# **Senators Dodge Delegates to Civil Rights Meeting**

By George Lavan WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18 - Senators and Congressmen ducked and dodged today as 800 white and Negro delegates to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights sought to pin them down on supporting legislation to end fili- Room the 67 Ohio delegates voted bustering, poll tax, lynching and in anger and disgust to adjourn.

few Senators were interviewed FLAT REFUSALS discrimination in hiring. While a and some promised to vote to Of those Senators and Reprechange Senate Rule 22 (which facilitates filibustering) and to pointingly large number from the North, both Democrat and change Senate Rule 22 (which sentatives actually seen, a disapvote for civil rights legislation the North, both Democrat and favored by the National Associa- Republican, flatly refused to suption for the Advancement of port civil rights legislation or Colored People, most of the Sen- refused to make definite replies. ators were "out of town," "in Those delegates who couldn't interview their Senators had to conconference," etc.

That many of the legislators tent themselves with leaving were ducking the civil rights written questionnaires or talking delegations was apparent from with Senators' assistants whose reports made by delegates. Some words can't commit their bosses. of the politicians were in until It is evident that any hopes of ing out of their offices by back doomed to defeat in this Congress.

Senator Ferguson of Michigan | The feeling that this kind of was nabbed by a scouting party conference wasn't an effective composed of UAW-CLO members means of putting the required who triumphantly bore the reluc- heat on the politicians was tant lawmaker to the Caucus reflected in comments made in Room where he was quizzed. His the corridors by a number of answers revealed that he was delegates. One member of the against the desired change in Ohio delegation remarked: "This Senate Rule 22. Nor was he sort of thing has its value in the willing to commit himself on an sense that it shows the politicians law with enforcement we can mobilize people, but it FEPC won't achieve its full value until powers.

Although Senator Taft of Ohio we mobilize people for action and had promised to meet the Ohio not just for conferences. As for delegation he ducked out of his bringing pressure on the Conappointment. He was known to gressmen I think the mobilizabe in the Capitol building, yet tion we had two years ago was his secretary had "no idea where more effective. We had between to reach him." After cooling their four and five thousand here. (Continued on page 3) heels for hours in the Caucus

# SWP PETITION DRIVE OFF **TO GOOD START IN PENN.**

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19 - The election petition campaign of the Socialist Workers Party in Pennsylvania got off to an excellent start this week. Over 1,000 signatures were collected in the first ? two days of the campaign in the Dobbs for President and Grace Philadelphia and Allentown areas Carlson for Vice President. alone.

LOCAL CANDIDATES

At this rate, the SWP will Local candidates have been surely succeed in obtaining the selected in addition. They are 12,000 signatures which it aims Ann Chester, office worker, who to get in the 21-day period is running for U.S. Senator, and beginning yesterday. In fact Clyde Turner, garment operator, there is a good chance that the who is candidate for State

15 Stalinists Go

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On Trial in L. A.

By E. Smith

THE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9 - Indicted under the Smith "Gag" Act, fifteen California Stalinists their secretaries learned the pur- changing Senate Rule 22 and went on trial last week in federal pose of the delegates' visit; then bringing FEPC, anti-lynching and they suddenly became "unavail- anti-poll tax legislation merely to they suddenly became "unavail- anti-poll tax legislation merely to dictment which charges the Stalable," Others were spotted sneak- a vote, let alone passing it, are inists with conspiring to "teach and advocate the necessity of the overthrow of the U.S. Government by force and violence," the

defendants face a maximum penalty, upon conviction, of five years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

This trial occurs almost exactly three years after the "Foley Square" trial in 1949 in which 11 Stalinist leaders were convicted of similar charges. It is presumed that the Los Angeles trial will be the prelude to a whole round of similar trials of "lower echelon" Communist Party members. According to current estimates, the trial will last four to six months. Judge Mathes threw out the initial indictment presented by the government and patterned

after the "Foley Square" frame-up. Mathes ruled that "specific ntent" of each defendant to engage in an illegal conspiracy was an essential requirement. This action led the government to change the original charge and to add "specific intent" to its bill of particulars.

Judge Mathes' ruling does not at all mean that he is that rare type of jurist who defends the Bill of Rights and especially the First Amendment which states that "Congress shall make no law . . abridging the freedom of

speech, or of the press." He, as his conduct already shows, would not be averse to emulate the career of Judge Medina, who was appointed to the Circuit Court of Appeals following the "Foley Square" convictions. Mathes has evidence of trying to

# Calif. Stages Own Version Bosses Threaten 'Get Tough' Policy on Unions

Workers of the World, Unite !

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**Dressed** for the Occasion

TO THE WAGE BOARD

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INDUSTRI

HEARING , JAMES.

By Cy Thomas Contract negotiations between wage reduction. he American Woolen Co. and the

**CIO Textile Workers Union have** 

"Mill-by-mill bargaining is one

of the oldest union-busting stunts

in the book," he declared, "and

equivalent to a 25 cents per hour | conditions of northern textile workers is carried on under the 'em nothing, was the advice of ernment against the unions. They plea, of reduced profits and this Big Business spokesman to feel the time is ripe to "get

# **Steel Companies Plan to Use** Thugs to Break Strikes, Says CIO President Murray

A "get tough" with labor policy was urged upon American industry last week at a Chamber of Commerce conference in Pittsburgh attended by 300 capitalist spokesmen rom all parts of the country.

While this nationwide gather- | learings in New York Philip Murray, president of the CIO United Steelworkers of America, accused to map an all-out offensive the steel industry of deliberately against the unions, spokesmen for seeking to provoke a strike.

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Murray told the panel "that the ing the steelworkers before the 'provocative' statements" made Wage Stabilization Board hear- by the companies in resisting the ings in New York as "economic union's modest wage demands "had made the workers fearful that 'gunmen' were going to come back in the event of a new strike,"

This is no exaggeration. The Militant, Jan. 28, reported that the U.S. Steel Corporation was movjointly sponsored by the United ing in cars of meat and other pro-States Chamber of Commerce and visions to feed strikebreakers at the Chamber of Commerce of their mammoth Gary plant in the Pittsburgh, heard West Coast event of a walkout. Similar strikeshipowners' representative Almon breaking preparations are going

THINK TIME IS RIPE

The labor-hating corporations believe this is an opportune time to launch their anti-labor offensive. They have only contempt for

the chicken-hearted labor leaders who proclaim it their patriotic the War Labor Board during duty to subordinate the interests of the workers to the reactionary foreign policy of Washington and Wall Street. They are convinced demands or that the country that in the event of a showdown would support them if they did their ward-heelers in Washingstrike." Treat 'em rough and give ton will throw the power of gov-

But the insolent profit-hogs are

ile Union to Take ike Action, March

Guy

royalists," for demanding a costof-living wage increase and decent working conditions.

STRIKE PROVOCATION The Pittsburgh conference,

the steel corporations were blast-

E. Roth call upon employers to on in other steel centers. use their "economic strength" to resist labor's demands. The New York Times, Feb. 13, reports that Roth "suggested that perhaps a

few 'unsuccessful strikes' would temper labor's demands," "My own personal opinion," as-World War II, "is that employers are too prone to assume that unions will strike to enforce their

campaign can be finished earlier Treasurer. because the turnout of canvassers will be much greater during the weekends than on weekdays.

In Pennsylvania the Socialist Workers candidates will appear Militant Workers Party, because of restrictions in the state election law.

The Pennsylvania petition seeks a place on the ballot for Farrell

### Wm. E. Bohannan **On N. J. Slate as House Candidate**

NEWARK, Feb. 19 - The completed its slate for the more crooked than the ones who November elections by choosing William E. Bohannan of Newark as its candidate for Congress gestures and plenty of signatures from the 11th District. Other forthcoming in the Negro areas. SWP candidates are Farrell "The lynch - violence and police Dobbs for President, Grace Carl- brutality and the failure of the son for Vice President, and government to do anything about George Breitman for U.S. Senator.

In accepting the nomination, Bohannan said: "I hope my candidacy will serve as a means of winning increased representation for the 15 million American Negroes, who at the present time houses, and who have no representatives at all out of the 16 from New Jersey." Neither of the old parties will tolerate a Negro candidate for Congress in this state, he added.

#### THE MAIN ISSUES.

In addition to Negro representation in Washington, Bohannan said the main issues to be stressed are: "An end to Jim Crow and lynch - violence; real price controls; stopping the war in Korea; upholding the Bill of Rights and forcing an end to the witch hunt; passing and enforcing laws to abolish discrimination in employment; and the formation of an independent labor party."

The SWP has already collected enough petitions to put its candidates on the ballot, but it is now getting additional signatures as insurance against possible challenges. March 6 is the last day for filing.

Canvassers, returning from the second day of petition work here ment demand and fixed the bail is excellent - "every bit as good on the ballot under the name of as it was in 1948, and maybe

better." Results were especially good at the State Unemployment offices, where the canvassers found workers filing for unemployment

nsurance and jobs to be "very bitter about the present economic situation."

TYPICAL STATEMENTS

ess workers was: "Sure, I'll sign. Truman says this is prosperity, but if I can't keep a job in 'prosperity' I'm all in favor of getting some new candidates on the hallot. Nobody could be worse or

There were also welcoming them are keenly resented by the Negro people," one canvasser

"I have decided never to vote for a Democrat or Republican again, as long as I live," one Negro woman said. "That's why somebody to vote for in November."

tonight, reported that the re- of the 15 defendants (who had sponse to appeals for signatures been arrested in Gestapo-like,

A typical statement by the job-

are in now."

inactivity." The stock jobbers fear the end of war in Korea as a threat to their profits. But mothers and wives of the GIs want the troops withdrawn from Korea now. declared.

have only two members in Con- I'm glad to help a minority party gress out of a total of 531 in both get on the ballot, so I'll have



CLYDE TURNER

outdo even Judge Medina. Mathes broken down over the company acceded to the Justice Departdemand that separate contracts be negotiated for each of its 21 worsted and woolen mills. With cost - of - living escalator clause, the present contract expiring on (Continued on page 2) March 15, John Chupka, TWU

director of the union's worsted Wall Street Jittery there would be no work without At 'Peace' Rumor contract.

