# **U.S. Fears China Policy** Discussion In Truce Talks

#### By Art Preis

The Korean truce negotiations last week entered a new phase -- one most embarrassing and disturbing to Washington and the Pentagon. For the first time in their more than seven months of stall- D

ing and palaver over the tech- tion" in Korea was part of his nical aspects of a cease-fire, the general directive on U.S. military American negotiators have been action in Asia. This included his forced to confront the funda- decision to send the U.S. Seventh mental issues involved in the Fleet to surround Formosa where Korean war, including the U.S. the bloody dictator Chiang Kaiaims toward China.

Under Point 5 of the agreed- driven off the Asian continent by upon agenda for the truce con- the revolutionary Chinese peoferences, which provides for ple. Truman also announced his recommendations for a political support, by money and arms, to agreement to achieve a full the French attempt at reconquest termination of the Korean war, of Indo-China from the Indothe Chinese and North Korean Chinese people. delegates at Panmunjom proposed that a formal conference be held ninety days after an armistice is reached to attempt to reach a ernment's entry into the Korean permanent settlement of all war, Washington not only openly

Korea.' This clear and simple proposal, which would commit the U.S. to ple, but supplied that enemy with nothing more than another interminable conference, exploded like a bombshell amidst the U.S. "pitfalls and booby traps" and variety."

#### **TABOO PROPOSALS**

tors (there are no other UN glaringly exposed. countries represented on this related to the peace. No sir, the director of education. in preparation for an invasion Smith "Gag" Act, to turn govof China, etc.

The Chinese and North Koreans, of course, have an irrefutable were being recorded on a tape answer to this. They can contend, recorder, the agents shot off their and correctly, that American mouths, undoubtedly believing imperialism itself from the start that if their conversation were linked its intervention in Korea reported verbally, they could with the question of Formosa and perjure themselves out of it. ultimately with the fate of all China and Asia.

Truman's order on June 28, The agents, who are preparing clear and present danger to the 1950, for the U.S. "police ac- a frame-up case in Hawaii like rights of the American people."

shek had holed up after being

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"combat in Korea. Their plac-ards read: "We want our daddies" and "Get the 40th out of Korea." Los Angeles rela-WANT NO PEACE

Long prior to the Peiping govquestions related to peace in protected and sided with an avowed counter - revolutionary

armed enemy of the Chinese peo-(Continued on page 2)

tives and friends of the Division wrote Senator Nixon a letter charging that the men were told when they joined the Guard they "would never be called upon to serve in a foreign country, not even in what is so-called police duty."

# truce team and in the White House, State Department and Pentagon. They acted as if the FBI FRAMEUP METHODS Chinese-North Korean proposal was a blow aimed below the belt. The pontifical N. Y. Times editorialized on Feb. 10 about

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which recommendations of an "unsavory illegally taps telephones and plants dictaphones to invade trial. the privacy of citizens recently got a taste of its own

medicine. At the same time its "

Hastily, the American negotia- unsavory frame-up methods were the Minneapolis Labor Case in "UN" truce team) brought in Longshoremen's and Warehouse- drivers, offered a whole variety County Sheriff Willis McCall shot In Hawaii, the International counter-proposals. They did not men's Union broadcast over Sta- of "deals." These included the them down in cold blood last want to deal with "questions tion KHON the recorded conrelated to peace in Korea" but versation of two FBI agents with only with "Korean questions" David Thompson, the union's U.S. spokesmen were not going The G-men called on Thompson the government dictated. to be "booby trapped" into dis- at his home and tried to persuade cussing such issues as Truman's him to help them convince Jack sending of the Seventh Fleet to W. Hall, a union official indicted Formosa to protect Chiang Kai- with other union members as shek, the U.S. arming of Chiang alleged "Communists" under the

> ernment stoolpigeon. Not knowing that their words

island government. HATCHING FRAMEUP But the FBI, this proves, is a

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Walter Lee Irvin, victim of the Groveland "rape" frameup, went n trial for his life again in Ocala, Fla., on Feb. 11.

This was the second time he was being tried on the frameup charge of "raping" a white woman in 1949. Last year the U.S. Supreme Court reversed his conviction and death sentence becase he had not received a fair

Samuel Shepherd, co-defendant with Irvin, was not in the courtroom when the trial began. He 1941 against the Socialist Work- was murdered, and Irvin was ers Party and Local 544 Truck- severely wounded, when Lake

throwing out of a number of November. Nor was Harry T. Moore counts of the indictment against

Hall, if he would "go along" with present. A leader of the NAACP the government and testify and one of the most active against the other defendants as defenders of Irvin and Shepherd, he was bombed to death on This conversation made plain Christmas night because he demanded that McCall be tried that the entire case of the gov-

for murder. ernment was nothing but a crude frame-up. "They just don't rate," "PROBER" A KLANSMAN said one agent of the indicted McCall, however, sat in at the

men. "They would make poor new trial. He was exonerated of Communists in the lowest cell in the murder he committed, partly California." The agents scoffed as a result of testimony by Jefat any idea that the unionists ferson J. Elliott, "investigator" indicted in Hawaii for allegedly appointed by Gov. Fuller War-"advocating" violent overthrow of ren. Elliott supported McCall's the government constituted a lie that he shot Irvin and "clear and present danger" to the Shepherd in "self-defense" although they were handcuffed and

helpless. Last week Stetson Kennedy,

Florida newspaperman and Nation correspondent, revealed that Elliott is a member of the Ku

#### Workers of the World, Unite !

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# "Get the 40th Out of Korea" Nives of soldiers of the 40th Infantry Division, formerly a Southern California National Guard outfit, drove 50 cars in a block-long parade through San Bernardino's business dis-triet on Feb. 2 to protest the sending of their husbands to combat in Korea. Their plac-ards read: "We want our



scene of the bomb-murders of NAACP Leader Harry T. Moore and his wife, is accused of being a member of the Ku Klux Klan.



#### Klux Klan. Kennedy got this in- ing greetings and appeal for ning. We must solemnly resolve field of life in this country. The and Dr. Wallace was warned by formation from Elliott by posing militant action against lynch- that we shall not rest until the current trials of Communist letter and phone to move himself

News Item. Jefferson J. Elliott, assigned as as special investigator by Gov. Fuller of Florida,

## 'Law' Used To Intimidate Foes of Bias

**PRICE: FIVE CENTS** 

By Albert Parker When threats fail to intimidate the Negro people, bombs are used to frighten them out of the fight for their civil rights; and when bombs fail, the "law" is used. That is the story of Cairo, Illinois, where eight people were arrested on Feb. 7 because they defied bombs and continued their efforts to break down segregation in the public schools.

In Cairo, which is in southern Illinois, the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has insisted that the school authorities abide by the state law and admit Negro children to the schools nearest to their homes. Until now, they have been restricted to inferior Jim Crow schools.

The answer of the white supremacists was - force and violence. On Jan. 28 a shotgun blast was fired into the home of Dr. James C. Wallace, NAACP eader and the first Negro candidate for the Cairo school board. The next night a bomb exploded in the home of Dr. U. F. Bass, wrecking his bedroom. Three ticks of dynamite were found together with a partly burned fuse under the tire shop of Henry Dyson, NAACP vice president.

#### BURN FIERY CROSSES

To make sure that nobody would misunderstand what was happening, fiery crosses were

LOS ANGELES - The follow- us. This protest rally is the begin- witchhunt has permeated every burned in and around the town. as a member of the Klan him- terrorism were addressed to the victims of this terror have been Party leaders is one of the most and his family out of the stat menacing aspects of this witch- or suffer the consequences. Communist Party is not the ed in the house of David V. issue. We, for example, are the Lansden, a white lawyer who had foremost revolutionary oppon- been consulted by the Negroes The Socialist Workers Party ents of the Communist Party's opposing Jim Crow in the schools. program and deeds. This cannot When these acts of terrorism in any way alter the fact that failed to intimidate the Negroes 1. Full support to the call of the "legal" persecution of this and they continued to insist that the NAACP for a national work party is an attack on the civil their children be transferred to stoppage in protest against the rights of all. The glaring truth the nearest schools, the Jim Crow stands out. The Communist Party forces resorted to another weapon - the "law." is being attacked by the federal

# Under Way in 3 States

The 1952 presidential campaign allowed for collecting signatures. of high taxes and inflation. Some of the Socialist Workers Party In order to make a hard job even openly stated their opposition to Elliott was present at the trial was under way in earnest last harder and to discourage working the war drive of the major parties too. was under way in earnest last week. In two important industrial class parties, Pennsylvania of- and the ficials have reduced the period to ideas. Local SWP candidates thus far

states, Michigan and New Jersey, 21 days - from Feb. 18 to March petitions were being collected for 10, This is also a month earlier Farrell Dobbs for President and than was required in 1948, during Grace Carlson for Vice President. the worst part of the winter when In Pennsylvania, final prepara- canvassing on the streets is very tions were made for a petition- difficult.

Despite the added obstacles, gathering campaign which begins on Feb. 18. And in Illinois, the the delegates were confident of Governor Adlai Stevenson and cause of the election law, Dobbs other state officials in order to and Carlson will appear on the Jersey SWP will make an an- troduced, and denied the plea for other labor, fraternal, religious upset a new unconstitutional law ballot under the name of the that would make it impossible Militant Workers Party.) for minority parties to get their

candidates on the ballot (see story NEW JERSEY CAMPAIGN In New Jersey the SWP reporton Page 4).

Michigan got off to a good ed last week that it has gone start on the first day of its cam- over the top and already has paign. Detroit reported the col- more than the number of lection of 1,600 signatures. From signatures required by the state Flint came word that over 300 law. However, it intends to spend names had been secured in a the next week getting additional total. single afternoon by only four petitions to guard against the canvassers in Bay City (Bay possibility of being challenged. County). Satisfactory progress The final date for filing in was also reported from Lansing Trenton is March 6.

(Ingham County). The SWP is aiming at aprequirements this year in a proximately 15,000 signatures by May in order to qualify for the must be signed by at least 100 wintertime is not an easy thing," with no more than 35% from any one county.

