

militarize itself and to grant "full this could be a hard thing for us civil and political rights" to all to swallow." the militarists and former Nazis.

This Stalinist proposal placed only one condition on Germany's restoration as an independent, rearmed capitalist state: "Germany undertakes not to enter into any coalitions or military alliances directed against any Power which participated with its armed forces in the war against Germany." It in the war against Germany. It is clear that this refers specifically to German participation in the but fully committed to the supto German participation in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or the "European" army.

REJECT STALIN PROPOSAL

After consultation with the British and French governments, the U.S. State Department issued a note rejecting Stalin's proposal. The most revealing point of the ing to "imposing limitations on now under Eisenhower's com-Germany's freedom to enter into mand is at stake. That is what association with other countries" because the U.S. supports "plans designed to secure the participa-treally scared" is the "implica-treally scared" is the "implication of Germany in a purely defensive European community." This "purely defensive European Community refers to the U.S.dominated western European military alliance under the initials of NATO.

In short, Washington is against against the Russians." a neutral Germany. It insists on a Germany linked economically, tarily with the U.S. - controlled try of Europe, with its skilled politically and, above all, mili-Western European alliance.

This is the interpretation placed on the U.S. note by James Reston, Washington correspondent, in the March 26 N. Y. Times. The U.S. note, he states, tarized Germany under U.S. di-"said, in effect: 'We will not buy a German peace treaty or the unity of Germany at the expense of creating a German - controlled Linked with the minute S. Big is the economic. Can U.S. Big many... We are for an armed Business stand the competition of Army under a neutralized Germany. . . We are for an armed Germany, but only if it is part a restored Germany permitted to Germany, but only if it is part compete freely in the world

The Pennsylvania Secretary of State has notified the Socialist Workers Party that three of its All the protestations of the candidates have gualified for a

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White House and State Department that they want "free elec- place on the ballot in the Novemtions" and a "free Germany" ber election. The three are Farrevealed by the terms of the U.S. rell Dobbs for President, Grace note as a smoke screen. They Carlson for Vice President, and aren't interested in free elections Ann Chester for U.S. Senator, all or a free German people. They want a rearmed capitalist German appearing under the name Militant Workers Party in this state.

However, Clyde Turner, SWP candidate for State Treasurer, was ruled ineligible because she

had failed to sign a "loyalty"

DIPLOMATS SCARED

oath. This new requirement for The whole pretentious scheme state candidates, which the SWP for a US.-dominated North Atlantic Treaty Organization rests did not learn about until after the upon Germany as the foundation. final date for filing petitions, went The fate of the "European" army into effect on March 1. It is reported that state candidates of other minority parties were the Wall Street Journal means similarly barred from the ballot. when it says that what has the The Secretary of State failed to notify these candidates about the tions of the Russian price for new requirement until it was too late. The oath is not demanded German unity - that the Germans not join the European of candidates for federal office. army. American strategists think In New Jersey the Secretary of that without the Germans, there State included among the list of

developed and industrialized counfor U.S. Representative from the working class and huge produc-11th District. tive capacity, is decisive for the

Meanwhile, Michigan branches of the SWP had reached the final stages of their 1952 petition camuppermost in Washington's mind. Linked with the military aspect

Germany has become once more the key to the inter-national situation. This is indicated by the notes regard-ing a Germany peace treaty exchanged between Moscow and Washington. Through these notes, the Stalin government reveal the wall Street government reveal the real nature of their foreign. Worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and the wall street government reveal the real nature of their foreign. Worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and the wall street government reveal the real nature of their foreign. Worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and the wall street government reveal the real nature of their foreign. Worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and the wall street government reveal the real nature of their foreign. Worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Ger-worried that Stalin is "ready to really give Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Germany freedom (and give up his control over East Germany freedom (and give up his control over East German the Wall Street government reveal the real nature of their foreign policies and the direction of their aims for Germany. The Kremlin initiated the ex-change with a proposal, in effect, to establish a unified capitalist Germany would be

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paign. By last week they had collected 11,250 signatures and expected to finish off the job within another week. Canvassers reported an im-proved reception from potential signers after the anti-labor, anti-Negro House Un-American Ac-

Wilson Backs Steel Industry **Opposition to WSB Decision** After Parley With Truman

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By Harry Frankel

After having led the CIO United Steelworkers of America through a three month merry-go-round of delays, hearings and "deliberations," President Truman and Mobilization Director Charles E.