All you need to do to set off a panic wave of selling in the New York Stock Exchange is

the company demand is ridiculous." The union has had an South on pain of losing their jobs to whisper the word "peace." overall contract with the company through the movement of North-On Feb. 19 reports that a truce covering 21 of its 24 plants for ern mills to Southern areas. was near in Korea were followed by a sharp plunge in stock the past 14 years. The AFL prices. In the words of the N. Y. Times, "prices melted" three.

and the stock market "underwent its worst reversal in four months." The Times noted that "Korea was stressed by many as the reason for the market's

> jected the offer of the union to have none of the "fringe" benefits tactic of crying poverty and renew the contract without change of organized workers in the virtually provokes a strike by its and have demanded modification North. or surrender of important con-

THREATEN TO MOVE depressed business conditions. Under threat of moving its "Unlike most manufacturing inplant South, Amer. Woolen has dustries;" says the Wall Street

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demanded the union give up its Journal, Feb. 4, "textile companies are gripped by their eliminate second and third-shift severest depression in 20 years." premium ,pay, eliminate paid Ten days later the same paper holidays, reduce the overtime published the financial statement and woolen division, announced rate for Saturday and Sunday for American Woolen Co. for the

> etc. Francis W. White, president PROFIT DOUBLES of American Woolen Co., is

"The company," says the Wall Street Journal, Feb. 14, "reported demanding that New England textile workers meet the competition of cheaper labor in the net sales of \$233,333,650 for the year ended December 31, 1951. against \$150,124,090 in 1950. Net profit came to \$10,057,412, equivalent after preferred dividends "American Woolen Co. now has United Textile Workers repre- a southern mill in operation," he to \$9.29 per common share. That sents the workers in the other declared. "We also have under compares with a net of \$5,309,630

serious consideration several mill in 1950, or \$4.39 per share." In As American Woolen acts as sites upon which we can erect other words, profit in 1951 was more than double the previous spokesman for 26 other com- mills, or have them built for us, panies in the worsted and woolen and we are presently looking at year.

division a strike on March 15 some southern plants." Unorgan-It was only after the publicawould tie up a large part of the ized workers in the South receive tion of this financial statement industry. The companies have re- 40 cents an hour less pay and that American Woolen shifted its

The company attack upon the ations which it knew in advance tract provisions which would be standard of living and working the union could not accept.

work, increase the work load, year 1951.

Irvin Rejected Deal, Doomed to Die

The frameup of Walter Lee Ir- | was rebutted and discredited. ped but had said nothing about the point of comparing Marion being raped. She had also told County to "Jerusalem in Christ's When the prosecution introducvin was so obvious in the second trial of the Groveland case that ed a cast of Irvin's footprints him that in the dark she had not time." (Another clergyman com- earth and countless people, caught unspeakable atrocities committed the Florida authorities offered to taken at the scene of the alleged been able to see and could not mented: "And they killed Christ in this dreadful exercise, have let Irvin escape the electric chair crime, the NAACP defense law- identify any of the men who kid- in Jerusalem in Christ's time.") and take a life sentence if he yers produced Herman D. Bennanned her. Yet. the next day she would plead guilty to the phony nett, a criminologist and former and her husband both "identified"

"rape" charge. Irvin refused to FBI agent, who declared that the do this, and as a result the trial footprints were made by Irvin's JUDGE AND JURY ended as expected - he was con- shoes all right, but not when any-

victed on Feb. 14 by an all-white body was wearing them. (After jury and sentenced to death. his arrest, the authorities took After the trial was over, it was Irvin's clothing from his home and faked this "evidence.")

revealed that Governor Fuller Warren's special investigator, PHONY "EVIDENCE"

Jefferson J. Elliott, had attended When the complainant, Norma the trial in order to offer the lifesentence deal to Irvin and his atshe was examined by a doctor,

torneys. Irvin courageously refused the offer and took the wittrial to testify what his examin-

ation showed. Elliott is the man who was ex-On the night of the alleged at-

posed early this month by newsmember of the Ku Klux Klan. was as weak as dishwater, and defense, and testified she had told a fair trial in Ocala, Fla. One paign to appeal his conviction all of the "evidence" against him him a story about being kidnap- pastor even degraded himself to and win his liberation.

IRVIN'S SERVICE The deal would have compro-Irvin and his fellow defendants. mised the whole Groveland defense and would have whitewash-In any unprejudiced trial, such ed the white supremacists and contradictions would have been terrorists who engineered the

sat in the judge's and the jury's would have defamed the two Nechairs, and was the chief "argu- groes already lynched in the ment" of the prosecution. All the Groveland case, and NAACP lead-

By rejecting the deal, Irvin was Irvin's courage in rejecting the of service to the struggle for Ne-

deal offered by Elliott contrasted | gro equality, but this service may sharply with the cowardly, boot- cost him his life. This is an addipaperman Stetson Kennedy as a tack, the first man she met was licking policy of five well-to-do tional reason why the labor and Lawrence Burtoft. He came to the Negro professionals, who falsely Negro movements must give all-The state's case against Irvin second trial as a witness for the testified that a Negro could get out support to the NAACP's cam-

the representatives of American capital gathered in Pittsburgh.

military:

Thompson.

**"OPERATION KILLER"** 

EMPLOYERS SAY "NO"

blinded by surface appearances. The workers in the plants are "Employers still have the right | burning with indignation. Grievto say 'no,'" declared Roth out- ances are piled mountain high. lining his union-busting program | The workers' will to fight is disto his cronies in Pittsburgh. And played time and again in explo-"no" was the only answer the sive outbursts of resistance. The steelworkers were able to get "get tough" policy may scare from the corporations. At the the union leaders - it doesn't conclusion of the wage board frighten the ranks.

tough.

KOREA DISCLOSES "NEW PATTERN OF WARFARE"

New testimony on the frightful cost of U.S. "liberation" to Korea and the Koreans is given by Reginald Thompson, formerly Korean war correspondent for the London Daily Telegraph, conser- 9-

vative paper. Thompson, writing advance was preceded by air and artillery attack on a very heavy in the Feb. 17 N.Y. Compass, descale, quite out of proportion to scribes as follows the results the resistance, real or imaginary, brought about by the mechanized It became apparent from the outforces and method of "total in- set that the purpose was to win terdiction" employed by the U.S. by these methods alone; to obliterate the enemy."

"All the major towns of Korea But the "enemy" - that is the with the exceptions of Taegu and North Korean troops - were not Pusan have suffered the most ter- obliterated and continued to fight. rible destruction; the slow and "In short little had been achieved painful efforts at industrializabeyond the destruction of civilian tion have disappeared; roads and lives and property." railways have been gravely dam-

NEW WAR TREND aged; hundreds of villages have

From this observation of the been erased from the face of the in Korea by U.S. imperialism, been reduced to ashes with their Thompson draws a general observation: homes, or condemned hopelessly

"Thus in Korea we see the new to roam the barren wilderness. Few of them know why." trend and pattern of warfare for Thompson points out that the the first time. In the 1914-18 war civilians were included. In the U.S. was able to bring to bear 1939-45 war civilians became on Korea a tremendous force of equal targets with soldiers. Today air and sea power, as well as tanks and heavy artillery, that civilians have become the main target. That is the meaning of was able to operate almost at will 'total interdiction' and the atom and without interference. "Never could modern weapons and 'total bomb carries it to its conclusion.' interdiction' have a better chance

to prove themselves," says This is the opinion which the people everywhere throughout the world have derived from the

destruction of Korea. This is why As a participant in the advance they live in terror of U.S. "liberacross the 38th Parallel and beation." They know, as Thompson yond the Changchon river and states, that "the U.S. policy of civilians and their means of support. In terms of warfare it is al-

"On each and every occasion, most meaningless."



but the prosecution never brought this white woman or this Negro?" the frameup.

ness stand to again affirm his in- him to either the first or second and the conclusion was foregone.

Padgett, charged rape in 1949, prosecutor had to say was: "Are er Harry T. Moore who was

you going to believe the word of bombed to death for protesting

enough for the judge to throw the frameup for the purpose of inticase out of court. But prejudice midating the Negro people. It

#### THE MILITANT

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# How Ceylon Trotskyists Campaign The American

The account we carry below of the activities of the Lanka Samasamaja Party (LSSP) gives a partial picture of this party's revolutionary socialist activity and agitation among the masses of Ceylon. The

LSSP, largest opposition party on sify the Veddahs among the this Far East island, is a section of the principal activists of the of the Fourth International. A Samasamaja youth at Alut-mass political party, virtually nuwara, a jungle area in the from its inception in 1938, the interior. LSSP moved out in force on the Last year Colombo saw a parliamentary arena with the mammoth demonstration more granting of "independence" to than a mile long. This year there

Page Two

Ceylon in 1947. Since then the LSSP has scored | tion of the red-shirted youth, with a series of electoral victories and the Veddahs prominent among already holds more than a score them, chanting the main slogan of seats in Parliament and is of the LSSP: "Down with the strong in many municipalities and UNP! For a Workers' and villages, including the Colombo Peasants' Samasamaja Govmunicipality. It publishes papers ernment!" (The UNP is the and magazines in English, Sin- Ceylonese governing party of the halese and other native lan- native capitalists.)

guages. It is particularly strong ELECTION CAMPAIGN among the youth, even in the As part of its preparations for interior, jungle areas. the forthcoming All-Ceylon elec-

YOUTH CONVENTION

tions to parliament the LSSP has Last March when 175 youth launched a "Victory to the Peoleagues from all parts of the ple Fund." Samasamajist youth country assembled in Colombo canvas house to house for this Town Hall, more than 3,000 party election fund. Reports condelegates attended, a number that sistently come in that "almost no permanent building in Colombo every poor house donated somesufficed to house. This year an thing, children included." There to the LSSP Election Fund, pretext "the grass would be ings. Similar efforts this time theless, wherever people are attendance approximately twice is a total of 10,000 all-island fund and ... 55 of them also buy the damaged." At Pussellawa a proved unavailing. attendance approximately twice as large is expected for the collectors. Party speakers range Samasamaja Bhatya, monthly "racially mixed audience" echoed annual Youth Convention. Among into the remotest regions and the delegates expected is a meet with warm response. Veddah youth named Milanda A typical village meeting is League Congres (capitalist anthropologists clas- that held recently in Kalugala, 29, 1951 report.



#### **Ceylon Trotskyist Rally**



Part of the audience of 30,000 at a rally of the Lanka Samasamaja Party (Ceylon Section of the 4th International) in Colombo two years ago. Much bigger audiences are expected in the coming electoral campaign of the party.

population 800, "some way up the| In towns of Hatton and Pussel Ginigathena pass, down in the lawa, in the heart of the teavalley away from the road." The plantation areas, thousands at-LSSP meeting was attended by tended the meetings. At Hatton, "... Every single one contributes from the public park on the

other plantation districts. Successful meetings have been held in Kaleliya in Kandana, a former bastion of reaction, thanks primarily to the efforts of the local Catholic hierarchy who in 200, among them 50 women. the LSSP was barred last year the past successfully tricked older women to oppose LSSP gather-

damaged." At Pussellawa a proved unavailing. Excellent meetings have been Sinhalese magazine of the All- the call for the Kandyan peasant held at Godakawela, "at the other Ceylon Samasamaja Youth ry to ally itself with the im- end of the Balangoda electorate," the poorest of the poor are also League Congress," states a Nov. migrant plantation workers. Here a region where semi-feudal cont the deepest reserves of the revo-

moods wrought by the last war responsive districts is that of is quite apparent. Kiriella, electorate where big

The LSSP explains this by such meetings attended by thousands, facts as that "large numbers of and in many instances preceded village landless went down into by demonstrations, have been the cities and military construc- held, as was the case at Dantion work," by the tremendous golla, Pussella, Eheliyagoda. expansion of the revived coconut Large sales of the Sinhalese ndustry, etc., which acted to weekly Samasamaja have been the rule. create "the nucleus of the prole-

#### tariat" through which the revo-lutionary impulses were then SPIRITED MEETINGS imparted to the peasants.

In the Veddah country, where party speakers have to travel along jungle trails and in some

injustices.