#### PENNSYLVANIA CONFAB

A conference of Pennsylvania delphia on Feb. 10 to complete a working class party win a Union. arrangements for the arduous place on the ballot. iob of qualifying for the ballot. MICHIGAN PETITION The delegates heard a report on the importance of this work by Morris Stein, representing the National Committee, and a recording of National Secretary P. Cannon's political James report on the 1952 campaign to the New York Local convention.

state ballot.

self. Kennedy immediately in- Feb. 21 united protest rally at avenged and freedom from fear formed the FBI in Washington. the Shrine Auditorium by Myra has been won for all labor and hunt. Disagreement with the Earlier, the windows were smash-But so far, nothing has been done | Tanner Weiss, Los Angeles chair- all minorities. about it by the FBI or anyone man of the Socialist Workers else, including Gov. Warren. Party:

Dispatches did not report if As chairman of the Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Work-

and their sympathy for socialist PREJUDICE RAMPANT

The trial proceeded like a cut- to the protest rally at the Shrine and-dried affair. The defense Auditorium on Feb. 21. The announced are Arne Swabeck for asked that the trial be moved terror that rules Florida and is Governor of Illinois; Marjorie to another county because white Ball for Illinois Secretary of residents were prejudiced against and into the Northern states can State: George Breitman for U.S. Irvin. It tried to introduce a poll be defeated only by nation-wide

Senator from New Jersey: Myra taken by Elmo Roper, showing united action of labor and all Tanner Weiss for Congress from that of 518 whites questioned in victimized minorities. This united the 19th District in California. the county, not one thought he front protest demonstration spon-Socialist Workers Party sued success. (In Pennsylvania, be- Local slates in other states are was innocent. But Judge Futch sored by the NAAOP and co- should be formed wherever these now under advisement; the New would not let the poll be in- sponsored by the CIO, AFL and terrorists appear.

nouncement next week on Con- a change of venue. (Futch ate and minority organizations, gressional campaigns in the lunch during the trial with the points the way. prosecuting attorney.)

A number of Negroes were in- government, federal as well as the fascist terror and to assure Pennsylvania, Michigan and New Jersey - the first three cluded among the panel from local, to apprehend and prosecute immediate federal action. states in which the SWP qualified which the jury was drawn. But any of the murderers and bomb-

for the ballot in 1948 and seems the prosecution made sure that ers is the greatest encouragement C. P. TRIALS a population of over 21,000,000 on the jury itself, which is as the one that con-sibility for the destruction of this assault on simil with the program of Wall Street to dominate the mould the mou demned Irvin in the first trial. rule of terror, therefore, lies with 'American people. A nation-wide

PROGRAM OF ACTION proposes the following program of action to further these ends: ers Party I extend this greeting of solidarity and commendation

Florida terror. The power of the spreading throughout the South labor movement must be used to warn the ruling class of this government for its views while country that the workers will not this same government doesn't to endanger the life and health tolerate these outrages. acts of the Florida fascists.

2. Defense guards fully supported by the labor movement 3. A mass march on Washing-

ton should be called to bring the and beat innocent people in the attention of the whole nation to The complete failure of the our united demand for an end to Rios.)

**REIGN OF TERROR** This whole reign of terror

against the labor movement and

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shorter time than it took in 1948. "Getting signatures in said one spokesman, "but it's not men for the profit - bloated steel residents in at least ten counties, hard either. There is a surpris- corporations have consumed an ingly large number of people entire week in hearings before

Newark area.

actively themselves, but who are the steel contract dispute saying eager and sometimes enthusiastic "NO" to every single demand of SWP branches was held in Phila- about giving their names to help the CIO United Steelworkers

The canvassers in Bay City, Mich., said they found little hostility or redbaiting from workers reached on the street. They

report: "Many signed because they favor the democratic right of an epposition party to function. After a discussion of the prob- Some said they were signing belems to be overcome, the con- cause they are fed up with the secure 12,000 signatures to put about the Democrats and Repubthe Dobbs-Carlson ticket on the licans. Others expressed dissatisfaction with the economic

the union shop demand. who don't engage in politics the Wage Stabilization Board on

There would be no wage increase without a price increase, they said, repeating the same refrain over and over again like a croken record.

They were unalterably opposed they said, because it was "infla-

of the workers to share the to be filled, etc., etc., and insisted ed thereby," as Joseph L. Block, benefits of increased productivity that anything short of absolute well-heeled executive vice presiin the form of higher wages but company authority in such mat- dent of Inland Steel put it. ference voted unanimously to graft and corruption revealed reserved such benefits for the ters was "socialistic." And so on

stock holders and company ex- down the line. ecutives - which, presumably, wasn't "inflationary."

o the union seniority demands lower wage scale in the South for the dollar sign on their halos.

encroach on the "prerogative" of steel produced in the North more rapacious gang of profitmanagement to use the merit the learned professor blushingly system. Owen Fairweather, at- answered that it wasn't. torney for the steel moguls, con- To hear the steel spokesmen

would be 'poorly served' if the the question of profits was the

They reserved for themselves about. They were worried about centive plans, job allocation, things left as they are "even tionary." They denied the right number and composition of jobs though shareholders are punish-

In addition to company ex- frightened at the prospect of periods of unemployment."

In 1948 a 30-day period was difficulties facing them as a result The demand for the union shop, the steel tycoons corralled a bevy about the "tradition of free enter- non-socialistic thoroughly Amer- able time" to study the case.

By Cy Thomas NEW YORK, Feb. 14—Spokes-they said, was contrary to the of college professors to bolster prise," or they shed crocodile ican way" for steel workers to deprive others of their lives their case. One of these jokers tears about "the public," but "minimize unemployment hard-and their rights. "free enterprise system" and they swore that if the North - South never, never, never, did the idea ships." The steel workers, Smith would refuse to recognize any wage differential were eliminated of self-gain, personal interest or asserted, were the "economic against the eight NAACP lead-

decision by the WSB granting the South would be converted into material advantage ever enter royalists" of the American labor ers is reminiscent of similar a barren desert wasteland. When their heads. All of which might They were opposed, they said, asked if steel produced under a have been convincing if it weren't their surplus for hard times. This convict radicals and labor leadand would resist any attempt to was sold at a lower price than In truth, there never has been a dent Philip Murray could take. ever the capitalist politicians greedy labor exploiters in the history of this country.

The climax of the whole farce reprehensible, filthy, lying, deceiv- in very handy for them. tended "the national interest testify one could only gather that came when Bradford B. Smith, ing presentation that has ever economist for the United States union won its seniority demands." last thing they were concerned Steel Corporation, asserted that agency in my lifetime." And of Harry T. Moore, Florida the union demand for a guar- that, in a nutshell, characterizes NAACP leader, and his wife, who to a productivity wage increase, the sole right to determine in- "inflation" they said, and wanted anteed annual wage was "a dis- the entire case presented to the were killed in an effort to terrorguised form of unemployment in- WSB by the corporations. surance that would destroy the incentive to work." Smith pro- clude on Saturday. The original no one has yet been killed in posed, "that it would be prefer- union deadline for a decision was Cairo and that neither state nor able for steel workers to save set for Feb. 24. But Murray has FBI officials in Florida have Or they were concerned about \$15 a week from their own pay called a wage policy committee yet arrested anyone for those the "national interest," or checks to tide themselves over meeting for next Thursday at outrages. (Time will tell if the ecutives, lawyers and economists "creeping socialism," or alarmed This, he said, was the "one sion to allow the board "reason- punished for their terrorist

Warrants charging "conspiracy lift a finger against the terrorist of certain children" were then sworn out against eight persons

And here in Los Angeles 15 active in the school fight, and "communists" are on trial for they were arrested and held in their opinions while "officers of \$1,000 bail each. The eight were the law" brutally assault, strip Dr. W. A. Fingal, president of the Cairo NAACP; Dr. Wallace; city jails. (See article on Tony attorney Lansden; Lester Bailey and June Shagaloff, NAACP field secretaries; W. S. Madison, Arthur Jelks and C. P. Williams.

WHITE MEN RELEASED

The police had also arrested four white men as suspects in the Bass bombing, and released them on bail of \$2,000 and \$1,000 each. That is what is known as "justice" in Cairo. Eight people whose only crime was that they asked for the enforcement of a state law, are arrested and held in substantially the same bail as four men who are accused of breaking the law and attempting

The "conspiracy" movement and should put aside charges used to frame up and was more than even union presi- ers under the Smith Act. When-"This piece of paper that your can't "get" their opponents for industry has presented here," said anything they have actually done, Murray angrily, "is the most the marge of "conspiracy" comes

The Cairo case as a whole is been presented to a Government reminiscent of the bomb murder ize the Negro people. The main The WSB hearings will con- differences are that by good luck

Pittsburgh to decide on an exten- four arrested in Cairo will be (Continued on page 2)

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THE MILITANT

Monday, February 18, 1912

# **Election Plans Mapped by SWP** Convention in N.Y.

#### By L. Scott

NEW YORK - The convention in the struggle for the minds of successful year of thriving acof the New York Local of the youth." Socialist Workers Party, held

here on Feb. 3, voted to throw **REPORT BY CANNON** all the energies of the organization into the SWP's presidential election campaign this year and to nominate, in cooperation with other locals in the state, a candidate for the U.S. Senate from

New York state. In reviewing the activity of the city local during the past year, City Organizer Michael Bartell, who was the party's candidate for President of City Council last fall, indicated the favorable conditions that made possible an especially fruitful electoral activity in the coming elections:

"The results of our political position of the gathering. A activity of the past year - the city election campaign, our suc- keen interest. The convention cessful literature sales, the in- heard the city organizer and heads creasing attendance at our lec- of various department describe tures, the steady recruitment of the steady pick-up in all phases youth to our party - all these of the local's work. indicate that the workers are

discontented with their present CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS conditions and are ready to listen to socialist ideas.