Wilson threw the whole result out demands of the steelworkers, Wilthe window and told the union to son, with Truman's apparent start bargaining all over again, knowledge and consent, turns in a move that has angered steel- thumbs down on the report and workers in mills across the coun- gives full backing to the steel try. That is the meaning of the barons in their adamant anti-Wilson statement after his Key labor attitude.

West conference with Truman in This places the Steelworkers which he said: "If the wage in- Union in a position similar to that creases contemplated under the which it has been forced to occupy WSB recommendation are put into twice since the end of the second effect it would be a serious threat World War. Twice before, the in our year-old effort to stabilize union agreed to submit its demands to government boards. the economy." Wilson, who was the head of Each time, these boards whittled

General Electric Corporation be- down the union demands to the fore he entered his powerful gov- very minimum. In both previous ernment post, is collaborating cases, the union did not succeed with Truman in a campaign to in avoiding a strike. All that keep the steelworkers' wages and resulted from 'submitting the working conditions frozen close disputes to the board was that, to pre-Korea levels while prices when the strike did come, the and taxes skyrocket. union was forced to strike for the The first phase of that cam- trimmed - down , recommendations

paign took place last January, of the government board, instead when Wilson and Truman pressur- of for its own fully justified ed the steel workers into calling original demands. The same off their strike for wage and con- pattern may be repeated in the

tract demands with the promise present steel dispute. that their case would be given Philip Murray's policy of giving full and fair consideration by the political and election support to Wage Stabilization Board. The the Truman administration is campaign then continued with a thus "paying off" in a throatrapid-fire barrage of statements cutting administration attack by many top government officials against Murray's own union. It against a steel strike and against is noteworthy that even this granting the demands of the steel attack, culminating in the latest knife - thrust, the Wilson statement, has not made Murray come BACK STEEL BARONS out with any anti-Truman blast. Now that the Wage Stabiliza-Instead, he continues to cover up tion Board has finally brought in for Truman's role. Murray has reits long-promised report, which fused to meet with Wilson who. whittles wage and contract im- he says, is trying "to set aside provements down well below the (Continued on page 3)

can be no effective practical candidates qualifying for the defense of Western Europe Germany, as the most highly

ballot the full ticket of the SWP. Besides Dobbs and Carlson, they are George Breitman for U.S.

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Senator and William E. Bohannan

MICHIGAN FINISHING outcome of any war against the Soviet Union. How successfully could the U.S. attack the Soviet Union without the aid of a milirection? That is the question

Negro House Un-American Ac

port of U.S. military aims in Europe and integrated into the U.S.-controlled war machine.

of an international force allied to, and under the control of Eisenhower's command."

HAS U.S. "WORRIED"

scared." "Key U.S: officials" are

Walter Reuther's sneak-attack

on Ford Local 600 following the

markets with the U.S.? Here too tivities Committee left Detroit Washington finds ample reason and the witch hunt hysteria began workers responded (angrily to trasting this with Reuther's at committee to see to it that the to fear a Germany that is not to subside a little. Fewer people Walter Reuther's move in clamp- tendance as an honored guest at International Executive Board of completely under U.S. sway. U.S. hesitated to sign for fear of ing a dictatorship over their local the 100th anniversary celebration the UAW lived up to the provi-The March 26 Wall Street Big Business wants a German "getting into trouble." One young union by packing Dearborn's Club of the Studebaker Corporation. sions of the constitution. This The March 20 wall Street and capitalism integrated with and worker, asked to sign, voluntarily Supino in the largest caucus meet- Stellato demanded to know committee, he said, is to be comproposal has "Truman's defense subordinated to American capital- got 15 neighbors and friends to and diplomatic advisers really ism economically. This parallels do the same, and promised twice More than a thousand workers Local 600 in the pending suit ers. (Continued on page 3) as many more.

ing of Local 600's stormy history. why Reuther refused to join with posed of the 48,000 Rouge workjammed the hall to cheer defiant against the Ford Motor Co. on The local President ended his speeches by top officers of the the runaway shop issue. He report by challenging Reuther to

thirty deep, despite the fact that corporations, to the mounting in-the meeting was called on only a justices against the workers, and membership months and membership months. explained the demand of the op- local.