TWO EXAMPLES

POPULAR SLOGAN cases cross swollen rivers in In the ecconut plantation areas, tiny rowboats, the revolutionary especially the basin of Maha Oya, where the bulk of the socialist message is heard among peasants are disease-riddén. flower offerings at the sacred as the whites are concerned overty-stricken and illiterate. stupas. Among the larger Veddah the South of the ruling class, the LSSP has succeeded in break-

meetings was that in the Bintenne which enforces white supremacy ing through the thug-rule of the area, attended by 700. landlords and has been holding At Kandy, heavy rains failed large meetings. The slogan "Land to dampen the spirit of a large farmers and middle class elements o the Tillers of the Soil" is gathering and the youth held particularly popular in this and a spirited demonstration near

Kingswood college. A report from the Samasamajist of Dec. 20, 1950, the last issue to arrive in this country, reads

in part as follows: "The Province of Uva is wide and thinly populated. Never-

there the LSSP also reaches. . "They (the LSSP speakers) gain from them an understanding why

as elsewhere the change in mass ditions prevail. Among the most lution!



#### The Other South

It has often been pointed out | If Pfc. Burtoft ever gets into battle, I doubt that he will do that there are two Americas the America of capitalists, land- anything braver than he did last lords and militatists whom the week. By daring to tell the truth people of the world hate and and expose a frameup against fear; and the America of the Negroes, he incurred the hatred workers and farmers, who have and hostility of the whole ruling common interests with the masses class in the area where he lived of the rest of the world and who and of the overwhelming majority will decide the fate of this coun- of the "white community," which surveys have shown to be almost try.

To this it should be added that unanimously prejudiced against the primitive ceremonials of there are two Souths, even so far Irvin. His bravery is all the more commendable because he did it voluntarily.

#### BOOKS FOR NEGROES by rope, club and bomb; and the

Miss Veatch had a job as radio other South, of workers and newscaster for Station WMAZ in who hate the Jim Crow system Macon, Ga. Negroes in this city so strongly that they are ready have been fighting for the right to buck Bourbon-fostered "public to use public library facilities, and recently attended a City Council opinion" and risk their jobs, hearing to present their case. Miss Veatch thought that the careers and reputations in order to speak out against prevailing situation was outrageous. Speak-

ing over the radio, she said so. and added:

Two examples appeared in the "I am ashamed that such a press last week. One concerned a meeting was necessary in Macon white man named Lawrence where Negroes must plead and Burtoft, son of a tavern owner demand access to books.

near Groveland, Fla., who is now "If I were a member of a serving as a private first class roup trying to get books to read, in the U.S. Army at Fort Jackthink I would have broken down son, S. C. The other was a white the doors of the city library a woman, Miss Sally Veatch, 26, a long time ago." chool teacher at Wesleyan Col-

The next thing that happened ege, the daughter of a Methodist was that Miss Veatch had inister in Atlanta, Ga. "resigned", from her radio job As a soldier, Pfc. Burtoft could because she was not "objective" ignore any subpoena calling on in presenting the news.

him to appear as a witness in the Groveland "rape" frameup trial It is important for us to be of Walter Lee Irvin. No one had aware of the other white South, the power to make him return to because from its ranks will come his home as a witness, no one the forces who will join with the Negro people in ending the Jim Crow dictatorship that oppresses testify.

white as well as Negro workers And his testimony was damning and farmers. It is the duty of to the authorities, He related how the American labor movement the woman who now claims to have been raped told him that - by organizing unsegregated unions and fighting to end Jim night in July 1949 that she had Crow domination and lynchbeen robbed and kidnapped by terrorism - to create the kind of four Negroes, but that she said atmosphere and "public opinion" nothing whatever about being in which the other South will be raped and certainly did not act as if she had ben treated with able to speak and act openly and without fear of reprisal. violence. He also testified she

The sooner the labor movement told him that she was not performs that duty, the sooner able to identify her kidnappers. This just about wrecked the will we see the rebirth of demoauthorities' case against Irvin, cracy that was snuffed out in the nd discredited the woman's later South at the end of the great identification" of Irvin and the Reconstruction era. other victims in the case. - William E. Bohannan



**State Dept.'s Asia Policy Seeks BUILDING BURNS DOWN To Destroy Chinese Revolution** 

WASHINGTON - A fire at Mountain Spring Camp in Washington, N. J. totally destroyed the building which was a recreation room and tool shop on the ground floor

and a dormitory on the second 3 floor. Also destroyed was a wash | Mountain Spring Camp prides house behind the dormitory. The itself on its inter-racial policy. fire occurred the morning of Feb. It urges Militant readers to in-10. A reporter for the Newark clude it in their vacation plans Evening News who followed the and to acquaint friends and orfire apparatus to the camp wrote ganizations, to which they may the following eye-witness account belong, with the camp. Organizations planning to hold encampfor his newspaper: "Firemen, helpless because of a ments or picnics at the camp this

pumper that wouldn't work, summer should start arranging watched a two-story guest house the dates now. burn to the ground yesterday at secluded Camp. .

"Although an adequate water supply was within reach in a pond, firemen had to beat out On Trial in L. A. flames in leaves and brush to keep a ground fire from spread- For 'Conspiracy' ing to nearby woods."

The management of Mountain Spring Camp announces that plans are already under way to replace the loss of sleeping ac- \$50,000 each! commodations for the coming summer season.

#### civil war, and would not have Korean war has been a cover for tion on Formosa. In his order By Joseph Keller United Nations support or au- these moves. The U.S. representatives at thorization," observes Andrew Panmunjom would have no dif- Roth, Far Eastern specialist, in ficulty in finding a quick way to the Jan. 26 Nation. a cease-fire in Korea if they had

Their reluctance is due not to any liking for the present in-

continues, the U.S. can pursue its designed to undermine the founda- This instructed them to deny the at the astronomical figure of real aims toward China without tions of the Peking regime." The real aim of the U.S. with its (Formosa's) strategic im-

U.S. DREADS ISSUE

respondent, in the Feb. 9 Chris- armies.

whole policy toward China. So long as the Korean war respect to China is the overthrow portance" and that the U.S. was

Let us recall that prior to the forces to defend the South but himself. Yet he chose to efeat of Chiang Kai-shek by the Korean dictatorship of Syngman Chinese revolution, Washington Rhee, Truman ordered the 7th gave more than six billion dol-

lars in money and arms to the Formosa and the recognition of had overwhelming superiority in men and fire power, the rottensome two years," said Joseph was so great that it was com-Harsch, special Washington cor- pletely shattered by the Mao

> SECRET DOCUMENT By the end of 1949 no amount

Communist China has been run- of aid to Chiang, short of direct U.S. armed intervention, could tual overthrow of that regime," have saved him. On Dec. 23, 1949, Washington policy has come "to the State Department sent a include not only the possibility secret document to its repreof direct military action against sentatives abroad on what ex-China," adds Harsch, "but also a planation to give in the event long-term campaign of subversion that Chiang lost Formosa too.

"mistaken popular conception of way to act to

Formosa and, "As a corollary of To confront the issues of Chiang forces. Although Chiang this action I am calling on the Chinese government in Formosa to cease all air and sea operations against the mainland." It was obvious Chiang repreented no threat to the Chinese mainland or anywhere else. It was the other way around. The new government in China was preparing to drive Chiang from Formosa, which was recognized

directing the U.S. air and naval

Fleet to prevent any attack on

as part of China. The real purpose of the U.S. fleet around Formosa was to protect Chiang and establish Formosa as a U.S. military base.

Washington has been moving more and more to a position of open support for Chiang and the overthrow of the present government of China. As long ago as last April 14, a Voice of America

Newark reports good sales of | conscious effort on the part of

Mountain Spring 15 Stalinists Go

(Continued from Page 1) predawn raids on July 26, 1951)



tolerable situation of a drawnout war of attrition with no military solution in sight. But settlement of the immediate Korean conflict promises to raise even more intolerable problems relat-

eager for it.



ers Party.

the will. But that's the rub. They and their bosses in Washington have no real will toward a truce. new China is something "Amer-They aren't at all sure they want ican diplomacy has dreaded for ness and corruption in his army a cease-fire and are not really

tian Science Monitor. It fears to face these issues because "the trend of American policy toward

ing steadily" toward "the even-

ed to American imperialism's

The management of the camp also announces that in addition to the rebuilding there will be many other improvements made. Swimming and fishing promise to be excellent since an almost 'excessive." limitless quantity of water for the pond is available from a deep government also differs from its government? well drilled last summer. Many "Foley Square" model in that the

new trails have been cut through the woods for hikers. Those instoolpigeon and police-spy techterested in the Children's Camp should write the camp now for reservations. Among the many improvements in the Children's covering the period from Jan. 31 Camp will be the building of a complete playground.