"This presents us with an ex- organizer of the International 18,556 for the year. This was an

cellent opportunity to intervene Socialist Youth. the most advanced workers and tivity and steady growth and, especially, of greater interest in the party's ideas and program by

high school youth. A stirring report for the SWP Educational director Harry National Committee by James P. Gold reported an increased annon, National Secretary, demand from the membership for. lluminated the practical work of educational activities. "This was the local in the light of the basic a rich year in educational work," national and international tasks he reported, "that has raised the of the revolutionary socialist theoretical and political level of movement in this period of world the entire party."

capitalist war preparations led The Marxist Labor School run by U.S. imperialism. The text of by the local, he said, surpassed this report was published in full all expectations. The classes on in the Militant of Feb. 11. Karl Marx's Capital, which began The convention was attended with some 40 students, continue by 32 delegates and 10 alternate to this day with 30 in regular delegates. Of the total, 24 were attendance. He also described the members of various trade unions, exceptionally-well attended lecindicating the working-class comture series by George Clarke on "The World Crisis" and Harry good-sized audience of visitors Frankel's lecture course on "The very favorable response to our followed the proceedings with First American Revolution." The youth class in the fundamentals of Marxism attracted splendid support.

#### MILITANT SALES

The report on literature distribution showed that the local sold One of the highlights was the 11,741 copies of the Militant in spirited report of Ethel Wood, street sales, while total sales hit

> increase of about 50 per cent over the year before. At the same time, the unduly low number of subscriptions to the Militant in this area was stressed as one of the serious problems that must It was emphasized in the convention discussions that the local

must continue to integrate itself in the mass movements of the active participation in trade Negro organizations, PTA's, tenants' leagues and a variety of community organizations.

**32d Annual Affair** NEW YORK, Feb. 16 - The

service with a dinner tonight at the Hotel Martinique.

This unique loan organization mutual helpfulness. . . With no sider themselves "crusaders."



Anti-Imperialists Demonstrate in Tunisia



Tunisian opponents of French imperialism cheer and jeer (top) as they try to cross police line during political rally of nationalist movement at Sousse. This is 100 miles south of Tunis, where French troops battled demonstrators. Below, French police are shown searching nationalists in the seaport city of Tunis.

# The Progressive Party --Strangest '52 Spectacle

The Progressive Party's 1952 with non-Progressives in other tical political possibility in 1952. election campaign promises to be areas around a labor, Negro, or If such a candidacy materializes, one of the strangest spectacles peace candidate who has chosen we will be prepared to withdraw in American political history, another electoral vehicle will in- our own nominee and make the There probably never has been crease the possibility of electing Progressive Party line on the such a reluctant, foot - dragging people's Congressmen." ballot available to him." attitude toward a national cam-

Concretely, that means running This shows that the party Douglas came with the ostensible paign by any party for many a few Progressive candidates and leadership is still casting about purpose of scaling the Himalin most cases supporting the in search for a new Henry Wal-

The leaders of the party have capitalist candidates who are lace, and preferably one who is essentially sound. o whip up some spirit among endorsed by the unions (that is not connected with the Progresthe ranks for the difficult task what the PP today means by sive Party. The last thing in the of getting on the ballot in states "labor candidates"), Negroes run- world it wants is to run its own where the requirements for inde- ning on capitalist tickets, and candidates. pendent parties are onerous. But capitalist politicians who give a

while they go through the little lip-service to the idea of a PUZZLING QUESTIONS

celebrating its 32nd year of motions of making "inspirational" "Five Power Pact." It also means The question that must be speeches and reports, it is all too that the Progressive Party mem- puzzling the members of the evident that they themselves have bers will enter the primaries of garty is: "If we can get Conlittle confidence in their policy the capitalist parties in order to gressional and presidential candiwas organized in 1920 for "the and not much appetite for carry- win the nomination for such dates worth supporting in this purpose of bringing together men ing it out. At any rate, they candidates. way, by working inside the and women in the liberal, labor sound so apologetic that it is On presidential policy, Seere- capitalist parties, then what do and progressive movements for hard to remember that they con- tary C. B. Baldwin told the Na- we need the Progressive Party tional Committee about the need for? And why did we go to so dogma or prejudice to limit us, It is difficult to judge what to get a place on the ballot, and much trouble and sacrifice in our one purpose has been to stand the remaining members of the then quickly added: "In recom- creating it in the first place?" by the man or woman who has in Progressive Party think about mending this action, I want to his fellow-liberals not only as a fringe but the Governors and some way contributed to social the 1952 campaign. Four years make it perfectly clear that we keep recurring and that the presidential candidate but also as Senators of Southern states and progress and who suddenly needs ago, when the party was founded, are not closing the door to an Progressive Party leaders and

Letter from India On Nehru's Policy

(The following excerpts are from a letter recently received by an Indian student in this country from his father. a doctor in India. — Ed.)

They believe in conserving their Nehru's government has not energies and making others fight proved what was expected. At for them

That is why Nehru has adopted present the conditions here are the policy of so-called neutrality. extremely miserable for anybody It may not be to the liking of the and everybody. There is no limit Yanks, but it is inherently sound to Congress corruption, maladas it takes into consideration ninistration, favoritism, nepot- India's position first. So far Nehru has been correct in his inism, blackmarketing. There is ternational dealings, though he hardly anybody who has not been may have annoyed interested affected by it, probably including groups. And in their senseless Nehru himself. None of the probirritation, the Americans lose lems has been solved. People have the true perspective. That is why no food, no shelter, no clothes, they favour Pakistan, instigate no security, no work, no hope, it, help it, back it, and promise it and evidently no future. Kashmir. The Americans know

It is really a wonder that the that we lack food, we are deficient people are carrying on and in ability to produce and we have putting up with so much, even no money either. Taking adfrom a Nehru. But still his pervantage of it they want to sonal popularity is tremendous. browbeat us into everything. We Government is run by party cannot afford to take sides and "yes" men, who have neither the commit suicide like China. equipment nor the integrity to It is possible some of our socarry on. Right from the minister called Indian leaders like K. M. lown to the chaprasi, selfishness. Munshi, D. Mishra, and too many money grabbing and graft is others like to please the Amerrampant and nobody seems to icans, get their help and do what care. There has been a sort of they are told, but that will be revolt in the Congress rank and selling our country. The partifile, but the storm is not for any tion was a very grave mistake. It honesty, integrity, efficiency or has perpetually placed us in a service, oh no - it is only for helpless position as we shall alpersonal power, for more "fishes

ind loaves."

ways be depending for our food on others. Cotton, jute, will be The picture is more than unavailable so that for our very gloomy. The Yanks take it for essentials of life, food, clothing, granted that all Asians including we are helpless. How can a naourselves should dance to their tion thrive or even carry on withtune, irrespective of our own in- out the very essentials of living? terests. It is possible that they That is what the Britisher wantmay withhold American aid in ed. America is simply carrying shape of food grains, etc. The that very policy. Korean war has at least taught One likes the American ideas them that superiority in arms production does not necessarily

of life and liberty, personal freedom, and democratic principles of mean winning war. Justice government, but they are only principles applicable to the socalled Western nations. In pracayas, but his observations were tice they become artificially inflated dollars, exploitation of so-

Personally I feel the American called inferior races and bommore vociferous - and need- bastic bellicose proclamations of lessly so - about the war producing fantastic weapons of hysteria. Stalin does not need to destruction.

fight. His work is being done by . . . There is not much work hunger, poverty, subhuman stan- nowadays. People have no food to dard of living, illiteracy and want eat, what can they spend on in the whole of Asia. The Amer- | health? The problem nowadays ican in his smug superiority still is FOOD, CLOTHES and feels that the Asian is to be ex- SHELTER. It is cheaper to die ploited, is inferior and must be than to carry on. This is our lorded over. No, son, the war will Bharat - noted for flowing with not be from the Russian side. milk and honey.



NEGROES BOMBED, JAILED FOR FIGHTING JIM CROW

(Continued from Page 1) crimes; such things rarely hap- Florida, Texas, Georgia, Alabama

Another feature of the Cairo make clear. In Walter White's case, according to Len Schroeter, words, 'The bomb has replaced unions, NAACP legal staff member writ- the lyncher's rope.' We have ing in the Feb. 9 Nation, is that entered a new phase in the strug-"unlike recent outbreaks in gle for Negro rights. Until now Florida, these tactics (of violence | the emphasis has been on passing in Cairo) were used after local, laws that destroy the legal basis in Cairo) were used after local, laws that destroy the legal basis state and national authorities had for Jim Crow. Those victories Mutual Aid Holds been warned to take precautions have been won." (Schroeter must against them. Little can be ex- be referring here to the Illinois pected of bigoted officials who law against Jim Crow schools, refuse to prevent law-breaking because no victories have been they know is being planned. The won in connection with federal federal government has displayed laws against Jim Crow.)

"Now they must be translated an utter disregard for the rights of Negroes in case after case of into social reality. No one violations presented to the De- recognizes this new phase more partment of Justice and the FBI. clearly than the people who are But more energetic action might beneficiaries of white supremacy. have been looked for from the Seeing that they can no longer liberal Governor Adlai Steven- preserve their social and economic Bon. power legally, they resort to

Maybe so - but only if you extra-legal acts. Their weapons have illusions about Stevenson, are the bomb and the fiery cross. who is now being promoted by Their spokesmen are not a lunatic



and North and South Carolina workers and racial minorities by



lynch-terrorism. Actually, he is chiefs of Jim Crow communities. nothing of the kind. He showed They condone, encourage, and that by the dilatory methods he plan violence as an instrument achieved its purpose of wrecking the building Negro veteran Har- and of all Americans who cherish Schulkind, who is indeed a friend ILLUSIONS DIE vey Clark was trying to move freedom must be to recognize the in need. into. enemy and to fight him as vigor-

#### HIS TRUE COLORS

And Stevenson showed his true colors again in the Cairo case. Three days before the first violence broke out, NAACP adiously." ministrator Roy Wilkins warned what was coming and wired SPELLED OUT Stevenson to take steps to prevent that is needed is to spell it out

it. "The Governor did not reply," a little further. Mass organizathere was nothing to worry by the mass organizations, Mutual Aid, 104 Fifth Avenue, must be only a small percentage

against the Trumans , who do And the N. Y. Post, printing a nothing nationally about Jim series of friendly articles about Crow terrorism and against the Stevenson, reported on Feb. 7 Stevensons, who do nothing or that he sent another aide to Cairo | "compromise" with Jim Crow ofto work out a "compromise" with ficials locally, and against all the the Cairo district superintendent other liberal defenders of the of schools, a supporter of the Jim capitalist system that breeds Crow system. The "compromise" | .nti-labor and anti-Negro violence consisted of an agreement "to like cats breed kittens.

approve the admittance of some Negro students, and to reject others on technical grounds of residence." Some liberal - this Stevenson! He might even agree to a compromise whereby only half of the eight arrested NAACP officials would be sent to prison for asking the state to uphold its own laws.

