thirties look like a period of relative prosperity; or global war with men working "under the whip and bayonet.'

Eisenhower is no Sphinx, Mister Dunjee. He's a full-fledged, unvarnished, typical capitalist candidate, with nothing to recommend him to you and me.

Briggs Votes Mass Action **For Jobless**

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By Everett Kennedy DETROIT, Jan. 21 - More than 500 members of Briggs UAW-CIO Local 212 voted overwhelmingly yesterday to back up the union fight for full 40 hour pay unemployment compensation with mass pressure on the state legislature in Lansing, Michigan. The Briggs membership meeting called for a conference of officers of all CIO unions in Michigan to convene in Lansing backed by a mass caravan of auto workers from all parts of the state to converge on the state capitol to demonstrate their

support of the union program. Ken Morris, Reutherite president of Local 212, in concluding a detailed account of recent activities of the union on the unemployment problem, proposed a conference of union officers similar to that recently held in Washington by the UAW. He nailed the fact that measures had been introduced in both state and federal legislatures to increase unemployment compensation payments to workers deprived of their jobs because of the dislocations of the war program.

Daniel Roberts, Chairman of Seattle Socialist Workers Party, attempting to file on Dec. 26, 1951 as candidate for Mayor. The City Comptroller accepted the fee but stopped the filing papers when Roberts refused to sign a "loyalty oath" imposed by a local witch-hunters' law. The SWP is fighting this law as a nullification of free elections.

turnout of auto workers was then added, "We didn't get and said: "I can't see anything made by Ernie Mazey, militant favorable action on FEPC but wrong with the amendment. If of long standing in the local we did make a good impression." mass caravans of auto workers union. Speaking in support of Hindson was followed to the to Lansing will help us get full Year after year, Mehring labored like a galley- his proposal, Mazey pointed out microphone by Charlie Smith, unemployment compensation for slave, chained to his writing table, following each that the most serious shortcoming former chairman of the FEPC our membership, I am for it." With these remarks the quesliterature in order to expose it; on rare occasions ment was the failure to involve militant. Smith spoke for all out tion was quickly called and an support to the Mazey amend- overwhelming "Yes" vote fol-

> ence to the one-man grand stand periences in FEPC work and play of Walter Reuther, that "all reminded the membership: "We how seriously the Local 212 ofthe fancy talk and plans offered have never gained anything ficials attempt to carry through on material shortages, machine worthwhile except so far as we the mandate of the membership. tool bottle necks, etc., coupled were prepared to fight for it." There is no question but that this Lansing that we won't take 'NO' similar actions, could rally wide

It now remains to be seen just

SEATTLE, Jan. 20 — Hope Lodge #79 of the AFL International Association of Machinists, voted on January 14 to endorse the legal fight waged by Daniel Roberts, SWP

candidate for mayor, to have the state "loyalty oath" for candidates for public office declared unconstitutional. The Hope Lodge is one of the largest union locals in Seattle, and its opinions command a great deal of respect in state labor circles. "The so called 'loyalty oath' is

in reality a test of a person's be-

liefs and provides the basis for

ruling off candidates on the

grounds of their beliefs," the

resolution adopted by the ma-

"An exclusion (of a candidate)

for whatever political tendency

they please and makes it possible

A full account of the Machin-

ist local's action was printed in

the Seattle Times and was in-

cluded in all local news broad-

Local 589 of the Shipscalers,

AFL, passed a resolution con-

casts on January 18.

chinists said, and added:

Union Members

By Daniel Roberts Candidate for Mayor SEATTLE, Jan. 20 - The

Seattle branch of the SWP is happy to report that a key AFL local - Machinists Lodge #79 on the grounds of belief deprives - went on record in favor of my the voters of the right to vote case.

The whole experience with the tor the legislature to dictate to Machinists was very gratifying the people whom they shall vote and instructive. In the first place, for. we were able to determine the

impact that our fight for free speech is making on the worker Stalinists. We learned that Stalinist members of the local supported from the floor the resoution endorsing my case.

DISCUSS ISSUES

end.

over.'

demning loyalty oaths for candi-dates for public office, after hear-The opposition to the resolution ing Roberts explain his case. came from the conservatives. I Seven other union locals have met a few of them outside of the granted Roberts the opportunity call after I had presented my case to the local and discussed to explain the issue, but have not the issue with them for about yet taken action in the case.

half an hour. They began the ROBERTS' STATEMENT

discussion very belligerently but "We are going after union supwere much more doubtful at the port," Roberts said. "Loyalty oaths for candidates are only one

"You ought to be shipped off aspect of a widespread system of to Russia," one of them led off. curbs on traditional American "This is no time to allow sub- freedoms. The labor movement is versives to speak. I think we the ultimate target of the whole need a revolution in this country, witch-hunt. That is why it is a all right, to get rid of those matter of vital self-interest to crooks in Washington, but we the unions to get into the fight will have to wait until the against such repressive legislaemergency is over. Otherwise tion now." Russia will take the country