few days' notice. Carl Stellato, President of position leadership for an end to A collection of \$4,000 was taken Local 600, struck back hard at the Reuther - engineered 5 year at the meeting. Many individual Reuther, demonstrating in detail contract immediately. that Reuther is not after "communists" in his attack on the struggle against Reuther's seizure as high as \$150, and a great many

local, but is interested in wiping of the local, Stellato reported on \$50 and \$25 pledges were also Law 1030. Over the objections of state officials, Federal aign in praise of Reuther in the out the leadership of the local the formation of a publicity com- received. This reaction is es- Judge Igoe granted the SWP New York press. The N. Y. because it is fighting him with mittee, an organizational commit- pecially significant in view of the motion for a three-judge court to the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Herald-Tribune, Republican paper a militant program. He contrasted tee and a finance committee. He unemployment and threats of rule on the constitutionality of Constitution and the Federal Civil on March 19 hailed Reuther's "hearteningly vigorous response" the program of Local 600 with said that the struggle would be further layoffs in this auto the law. to the House committee's smear that of Reuther and Company. He carried out within the confines of center. of Ford Local 600. It also noted

pointed to Reuther's opposition the UAW, along the lines of the with pleasure that Reuther acted to the demand for a 30 hour week constitution of the UAW. The thusiastic note as other top of side his county of residence in with 40 hours pay - Local 600 central demand, as provided in ficers of the local, Pat Rice, W. when "there was a lot of talk remedy for unemployment in the the constitution, will be for an T. Grant and William Hood made about returning to a peace-time auto centers. He mentioned election of new officers within 60 fiery speeches which clearly Such restriction of the right of economy, altering the long-term contracts which Reuther forces Reuther's boycott of the 10th an- days of the start of an ad- reflected the determined spirit free speech and the right to peti- Their decision can be appealed had signed . . . and fighting the niversary celebration of the vic- ministratorship. Stellato said that of the Ford workers. decentralization of the Ford

By Lois Saunders

were hastily called, one at the

nearby American Legion hall,

which was packed, another at a

Air Force veterans, buddies of

the victims who were both pilots

in World War II, quietly made ar-

rangements for an all-night vigil

that night and on succeeding

nights in the rear room of one

of the bombed homes. They came

prepared for action against a pos-

sible repeat performance. They

The NAACP, whose leaders

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neighborhood "hurch.

ESTABLISH GUARD

remained on guard.

witch - hunt onslaught by the House Un - American Activities Committee has won the warm praise of the anti-labor Big Business press. Labor's enemies recognize that the CIO United Auto Workers president's imposition of a dictatorial administratorship over the River Rouge local is one of the most damaging blows ever dealt the auto union. Business Week, a magazine

widely circulated among corporation executives, on March 22 affirmed that the anti-labor, anti-Negro House committee, through its Detroit inquisition of Ford Local 600 members and leaders,

"gave him (Reuther) the excuse to oust leaders (Local 600) dency of the Ford local himself." accused of being Reds."

ACT LIKE TEAM

"Few unions have been more points out Business Week, is that vociferous than CIO's United he has given it a "labor" cover. Auto Workers in denouncing the "Reuther certainly gave the com-House Un - American Activities mittee . . . new respect not only Committee as 'witch - hunters,'" among its old friends, but among relates Business Week. "And no liberal groups as well." non-Communist labor leader any-

where has equaled UAW Presi- SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED dent Walter Reuther in lambasting the committee. Yet this week acknowledged by the House witch wish Mr. Reuther continued good Reuther and the committee were hunters themselves. On March 17, working together on the UAW the House proceedings were in-

like a well-rehearsed vaudeville terrupted so that Rep. Francis Walter could rise "to compliment Reuther is fast becoming the each other shortly after 4 a.m. on team. that great leader and labor Business Week describes how Reuther plans to transform Local statesman, Walter Reuther, for reaction within the unions. His were no casualties, but the living

600 into his docile captive through his couragous action" in invading Jack Conway, chief administrator- Ford Local 600 behind the stinkdictator over the local, who "has bomb barrage of the House never run for any office in UAW, smear-labor committee.

holding the appointive post of

plants." LABOR HATERS HAPPY The labor-hating Scripps-Howard newspaper, the N. Y. World-Telegram, on March 14

REUTHER PRAISED BY LABOR HATERS

FOR JOINING WITCH HUNT PURGE

REUTHER

tive, he may run for the presi-Not the least service Reuther did for the Dixiecrat-Republican controlled House committee,

Activities hearings. In a March 14 editorial, the N. Y. Daily News, notorious for its fascistlike fulminations against labor, observed that Reuther's position 'has been 100% sound for years." It commended Reuther for acting "as soon as this testimony (House

much time getting on the job"

committee's) was on record," velcomed it as "good news for Groveland or Mims, Fla. "This service was recognized and Americans" and concluded, "we hunting.'