But aside from his illusions about what "might have been looked for" from Stevenson, Schroeter's article shows that there is a growing awareness in NAACP circles of the new dangers facing the Negro people. In fact, his conclusions closely parallel some of those drawn by The Militant and by the article on the Moore case printed in the current issue of the Marxist magazine, Fourth International. Schroeter's conclusions are well worth quoting and thinking about:

SCHROETER'S CONCLUSIONS "The Cairo disorders point up what the killing of Harry Moore

loan, a job or guidance," says the League's appeal. objector or a Negro needing a death blow to the monopoly of used in the Cairo anti-Negro of policy. Their allies are those loan to tide him over an emer- the two-party system, lead a

gency finds a sympathetic ear great crusade for peace, attract ers have come to know the Ex- a bloc of Congressmen. "The response of all minorities ecutive Secretary, Miss Adelaide

decades.

The illusions died one by one. No interest is charged on loans. Labor support, instead of growously in Illinois as in Florida, The stories of people helped by ing, has been dwindling steadily, through mass organizations and the League tell of workers who even among the unions expelled political action designed to elect become ill, lose their jobs, or are by the CIO who favored the public officials who take the laid off and have to bridge a gap Progressive ticket in 1948. The Fourteenth Amendment ser- until employment is found; Ne- banner-bearers, like Henry Wal-

groes who are victims of racial lace and Glen Taylor and O. discrimination, workers on strike, John Rogge and Lee Pressman, and all other forces in Asia moves to back capitalist reaction foreigners who are stranded, and the "magic" names that were That is absolutely correct. All many, many more. many, many more. The League is appealing for Party get rich quick, wiped their

writes Schroeter, "but he sent tions are the answer, but such tion is non-profit (contributions to the Democratic Party, hurling new members, as the organiza- feet on the banner and went back Russell Babcock, director of the organizations must engage in and dues are deductible from denunciations over their shouldmass actions if they are to be taxable income). Readers of the ers. Members walked out by the Rights, to Cairo to look over the effective. Political action - yes, Militant are urged to join by tens of thousands. Figures are situation. Babcock reported that but independent political action sending \$5 to the League for not available, but membership

of what it was four years ago. The drop in morale has been even more sharp.

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their spirits were high, they independent peace candidate. On the Stalinists who support them felt they were going to ac- the contrary, we are taking the will find it increasingly tough to A trade unionist, conscientious complish great things - deal a essential steps to keep an inde- answer to the satisfaciton of the pendent candidacy alive as a prac- members,



policy is committed today to the overthrow of that eventual

It would be absolutely accurate The truth is that American imperialism wants no peace with the to say so. And that is at the bottom of U.S. intervention in the present government of China Korea, and all the other U.S. and imperialist domination in inadequately, represent the Asia. American imperialism is determined to smash the Chinese for national independence and revolution which has given so freedom from Western imperial- great an impetus to the revolutionary anti-imperialist upsurge everywhere in Asia, including

That's why the latest trend of

Harsch, the Christian Science These setbacks would not be Monitor's special correspondent quite so disheartenig if the party in Washington, admitted that "on had a genuinely independent per-Feb. 6 (when the Chinese-North spective. But that is what is lack-Korean conference proposal was ing most of all. A report on Conmade) American diplomacy stood gressional election policy, adopted face to face with the condition by the party's National Commit- which it has dreaded for some tee meeting in New York on Jan. two years." 19-20, makes a great many gen-

eral references to "independent POLITICAL QUESTION

political action." But when the report becomes specific, it is has been hanging black over the evident that the word "inde- Korean camp ever since the truce pendent" has an entirely different talks began," says Harsch, is: vears ago.

vary from place to place," says the report. ". . . No matter what precise electoral forms the in- tries?" Why doesn't Washington even dependent political action takes,

we should associate ourselves with it.

'FLEXIBLE' POLICY

in some areas and enables

"The political forms that this possibilities of finding a longterm neace between the two coun-

"In selecting the places for our Peking," says Harsch, but - effort. ... program. A flexible policy which

(Continued from page 1) arms and prepared it for a reregime.' invasion of China proper.

Asian people. It wants to destroy which in any way, and however aspirations of the colonial people ist capitalism.

Indo-China, Malaya, Burma, and the truce negotiations is so embarrassing for Washington. It the Philippines, as well as Korea. serves to put American imperial- REVEALING ADMISSION ism on the spot and expose its true aims. Thus, Joseph C.

Is U.S. intervention in Asia "High scorer last week on lesigned to protect the Asian sales was Clara S., with 26 papers people from external aggression, sold in 45 minutes on Jackson St. as claimed? An editorial in the We are also selling regularly at Jan. 30 Christian Science Monitor | union meetings and at meetings contains a revealing admission of other organizations. We are on this score:

hitting street corners syste-"The victory of communism in matically and are on the alert China began not with external for new, rewarding places at aggression but with civil war. which to sell our paper."

Chicago has had some good The struggle in Indo-China began Militant sales in the past period, long before the Chinese Reds

and sold them.

The "political question which came to power; it started as a reports Literature Agent Bert native rebellion which for several Deck. "Ines and Marj sold 27 at years was only partly under the a UAW union meeting. Helen has control of Communists . . . the been keeping up her regular meaning for the leaders today "Does American diplomacy wish, North Korean invasion was able street corner sales near her than it had for the members four and if it wished would it dare, to borrow a little of the emotional home. Last week she sold 15, and to go to a conference table with coloring of civil war, since it was this week she and I sold 35. representatives of Communist at least a matter of Koreans Snow has been selling an average independent political action takes China in an effort to explore the fighting Koreans. Again, the of 15 a week to some steel worklarge-scale intervention of the ers and a few friends. And Chinese Reds after General Mac. Farrell and Marj came through Arthur's advance to the Yalu was with the first renewals in Febsusceptible of being interpreted ruary."

dare to hold such a conference? by millions of Asians as an act Literature Agent Helen Not merely because this would of self-defense. Hence the halfreports that Minneapolis imply "a degree of recognition hearted support given by many making good use of each week's of the Communist regime in Asian peoples to the UN bundle. "Militant sales are 100%!" she writes. "Our entire

own candidates, however, we must "much more disturbing" - it Support - even half-hearted? bundle is sold out every week. avoid policies that will throw us would "imply a willingness in The Asian people are fiercely Of course a little time and in opposition to the people we are Washington to contemplate the resisting by every means at their energy is put into it. Of the 100 trying to win for our national possibility of the continued ex- command, with arms in hand, copies last week, a large number istence of a Communist regime every encroachment of U.S. im- were sold to new friends who puts forward our own candidates in Peking for a long period in perialism and are fighting to came to the Clarke meeting. One the future. . . It would almost drive out its UN allies, British, of these sales has already resulted Progressives to work side by side be accurate to say that American French and Dutch imperialism. in a new subscription."

and the second second

reports an excellent Bea Allen reports that Detroit sale of the Jan. 28 issue of The is continuing their renewal work Militant. Clara K. writes, "Our and also sales at meetings. She

sales have picked up writes, "Pete and Jimmy sold in the last three eight Militants and six copies of weeks in connection the Negro Struggle pamphlet at with our election a union meeting, and 12 Milicampaign and civil tants were sold at a meeting of rights fight against the Skilled Workers held here in the loyalty oath in Detroit. We find that the renewal Washington. I know work is a good way to introduce you'll be glad to new people to our ideas and alhear that in the ways take other literature along. past six days we Frieda sold three copies of 'The have sold 175 copies Struggle for Negro Equality' as of the Jan. 28 issue she did some renewal work; and of The Militant. About 125 were

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#### "A War Without Reason"

Mrs. Dorris Davis, widow of the jet-fighter ace Maj. George A. Davis Jr. who was shot down in Korea on Feb. preserve their economic inde-10, wanted a live husband, not a dead hero. She has spoken the sentiments of millions of wives and mothers in this country when she bitterly attacked the war that has made her a widow. And she spoke, she said, not for herself alone, but for her husband, too, who didn't want to be a hero in a war in which he had no faith.

He never volunteered for Korean duty in the first place, said Mrs. Davis, and he lost his life in "a war without reason." She accused the Air Force high command of State" program was for domestic lying when it issued a propaganda statement to the effect that Major Davis didn't want to come home before last Christmas when he was entitled to.

Mrs. Davis' words are dynamite and the Washington politicians and militarists know it. They and the capitalist press are trying to put into her words all kinds of meanings but the clear and simple meaning she intended. She has said that her husband died in a war "without reason" - that is, a war that has no good purpose that she can WINDY REPORT understand. That is why she is so bitter.

Some of the capitalist papers admit that Mrs. Davis is actually expressing a widespread and growing sentiment of hostility to the war. These papers, however, point to Mrs. Davis as evidence that the American people still don't "understand" what the Korean war is all about. It has not been "explained enough," they claim.

But Truman himself has made eleven official statements and speeches on the Korean war aims and scores of unofficial ones, broadcast over every radio station and headlined in every newspaper. Millions of words pour out in print and over the air every hour of the day and night "explaining" why the people should sacrifice and die in the Korean war. If the people don't "understand" what this war's about by now, it's not because there haven't been sufficient "explanations," but because these "explanations" are so patently false.