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of the Mao Tse-tung regime, the luctantly was forced to lower the U.S. have, for instance, for condestruction of the Chinese revo- save Formosa." bail to \$5,000 and \$10,000 - and tinuing to surround Formosa lution and all the other colonial this, only after the Ninth Circuit with the 7th Fleet and for protect-Court and the Supreme Court ing and arming Chiang Kai-shek? unanimously found \$50,000 bail as Or on what grounds could the shek capitalist-landlord dictator. to provide military aid or advice" U.S. continue to refuse to recog-The amended indictment of the nize or deal with Mao Tse-tung's

U.S. thumb. "If the Korean fighting ends prosecutor with the now familiar formally and the Chinese Com- NOT NEW AIM

munists then attack Formosa,

This is by no means a new aim ing arms aid to Chiang at the U.S. AIDS CHIANG nique will try to prove that the American participation on of American imperialism. What very time Truman said it wasn't. defendants committed 23 overt Chiang's side would be open is new is the U.S. is taking active The Korean war gave Truman acts in violation of the Smith Act, unilateral intervention in China's steps to realize this aim. And the the pretext for direct interven-

mmitted in any broadcast from Washington reported: "It is one of the openest On Jan. 5, 1950, Truman himsecrets here that both British revolutions that it has encourag- self said that the U.S. had no and American agents have mained, inspired and aided, and the intention "of utilizing its armed tained contact with resistance restoration of the Chiang Kai. forces to interfere at Formosa or forces in South China from the first days and that aid to such ship or a similar rule under the to Chiang's forces there. Later. forces has been flowing by Acheson admitted in a Senate various channels for many committee hearing on June 4, months." 1951. that the U.S. was supply

Last fall, Washington recognized Chiang as an ally. Under the Mutual Security program, onewas given to Formosa - some \$300 million. Maj. Gen. William

in Formosa, on Dec. 31, 1951, and stories in The Militant have spoke of the U.S. and the Chiang gang as "equal partners in the work. fight against the evils of com-

munism" and told Chiang "to make sure that the 'team' ready for whatever action is tinue to be the high spots of their called for, whether it be on this literature activity. "Myron and Rebecca sold 30 Militants and 10 island or in other troubled areas.' Within the past two months, copies of 'The Struggle for Negro there have been numerous reports, Equality' at a Concord NAACP Clarke's merciless annihilation of as well as protests from the govmeeting in Brooklyn; and George Isaacs' vandalism is applicable ernment of Burma, that some of W. and Johnny sold 28 papers'and to 2 whole school of intellectuals Chiang's troops are in Burma, are two Negro Struggle pamphlets at In another article of great cur- who have deserted Marxism to being supplied with U.S. arms a Community Church protest and are conducting raids against meeting Friday." John Wilkins' review of The

Southern China. On Jan. 19 the Meanwhile the Downtown and London Observer carried the Harlem comrades have been conreport of its Rangoon cortinuing their neighborhood work espondent that Chiang's troops with sales of 12 papers, three in Burma were recently rein-25c. subs, and two Negro Strugforced from Formosa and "there gle pamphlets, in the past week indisputable evidence that at the Wald and East Harlem Americans are helping." projects. Brooklyn has been doing

PUSH 'STRONG' POLICY

consistently well on sub renewals with Julie the high scorer for last John Foster Dulles, Truman's Republican adviser on Far East week. Carmen and Elaine report policy, has voiced what the Jan. a good sale again this week at the New School. They sold 20 23 N. Y. Herald Tribune called Militants here on Wednesday, and a hardening of American policy Ethel B. sold four more on toward Communist China, aimed Thursday. at the overthrow of the Red

Ethel describes an experience regime at Peking." It called Dulles' statement the day before she had selling literature at a to the Senate Foreign Relations small meeting held in one of the Committee "the outlining in downtown hotels: "It was fiercely broad terms (of) a policy which cold so I went inside the hotel. A

the leader of the Russian revohas been hammered out on strong Stalinist woman tried to get a lution, "Lenin Before October," and positive lines among top ofhotel employee to throw me out. ficials of the State Department." Finally she ordered me to 'go all American imperialism is driv-

influence of Leon Trotsky, pub- pare with the best of Trotsky's capitalists and imperialists in out, bought a Militant, and told China and not to "halt aggres- me to go back inside to sell. I sion." That is why, even if a plugged the Fourth International

the way outside.' A few minutes later the hotel employee came ing to restore the power of the

lution. At that time, Isaacs ternational can be ordered for 25c. temporary truce were reached in at this sale and I'm convinced consent to; the dangers of ac-cepting "gradualistic" theories of thought it was a tragedy that from 116 University Pl., New Korea, there will be no real or lasting peace in the Far East.

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in connection with Militant salesmen.

their petition work for the presi-Bea Allen sends in news dential election cam- Detroit literature sales last paign. Dorothy B. week. "Alice, George and Rose tells us that one of went to a meeting at which Gentheir methods of eral Holdridge spoke," she writes, building up a Mili- "and sold 30 copies of The Militant and two copies of Fourth tant reader list preparatory to the International. There was much incampaign is to give terest expressed in our paper and out sample copies the FI there, and we intend to sell of the paper to in- at similar meetings in the future. terested petition | Barney keeps up the good work. signers and to visit He sold five copies of the Negro

these people later Struggle pamphlet this week as third of the whole grant for Asia for subscriptions. Newark's re- he got three six-month renewals newal work has also netted very and one year renewal. All this is good results. Dorothy reports still in the area he started out C. Chase, U.S. military adviser that "practically everyone we working in during the last sub to the Chinese Nationalist regime visit renews his sub. The cartoons campaign."

Many thanks to A. S. of Patbeen excellent and have helped terson, New Jersey, and to P. S. us in this and in our petition of San Francisco, for extra \$1 donations sent in with their

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The new wave of lynch-terror- of the position of the Negroes defeated by the forces of Chiang Stalinists, during the period of ism sweeping the South; the in- under U.S. capitalism. U.S. and Russian wartime colla-

Written by George Breitman, boration, when they were the big- ternal situation of the CIO United SWP candidate for U.S. Senate tragedy that the Chinese revogest patriots and the most ardent | Steelworkers Union and how this from New Jersey, it should be of lution defeated Chiang in 1949. flag wavers and in effect the affects the current struggle with great value in introducing new And he has published a new, the steel barons; the cold war readers to the Marxist program revised (that is, defaced and and prospects of U.S. imperial- as well as further educating purged) edition of his own book. ism; the Chinese revolution and "old-timers."

how its history has been distorted THE STEEL UNION

by a renegade from Marxism; the role of Lenin in the Russian revolution, reviewed by his closest rent importance, "What the Steel | render service to imperialism. Convention Revealed," Harry collaborator - these problems of theory and practice are analyzed Frankel presents a revealing Forrestal Diaries provides infrom the revolutionary socialist study of the CIO United Steel- sight into the mind of a "Genworkers of America. Tracing its eral of the Cold War," exstandpoint in the latest issue of Fourth International, American history up to the present day, he Secretary of Defense James Fordemonstrates its power, the restal, who committed suicide in Marxist magazine. reasons why the Murray bureau- 1949. More important, it shows The lead article, "The Bomb-Murder of Harry T. Moore," is cracy was able to install itself, how trigger-happy the chief exthe relative weight of the ranks more than a report on the recent and the leadership and the process white supremacist outrages. It is of education-by-struggle which is also an analysis of the new forms of lynching, and the aims that

new union leadership. terrorism serves; the reasons why This is unquestionably one of the government fails to curb the the best and most thoughtattacks on the Negro people; the fallacies and contradictions in the provoking studies of a major union written in recent years. It program of the labor, liberal and Negro movements; the need for is a must for all union militants, and will be read and referred to the militant program of action

for a long time to come. advocated by the Socialist Work-PURGES HIMSELF

HOW TO END JIM CROW The current issue of FI also In addition, the article contains contains an exciting polemic by written by Leon Trotsky in 1924 editor George Clarke, entitled and newly translated by John G. a fundamental treatment of the "The Tragedy of Harold Isaacs." Wright. The brilliance of its sources of Jim Crow and why the

In 1938 Isaacs, writing under the political analysis and style comoppression of the Negro people cannot be ended except by a revolution in the South, which the lished an excellent book, The writings. capitalist ruling class will never Tragedy of the Chinese Revo-

preparing the conditions for a world they hope to dominate. Wilkins sees a dramatic symbolism in Forrestal's crackup and suicide: "It prefigures the fate of the system and the ruling class

he worked so hard to preserve." TROTSKY ON LENIN Rounding out an excellent issue is an anniversary article on

Kai-shek in the 1920's.

Today, Isaacs thinks it is a

ecutives of the U.S. ruling class

are, and how ignorant they are

of the main social forces in the

Individual copies of Fourth In-

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vised not to continue to make

such remarks, because otherwise

it might be difficult to continue

The remarks I did make were

such as any thinking man might

make who had no fear of speak-

ing out his thoughts. I am neither

a Communist nor even remotely

a sympathizer or fellow-traveller.

made these remarks to at most

three or four academic men, who,

I thought, were my friends. This

should illustrate the present at-

mosphere in the United States for

Nobody is saying that things

are as bad as in Hitler Germany

or Soviet Russia. But they are

bad enough. There is obviously

an immense number of govern-

ment agents whose job it is to

engage in political snooping.

Just think how many men must

I must ask you to conceal my

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vour readers. . .

my present employment.

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### **Another 'Subversive' List Case**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announced in a press release on Feb. 7 that Civilization, which remains one Secretary of the Army Frank Pace Jr. had rescinded an of the better studies of colonial order of the Army's Detroit Ordnance District listing the America produced by the liberal California branches of the NAACP as "subversive."

NAACP secretary Walter White wrote to Pace on Jan. 10, protesting the inclusion of the NAACP on any "subversive" list and asking for its prompt removal. On Feb. 5 Pace wrote back, saying the listing has been rescinded and adding: "The fine efforts of the NAACP to eliminate communism are well known to me. . . "

The incident is now closed, so far as White and Pace go. But it ought not to be forgotten, because it throws a great deal of light on the whole "loyalty" purge-"subversive" list-witch hunt program.

The NAACP was put on the blacklist without being informed in advance, without being given a chance to hear the specific grounds why it was listed, without having tels himself does not put it in the right to defend itself at a hearing. The same thing has happened to more than 100 other organizations and can happen to any organization.

Suppose the NAACP had not been removed from the "subversive" list - what could it have done to reverse a decision stigmatizing it in the eyes of the public? Very little, under the "loyalty" program regulations. Scores of the blacklisted organizations have found that out; they know from bitter experience that the "loyalty" program the revolutionary movement, the work out a deal with him whereby crown. offers them no genuine appeal against continued victimization by arbitrary bureaucrats.

The designation of the NAACP as "subversive" was not yet ready to blacklist the NAACP; they want first to condition the American people to accept the principle that blacklists are permissible, and at this stage of the game they confine the blacklist to the more radical (and therefore, they believe, the more vulnerable) groups.

But after this precedent is set, the witch hunt will be extended — to labor, liberal and Negro groups, including the NAACP. Today the NAACP is commended by the politicians in power for its "fine efforts. . . to eliminate communism." But tomorrow the standards of "anti-communism" will change, and the NAACP's fight to end Jim Crow will be construed as "subversion" of the worst type.

The experience of Germany proved that if you let the witch hunters have a finger, they will try to snatch a whole arm. It can happen here too, and it will, unless ism, "together with the failure the labor, liberal and Negro movements understand the of local, state and federal full implications of the witch hunt and take vigorous ac- authorities to apprehend and tion to stop it in self-defense. The main target of the prosecute the criminals, requires "subversive" list is not "communism" but the Bill of Rights a more dramatic demonstration itself. Organizations that don't want to be blacklisted tomorrow must come to the aid of those that are being blacklisted today.