> These comments from labor's was the issue in both cases. The implacable foes testify that bombs exploded within seconds of

favorite darling of capitalist placid Dunsmuir Avenue. There role as chief labor lieutenant of rooms of both houses were shat-American capitalism parallels his tered. The blasts shook the neighposition as the loudest exponent borhood for blocks.

patted Reuther on the back edi-torially because he "didn't waste Bombed Home Protected by Friends

Angeles. The would-be assassins,

Bombs were placed under two

homes in a predominantly "white"

neighborhood. Negro ownership

after the House Un-American Of Negro Family in Los Angeles

Awakened by the explosions, among labor leaders of imperialist Reuther's action is regarded as war against the Soviet Union, as neighbors rushed to the scene. A president's assistant." If this a major blow against militant, evidenced by his being the only stream of people, Negro and hand - picked tool' of Reuther's democratic unionism and an in- union official who contributed to white, kept coming all day, "can't find the right man to run vitation to bring the government Collier's war-inciting issue devot- mounting in mid-afternoon to against Stellato (Local 600 presi- witch hunt into all unions. This ed to an imaginary atomic in- about 1500. A spontaneous meetdent), or make Stellato his cap- is indicated by the editorial cam- vasion and occupation of Russia. ing was held. Money was collect-

DETROIT, March 23 - Ford | torious 1941 strike at Ford, con- | there would be a constitutional

pledges of \$100 each were made In outlining the program of by workers at the meeting, some

Grey_

This law makes it a criminal The meeting ended on an enoffense for a solicitor to go outtion, the SWP contends, violates

union.



By Lillian Russell

OAKLAND, March 22 - Because of the failure of for which he is principally LOS ANGELES, March 22 - Reaction was swift and impressive to attempts last Sunday of terrorists to put police to protect the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gary from attacks by Jim Crow hooligans, the National

of Colored People has hired a men finally arrived everything

SUSPECT NEIGHBORS There is every indication that

fornia, was recently stoned by a sible for these incidents. Mrs. Gary, mother of seven children, of her children overheard a disturbing incidents have occurred father goes out with a sling-shot

which indicate the Garvs will not every night. According to Mr. Gary, these which the suit attacks.

to provide the necessary proteca metal pellet was slung through Mrs. Gary. At the time it hap-

schoolmate boasting that his

be safe unless protection is provided. The police have failed

be found. When the Sheriff's



CHIGAGO. March 25 - The Socialist Workers Party today won the first round in its court fight against Illinois

Rights Act.

THREE-JUDGE PANEL

Judges from both the U.S. Dispetitioning to place a candidate trict Court and the Circuit Court for statewide office on the ballot. of Appeals will sit on the threejudge panel scheduled for May 5. direct to the U.S. Supreme Court. Assistant Attorney-General Ben Schwartz represented Governor Adlai Stevenson and other state and county officials against whom

the SWP suit is directed. Schwartz argued that the suit is a "purely political controversy" and that "the proceeding is inhibited by the doctrine of sovereign immunity," thereby implying that Governor Stevenson is above challenge in the federal courts on this undemocratic law

responsible. Schwartz contended there is no such thing as "constitutional right to substantial equality of electorial potential." He recited a long record of legal decisions against minority parties and urged the court to throw out the SWP suit without further hearings "to save the time of the court."

M. J. Myer, noted Chicago civil informed this reporter that one liberties attorney representing the SWP, demonstrated that Schwartz' arguments to have the case thrown out were just as false and biased as the vicious law

cowardly hooligans have not The ordering of a three-judge tion. Last Sunday, for example, dared any drastic action because court will lend weight to the (1) they realize that the Garys SWP proposal for a united front the kitchen window and nearly hit have many friends, Negro and of minority parties in the fight white, who have come forward to against Law 1030.

pened the police were nowhere to help protect their home, and (2) This proposal has led to an ex-(Continued on page 2) (Continued on page 3)

The Gary home, in the Rollingrood tract of San Pablo, Caliowners into moving from the site. (See The Militant, March 17.) Since the attack, a number of

the Florida race relations pattern into operation in Los Association for the Advancement? used the same tactics, but Los ed for the victims. Carpenters, Angeles is not yet Miami, or painters, etc., volunteered to re- guard to defend the property and was quiet. pair the damage. Other meetings its occupants.