What disturbs the war leaders is that the people understand this war too well. Like Mrs. Davis, they have heard again and again and again that the U.S. is fighting in Korea against "aggression." But they still say this is a "war without reason." And by that they mean a war in which they do not believe, a war without any just cause worth fighting and dying for.

The people are suspicious of the purposes of the war. They are not convinced of the argument that this is a war against "aggression." They feel something is being kept from them — some less worthy aim about which they are not being told. And their suspicions are well-founded. The war propagandists dare not tell the real aim of the war that it is part of the drive of U.S. capitalism to dominate down since 1914. All of the fundathe world and destroy the anti-imperialist revolutions in mental predictions of Marx in and in the U.S. in 1929. Par- Engels in some of their writings. Asia.

If people like Mrs. Davis do not understand precisely these aims, they nevertheless sense there is something shameful about the war. That is why the sentiment is growing to end the war by withdrawing the U.S. troops the deepening of capitalist crises, the effects of the world capital- predicted by Marx only in general from Korea.

# **Point 4 Aim: Colonial Exploitation**

**Egyptians Slain** 

By John G. Wright

On Jan. 20, 1949 in his inaugural address Truman enunciated the celebrated "Point Four." Next only to the Marshall Plan (ECA), this "bold new program" received capitalism's most humanitarian of of \$500 million, under the direccceans of publicity as American

tion of "a special agency" to be projects. It was, among other set up for this purpose.

things, to equip the people of This windy report was then under-developed areas to carry shunted over to the IDAB (International Development Advisory forward their economic gains and Board, Chairman Nelson Rockependence," said Truman on June feller - since resigned). This Rockefeller board labored and 28, 1950.

produced a 120-page report, The "under - developed areas" 'Pantners in Progress," likewise for whose people all this was to recommending a 500 million be done are: the Pacific and dollar appropriation, to be ad-Asia, the Middle East, Africa and ministered by "a single agency." he Latin American countries. headed "by an executive of This was part of the social

cabinet rank." This was in March demagogy Truman was ladling 1951. More wind, out at the time. The "Welfare But this "Partners in Progress"

report contained more than consumption; Point Four was for demagogy. It pin - pointed the export. In the four ensuing nub of the whole "philanthropic" years, the "underdeveloped" peoscheme: The IDAB - Rockefeller

ole have received about as much brain-trust entrusted the aforen "economic gains" as the Amermentioned "single agency" with ican people got in social welfare the investment of \$41% billion - loads of promises, little, if from "other private and public anything, in the way of fulfillwhole aim of Point Four was and is to promote the export of U.S.

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or approximations.

Truman, as a matter of fact, roclamation of Point Four, he, made this explicit in his 1949 y an Executive Order, appropriated \$341/2 million for "overinaugural address. For amid the seas technical assistance under "philanthropy" blather, he included his pledge to Big Business Department administra-Then ex-Secretary of the that his administration would in- the export of private U.S. capital. Army Gordon Gray drafted a 131-page report "recommending" of private capital abroad. This pledge has been constantly an "extensive overseas economic program," entailing expenditures reiterated. Thus in his recent 1950, a jump of 150%.



Killed fighting against the British imperialist forces in Egypt, the bodies of 41 Ismailia auxiliary police lie at the rear of police barracks as British soldier stands guard.

The flow of trade under im Roosevelt Day Dinner speech, sources." In plain language the Sec. of State Acheson affirmed perialism, as Lenin pointed out raw materials, as lush fields for long ago, is directly dependent that it would be "principally . . private capital" that would on the outflow of capital investdevelop economy in the back- ments. The Point Four areas, are loitation. They no longer want key areas in both these respects

for U.S. finance capital. Roughly CAPITAL INVESTMENTS three-fourths of all American The Truman administration imports originate from countries basn't done badly in promoting to be "benefitted" by Point Four. Equally as important, they are tensively promote the investment | Total private investments abroad also key areas for the production which were \$8.5 billion in 1939 of strategic raw materials. George A. Sloan, chairman of had increased to \$21 billion by the U.S. Council of the Interna- in "industrialized nations" has

Chamber of Commerce, greatly increased (primarily for central body for the public opera- arms production, of course).

tion of U.S. financiers, emphasiz-The American financiers, backed recently that "the U.S. im- ed by the State Department and orts 97% of its manganese, the Pentagon, are resolved to 100% of its tin ore, 73% of its push the "under-developed" peotungsten, 40% of its vanadium, ple back into colonial enslave-47% of its bauxite and high perment. But the way they put it centages of about 90 other in- publicly used to read like this: dispensable metals and minerals.'

"It has been well said that we Since 1949, there has been a are living in an Age of Revoluremendous leap in U.S. private tion. That should not dismay us, nvestments in oil in the Middle who were born of revolution. The East, in iron and copper and the cause of progress and self-govother non-ferrous mines in crnment has always been the Morocco, Tunisia and other parts | cause of the United States. It is of North Africa. The exact the cause of the under-developed amount is not known, but the peoples. . ." (Page 15 of the Nelprofits, let alone the investments. son Rockefeller 1950 report.)

run into billions. However, the The great colonial revolution insatiable profiteers want more, today stripping the mask of much more. Especially because in umanitarianism from these the first nine months of 1951, ypocrites, the worst enemies of rivate capital exports from the progress, of the colonial people. S. suddenly declined by one- of the American people, and of all alf as compared to the same mankind.

#### The colonial and semi-colonial people refuse any longer to starve L.A. Protest Rally o death while working like pack animals on the basis of colonial Urged to Support investments, as source of super-profits, resulting from super-ex- Militant Program

(Continued from page 1) my part of this. One additional eason for their revolt is provided Third World War. American economic pressure and military by a special World Economic eport of the United Nations for forces are brought into use to 1948-50. According to this UN crush the aspirations for a new study, production in Point Four and free life of the revolutionary areas has in this period suffered peoples in China, Korea, Egypt ran, Tunisia, etc. a sharp decline while production

"Operation Killer" in Korea is he background of "Operation Terror" in Florida. Both "operaons" are opposed to the interests of the American people and both operations" serve the interests of the tiny clique of monopoly capitalists who rule in Washing-

The labor movement cannot voice to our aspirations for peace, to find independence and free-

"On the other hand, there is dom without breaking from the o example either in Russian ex- capitalist parties and building a pansion in Europe or in Asia, party of labor. Such an indeminorities. farmers. and lower middle-class and end the period

of reaction in which we live.

greatest agrarian revolution of all time, has remained more loyal to the forces which gave it being han in any other respect. Thus here we find that the social significance of Russian expansion social significance of all previous apitalist imperialist expan-

All in all, the Sternberg book and terror at home and abroad.

**Sternberg's Study of Capitalist Decline** 

CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM clearer than ever, and has thus back to 1914 and beyond, in a never pretended to predict the ON TRIAL by Fritz Sternberg. John Day, 1952, 603 pp., \$6.50.

This new work is a book of Indeed, this book ought to be after the first world war, and the great importance for Marxists. studied by all who are in any causes which made decline and ts value lies not so much in its way interested in the history of catastrophe inevitable. attempts at "new contributions" the past hundred years, for there as in the all-sided support it gives is 'more real history in the

book than there is in any number

n demonstration of the nature and course of capitalist break- in detail how and why capitalist so rapidly, nor in precisely the cratic in outlook, he sees many

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where the Russians have not pendent political force can win carried out a radical agrarian the support of all the oppressed "In this respect the Russian

Soviet State, born of the November Revolution, which was the SWP MEETING We invite you to attend a meeting this coming Saturday,

Feb. 23. 8 P.M., at 1702 East 4th St. to hear George Clarke who has just returned from a year in Europe. He will speak on "The diametrically opposed to the Coming International Showdown." A full analysis of the world crisis of capitalism is a necessary

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comments and certain of his con- Union are undoubtedly the poorof "histories" which devote them- clusions do not live up to the est of the book. However, Sterngenerally meritorious character berg has the saving grace of

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sion. . ."

### **MEXICAN-AMERICANS HIT POLICE BRUTALITY IN L.A**

#### By Fred Austin

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 - The Community Service Organization, a predominantly Mexican-American organization active in the defense of minority rights, mapped plans this week for a broad com-

Ulloa and Alvaro Rodriguez.

manager had previously refused because they seemed drunk and of minorities are not uncommon disorderly. Rios called back into in Los Angeles. Usually the the police.

As a general rule, citizens in when action by the CSO or other this part of town are none too organizations bring results these eager to call the cops and there results are for the most part their first military move, the expedition to Conwas some protest to Rios' request. He insisted, however, and the police were called. When they incident is that it involved a man such as can only take place in a revolution, haparrived it was disclosed that the whose "respectability" is ab- pened. Within a few days, the British Army was two disorderly men were actually solutely unchallengeable, who is surrounded in Boston, besieged by about 20,000 plainclothes police. They seized very popular in the community armed workers and farmers. These men came out Rios, Ulloa and Rodriguez, all and who has himself been very voluntarily, not in obedience to a draft law, but three of whom told the newly active in fighting against this in defiance of all existing laws, prepared to risk arrived policemen that the plain- type of police terror, always lean- their lives, each by his own decision. This popclothes cops were the culprits, ing over backwards in that fight ular mobilization was all the more impressive and took them to the police sta- to go through the proper channels when it is considered that the besieging force was tion where they were stripped and and to show respect for the about equal in size to the entire population of the beaten by the same drunk plain- present officials of the police de- city of Boston. Further, this was an event that partment. clothes men.