Other organizational endorsements for the Roberts case have come from Seattle chapters of

But another machinist member lisagreed with the misguided the American Civil Liberties worker. "Roberts is cutting it Union and Americans for Demopretty fine," he said, "but I'll cratic Action - both prominent have to go along with him. liberal organizations - and from Twenty minutes ago, we took a the Seattle Branch of the Indevote to tell the Wage Stabilizapendent Socialist League. Promition Board to go to hell. We are nent persons in the community supporting the case include right there. You spoke for that," Reverend Fred Shorter, Ray C. support among Detroit and Flint he said, "so you will have to go Roberts (executive secretary of along with Roberts, too." the Fellowship of Reconciliation), Professor Max Savelle, Harry

A Great Socialist Fighter

By Tom Conlan

Today Franz Mehring, as man, thinker and writer, is known to few; and his true worth as a revolutionary socialist fighter to fewer still. Yet the world has known few historians and publicists who are his peers; Germany can boast of few authors whose pen is bolder, more skilled and truthful. As thinker and teacher Mehring takes his place alongside such creative forces as Rosa Luxemburg, the great Russian Marxist scholar Ryazanov, and Heinrich Heine, poet-publicist-revolutionist.

Mehring's contemporaries, capitalist celebrities and nonentities alike, hated him. And oh, how he enjoyed this hatred, correctly accepting it as the most satisfying public praise a revolutionist could receive. They hated him because he walked out of their world forever, rejecting their falsely luxurious, unawakened, meaningless little lives, with its pitiful maxims palmed off as "ethics." He chose instead to work with, fight alongside and live with and for the workers under their glorious Socialist banner.

Franz Mehring was born into the semi-feudalistic, semi-capitalist universe of the Germany of a century ago. His father was of the Prussian officer caste; on his mother's side he could count direct descent from the Pomeranian barons, among the noblest Teutons of them all, i.e., the worst breed extant. Honors likewise came easily to him. He early gained the title of "Doctor of Philosophy," a dog's license, as Lenin called it, that never really suited Franz. He was associated with and served as editor of many prominent bourgeois publications of his day (Berliner Tage, Frankfurter Zeitung, etc.). He wrote a biased history of the German working class, for which honors were again heaped upon him. But Mehring was honest, one of the tiny minority in his class who truly love truth, do not fear it but seek it. When Mehring found out that the miseducators of his childhood, and youth had in reality trained him to be not a learned man but a mere peddler of lies, he broke irrevocably with these poisoners of the human mind, corrupters of the human spirit. Franz Mehring turned his back on capitalism and chose Marxism as his life's profession. Mehring rewrote the history of the great German working class, telling the truth in volumes which remain unsurpassed to this day among general historical writings. To the title "First Historian of Labor," Mehring also added a far greater calling, that of member of the revolutionary socialist movement. At the age of 45, when

most individuals of his former circle were sighing over and regretting their misspent lives, this man of courage joined the then universally hated

Social Democratic Party. successive fad in bourgeois theory, history, in the union fight on unemploy- committee and active Negro in order to extract the single pearl from among the ranks. these heaps of garbage. Above all, he exposed every miseducator of the workers and the youth, teaching them what a long way these scoundrels are from the truth, further removed than the

constellation of Andromeda is from our planet. World War I found him alongside Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht, as member of the with futile pleas to Big Business's "Let's back up our union," Smith large local union with its past Spartacus Bund, this immortal band of anti- Director of Mobilization C. E. concluded, "let's show them in tradition of taking leadership in going against the government imperialist, anti-war, pro-Socialist fighters who barehanded defied the Kaiser's Hohenzollern Germany. On Mehring's 70th birthday, Feb. 27, declared, "involving the whole The membership again express- auto workers. However, with or 1916, in the very midst of this heroic action, membership of our union can win ed its attitude with warm ap- without the leadership of Local POW GAG 1916, in the very midst of this heroic action, membership of our union can win to us attitude what walk ap plause. At this point, obviously 212 officials, support of mass all, taken away from the German bourgeoisie the employment compensation. Once could not defeat the Mazev increase as the unemployed was made up mostly of World Grande, Mark Litchman, Lyle

uggested conference with a mass

The proposal to back up the

MAZEY PROPOSAL

Mazey stated, in obvious refer- ment. He reviewed his own ex- lowed.

Wilson, won't bring results. "An all out fight," Mazey for an answer."



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way of Spirit, Talent and Character: you, Franz see the corporation owners and proposal, Pat Caruso, vice-presi- problem Mehring."

When the October Revolution erupted in Czarist in a hurry to solve their produc-Russia, Mehring took his stand alongside Lenin, tion 'bottle necks.'"