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THE MILITANT

Monday, March 31, 1952

General Wants Foreign Legion To Fight U.S. Colonial Wars

By Art Preis

ists of 1776. Washington has started to set up a "foreign legion" of hired mercenaries, recruited from the on why U.S. imperialism is in Western Europe continues" fascist and criminal scum of seriously considering the forma-Europe, Asia and Africa, to use tion of an American Foreign in its global counter-revolution Legion and how such a body against colonial uprisings and would function is published in the scale is complicated by the man" because "given a cause working-class struggles for social- Blue Book magazine for Feb. ism.

On March 23, Truman disclosed article called "Why Not a Foreign the Korean war. Gen. Reilly ing machine in the world." But the first announced step toward Legion for America?", by Brig. ruefully admits, for instance, that that's the trouble, he concedes establishing this U.S. army of Gen. Henry J. Reilly, U.S. Army, foreign hirelings. He allocated Retired. \$4,300,000 for the purpose, ex- GENERAL HAS PLAN

plained the March 24 N. Y. Times, of aiding "refugees from behind the Iron Curtain who would be enrolled in the defense system of a minor skirmish ... already has the North Atlantic Treaty Organization."

TRUMAN'S FOREIGN LEGION | War of 1812, the Mexican War, Truman, the Time article re- the Philippine Insurrection and ports, was acting under terms of the Boxer Rebellion put to-

the Kersten Amendment to the gether!" Mutual Security Act. This amend-NATO's fighting forces."

against the colonial revolution- wars on its hands" in other parts no sense to the 'police action of Asia and Africa. "On top of that will kill him just as quickly this, the demand for more troops as the bomb that falls on his But some revealing information

1952. This is contained in an ple to support such ventures as he will show you the best fight-

Gen. Reilly points out that the Korean war, "far from being just CANNON FODDER WANTED cost us more in American lives lem if "the safety of America is

Such large U.S. military forces police actions wherever they may made such as to permit them to ment provides \$100,000,000 for have been soaked up by the "little break out, in all parts of the enlist." the "primary puropse . . . to war" in Korea that "the military globe, and since manpower for assist able bodied men who reject manpower situation . . . is one such police actions simply isn't Soviet tyranny and wish to join of the most alarming problems available under our peacetime American Foreign Legion - or besetting official Washington." economy, it is only common sense

Political and military leaders in Even if a truce is signed in to start thinking about how and under the United Nations, if Washington are reticent in speak- Korea, Reilly writes, large Amer- where we're going to get it." ing of a "foreign legion" be- ican forces would be kept in- For purposes of such "police cause the American people have definitely on Korean soil at a actions" all over the world, Gen. under the American flag." been traditionally opposed to the time when the possibility is Reilly says, foreign mercenaries Gen. Reilly himself is a use of mercenaries ever since "looming ever large" that the may prove to be more useful "squeamish" about using mer-King George III sent the Hessions U.S. may find itself "with similar "than the drafted GI, who can see



Organized Reserve groups "have the "American citizen's being been complaining because vet- called unwillingly into action -erans of the last war are being an action he may not even suprecalled to active service." port if he can't see its importance

to the safety of his country. . .?

There would be no serious prob- OFFERS 'SOLUTION' The solution, according to Gen. and revenue than our Indian threatened," says Reilly, because Reilly, is to tap "the really vast Wars, the Revolutionary War, the every able-bodied person would be reservoir throughout the world, willing to fight. But the safety and in this country too, of adof America is not involved, he venturous men who would be only implies. "But since we would seem too glad to serve in our armed to have committed ourselves to forces, if the conditions could be

> These "adventurous" men, he says, should be "formed into an an International Foreign Legion,

you're squeamish about paid troops of foreign origin fighting Gen. Reilly himself is not so

although he admits it is "op-

posed to every American tradition." Moreover, he is a little more candid about the nature and purpose of such a foreign legion than Truman or the N. Y. Times. He doesn't represent these mercenaries as idealistic fighters for liberal organizations. "democracy" against "commu nism."