A telephone call to the station cafe, saved the three innocent men

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mittee of labor and minority from a prolonged beating. Rios group leaders to protest the un- and Ulloa were booked for "inwarranted arrest and brutal treat- terfering with an officer." Trial ment of Tony Rios, CSO chair- was set for Feb. 26. Rodriguez men, and CSO members Alfred was booked on a drunk charge with an earlier trial date. Before In the early hours of Sunday, being released, Rios was warned Jan. 27, Rios and Ulloa, leaving a by police in the station that he cafe frequented by CSO mem- would live to regret his lack of bers, saw two men roughing up a respect for policemen and that third in a parking lot. The cafe they were out to get him. ... Such incidents of police brutal-

to serve drinks to these two men ity and disregard for the rights of an energetic minority who succeeded in com-

comprehensive form as to make the present deep-going crisis of these appear as refutations of of capitalist imperialism, there of Fourth International.) bled so much factual material in Sam Adams and the American Revolution: 15-

of the system are irrevocable was second in production only to Europe in the second half of the mental differences between prefacts and not merely predictions the U.S. Later, with the arms 19th century (temporarily up- sent-day Russian expansion and of capitalism, and well worth revival in Germany under Hitler, ward), or with the process of con-Of course, nothing is proved the USSR lost this spot tem- centration in agriculture (tem- sion of the past. . . Russian im- in economic structure of the porarily delayed), or with the perialism pursues a totally dif- world during the past hundred years. development of a social crisis ierent economic policy...

inally, the absolute breakdown advanced to the point where it movement of real wages in the fact that there are fundarevealing picture of the decline HIT THE BALL Sell 'The Militant!' (A fuller review of this book for Socialism

"As a case in point to illustrate prior to the first world war (also All of the factors leading to temporarily delayed), he makes the difference: in all the history will appear in a coming number



Was the American Revolution "democratic"? The English historian, Lecky, wrote: "The American Revolution, like most others, was the work mitting an undecided and fluctuating majority to courses for which they had little love and leading the cafe for someone to phone victims simply take their "punish- them step by step to a position from which it was ment" and grit their teeth. Even impossible to recede." This view is generally endorsed by American historians.

It will be recalled that when the British made limited to lightening of sentences. cord and Lexington, they precipitated the great The only unusual part of this crisis. One of the remarkable events of history, was to be repeated many times throughout the

(Rios is active in the CIO colonies for the duration of the war. from City Councilman Ed Roy- Steelworkers, a board member of These facts would seem to refute the contenball, who had been notified of the National Council of Spanish- tion that the revolution was a minority movethe incident by friends in the Speaking People, and a member ment. However, the historians would be quick to of the Los Angeles County reply that most Americans did not favor inde-

Democratic Central Committee.) pendence even after the war had begun. They An indication of the sort, of would quote from Thomas Jefferson himself, who justice which will be forthcoming said he would "rather be in dependence on Great from the courts is found in the Britain, properly limited, than on any other natrial of Rodriguez, who was found tion on earth, or than on no nation." They would guilty in spite of conflicting and cite the statements of Tories who in 1775 deobviously phony testimony by the clared that "to hint that the Congress had any two plainclothes police. Such in- thoughts of independency would endanger a man's cidents are teaching the people life." They could even show that Sam Adams of Los Angeles that the only himself, although he certainly favored a full respect the police here deserve is revolution against British rule, dared not speak that of the capitalists who profit openly of it as late as the beginning of 1776. from the super-exploitation of Finally, the historians could cite the fact that Sam Adams and the radicals in Congress failed minorities.

to defeat a resolution calling upon Congress to publicly deny rumors that it had any intention of declaring independence. This was nine months after the war began.

The historians could even go on to make the further startling claim that, of the thousands in the great popular army that besieged Boston in 1775, only a minority favored independence. This was probably true. Had the issue been put to a vote in the encampments around Boston, independence very likely would have been defeated.

#### A Peculiarity of Revolutions

Thus we have arrived at a peculiar contradiction. We have found that men who would fight and risk their lives for the Revolution would not necessarily have voted for it! This peculiarity lies at the center of every unfolding revolution.

This contradiction between the actions and the consciousness of the great mass of the people stems from the fact that the dead hand of the past lies heavily on the brow of the living. The oppressed peoples who enter into a revolution do so because they are goaded into it by conditions which they feel they can tolerate no longer. But the old myths, traditions and political forms still hold them prisoners. They succeed in shaking these off only as the social upheaval runs its course. It is precisely this process of re-education of society, of reconstruction of all social forms, that constitutes the heart of the revolution.

Thus, in the early days of any revolution, we see this great disparity between the historic tasks and program of the revolution, and the relatively small number of people who understand these tasks and support this program. For example, the great French Revolution of 1789 had the job of destroying the ancient and reactionary French monarchy. Yet only a small percentage of those who entered the revolution did so with the conscious purpose and intention of toppling the King from his throne. The centuriesold traditions of monarchy made it unthinkable

to most people that there could ever be any such thing as a government without a king. Despite this, all the actions of the revolutionary people tended towards the destruction of the monarchy, whether they realized it or not. Later, as the revolution took its course and thinking was rapidly altered by the lessons of the struggle, republicans by the million were created in France. Similarly in Russia in 1917, when the masses overthrew the old regime and replaced it with the communist government of Lenin and Trotsky. Many millions of peasants had come to support the Bolshevik program because they saw in it the only hope of "peace, bread and land." They defended the Bolsheviks, fought for the Bolsheviks, and supported the Bolshevik slogans, but when elections took place, large numbers of them continued to vote for the traditional peasant parties.

These considerations put us in a better position to judge the sentiments of the mass of the people of this country during the American Revolution. In 1775, the consciousness of the mass lagged far behind its deeds. No one spoke of independence. Yet, beneath the surface, this was the real aim of the revolution. It was the end towards which the colonial masses were unconsciously directing their efforts.

As the process unfolded, that which had been a powerful under-the-surface current became a conscious movement. Sam Adams' program became the program of the mass. He was able to proceed beyond limited or "transitional" demands and to unfurl his banner.

#### Tom Paine and "Common Sense"

The turning point in this process was marked by the publication of Common Sense by Thomas Paine on Jan. 10, 1776. The amazing success of this forceful tract can be explained only by the fact that Paine expressed that which hundreds of thousands had felt but had never dared to formulate consciously. So well did he give conscious expression to the feelings of the people that his pamphlet was probably read by a larger percentage of the American population than any product of the pen before or since.

After Common Sense, the people moved rapidly towards the full radical program. An historian writes: "In the final analysis, the question of independence was decided, not in the Continental Congress but in the states where the issue was threshed out in popular assemblies and meetings. Both conservatives and radicals in Congress ap-

pealed to the people outside to voice their wishes; and the people's answer had much to do with the final decision. . . . Congress, indeed, was in danger of finding itself left in the wake of public opinion in some states."

#### "The People Are Ahead of You!"

Sam Adams, at Congress in Philadelphia, heard from his old friend and supporter in Massachusetts, Joseph Hawley, in April of 1776: "The People are now ahead of you, and the only way to prevent discord and dissension is to strike while the iron is hot. The People's blood is too Hot to admit of delays - All will be in confusion if independence is not declared immediately." Hawley went on to warn that, if Congress did not act, "a Great Mobb" of citizens and soldiers would descend upon Philadelphia to purge Congress and set up a "dictator."

Sam Adams, perhaps a little astonished to find the people so suddenly "ahead" of him, was soon in action spurring the radical faction in Congress, denouncing opponents of independence as "puling pusillanimous cowards," and setting in motion the trend in Congress that resulted in the passage of a resolution for independence on July 4. 1776.

This sketch of the course of events shows how foolish it is to try to analyze mass sentiment in a revolutionary period in purely static quantitative terms. Mass sentiment is not a quantity, but a process, and a contradictory process at that. This is the lesson of the peculiar situation of Sam Adams, who was for years unable to put forward his full program because of the immaturity of popular feeling, suddenly finding: "The People are now ahead of you."

With this understanding, we can realize that all genuine popular revolutions are the most democratic events in history; the times when the people give vent to the accumulated feelings of centuries. Only fools will demand that the whole populace attain complete maturity and comprehension at the very opening of the revolt. For this, a process of education and experience is required.

The "energetic minority" of which Lecky and others speak so disparagingly are those who attain an understanding of the necessary program of the revolution sooner than the mass. This was the radical wing led by Sam Adams. It should be honored for its far-sightedness and courage.

(Next Week: Civil War)

#### The Negro Struggle Jim Crow in the Unions

#### By Jean Blake

For the next few weeks we'd like to discuss the problem of fighting Jim Crow in the unions. This is a touchy subject for labor bureaucrats who see red when they get any kind of criticism, but it is a vital issue to any union militant who appreciates the importance of building a strong, united labor movement, independent of government and boss control, to fight for the interests of working people.

We invite our readers to take part in this discussion since The Militant is one of the few places where they can call a spade a spade.

To open the subject, we'd like to quote in full an editorial which appeared in the Cleveland Call and Post on Feb. 2:

"A couple of decades ago, more or less, the founders of what later became the Congress of Industrial Organizations declared themselves openly and loudly as opposed to any discrimination in Labor based on race.

"Last Tuesday morning William Donovan, kingfish of the Cleveland area steel workers, smirkingly told a dozen Negro foundry and mill employees that 'I am going to take my double-barrelled shotgun and clean out these committees who fight against discrimination.'

"Between these two extremes lies a long, long chain of events. It is a chain which tells, patiently and item by item, like the beads of a rosary, the saga of vast sections of the CIO, which have changed from the leadership of militant champions of equal rights for all people who work to being led by sleek, Cadillac-mounted, drunk-threequarters-of-the-time Labor Barons who must have exploitation as their stock in trade if they are to maintain their ill-begotten regimes.

"It tells more; it tells as clearly as the nose on the forward part of your face how the Congress of Industrial Organizations first began with a program of full equality to offer to the Negro. Then it passed through a period in which it battled to maintain this high objective. Then came the spell during which it made compromises with Labor's enemies and 'soft-pedalled' the Negro issue, and finally arrived at the stage where the Donovans took over.

"In this new stage -- which could well be the CIO's FINAL stage unless it gets reasonably

wise to itself - the movement is characterized by a loud name-calling every time someone mentions the organization's neglect of its huge Negro membership. Anyone who notices this alarming tendency, and a blind man couldn't miss seeing it - is automatically 'red' in the CIO books.