# George Washington's Political Role in 1st American Revolution **U.S. SCIENTIST EXPOSES**

By John F. Petrone strategist as well as spokesman GEORGE WASHINGTON AND for the urban and rural masses AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE was the work of Adams and his by Curtis P. Nettels. Little, fellow revolutionists for 15 or 20 years before 1776 that made the Brown, 1951, 338 pp., \$5.00. victory of the revolution possible.

Prof. Nettels' latest book is not Washington, on the other hand, as big or broad or deep as his played little or no role as a revofirst work, The Roots of American lutionist in the period before 1774. Nettels shows that he had plenty of grievances against the British - as a soldier serving with them school of historians. Nevertheless, in his youth, as a planter who it has certain merits, particularly was cheated by the low prices in showing that George Washthey paid for his tobacco and ington's contributions to the other products, as payer of high American revolution were not taxes.and duties, as speculator in imited to the military sphere. the Western lands, etc. But dur-Unfortunately, the author and ing the period when Adams was his publishers seemed to feel that organizing the masses against the Tories and the British and until this was not enough, and so they came up with a thesis that opens a few years before the Declarathe book to criticism. In adtion of Independence, all Washvertising the book, the publishers ington did was grumble about chose to claim that it proved that these things, and nothing more. no one, not even Sam Adams, And Nettels can adduce no played a bigger role than Washevidence to the contrary.

ington in the revolution that won WASHINGTON'S ROLE

independence from Britain. Netquite those words, but he comes close to it. WASHINGTON AND ADAMS

from what the book does have to until a few months before July them in such a way as to offer. As Harry Frankel's current of 1776, there was strong senti- strengthen the forces that favorseries in The Militant has shown, ment, even in the Continental ed independence and to push the Adams was the organizer and one Congress, for continued efforts to compromisers further along in of the chief theoreticians of appease King George III and to the direction of a break with the leader of the revolutionary organ- the colonies would remain part of zations and the chief political the British Empire.



GEORGE WASHINGTON

Nettels' book deals mainly with What Nettels does show, and show well, is that once Washington entered the revolutionary movement and accepted com-

> The book would have been better if he had confined himself imperialism.

to this main task and not weaken ed it by making claims about the the discussion of the U.S. witch hunt which was recently previous period that he certainly touched off in England by Bertrand Russell's comments does not (because he cannot) on the disastrous effects of the substantiate.

campaign to impose thought con-One quotation is worth reprint trol on the American people. ing here. It reminds us of the Writing in the Feb. 14 Manchester stories in the press a year ago Guardian, British liberal weekly, when the Chinese and North Koreans were driving the U.S. the scientist says: troops back from the Yalu River area. They displayed such heroism only conclude that the same is in charging at tanks with only true for others, there are several

resident FBI agents who interrifles and bare hands that American brass hats and commentators view department heads and their secretaries regularly about stujust couldn't understand it and tried to explain their "indif- dents who are prospective governference to certain death" by ment employees. They ask declaiming that they took dope be- tailed questions about political opinions advanced by prospective fore going into battle.

Well, the British Lord Percy candidates during their scholastic was in charge of a brigade that career. This is fairly well known faced the American colonists at and does not exactly encourage the battles of Concord and Lex- undergraduates to utter opinions ington, April 18-19, 1775. Previ- critical of the United States govously, he had written about them: ernment. "Whenever we appear, they are frightened out of their wits." But such opinions may be illustrated on April 20, after he got a taste by my own experience. I am em-

Every employee of an industrial or scientific organization, down of how they fought, he wrote a ployed by a leading university to to the last janitor, has to apply letter in which he revised his do research in applied science this year, and demonstrates quite opinion that they would run away. My work is unclassified, but the for security clearance if some classified work is going on on conclusively that in his role as in combat, and noted with some funds out of which I am paid the premises. He has to list all commander-in-chief Washington astonishment that many of them come from a government agency. mand of the Continental troops had a great many political deci- "advanced within, ten yards to There must be many thousands of organizations he ever belonged to This is unfortunate because it in 1775, he went into it seriously sions and actions to make, and fire at me and other officers, people working in universities unand he will not be cleared if is not true and detracts attention and militantly. In 1775, and even that in virtually all cases he made though they were mortally cer- der similar conditions. I was rethere happens to be one on the Attorney General's list. He never tain of being put to death in an cently warned by the director of my institute that reports had will be missed. instant.'

In our university, and I can

It is not dope that explains the come from the Washington office be employed to scrutinize these behavior of the Chinese and of the government agency in North Koreans but a revolu- question to say that I had, in a forms and how dangerous the mere existence of such an aptionary spirit that seems common small circle, been heard to adparatus can be. to all colonial struggles against vance views critical of the United

States government. I was ad

**Akron Girl's Home Drops Jim Crow** 

name and address.

By L. Cooper

AKRON, Feb. 13 - The Kate The Justice editorial gives an Waller Barrett Home for "adolescent" girls today announced an end to their 33-year-old policy of cluding labor leaders, be afraid keeping their doors closed to Negro girls. Henceforth, the board of directors announced, girls will be admitted "regardless of race. creed or color.'

abvious - because the labor lead If the announced new policy is ers have not done what they can adhered to, the people of Akron case in the Jan. 15 Justice, pub- do in fighting the terrorists; becan record a great victory against lished by the AFL International cause they have done less than race discrimination. The Barrett the "communists"; because by Home is a recipient of Com-Attempting to give a "progres-and large they have restricted munity Chest Funds, and in sive" explanation of why the themselves to "expressing symthemselves to "expressing sym- recent months their discriminathe CIO join in a nationwide one- bers of the CIO ought to. They protests "have been relatively pathy" instead of conducting a tion policy was widely exposed. In particular, the Socialist real struggle.

"We suspect that this is largely | Yet the labor leaders have re- Workers Party of Akron carried sounded more like something that in unmistakable terms that it is due to a fear of being identified sources a thousand times greater on a relentless campaign for the might have come from some pro- not formal "sympathy" that the with the Communists, who are than the "communists." They witholding of 1952 civic funds to Communist than a solid citizen victims of lynch-terrorism need, trying to capitalize on the case have millions of followers, mass the Barrett Home. That this was but militant action on a mass and pass themselves off as the organizations, money, great social beginning to catch fire among the

weight. If they used them, then Negro people was indicated by

a blunder by some over-zealous brass hat — but a blunder in timing rather than in essence. The witch hunters are not yet ready to blacklist the NAACP; they want first to CIO Leaders Say No on Work Stoppage

By Albert Parker board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for a program of action. adopted a resolution favoring a

nationwide work stoppage to **REPORTS CIO REACTION** 

protest the bomb-murder of Mr. However, on Feb. 13, Nelson and Mrs. Harry T. Moore and ther terrorist outrages in the South, nothing further has been said on the subject by either the NAACP or the leaders of the labor movement. the following:

The board resolution noted that continuing acts of terrorof the reaction of the American people than the sending of communications of protest or the nolding of memorial services."

the public had no way of knowing No CIO or NAACP leader has arouse support and enthusiasm work stoppage, is definitely not throwers are a menace not only tion." participating.

explain himself. Maybe, after the and try to cover it up by promis-Frank, labor columnist of the first flush of enthusiasm or ing to "do all possible to publicize Scripps-Howard N. Y. World under the pressure of his con-Telegram & Sun, in the middle of servative friends in the govern-

report on a meeting of the top ment, he lost appetite for his own CIO officers in New York, wrote project. Maybe he does not want to offend the labor leaders, with whom he collaborates, by publicly

"A letter from Walter White, ead of the National Association criticizing their hands-off attitude for the Advancement of Colored and the reactionary reasons they give for it. People, of which Mr. (Philip) Murray is a member, proposed But if he won't do it, the mem-

day work stoppage. This led to should let Murray and Reuther mild," it says: comments that the proposal and the other CIO leaders know

Everything that has happened like Mr. White. ince Jan. 7 — the spread of "The CIO will not participate scale, along the lines of a sole agents of protest." "dramatic demonstration" like a To the CIO leaders, at least, a the fight against Jim Crow the lead editorial in the Ohio terrorism throughout the South in any such action, all agreed. "It is sympathetic with 'the national work stoppage. They national work stoppage is "some- violence would no longer be Informer (leading weekly among and into the North - confirms the statement of the NAACP indignation of the NAACP and should teach the CIO leaders the thing that might have come from "identified with the communists" the Negro people of Akron) of board. Why, then, has there been lesson that union officials who some pro-Communist" and that is but would be identified with the Feb. 2, 1952, favorably reporting will do all possible to publicize its sympathy, but national refuse to take appropriate action sufficient for them to shun it. labor movement, and properly so. the statement of the Akron SWP no further word from the NAACP strikes are not acts that respon-sible trade unions can sponsor." are "responsible" in only one frightened the union officials; traying the confidence of the Ne-Chest Board of Directors, about the proposed work stoppage, which was originally sug We cannot vouch for the ac- sense - responsible for encourag- most of them will not admit it, gro people in the union movement demanding the "withholding of gested by NAACP secretary Walter White himself? In fact, for the next five weeks has the general ring of truth. their assaults on life and liberty. AFL hotel workers union, was of labor. Walter White himself? Sam Adams and the American Revolution: 16-

Why are the labor leaders telling the truth last month when Ever since Jan. 7, when the if the proposal was still "alive" challenged it. And the indisput- behaving in such a despicable he said that "now labor leaders or if it had been buried still-born. able fact is that the CIO, invited manner? Deep down in their think twice before standing un That is not the way in which to to participate in the proposed hearts they know that the bomb- to be counted against discrimina-

> to Negroes and Jews but to the (their) sympathy"?

#### HINT OF ANSWER

A hint of the answer is suplied in an editorial on the Moore Ladies' Garment Workers Union.

silent about this, he will have to they shut their eyes to this truth excuse. Why should people, in "of being identified with the Communists" merely because they take militant action against lynch-violence? The answer is

Why Walter White remains labor movement itself. Why do explanation, however, and not an

# **CONGRESSMEN DODGE CIVIL RIGHTS BACKERS**

(Continued from page 1) Those big delegations made more of an impression than these do." Other delegates both in conversations and in their reports banquet which was addressed by made such observations as, "the Senators Lehman (NY.), Ives Representative told our delega- (N.Y.), Humphrey (Minn.) and tion he favors civil rights legisla- Benton (Conn.). This morning tion, but we don't trust his delegates were briefed in the Senword.

#### LACK OF CONFIDENCE

A lack of confidence in the trustworthiness of the Truman and Representatives. administration and politicians of

both parties who give lip service to civil rights legislation was reflected in some statements of the officials of the conference. At one point it was heartily assented to by the conference.