LOW COST ARMY

In Europe today, he says, "there are thousands and thouis not with "the kids" but with than to be given a gun and shown "those educators and leaders who an enemy. Soldiers of fortune? signed communist petitions. . . Mr. | Certainly!" Such professional Rich's specialty is attacking Justice Douglas' pleading in their "soldiers of fortune," including anybody and every body in and behalf cannot absolve them of officers, "could be enlisted in the to tell his story at the meeting. United States Army, and be made

happy, on a buck private's pay, And so - just as the New Leader did with Bertrand Rusand American Civil Liberties sell and as McCarthy does with a place to sleep, his clothing, acts of intimidation and numerthree square meals a day and a all his opponents — Rich red-baits the critics of the witch war that needs to be won, and hunt. For him a protest against you've got a fighting man everywhere there are thousands thought - control becomes "calthought - control becomes that the umny and vilification that the Soviet propaganda apparatus has spread against us with artful Now the more than the spread against us with artful chance. . Mercenaries? Cer-

ters its main fire on those liberal control liberal control united with a venom that no Hearst demand preservation of demo-Labor Party, Justice Douglas sons



Homes of Negro and Mexican families living in predominantwhite Los Angeles neighborhood were shattered by simultaneous time bombs on March 16. Police inspect damage at home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey. No one was injured though both houses were occupied when blasts went off.

FRIENDS PROTECT HOME L. A. NEGRO FAMIL

(Continued from page 1) 1 ous threats against Negroes have were at the scene shortly after to date made no arrests. The Socialist Workers Party is the dynamiting, called a mass giving its full support to the protest rally for Sunday, March

NAACP meeting. 23. The association sought - and In calling for united protest, quickly obtained --- the cooperation of labor, minority, civic and the NAACP again summoned into being the potentially invincible line-up of forces which first ap-Among the first to respond were the CIO, the American Jew- peared here only a month ago as

ish Congress, Anti-Defamation sponsors of a joint rally to protest the terror in Florida. League, Japanese-American Citi-Need for united mass action. zens League, American Civil Libfor defense guards, for protecerties Union, American Council on Human Rights and the Nationtion of victims and threatened victims through the combined efal Urban League. forts of unions and minority

William Bailey, one of the vetgroups, for establishment of a erans whose homes were bombed. continuing committee of action of a high school science teacher, was representatives of these groups - need for these is emphasized Others invited to attend were city by the fact that the situation reofficials and police officers, who Give him this, and guarantee him despite previous bombings and mains a threatening one. A day after the bombings, van-

> **NAACP Hires Guard for House** In San Pablo

The day after the bombing dele-



A Cold-Blooded Murder

An ex-cop murdered two Negroes outside a Yonkers. N. Y., tavern on the night of March 19. He had never seen the Negroes before, and they had never even spoken to him, but he shot them down in

despise and fear Negroes? Where cold blood. There is no mystery about the did he acquire his murderous facts. Stanley Labensky, who prejudices? What conditioned him retired from the police force last to believe that he was authorized month after 24 years of service, to kill? saw some Negroes at the Yale Bar and Grill in Yonkers and be ruled out of order at his trial, asked the bartender: "Do you

Such questions would probably

but they go to the heart of the serve Negroes — and do you matter and they must be underwash the glasses?" The bartendstood if other Negroes are not er replied that he served every- to be murdered for buyng a beer, body and that all glasses were

EDUCATED THAT WAY Labensky's finger pulled the rigger because he was educated

JIM CROW KILLER

washed as a matter of course.

Labensky left after one drink. that way — by the prejudices he breathed in from the school he A few minutes later three Negro prothers — Wyatt, James and went to as a boy, the daily paper William Blacknall - left too. Outhe read, the movies he saw, and side, Labensky shoved a pistol above all from the contempt and into Wyatt's stomach. "I sup- hostility that are manifested pose you don't think I'd shoot?" toward Negroes by the authorities he demanded, according to the everywhere. Maybe Labensky is police report. When Wyatt backed crazy. But he is crazy in this away, Labensky shot him dead. particular form because of the William ran back into the tavern example set for him by the ideas, to call police; when he returned, practices and morality of the Jim his brother James also lay on the Crow capitalist system. A lot of ground, dying, Labensky's pistol editors, educators and governjammed, or William would have ment officials belong in the dock been murdered too. with him for the murder of the The facts also supply the mo-Blacknall brothers.