Titans. Mehring bore most proudly of all his a strong plea for effective mass membership in the Communist International, then action. "Let's throw our full the pioneer revolutionary socialist movement of strength into this fight. Let us Policy of Stockholm 'Socialist' Gov't membership in the Communist International, then action. Lenin and Trotsky. He died, without getting his demonstrate several hundred dearest wish, which was to attend the first world thousand strong that we will gathering of this historic body. It honored him accept nothing less for our mem- ers attended a mass meeting, held involved. n his absence. bership."

The years of persecution, Kaiser's jails, where FEPC EXPERIENCE he was clapped although aged and mortally ill, brought him to his grave. Thirty-three years ago,

Mazey's remarks were greeted on January 29, 1919, Franz Mehring died at the with enthusiastic applause. Art Hindson, right hand man of the

The current temporary and episodic "eclipse" to speak against the mass action of Mehring's name and works is one of the byproducts of the monstrous reaction that has been raging since Lenin died in 1924 and that has been abroad, abetted and aided by the Stalinist aboroad, abetted and alded by one Staininst received a visit he made as oligarchy. But the time is not too distant when the natural order of things shall be restored. FEPC committee to the Lansing Central Negotiations Committee FEPC committee to the Lansing Central Negotiations Committee Agents of the "socialist" gov-And with the re-entry of mankind - through the victory of labor - into its mainstream of progress, Franz Mehring will take his rightful their gentlemanly conduct and out the slightest consultation of spot. But the police refused. place among the few figures of our times whom the free, the truly free, youth, women and men of

becomes even more their agents in government move dent of the local took the floor critical.

1951 by the Swedish Trotskyists, by this action the Social Denis allowed to go home. The AP whose leader. Evald Hoglund traditional democracy inside the dispatch stated that the army Morris administration, then rose projected World War III. Hoglund's speech was heard the trade unions and the coun-

The speaker pointed out that return to the States. If they don't at Stockholm toward the end of The speaker pointed out that give the pledge, they won't be by this action the Social Demo-Social Democrats really deal with POW's.

proposal. "We must use logic, attentively by the audience, try's political life generally. This I asked. "That is part of the

War II veterans. In order to Mercer, Roy Everett, Al Whitish, illustrate how far the witchpast president of Machinist hunt had gone I cited the thought- Lodge No. 289, Erna Harris control treatment that the army and Dorothy Fiske.

Erna Harris and Dorothy Fiske are giving publicity to the case released. A recent Associated in the mimeographed newspaper, Press dispatch reported that Bias, which they edit. POW's will have to give a pledge

An appeal from Superior Court SWEDEN - Some 1,000 work- the various Stockholm workers not to discuss certain aspects of Judge Howard Jones' decision their experiences when they has been filed with the Washing-

ton State Supreme Court. Judge Jones ruled in favor of the "loyalty oath" on January 5. dismissing Daniel Roberts' plea with discussed the present-day situa- trade unions. Their dictatorial euthorities are worried over the statement that "free speech tion of world capitalism and its action reveals clearly how the communist indoctrination of the is a shopworn phrase."

SUPREME COURT APPEAL "What do you think of that?"

The appeal will be argued benot pressure, with the legislature especially that section of his method harmonizes wholly, Hog- loyalty program, too." They fore the Supreme Court on loosed by the forces of imperialism here and in Lansing," Hindson said. He remarks dealing with the policy lund pointed out, with the sup- agreed that it was pretty bad, January 25. Roberts will be reprecalled a visit he made as of the Social Democratic party. port of the monarchy by the and that our soldiers should have resented by Attorney Frederic W.

legislature during which the to "negotiate" wage contracts for ernment among the audience be- All in all, the conservative- several other lawyers affiliated delegation was commended by a all the crafts and trades. A con- came hysterical and ordered the minded workers were a good deal with the American Civil Liberties number of representatives for tract was then announced with police to arrest Hoglund on the less vociferous after the argu- Union and the Americans for ment than before. Democratic Action.

Notes from the News

age of 73.

BIG "COMMUNIST" PLOT NIPPED. . . All the penny candy vending machines in Wheeling, W. Va., were confiscated by vigilant police after it was discovered that along with chewing gum balls some of the machines now and then dispensed "subversive" prizes. These prizes were postage-stamp size emblems of 16 different countries - including Soviet Russia. On one side was a hammer and sickle and on the other side appeared the subtle propaganda: "USSR, population 211,000,000, Capital Moscow." City Manager Plummer, ordering the machines confiscated, declared: "This is a terrible thing to expose our children to." * * *

RIGHT ATTITUDE FOR JOB. . . The Mutual Security Agency (formerly the Marshall Plan ECA) has chosen Allen W. Rucker as a special adviser. Rucker is founder of the Tool Owners Union, which was officially described several years ago by the N. Y. State Dept. of Labor as a "fascistic" organization.