"The new trend reaches its highest point in Local 1157 of the United Steelworkers in Cleveland. For years the Urban League, the NAACP and the Call and Post have received complaints that the Negro membership of the huge Republic Steel local, sometimes 70 percent of the total membership, has been denied any effective voice in union affairs. They get none of the top jobs; when one man finally did get into a responsible position, others of the entrenched bureaucracy soon jockeyed him out of it by the simple mechanism of a forged check and a stool-pigeon frameup. Unfortunately for the local's heads, but possibly quite fortunately for Labor as a whole, the deal backfired and the frameup brought the union heads to court to defend themselves in some \$200,000 worth of lawsuits.

"It was this situation which touched off the Talmadge-style outburst of Donovan Tuesday morning. To make a thinly veiled incitement to violence among a group of men who handled boiling steel and hunks of metal weighing thousands of pounds is pretty close to a criminal action. Donovan's statement should point out sharply to the CIO's top leadership: can it afford the stigma and the setback that the policies of Donovan 'and Local 1157 are giving it? Can it afford to continue to lose plant elections to its union competitors because other workers refuse flatly to come under the influence of men and locals like Cleveland's? Or would it rather have a thorough house-cleaning in District 28 - Donovan's and 1157's district - NOW, before organized labor as a whole has to pay a terrific price for the hatred and greed of a handful of slimy chiselers?"

That's the problem as the Cleveland Call and Post, an outstanding Negro weekly, sees it. What is the answer? What can Negro and

white workers in the unions do about it? Is anything being done to improve the situation of the Negro worker in the labor movement? We'll continue this, discussion next week.

**Steel Barons Sit In** 

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Looking defiant, Pres. Benjamin Fairless (left) of U.S. Steel Corp. sits in tight-lipped silence at Wage Stabilization Board panel hearings on CIO United Steelworkers' demands for pay increases and guaranteed annual wage. U.S. Steel board chairman Irving S. Olds (right) apparently can't face the "issue.

## **AKRON SWP DENOUNCES BIG REALTY INTERESTS**

#### By L. Cooper

AKRON, Feb. 4 — To a hushed audience of close to Farrell Dobbs, its nominee for 100 in the City Council chambers, Kay Kean, spokesman President; Grace Carlson, nominee for the Akron Socialist Workers Party, today denounced the big real estate interests "who

come here to sabotage a sensible "We object to borrowing the civic plan that would take 400 money from the banks and paying families out of rat traps." The interest. The most effective way occasion was a public hearing to to raise money for such civic discuss City Housing Director projects is by a city tax on Lauer's proposal that 400 new corporate profits." "Secondly," she stated, "we

object to the segregation policies

ing sub-standard living condi- apartments would be added to the tions of 11,600 families," the all-Negro project at Elizabeth SWP spokesman pointed out that Park and 300 others in all-white the big real estate interests are projects.) "A needy Negro family

mention of the SWP's pointed ns of the Director's plan

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# **SWP Sues Gov. Stevenson Over New Election Law**

CHICAGO, Feb. 11 - The Secretary of State; Marvel new departure in police state Socialist Workers Party filed suit Dobbs; and Irving Beinin, SWP measures. in federal court today against state chairman.

Gov. Adlai Stevenson and other Their attorney is M. J. Myer, executive officers and law-enforcing officials throughout the state. law definitely violates the 14th to office by people who believed The purpose of the suit is to Amendment," Myer said on filing he would safeguard their demdeclare Illinois House Bill 1030, the complaint. a law affecting soliciting of

signatures on election petitions, DEFENDANTS NAMED unconstitutional and to obtain Defendants named in the suit injunctions against the state ofinclude Gov. Stevenson, Attorney ficials from carrying out its General Elliot, Secretary of State enforcement provisions. Barrett, State Treasurer Strat-

HB 1030 makes it illegal for ton, Auditor of Public Accounts party workers of minority parties Cooper, Director of the Departto solicit signatures on petitions ment of Public Safety, the in state-wide elections outside of States Attorneys in ten counties, their own counties of residence. including Cook County, and the Further, a criminal penalty up to police chiefs of ten cities, inand including six months im- cluding Chicago.

SWP state chairman Beinin prisonment and a fine of \$1,000 is stipulated. strongly denounced the undem-The law was passed by both ocratic law and held that "this

nouses in the 1951 session and fight for democratic rights consigned by Gov. Stevenson on July cerns all the people in the state. "There are other harsh and 28, 1951. restrictive regulations affecting

Suit was filed in the name of election petitions which preclude the Socialist Workers Party; free and unhampered elections in the state of Illinois," he said. "But this is the only law of its for Vice President; Arne Swakind which carries criminal penalbeck, candidate for Governor; ties! This law is not only design-Marjorie Ball, candidate for ed to place further arbitrary

#### Ford Local 600 **Resists Congress'** Witch Hunters

DETROIT - Preparations to protect the rights of its mem- POLICE STATE MEASURE bers during the forthcoming snooping expedition of the House tee have been announced by UAW stake in getting rid of this election." Ford Local 600. The Feb. 2 issue

of Ford Facts carries a detailed investigations of Local 600 and undertaken.

The story reported the reactivization of the Defense Com-Although real estate interests mittee which had been set up in were out in full force, the SWP 1942 to protect Ford workers in in the local capitalist sheet, the crimination" as a basic part of corporation.

"Liberal Governor Stevenson showed his true colors by signing noted civil liberties lawyer. "This the bill to make it law. Elected ocratic rights, he shamefully gave his name and assistance to the passage of HB 1030.



IRVING BEININ

"The national election of 1952 barriers in the way of a free is the most important the country election by making it extremely difficult for minority parties to has had in many years. The get on the ballot. It also aims greatest freedom for political parties to put forth their candito inspire fear among supporters dates and express their points of minority parties and threatens of view is necessary. It is impolice punishment against those who do not yield to its undeperative that the people should have the fullest understanding of mocratic provisions. the issues at stake. This bi-

partisan conspiracy of Repub-"The labor movement, Negro licans and Democrats to keep organizations, liberals and all men their political opponents off the Un-American Activities Commit- and women of good will have a ballot makes impossible such an



DETROIT - The fight of the to cut costs by, cutting man-Briggs workers against company power.

speedup which has taken the form Because of the militant stand World War II. Johnson outlined of increasing the work load by taken by the workers the men radio newscasts following the the history and significance of reducing manpower on the lines discharged were reinstated. The hearing as well as in the write-up the "privilege against self - in- has resulted in a setback for the membership got a practical demonstration of how to conduct After numerous work stoppages a winning fight on shop griev-

#### Miracle in Milan By Joan Farr

The Italian movie, Miracle in Milan, is a sympathetic and altogether delightful film on the plight of the very poor, the people for whom there is just no room in the world. It is also a portrayal of a type of human being who intrigues us all - the character who makes the best of the most adverse conditions, and seems able to transform his surroundings by sheer force of good will. The unfolding of the destinies of the hero, Toto, and the band of vagrants whom he takes under his wing is hilariously funny. At the same time, the American moviegoer realizes with a delightful shock that here again is a foreign film which doesn't depend on taking the audience out of the real world. The art lies in showing him the old, familiar world from the point of view of a particular segment of humanity - in this case, the forgotten, resigned poor.

The hero's character emerges from the very start of the movie, when he is found by a daffy old lady in her cabbage field. After a few years of a sort of fairy-tale life with her, she dies, and the manly little boy of eight or nine, follows as the lone mourner behind her horse-drawn hearse. With great economy of reelage, by haveven the most minor gestures strictly in character, the film shows Toto emerging as a young man from an orphan asylum. He is simply bursting with good will, and when he is invited to spend the night in a tramp's packing box, he is genuinely grateful to his host. Here, Toto's angle on life is enlarged to include his fellowtramps, who, while not at all happy with their dismal dump-camp, are nevertheless resigned. This, the movie depicts in one particularly effective scene: They all emerge from their shacks jumping up and down in the cold. They shake hands, still jigging. Suddenly, they all run like mad across the lot to a spot where the sun's beams are streaking down between the clouds. Here, they all jump in a bunch together, congratulating themselves on their luck. Toto bounces with the rest, pleased as can be with these good people. When a storm comes and tears their hovels to pieces, he organizes them to build

strong, weatherproof shacks. Soon, there is trouble in the happy community: The lot is sold to a banker dressed in an exaggerated fur-collared banker's coat, who arrives with his retinue. Toto is delighted when the banken, with Chaplinesque double talk, points out his common humanity. "We all have five fingers, have we not?" No sooner has the film poked fun at the banker than it introduces the sinister threat which he represents. The tramps, led by Toto, go to his cathedral-like office, to ask him to call off the police who have come to evict them. They are served tea, the banker is genial and asinine - but while they are talking to him, he has given word for the whole shanty-town to be cleared away.

Through the fight that follows, Toto realizes TWO CRITICISMS that his friends are defeated, and he stops trying Miss Kean then offered two Beacon Journal. Avoiding any American law. A series of questo keep them from fighting back. In the end,

low-cost units be built by the city. Supporting Lauer's proposals in Mr. Lauer's plan." (According as a "timid beginning in eradicat- to the Director's plan, 100 new

and more.

\$2500 a year or less. All suffer ing people can't live in the under the high cost of living and same project together? Everyone the terrible tax burden of the knows of neighborhoods in Akron bi partisan war drive. The Social- where Negro and white live in ist Workers Party says that the harmony." same interests that oppose lowcost city housing would tomorrow oppose low-cost city hospital gained the spotlight in the various clinics.

building homes selling for \$15,000 might prefer living elsewhere than Elizabeth Park," Miss Kean "Where shall the workers get continued. "The SWP wants to the money to buy these fancy know, what forces are maintainpriced homes?" she continued. ing segregation in city projects? "3500 of these families earn Does Mr. Lauer claim that work-

when his fostermother appears from heaven, and helps him to fly the whole colony up to paradise, the movie becomes an outright comedy, without the slightest religious cast.