tive. Labensky thinks Negroes And a lot of cops too. Because are "inferior" and don't have the Labensky only carried to an same right as other people to be extreme what many men in police served in public places. He had no uniform do as a matter of daily particular grudge against the routine. It doesn't take 24 years Blacknall brothers, but in his to infect any cop with the poison mind they became personifications of white supremacy; they learn of the Negro people as a whole in a few weeks that they are supand of their determination to win posed to treat Negroes rough and equality in all spheres of life. that no superior officer will The police emphasized that he punish them for beating defensewas not drunk. They should have less Negroes "back into their added - with liquor. Because he place." obviously was drunk with the Whatever happens to Labensky,

fumes of white supremacy. who has been indicted for second Maybe the courts will decide degree murder, Negroes in the that he is crazy and send him United States will never be safe away to a mental institution. But as long as capitalism is permitted that would not clear up the really to keep on breeding murderous basic issues in this case: prejudices. Who taught Labensky to hate,

- John F. Petrone



Chicago, New York, Newark, | crease their bundle again in the next night another woman, who and Oakland announce plans this near future. lives in a different section of the city, was told over the phone Ethel Swanson reports a lively week for some intensified spring

ers Party on the

ballot, and finds this

expect to finish their list soon.

subscription work. week for New York in Militant Newark has success- sales. She writes, "Johnny and fully completed their Bernie had a good sale at a debate petition work to between Corliss Lamont and an place the presi-dential candidates of sold 20 papers, one copy of 'The

the Socialist Work- Road to Peace,' and one World

an ideal time to himself bought a Militant. Beth

follow up with The and Donald continue their good

Militant. New York work at CCNY. This time they

plans to get in sold nine papers and one FI.

several months of extra sub work At the Citizens Emergency

Social Democrats Do Hatchet-Job on Douglas

By George Breitman

the Social Democratic magazine, probably have a hard time estimating what political tendency it represents. One of its regular columnists is Victor Riesel, whose THE RICH SPECIALTY reputation in the labor movement is so smelly that the liberal N.Y. Post was glad to have him transfer to the Hearst press. Another is William Henry Chamberlin, writer for the Wall Street Journal.

These new readers must be Union for showing "utter irrefurther bewildered by the New on occasion even chides them a little for their "extremism" and "irresponsibility" - but it cen-

labor press."

around labor and liberal circles their guilt." who opposes the witch hunt. He recently denounced the CIO,

sponsibility . . . moral inertia . . . Leader's policy on the witch hunt. the old fripperies of ersatz-liberal-It does not openly embrace the ism." Why? Because they called McCarthys and McCarrans, and for repeal of the Smith Act. But his "masterpiece" was unters its main fire on those liberal 15 Hat Worker attacking Supreme not unlike the 'neutralists' in

cratic liberties and traditions.

the Hat Worker and frequently among the young. The prepon-New readers of the New Leader, for the New Leader. His chief derant majority of young people distinction is that he leads the have not yet developed their field in the competition for the thinking faculties.") On the other, sands of professional fighting title: "Westbrook Pegler of the he insists that the trouble today men, men who ask nothing more

"Is this really a magazine that represents Social - Democracy?" brought on by the publication in the N. Y. Times magazine of they must ask themselves. "Is this a spokesman for a movement that used to proclaim its adherence to 'democratic socialism' and that still claims to stand for 'a democratic policy'?"

REPRESENT REACTION

The answer is yes. For many crying jag on the sad state of the wing of the labor movement. To- of new ideas" - "an outrageous day their policy on some ques- calumny against our nation and tions is so reactionary that they make many conservative capitalist editors seem like radicals by comparison.

Last week we showed what a smear job the New Leader had dissolution by the FBI?" Then mobilization for national survival Chinese independence fighters. perpetrated on Bertrand Russell, by what right, asks Rich, does at a tough time in our history" -the British philosopher, because Douglas utter such "calumnious he insisted that the witch hunt nonsense?"

was destroying democracy in the United States and should be resisted. This, it must be stressed. is not an isolated incident. but part and parcel of a calculated bar," citing the refusal of many campaign by the Social Democrats lawyers to represent Stalinist ponents of the witch hunt, Stalin- attack on the integrity of lawist or anti-Stalinist. Omitting yers and urges them to "demand further examples from the hundreds that abound in the columns

of the New Leader, we can de- calling." monstrate this by examining the line and behavior of some of the dent youth were being gagged Social Democrats in the labor and mentally regimented by the movement.