C. R. Darden of Missippi was reporting how his delegation, unable to secure a meeting with their white - supremacist Senators, Eastland and Stennis, had spoken with Stennis' assistant, a Mr. Matthew. In reply to the session. argument that eight or ten fili-

bustering Senators could prevent the majority from voting on civil rights legislation, Matthew was reported as saying that a majority of Senators could break such a ing Car Porters. filibuster if they wanted to. At

Except for those who reported this point in the report, cries of briefly on the interviews, the 800 "That's right" were shouted from delegates had no chance to say the floor.

The conference was attended by anything at the conference. Their over 800 delegates from 35 states, job was confined to listening to and represented 52 organizations speeches and attempting to catch claiming millions of members, their Congressmen.

However, the great bulk of the Aside from passing references delegates were from the NAACP, in a few speeches there was no with CIO unions well represented. discussion on the Harry T. Moore

#### LITTLE DISCUSSION

tion of Walter Lee Irvin or the With one brief exception there spreading wave of racist terror. was no discussion from the floor. Not one mention was made of the The exception concerned a case of NAACP's six-weeks-old proposal insulting behavior and threatened for a national work stoppage to violence against a Negro delegate protest the Moore bombing. Yet by a bigoted elevator operator it was the increase of racist vioin the Senate Office Building. lence and the hope that an effec-After discussion a committee was tive counter program would be set up on the spot and sent immapped out that brought many mediately to secure satisfaction from the Superintendent of the of the delegates to the conferbuilding. ence.

Yesterday, the first day of the conference, was devoted to an exposition of the undemocratic nature of Senate Rule 22 and to a

ate Caucus Room by CIO Secretary James E. Carey and then went around interviewing or try-

ing to interview their Senators

At 2:00 this afternoon the conference reassembled to hear reports on the interviews. Heads of Readers who would like to get back issues of delegations, or sub-heads where The Militant 'containing previous installments delegations had split up, made the should address their requests to the Business reports. These were confined to Manager. the replies of the legislators and

pertinent comments. An attempt was made to change the agenda and permit discussion from the floor but was ruthlessly beaten down by Roy Wilkins, NAACP Administrator, who chaired the

committees on which he served. Thomas Jeffer-The evening session was devotson later wrote that Sam Adams "had a greater ed to speeches by Walter Reuther, share than any other member (of Congress) in President of the UAW-CIO, and advising and directing our measures in the A. Philip Randolph, President of Northern war." the AFL Brotherhood of Sleep-

Adams exercised his vigilance particularly against any attempts at a deal with the British. For example, when the Crown sent a commission here to initiate negotiations. Adams wrote an open letter saying there was nothing to negotiate. and that the British could solve all problems by withdrawing their troops.

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"We are not so romantically fond of fighting," he wrote, "neither have we such a regard for the City of London, as to commence a crusade for the possession of that Holy Land." He then added: "To revive mutual affection is utterly impossible. case, the recent frameup convic- We freely forgive you, but it is not in nature that you should forgive us. You have injured us too much."

> It is not the purpose of these articles to carry the narrative of the American Revolution into the war period. However, certain features of the war are indispensable for the full demonstration of points we have developed.

> It has been our contention, throughout these articles that, contrary to the impression given in the school books, the revolution was made not by a united people but by a disunited people. This disunity, furthermore, was drawn along class

#### By Harry Frankel

CIVIL WAR

lines. Thus the revolution constituted an internal The concluding installment of this series will upheaval that reconstructed American society in be published in next week's issue of The Militant. many important respects, not merely a colonial revolt against Britain.

#### The Great Tory Emigration

Let us begin with the startling facts of the Tory emigration during the war. It is not very well known that somewhere between 100,000 and 200,000 emigres fled the colonies during this period. The exact figures are not known, but none of the various estimates are below 100,000. If we make a comparison between this emigration and the far better publicized flight of counter-revolutionists during the French Revolution , we are confronted with a surprising fact. A recent Harvard University study of the French emigration from 1789 to 1799 estimates that the total number of individuals who fled the Revolution during those years comes to slightly more than 129,000. Thus the emigration in the American Revolution was about the same size as the emigration in the French Revolution. However, the population of France from which the emigration was drawn was ten times the size of the American population; slightly over 28 millions as against only 2 3/4 millions.

It is quite likely, from all available evidence, that the Tory emigration from the American Revolution was the largest proportional emigration from a revolutionary nation in the history of revolution.

We come to the next question: Who were the American emigres? An authoritative historian has written:

"If we should investigate the Tory party in the several colonies in detail, we should be forced to the conviction that, in New England, it comprised in 1775 a very great share, probably more than half, of the most educated, wealthy and hitherto respected classes. In March, 1776, when Howe evacuated Boston, eleven hundred refugees sailed away with him. These eleven hundred, and the thousand or more who subsequently followed

them, bore away perhaps a majority of the old aristocracy of Massachusetts."

In New York, the same authority estimates: "In the height of the war at least, the bulk of the property owners belonged to the Tory party." He adds that in Pennsylvania, the situation was the same. The New York Chamber of Commerce, an association of wealthy merchants, contained among its 102 members no fewer than 54 Tories and only 21 Whigs, of whom most were conservative oppositionists, not radicals.

The prominence given to the name of John Hancock, partly by himself and partly by later historians who have tried to give the capitalist class a good "patriotic" record, has, we find once more, left a false impression. Esther Forbes, biographer of Paul Revere, remarks, for instance, that Hancock was the only prominent merchant to continue the line of the old Massachusetts merchant aristocracy after the Revolution. Most others were uprooted by the storm.

#### Tory Armed Forces in the Civil War

The fact that a huge portion of the previous ruling class was exiled (to Hell, Hull and Halifax, as the saying went in those days) and that another large portion worked as secret enemies of the new regime, surely speaks eloquently as to the nature of the revolutionary war. It was civil war as well as colonial. The composition of the British armed forces further reinforces this view. Colonial Tory regiments formed by wealthy Tories and their hangers-on played an important part in the fighting. Most of the military operations of a distinctly civil war type, such as raiding and pillaging directed against the civilian population, burning of villages, harbor installaions and ships, etc., were assigned to these Tory regiments. Johnson's "Loyal Greens," Butler's "Tory Rangers," and a regiment organized by the traitor, Benedict Arnold (who had been a New Haven merchant in civil life) played a large part in some of the bitterest fighting of the war: in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania, the Cherry Valley of New York, and in the southern invasion during the latter part of the war.

There were close to 20,000 such Tory militianen, and at least 30,000 more Americans served directly in the British Imperial Army and Royal Navy. This total of 50,000 colonials who fought against the revolution is an imposing figure, when it is recalled that the forces at the disposal of General George Washington often fell below 10.000.

James Truslow Adams makes the following startling statement: "Tories in great numbers did flock to the Royal Colors. Indeed it has been stated, although not wholly proved, that more colonials served in the Imperial than in the Revolutionary Army."

This claim is certainly false. Charles A. Beard estimates that in the course of the war, nearly 400.000 Americans were enlisted for some kind of service with the armed forces of the Revolution. But the very fact that American Torydom contributed so many counter-revolutionary soldiers as to make this claim possible underscores the civil war character of the fighting.

#### Popular Anger at the Tories

Nor was the civil war restricted to the formal military arena. Tories were tarred and feathered, their homes and other property destroyed, and some were even executed by the angry populace. The leading known Tories spent the war in prison; a Connecticut prison camp contained at one time, a former governor of New Jersey and the mayor of New York.

A complaint penned by Lord Dunmore, Royal Governor of Virginia, shortly before the fighting opened, gives a graphic picture of the development of the civil war. He wrote:

"A committee has been chosen in every county . . . which committee assumes to inspect the books, invoices, and all other secrets of trade and correspondence of merchants, to watch the conduct of every inhabitant without distinction, and to send for all such as come under their suspicion . . . to interrogate them respecting all matters which, at their pleasure, they think fit objects of their inquiry; and to stigmatize, as they term it, such as they find transgressing what they are hardy enough to call the laws of Congress, which stigmatizing is no more than inviting the vengeance of an outrageous and lawless mob to be exercised upon the unhappy victim. Every county, besides, is now arming a company of men, whom they call an Independent Company, for the avowed purpose of protecting their committees and to be employed against government if occasion requires."

The new revolutionary power had its birth in actions such as these, and the civil war that followed flowed directly from them. As we would expect, far-reaching social changes followed as a result of this war and revolution.

(Next Week: The Revolution And Social Change.)





### The Negro Struggle **Bias and Bureaucracy**

#### By Jean Blake

Last week we opened the discussion of Jim Crow in the unions with an editorial from the Cleveland Call and Post which cited the example. of brazen bigotry of William Donovan, Steelworkers Union director in the Cleveland area.

Donovan, who threatened he would "take my double-barrelled shotgun and clean out these committees who fight against discrimination,' was seen as a type of bureaucrat harmful to the CIO. His prejudice and contempt for Negro workers, can make "organized labor as a whole. . . pay a terrific price," the editorial warned. But what can Negro union members do about it? The editor failed to outline any course other than appealing to the CIO's top leadership to clean out the Donovans.

It is necessary to expose the role of bigoted bureaucrats to the top leadership, and to an working people, but a realistic approach to the problem cannot depend on bureaucrats to clean out bureaucrats. Rather, the Negro unionists must look for allies in their struggle against the Donovans among other workers who also have grievances against the bureaucrats. It is not only the Negro workers that Donovan is fighting, but all militant rank and filers who want their union. to represent them, rather than the bosses.

Donovan has made it clear in statements, as crude as his threat against the Negro workers. where he stands in the class struggle between the members of the union he dominates and the capitalists who exploit them. In an interview published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer last Sep tember 16, the steelworkers' director had a few mild reprimands for "the few" companies with which the union does not have smooth working relations. But upon the union militants he concentrated everything from patronizing condescension to vicious slander and threats.

In addition to some idol-worshipping statements about the sanctity of contracts Donovan had this to say about local union leadership:

"When we started the campaign to organize workers in the steel mills and steel fabricating mills, I realized that we were building a new union. For the most part these people had never had an opportunity to belong to a union before, and I knew it would take a great deal of time, effort and patience to develop leadership in these

local unions, and to educate them to ideals and principles of the trade union movement.

"I knew that our organization would have to go through a certain amount of growing pains in the undertaking. But thank God, we have gone through these growing pains, and I am happy to say we have developed some very fine leadership in our local unions.

"It is unfortunate, however, that we do have some irresponsible leadership in our local unions. Some of our officers and committeemen feel that, in order to be a good leader, all they have to do is grandstand and parade, and play to the gallery, play politics, take the course of least resistance. and even sometimes support the membership when they are in the wrong.

"This is absolutely the wrong conception of what it takes to be a good leader. Leaders of this kind cannot contribute anything to our organization or to good labor relations. They should be eliminated.'