To this reviewer the controversy as to what is meant by the ending is unimportant. Here is a social message, gently, almost lazily included, yet so powerful that it stands out like a skyscraper on a barren lot: As long as there are capitalists, there is no room on earth for the poor and downtrodden.

Roberts appeared at the candi-

neriod. He demanded his right to

#### **Regional Parley Of Negro Council** In San Francisco

#### **By Walter Cremer**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1 - spokesmen over the coals. When The proposal for a nationwide one of the latter announced with work stoppage in protest against great fanfare that he was buildthe murders of Harry and Har- ing low-cost housing, Mr. Woriet Moore by race terrorists in cester of the Carpenters Union Florida was unanimously sup- asked him what the price of these ported at the first regional con- few apartments would be. "\$70" erence for the Western District he said, to the accompaniment of 600. A united front of all labor workers solidly behind their of the National Negro Labor laughter from the low-cost hous- is needed against the interven- union. When all of their threats Council which met here in San ing forces. In the Elizabeth Park tion of the House Un-American and intimidation failed the com-Francisco Jan. 26 and 27. Speak- project the average rental is be- Activities Committee into the in- pany yielded on the disputed issue ers stressed the need for mass tween \$37 and \$38.

the picket line.

action to obtain and protect the economic, political and social rights of the Negro people. Any state or local authorities.

present his candidacy to the dom of speech and freedom of audience, and spoke against the The Sunday session was the gram includes slashing the living elections," Roberts said. "In ad- loyalty oath to the 300 people dition, it is part of a vast net- present. He was ruled out of work of thought-control measures order by the chairman, and was of seriousness pervaded the wreck the union, forced the worksession. Last year saw a rise in ers of its Cheektowaga plant to ANTI-UNION RAG threatened with arrest by a plainracial terrorism and if 1952 is strike for 15 weeks, is now seekitional civil liberties. Our party by the Big Business rulers of the clothes policeman. The Seattle Post - Intelligencer reported the incident in its coverage of the League of Women Voters forum halt this growth. "I will protest to the members

The three main points discussed and acted upon at the Conference were:

2. The conference condemned IUE-CIO, has been engaged in a the proposed legislation of State struggle with the company over Senator Jack Tenney and The the employment of some 30 to 40 poses an amendment to the Cali- on the job while some union memof the deep South and cause seniority status.

discrimination in unions, jobs, public places and in housing. 3. Considerable time was vigorous campaign against the those virulent factional struggles wreckers.

It was stressed by many speakbeen certified for the ballot by help partially to nullify the community and fraternal organizations with the trade unions paper, Ted Baines. Because of his almost unanimous vote reaffirm- meeting that the steward body's opened up for Negroes.

attack on Lauer's segregation policies and proposal. the Beacon Journal referred to the Socialist Workers Party proposal to "tax the rich." (Kay Kean and a supporter from the floor had clearly

called it a "corporation tax.") \$70 - LOW COST? Some of the labor spokesmen at the hearing raked the real estate

In preparation for the Com- letter on the eve of the strike mittee hearings scheduled for vote containing a thinly veiled Feb. 25, more than 100 members threat of starvation if the workof Local 600 have already been ers did not reject the strike questioned. All Detroit labor would do well against the company and only

to follow the example of Local succeeded in rallying the Briggs ternal life of the labor movement. but is still pressing its campaign

ions and answers explains the had failed to halt the speedup ances. A progressive precedent rights of workers being in- drive Briggs Local 212, UAW- was restored, after many years estigated or called as witnesses. CIO, took a strike vote of its of Reutherite compromise and Follow-up stories will give a membership, as reported in The retreat, and the company was detailed history of the House Un- Militant of Feb. 4. 89% of the American Activities Committee, 10,000 workers who participated ride roughshod over the workers its individual members, their in the strike ballot voted 'yes' corporate connections, prison despite layoffs, short work weeks records and voting records in and threats by the company. Congress on important labor Walter O. Briggs Jr., head of issues. the company, had sent out a lying

given to understand that it can't with impunity. Under the usual Reutherite policy on speedups, twelve jobs would have been lost together with widespread loss of confidence in the union.



speaker on the chief steward's

# rights of the Negro people. Any effective struggle for Negro equality must be a mass strug-gle. We can not rely on federal, Buffalo News Redbaits Union Editor

BUFFALO - The Westing- had done on the strike publicity | steward cast a negative vote. largest with 100 delegates and house Electric Corporation which committee, Baines had been observers present. An atmosphere last September in an attempt to named as editor of Union Member.

peace" which has the reputation the meantime Baines had made it

Evidence of this is a companyssue of the Buffalo Evening tier, then proceeded with a red- of the union required it." 1. A California quota of 400. News under the by-line of its baiting smear of those most mine the union.

discredit the union newspaper the union in the struggle against steward body's action, which re-

and its militant stand against the the company. Contrary to the ex- affirmed the Baines editorship

News opened a violent redbaiting the Westinghouse corporation, membership. It was abundantly

attack on the editor of the union the steward body met and by an clear to all who attended the

because of the splendid work he editor of the paper. Only one theless, Baines, who was the first

America Plus, Inc., which pro- scabs whom the company retained the appointment of Baines as that the use of the redbaiting audience.

editor, was fully aware of his issue by the combined forces of fornia State constitution which bers are still waiting to be re record as an active and militant the company and the News would bring all the Jim Crow laws called in accordance with their trade unionist. It was clear from would place an additional burden the start that the Buffalo Evening on the union at a time when the The union's newspaper, Union News had hoped that its attack utmost unity of the ranks was Member, has been carrying on a on Baines would lead to one of required to combat the union-

News' redbaiting of Baines was under present conditions and. "The Baines editorship," said merely a device engineered by therefore requested the membernot to continue in the same ing with the help of the Buffalo the News, "is apparently not the Westinghouse corporation to ship, as well as the executive direction, the Negro and white Evening News to snatch from the going to make for labor peace." confuse the issue for the benefit board to release him from his workers must unite in action to workers the victory they won on This stout defender of "labor of the scabs and the company. In post as editor.

At the following membership

proposal. This boomeranged

A motion was then introduced of being the most rabid anti- clear that he was willing to by the assistant chief steward inspired article in the Jan. 19 union rag on the Niagara fron- resign the post "if the interests "to thank brother Baines for the wonderful job he has been doing The steward body, which is the for the union and to accept his 000 signatures for the National redbaiting smear artist, Fred active in the fight against the most representative organ of the resignation with regret." This FEPC petition drive of 1,000,000. Turner. The union, Local 1581, company use of scabs to under- Westinghouse local, stood firm on motion was unanimously passed the appointment as did prac- by the membership, and a terrific The union's executive board, tically the entire leadership of round of applause was handed

All the stewards who took the report, outlined the reasons why

floor on the issue made it clear he thought that it would not be

that they understood that the wise for him to retain his post

which had unanimously endorsed the local; but it became clear to Ted Baines by the entire



Oakland Feb. 13-17 Feb. 19-24 Los Angeles St. Louis Feb. 27 Feb. 29-Mar. 1 Mar. 2-3 Mar. 4-5 Mar. 6-7 Mar. 8-9 Mar. 14-16

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#### Norm Bobrow, a popular disk tional liberties are to be preserv- against the president's unfair jockey, who interviewed all candi- ed. We don't want a police state ruling," Daniel Roberts said. "The **NEW YORK** The Real Situation

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no other answer to the crisis of

American capitalism. Their pro-

standards of the American peo-

ple; intensified racial persecution,

and the elimination of our trad-

working class struggle for social-

ism."

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Oaths, loyalty purges, deportations, witch-hunt, lynch-law -The interview was conducted by all must be resisted if our tradi- of the League of Women Voters in America.' Bobrow has daily called attention in his broadcast to the fact

**ROBERTS BLASTS "LOYALTY" OATH** 

SEATTLE, Feb. 10 - "The | dates in the city elections. | been excluded from the ballot

basic issue in the Seattle election Bobrow, explaining to the radio because of his unsuccessful chal-

campaign is the war," Daniel audience that Roberts was a lenge in the courts to the loyalty

over Station KXA. "The rulers of oath provision for candidates for dates' forum nevertheless and America are taking the country public office, called on Roberts to took the floor in the question

"The loyalty oath violates free-

imposed on the American people

**ON RADIO INTERVIEW IN SEATTLE** 

Roberts, SWP candidate for "write-in" candidate because he oath.

mayor said in a radio interview had refused to sign the loyalty

down the road to war. They have explain his stand on the oath.

opposes this program of Big country, who will not tolerate

Business. We counterpose the criticism of their war plans.

mented briefly on Roberts' writeappeared in the daily press. A DIFFERENT STAND

"This condition makes resort to has been taken by the League of Women Voters, whose president 'sticker' or write-in candidacies spent on the question of how to company and has devoted con- where redbaiting would be so loud refused to include Daniel Roberts increasingly necessary. If the fight for 100,000 new jobs in siderable space in the paper to and vicious as to drown out all meeting, on Jan. 27, the chief in the mass rally for candidates League of Women Voters genu- industries barred to Negroes at the scab issue. In an effort to other vital issues which confront steward gave a report of the conducted under its auspices. The inely intends to defend democratic the present time. LWV president ruled that she procedures then it must give would not recognize Roberts as a representation to all candidates ers that it is only by militant company-scab provocation the pectations of both the News and and asked for approval by the candidate since his name had not in its forums. In that way it would joint action by the Negro church,

the election officials. She refused restrictions placed by legislators, to change her ruling even after judges and election officials on that these industries will be record as a union militant and ed the appointment of Baines as action would be upheld. Never-Roberts explained that he had the freedom of elections."

League claims to stand for free speech and free elections, but the ruling of the Seattle president of the organization gives support that Roberts is running as a to those who are curbing democaster, Carrol Carter, has comare being rigged more and more mented briefly on Roberts' write-in campaign, and stories have whether by means of loyalty

oath provisions or by exorbitant requirements in order to win a A completely different stand place on the ballot.