TRUTH IRRELEVANT. . . Lilly Wachter, German woman who returned from Korea and made speeches accusing the U.N. forces of atrocities. was sentenced to eight months imprisonment and a 15,000 mark fine by a U.S. army court. The charge was "insulting the American troops."

The court refused to permit her to call asso-

ciates who had been in Korea with her as witnesses, "because," said the prosecutor, "we do not care whether what she says is true or not. Under the Occupation law she had no right to say it."

the future shall remember and honor.

NEPOTISTS. . . According to the dictionary nepotism is "bestowal of patronage by reason of relationship rather than of merit." The latest payroll records of the House of Representatives with the regional office group show that 70 Congressmen have at least one headed by Terrell Thompson to employe in their office bearing the same last support each other in the event BLOW TO OPPOSITION name as the Congressman. Records do not indicate the exact relationship. There is no law preventing a Representative from hiring his wife are not made public. * * *

Pardon and Appeals Board to urge freeing of were victims of a Jim Crow frameup case four years ago. Despite conclusive evidence that they ple to free the Ingrams.

Lessons of Flint Chevrolet Elections

By Emmett Moore

FLINT, Jan. 15 - The elec-

of a runoff.

anti-Reuther ranks. UAW-CIO Chevrolet Local 659 fairly evenly divided between the workers are striking at those these ideas. It has been demon-

under her maiden name. Senate payroll records which recently split from the national opposition caucus. But dissatisfaction the Walker ad- difference between Walker and Undoubtedly other opposition Walker caucus and had paraded it would be a grave error to think ministration presented the mem- his opponents would become ap- groups are faced with a similar in the local as an anti-Reuther this marks a trend back to bership with the Ford program. parent if Walker had attempted problem to that of the Walker PRISONERS OF JIM CROW. . . Representatives formation. Although many mem- Reuther. The hatred of Chevrolet Among the many demands are to carry through some of his group in Chevrolet. They can of Negro and white organizations, several of bers of the Thompson caucus workers for Reuther's policies a wage increase, increased unem- demands. This was a serious benefit from the Chevrolet exthem from Georgia, appeared before the Georgia claim to be against Reuther's grows with each passing day. In ployment compensation, industrypolicies their action accomplished spite of this vast reservoir of wide bargaining, etc. Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons. They for Reuther what he had been anti-Reuther sentiment the However, there was an ex- ing by the attitude of the Negro the local unions. In the remain-

unable to do for almost three Walker group was unable to tended period during which the workers. years, namely, to take over the capitalize on it. Actually, it be- local leadership floundered about. acted in self-defense they were sentenced to the administration of the local union came the victim of this sentiment. It denounced Reuther vigorously ers in the meeting voted for the portunities are less favorable electric chair. Following a nation-wide protest paper, the Searchlight. The For the past two weeks, elec- but not until it adopted the Ford Thompson slate. On the Thomp- without the standing committees the sentence was changed to life imprisonment. Thompson group, supporters of tion of district committeemen has program did it have any concrete son slate were two regional staff but common acceptance of the It is now the task of Labor and the Negro peo- regional director Bob Carter, been going on. These elections proposals to offer the member- representatives who are identified program will put all groups in demonstrated that both are much disclose the depth of the dis- ship. The raising of these pro- with Carter, who led the fight the local to the test of action.

closer to Reuther than to the content by the repudiation of grammatic issues caught on with for an FEPC ordinance in the experienced committeemen for the leading militants immediately. wity. The Negro workers showed Approximately 500 attended the workers who have never held But the rank and file hasn't had their appreciation for this positive tion of standing committees in meeting. The membership was posts before. The Chevrolet time to absorb the full impact of action and voted accordingly. resulted in defeat for the anti- three groups. After the loss of closest to them in the bargaining strated many times in the past CONVINCE BY ACTION

came known that the Reuther forces had reached agreement from gaining control of all com- type of protest in the UAW. This of ideas embodied in a program. membership behind it. By forceful At first the leading Reutherites and positive action it could have protest movement aided the de- attempted to oppose the program. prevented a split in its own group. velopment of the Thompson group The realistic nature of the By these means it could have

in Chevrolet. It also explains why proposals brought them to accept given direction to the protest Loss of the standing commit- even the Reutherites pretend to them, at least in words. This is a movement by proving that while The election exposed the true tees is a blow to the anti-Reuther be anything but supporters of major contribution of Walker to Reuther merely talks, the opposicharacter of the Thompson group caucus in Chevrolet and to the Reuther. In response to this the Chevrolet local. The points of tion is prepared to act.

weakness of the administration perience in time to prepare for which was revealed in the meet- the June elections for officers in

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