The thing that makes this character, Donovan, such a serious problem for the workers is that he is not unique. Unfortunately, his thinking is typical of the whole stratum of labor bureaucrats who have forgotten, if they ever knew, that the unions have just one justification for existence - and that is as organizations through which the working people can further their own class interests.

The Cleveland Call and Post was right when it pointed out that the growth of the bureaucracy has brought the CIO to a critical point. But the situation is as serious for white workers as for Negro workers, and the two must unite to get rid of the Donovans. They can only do this by their own organized effort, by building a new left wing leadership and returning the unions to the democratic control of the ranks - not by appealing to the Murrays and McDonalds or any others of the same stripe.

In many sections of the labor movement rank and file militants realize this and are organizing committees to defend their democratic rights - including their right to get rid of the bankrupt leadership that leads the labor movement from one blind alley to another, both economically and politically. It is in these rank and file opposition movements that Negro workers facing the particular problem of discrimination in the unions must look for allies.

Students in **Seattle Hear George Clarke** 

VOLUME XVI

By Clara Kaye

SEATTLE, Feb. 13 - Coinciding with the final days of the mayoralty campaign of Daniel Roberts, Socialist Workers Party city chairman, the local appearances of George Clarke, party leader and editor recently returned from Europe, served as a highly successful climax to the efforts of the Seattle Branch to publicize the anti-war, pro-civilliberties program of the SWP before the people of Seattle.

Over 100 University of Washington students assembled to hear 'A Marxist View of World Events." They listened intently as George Clarke clearly analyzed the class forces creating today's history and the irresistible global surge towards socialism.

Hailing the mushrooming revolts against imperialist domination by the colonial masses and the resistance of European workers to rearmament as practical confirmations of Marxist theory, Clarke urged unconditional support to these dynamic manifestations of the impending world conflict between progress and reacsaid. "All the atom bombs cannot win an international civil war. sibly hope to find more success against three-quarters of the world determined to eradicate the brutal, outmoded, dying sys-

THE MILITANT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1952 **Carried Dying Baby 8 Miles** 



Mrs. Richard Hazelwood is shown in her Hopkins Chapel, Va., home with her miner husband and surviving two-year-old son while county medical society whitewashed her charge that three doctors refused to come because she had no money when her baby was dying of pneumonia. Carrying her sick baby, Mrs. Hazelwood walked eight miles to a hospital where it died.

# tion. "Counter - revolution never wins out in the long run," Clarke ILLINOIS PAPER BLASTS turn back the clock of history — it is a myth to think they can win an international civil war The modern U.S. army that was stalemated in Korea cannot pos-sibly hope to find more success

CHICAGO, Feb. 19 - "The Socialist Workers Party has raised an interesting constitutional question by challenging in federal court a new Illinois law setting up re-

strictions on nominating peti-Dtions," states an editorial in the has kept silent about this fight. Decatur, Ill., Herald. The unprincipled Stalinists are The law in question, House Bill again demonstrating that opposition to the SWP is more impor-1030, was sneaked through the tant to them than a principled Illinois legislature and quietly stand in defense of democratic signed by liberal Democratic Govrights for all. ernor Adlai Stevenson July 28,

1951. It would impose a fine and **'POLITICAL GHETTO LAW''** imprisonment upon a citizen who

Individuals and organizations went outside his county of resiwho believe in fighting to predence to petition to place a new serve democratic rights are beginning to rally to the SWP's court battle. Said one supporter as he made a substantial contribution to The Herald editorial, which was help finance the fight, "It's a poreprinted in full today by the litical ghetto law!" Chicago Daily Sun-Times, brands

The suit against Stevenson and other state officials was filed in the name of the Socialist Workers Party; Farrell Dobbs, SWP nominee for President; Grace Carlson, nominee for Vice-President; Arne Swabeck, candidate or Governor; Marjorie Ball, can- mood in recent months, is the

# Auto, Rubber Workers Strike In Detroit Area

NUMBER 8

By Everett Kennedy workers must stand at their

DETROIT - Despite 105,000 operations. Stools, benches, chairs, boxes, nemployed in the Detroit area, - anything which could be used Detroit workers are resorting to as a seat between jobs, were strike action on an increasing ordered removed from the descale to resist new attacks upon partment. The workers were intheir conditions by the corporaensed. This was the same group tions.

which had suffered blows in a Some 4,500 Dodge Truck workcompany speedup drive a few ers went on strike for several months ago when a strike vote days in support of five workers disciplined for an earlier walk- failed to carry the required twoout. The walkout of 150 tool- thirds majority. Angered by the makers at the Budd Wheel plant newest company provocation, the Trim Shop workers responded by in a dispute over a wage differential between "captive" tool following time allowances on the various operations to the letter. hops and "jobbing shops" and Normally, workers quickly perovertime work resulted in the shutdown of a major part of form their individual operations Budd Wheel operations for the and then step aside so that there is room for the workers on the etter part of a week.

MOOD OF RESISTANCE

At the same time, more than 5.000 workers at the U.S. Rubber Company plant here have been out for a week in a work standards dispute involving peedup. Indicative of the mood which

prevails, 2300 UAW-CIO Fleet-Several weeks ago, more than 10,000 Briggs workers, members

of UAW Local 212 authorized strike action by an 89% vote climaxing a several weeks' fight on speedup. The threat of strike action at Briggs was sufficient problem is a lot of talk. In spite to force some concessions by the Briggs Company on the operation in dispute. The partial victory in this dispute has encouraged a bolder, more aggressive stand on the part of the workers.

The present flurry of strikes omes in response to the intensification of the speedup brought in the wake of mass unemployment among the auto workers. However, the hopes of the auto corporations that the unemploy-

ment would weaken the resistance of the workers have been shortlived. In fact, the unemployment has tended to promote greater resistance to the speedup as the workers see a double threat to

their conditions and security.

work. Space limitations and overcrowding do not permit completion of the jobs unless this is done. By taking the full time allowed for each operation, many jobs passed through uncompleted. This pressure campaign continued

following operation to do their

for two days with full support and cooperation of the whole dewood Local 15 members voted partment. On Friday the comby more than 85% for strike pany capitulated and the workers action in their fight on speedup. again are resting between operations.

UNEMPLOYED CRISIS

In the meantime, all that the auto workers have gotten so far to meet the unemployment of hurried trips back and forth to Washington by Reuther and others and the establishment of several committees to "investigate," job prospects for Detroit's unemployed continue dim. Nothing has been done to alleviate the plight of the jobless and it is announced that increased thousands will be added to the un-

employed by April. Hopes and claims that increased allocation of materials would solve the Detroit unemployment problem are now called into question by the announcement that sales of new automobiles in Wayne County for the last three months of 1951 are 50% down from 1950.

# **Johnstone Fired**

FIGHT AT DODGE Highlighting the change in

By Milton Matthews

**Cry the Beloved Country** 

The best-seller Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton reached the American screen recently. It received an enthusiastic reception by the critics. The N.Y. Times reviewer praised it as the first great film on the subject of racial conflict. Let me file a minority report, for although the merits of this movie become apparent early, its faults, which are subtler, become, in the end, overwhelming.

This is the story of a back-country native priest of South Africa, a member of the Anglican church. beautifully played by Canada Lee, the same fine actor who gave flesh and blood to the role of Bigger Thomas in Native Son over a decade ago. Now, Canada Lee portrays a sincere religious man who takes leave of his impoverished flock of Negro tenant farmers, to journey into the "civilized" jungle that is Johannesburg in search of his son and sister.

The best feature of the novel was the vivid description it gave of this dislocation in the lives of the natives, who comprise the vast majority of South Africa. Imperialism, with its exploitation of cheap labor in the gold and diamond mines, has uprooted, with terrible results, a long-established primitive culture. But the film underplays landowner. As the camera follows the priest it cannot help but record the misery of native life in South Africa. This background material - the endless piles of wooden shacks, the native homes, and the faces within; faces shocked into dullness by unending pain and humiliation - actually shot in that country, remains stored in memory long after one leaves the theater.

But the filming of this reality is the only part of the truth that this movie offers. To dispel this visible indictment of imperialism, the movie makers immediately serve up in dramatic form the two old lies; social reformism plus the Sermon on the Mount. They unravel these panaceas on the screen with skill and talent. The son of the landowner, they imply, has found the way to overcome the inequality, poverty and hate - by building boys' clubs for the Negro youth. This is presented in all seriousness. So seriously, in fact, that it seems that the old landowner, a firm supporter of the status quo in South Africa all his life, recognizes the merits of his son's teachings after his son's death, and turns himself into an active supporter of this "new" idea.

The movie makers hammer on the theme that since the pressures of grinding poverty and ra-

tem of capitalism." Clarke was the first scheduled speaker in a series of forums sponsored by the University Y.M. C.A. at Eagleson Hall. His appearance was advertised widely on the campus. For an hour after his talk, dozens of serious, sym-

pathetic students gathered around Clarke and Daniel Robérts, who introduced him, to ask questions and discuss socialism. The next evening Clarke spoke

at a downtown meeting at Evergreen Hall in the Arcade Building sponsored by the SWP. A large audience of workers, Negroes, students, and housewives, many of them new to Marxist ideas, listened to Clarke speak on "The Coming International Showdown" with the same eagerness and intensity shown previously by the students. Daniel Roberts also spoke on "Civil Liberties and the

War." parties." Most

what the novel stressed.

Slickly skirted around, are those scenes which describe the young men being conscripted from the fields for long hard labor in the mines, then cast unmercifully adrift, broken in body and mind, into the slums of South African cities. The wives of these men are barred from living with their men during the years of mine labor and wait out the lonely, hungry days in the city slums. The priest's sister has to turn to prostitution to earn her bread.

Counterposed to the odyssey of the Negro priest is the story of the wealthy landowner of the same back-country area. This man's son has also fled his home to escape the parasitic, manorial life, and because he refuses to accept the injustices of his father's way of life. In Johannesburg this young man has achieved fame as a social reformer attempting to improve the conditions of the black millions.

The film tells primarily the story of the two elderly fathers, the Negro priest and the white

cial degradation are so strong as to drive a na tive boy, in a moment of fear and hate, to rob and kill, therefore, the solution must be - modern, progressively-run reformatories.

To the author's credit, his plot tears through this "unlifter" sham. But the one final answer both he and the film offer is the inherent goodness of man. The lion, represented by the few white colonial rulers, and the lamb, that is the oppressed black peoples, shall, one day, lie down as brothers in the gold and diamond pastures of South Africa.

This film thus distorts, confuses and hides reality. The truth looms large before the lens of the camera but the cynical palm of colonialism is quickly drawn over it. Watching this plot unfold, I thought of the headlines in the newspapers outside the theater, proclaiming the extension of the revolutionary wave of oppressed peoples to the heart of Africa. It is this wave and this wave alone that will smash for all time the exploitation of the native women and men of South Africa.

"It would seem," the editorial to speak further with Clarke, atconcludes, "that restrictive legistended a reception in his honor lation stemming from political the following evening, at which reasons or from a lack of trust time he spoke in his capacity as in the democratic system is con-SWP election campaign manager trary to the spirit of the federal about the deep significance of the Constitution." party's participation in the na-

party on the ballot.

OLITICAL RESTRICTION

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cago and threaten the two major

Gov. Stevenson, who is mainly tional election this fall. His talk responsible for the new law, is a was enthusiastically received. On Sunday, Clarke was invited presidential aspirant posing as a "man of the people." He now to address the weekly forum of the Church of the People in the stands unmasked before hundreds University District. Most of the of thousands of Illinois citizens as excellent, attentive audience nod- a trickster who would stoop to ded its agreement with the speak- any anti-democratic act to further er's condemnation of Wall Street's his own political interests and predatory role against the world's those of the Democratic Party. 'Named in the SWP's suit masses and his prognosis of international socialism as the resolu- against Law 1030 are Gov. Stetion of the final conflict now con- venson, other principal state offronting us. One listener arose to ficials, and the county attorneys thank the Church's pastor, Rev. and chiefs of police in major coun-Shorter, for providing the oppor- ties of Illinois. A hearing is extunity to hear a speaker with such pected to begin soon in Federal "clear ideas and broad vision," Judge Igoe's court in Chicago. and others echoed this sentiment. True to form, the Daily Worker

for Governor; Marjorie Ball, can-didate for Secretary of State; fight of the Dodge Trim Shop By Reuther to Marvel Dobbs; and Irving Beinin, workers against a company cam-Illinois state chairman of the paign to end "sitting down on SWP. Their attorney is M. J. the job." Last week, Dodge man-SWP. Their attorney is M. J. the job." Last week, Dodge man-Myer, noted civil liberties lawyer. | agement issued a decree that

## **Call Off Housing Authority** Strike ; 'Mediation' Promised

#### By Daniel Mason

NEW YORK, Feb. 19 - A strike of civil service workers involving the overwhelming majority of the 3,000-odd employees of the New York Housing Authority was called off today upon the promise of .

city labor relations director and brought into it virtually all Daniel Kornblum to mediate the of the maintenance department as dispute involving the demand for well as many of the Housing a fifty-cents an hour increase. Assistants, key personnel in the The union - the Government management of the projects. and Civic Employees Organizing With this added strength, the union then put forward the Committee, Local 370, CIO, vas organized over two years ago demand for an across-the-board on the theory that playing ball pay increase of 50 cents per hour with City Hall was the "American | and proceeded to rally the entire way" of unionism as opposed to labor force for a showdown with bureaucrats for his open com-"communistic" tactics of strikes the Housing Authority. On the pany-minded and conservative and picketing. eve of the scheduled walk-out,

#### BRIEF HONEYMOON

ned to fall in the middle of the After supporting Wm. O'Dwyer | February rent collection week, in the 1949 mayoralty election the union officials ganged up on the union was rewarded with the rank and file to demand that recognition as the official CIO the action be postponed as union of city employees in place requested by Housing Authority of the rival United Public Work- chairman Philip Cruise, ostensibly ers which had been expelled from to permit him to present the the CIO on the charge of being union demands to his five - man The governing board, but actually to "communist - dominated." honeymoon, however, was both permit the unhindered collection and consistent support of Reuther brief and frustrating. of February rents.

Discontent kept rising among ewing the main address pointed of whom are compelled to sup. Finally, on Feb. 18, the men went General Motors workers. Week would not be necessary if by applying for relief from the way. By the following day most

On the second day of the strike, lutionary perspective of uproot- leadership, just as the working officials to the City Hall hacks. however, the sell-out machinery ing anti-Negro discrimination to- class as a whole does; and that The union officials were compelled went into action. An offer to American capitalism and Jim to call upon the workers for "mediate" the dispute on condition the men go back was present-

The employees of the City ed to the members as a "vic-Housing Authority, which oper- tory." The union officials made it ates 68 mammoth housing pro- clear that the men had the jects, responded to the appeal "right" to reject the offer but if with enthusiasm. First came a they did they would get no CIO successful work-stoppage by the support. The resistance of the Т. "maintenance men," as the gen- rank and file wilted under the observance of Negro History terest at the meeting. Seventeen eral handymen in the maintenance pressure of the leaders and the to put up with by government withholding taxes, week. Portraits of Frederick copies were sold shortly after department are called. This in- motion to return was carried by creased the influence of the union a big majority.

DETROIT .- The removal of Art Johnstone, Director of the UAW-CIO General Motors Department, was announced last week in a letter to General Motors locals by UAW president Walter Reuther. Johnstone, who had been Director of the General Motors Department since 1948, was a consistent supporter of the Walter Reuther administration.

The action by the Reuther leadership comes in response to long - standing dissatisfaction of General Motors workers with the functioning of the union in the General Motors set-up. In Reuther's announcement of the removal of Johnstone "ill health" and "policy differences" are given as the explanation.

#### GREATER CRUDENESS

However, while Johnstone ranked high among the Reuther policies, he differed from the others in the leadership only in which had been deliberately planhis greater crudeness and lack of

polish in carrying out Reuther's policies. Jack Livingston, Vice-President of the UAW, who has now been appointed Director of the General Motors Department, is the recognized leader of the most conservative forces on the UAW-CIO Executive Board.

In view of Johnstone's complete and his policies, his removal is viewed as an attempt by Reuther As was to be expected, the the low-paid city employees, many postponement brought no results. to find a scapegoat to pacify

> As one General Motors Local union officer put it. "We are happy to be rid of Johnstone. But we must yet get rid of Reuther superintendent remaining in each and his policies which Johnstone so faithfully supported."

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Cleveland Feb. 29-Mar. 1 Youngstown Mar. 2-3 Akron Mar. 4-5 Pittsburgh Mar. 6-7 Philadelphia Mar: 8-9 Boston Mar. 14-16 Newark Mar. 21

## Notes from the News

SCHUYLER STRIKES OUT --- George S. Schuyler. Pittsburgh Courier columnist, wrote on Feb. 16: "Dr. W.E.B. DuBois (is) indefatigably trying to interest Negro leaders in the fiction that the Smith Act (which jailed and is jailing Communist leaders) imperils Negro rights. When the same law was used to jail Trotskyites . . . the good Doctor was silent!" Schuyler couldn't be wronger if he tried. Dr. DuBois not only was not silent when the government jailed Socialist Workers Party and CIO leaders under the Smith Act, but he joined the Civil Rights Defense Committee formed to help them.

DANIEL J. TOBIN, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, pleads with the union's members "to have as much patience as you possibly can" over the runaround being given them by the Wage Stabilization Board. It is true, he writes in the February International Teamster, that "more than half the 15,000 cases buried in the quagmire of (WSB) red tape involve Teamster contracts." But: "Let us remember that we are a nation in trouble and that our kin are dying in Korea to turn back Communism. In such a time of emergency, we must accept even unjust, unnecessary hardships."

CEYLON IS OPENLY selling rubber to China, for which it "has forfeited American Point 4 aid," George Weller, Chicago Daily News correspondent, reported from Ceylon on Jan. 25. This flouting of the UN's demand for a rubber blockade against China, he says, is due to the high profits the rubber brokers make from the sales and to the pressure of "Communist and Marxist nationalists" in the Ceylon Parliament.

THREE AND A HALF MILLION farm workers will be displaced from their jobs by 1970 as a result of chemical and mechanical labor-saving devices which will be "revolutionary in impact," ac-

cording to a report prepared for a Senate subcommittee. One example of what is already happening: Five unskilled workers, toiling an average of 60 hours, are now needed to "dust" 100 acres of cotton. Using a plane, the same job can be done in 30 minutes by a pilot and four unskilled workers.

ON LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY the press reported from Gaffney, S.C., that a 60-year-old Negro grocer had withdrawn from that day's Democratic primary election for town council after getting a letter from the Ku Klux Klan reminding him that it is not "customary" for Negroes to hold office in South Carolina and warning him to withdraw as his own protection "for now and hereafter."

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"I'VE HEARD A LOT about the German Gestapo and the Russian secret police and often wondered if it could happen here. Now I will believe anything," says Mrs. Hildegarde Walgraeve of Detroit. Last month she got a ticket for not having a garbage car. She bought one the next day, but last week cops came for her, took her to the station, fingerprinted her, refused permission to call a lawyer, threw her into a cell with a narcotic addict and wouldn't let her know what they had done with her child. Held overnight, she pleaded innocent next morning. The judge said 'Suspended sentence" and then they let her go home. Fortunately for her, the garbage can was still there.

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PARALLEL. ... Six weeks ago a gunman robbed 'a Chicago store. Last week he held up the same store again and was just in time to get the insurance check reimbursing the storekeeper for the first robbery. The reader who sends in this item adds: "This is exactly what workers have except we don't have any insurance."

### SWP Detroit Meeting Holds Rousing **Celebration of Negro History Week**

#### By Jean Simon

DETROIT, Feb. 17 - "The history of Negroes in America proves beyond dispute that the Negroes' struggle against slavery and discrimination reached its greatest successes, effected a greater

degree of realization, when it was | leader of the fight against chattel merged with the struggle of the slavery, and Harry T. Moore, most radical and progressive recent martyr of the struggle against Twentieth Century Jim forces in society." Demonstrating the truth of Crow in Florida, decorated the that statement by a careful walls. The meeting opened with analysis, a Negro auto worker a minute's silence in honor of today held an audience of almost Harry T. Moore.

Questions and discussion fola hundred workers - the majority Negroes - in rapt attention as he discussed the crossroads at which the Negro strugviolence and betrayal; or a revogether with its capitalist basis, utilizing techniques of mass action, working class allies and cannot be completely abolished political action, and a new mili- without the other.

tant leadership from the ranks of The current issue of the magathe Negro workers.

zine, Fourth International, which The meeting, sponsored by the features an article on "The Detroit Branch of the Socialist Bomb - Murder of Harry Workers Party, was held in Moore," aroused considerable in-Douglass, revolutionary Negro adjournment.

up the fact that Negro History plement their meager earnings out with maintenance leading the gle has arrived. The alternatives the schools taught the true his- Department of Welfare. Gradu- projects were completely shut he outlined were a continuation tory of the American people in- ally the very tactics which the down with only the manager and of Jim Crow in America, with stead of ignoring or distorting CIO leaders had branded as "comnew techniques of oppression, the role of Negroes; that the munistic" began to replace the as a skeleton crew. Negro struggle faces a crisis of fruitless toadying of the union Crow are so interwoven that one militant action.