witch hunt. Rich sneers at such the critics of the witch hunters Take J. C. Rich, for example. "built-in fatuousness" (although the Social Democrats also imitate He is the former editor of the surveys by the N. Y. Times and the police - statesmen inside the educational groups fully confirm labor movement in order to gain Hat Worker, paper of the AFL United Hatters, whose president Douglas' contention). On the one factional advantages for themis Alex Rose, one of the bosses hand Rich denies that this makes selves at the expense of union democracy (which they pretend of the New York Liberal Party. any difference. ("The herd in-Rich still writes prolifically for stinct is nowhere so strong as they are defending against

"totalitarianism").



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brought on by the publication in it up and exudes it as his own." Douglas' widely - quoted warning HATCHET-JOB against the witch hunt, entitled "The Black Silence of Fear." (See Jan. 28 Militant.) Rich dislikes people like the March 17 New Leader after so?" Douglas - "bleeding hearts" with

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some of the choicer bits of in-'wounded souls" and "weepy vective were expurgated. eyes" who are "wracked by a Another journalistic gem that

warmed Social Democratic hearts years the Social Democrats Union" and who dare to "call us was a long letter on the Feinberg represented the extreme right arrogant, intolerant and fearful Law written in the March 14 N. Y. Times by Max D. Danish. former editor of Justice, the paper of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Wasn't Douglas himself allowed Danish hails the Supreme Court to take his place on the bench decision upholding the Feinberg after writing this article? "Is the Republican Party fearful of Law as "a pointed gesture toward war" today against the Indo-

the argument that is used by the ultra-conservative majority of the court to justify any outrage

TWISTS STATEMENT

our people."

against the Bill of Rights. When Douglas noted that "fear What is more, Danish reproves the editors of the N. Y. Times of two million Spanish workers even strikes at lawyers and the for taking "a gloomy view of this and peasants - these are exdecision." The Times opposed the amples of other bodies of to discredit and terrorize all op- defendants, Rich twists it into an law when it was passed, and expressed regret that the court had tionally employed by the cruelest upheld it. Little did it expect to colonial imperialists that Gen. find itself to the left of the Social Reilly admiringly cites. an apology from the Associate Justice for the aspersion on their Democrats on this issue!

> REUTHER THEIR IDOL Dougla's warned that the stu-Besides apologizing for the

witch hunt and striving to silence

chores for "a good uniform, a regular pay check, and three square meals a day." But the American Revolution of 1776 long ago showed what a people in arms can do against mer-

cenaries. The number of mercenaries

The most notable recent exlimited, while the revolutionary ample is Walter Reuther, a people today are numberless. Small bodies of highly-trained product and idol of the Social heavily armed professional killers Democratic school, who leaped at have been successful in the past the chance given him by the against isolated struggles of House Un-American Activities poorly-trained, unarmed people. Committee to clamp a dictator-

But hired mercenaries, able to ship on Ford Local 600, which has led the opposition against his terrorize poorly organized people policies inside the CIO United by murder, rapine and torture, Auto Workers. cannot stand up against the kind

By entering the service of of revolutionary power unleashed capitalism in World War I, the today in Asia. If U.S. imperialism Social Democrats became virulent enemies of socialist ideas and undertakes more "police actions." struggles. Now they are equally it will have a manpower problem virulent enemies of elementary so acute that no American Fordemocratic rights and traditions. eign Legion will solve it. It will This is a sign of the degeneration demand the blood of millions of not only of Social Democracy but of the capitalist system it serves, unwilling Americans.

so-called periods of peace be-Richmond and Vallejo. tween major wars, a standing Mrs. Gary pointed out another army whose business it is to reason is the support given by fight on any soil to which it is some of the unions. International This hatchet job was so highly assigned, and which is not being Longshoremen and Warehouseregarded in Social Democratic taken away from its peacetime men's Local 10 in San Francisco, for example, and Local 6 in circles that it was reprinted in pursuits, against its will, to do Oakland have both passed reso-

lutions calling for full support to First and foremost "is the the Gary family. French Legion, made up entirely

The Gary case, combined with of foreigners, most of whom have the house bombings in Los Anbeen soldiers in another army. geles earlier in the week, finally Many Germans have always been roused the NAACP to action. in it. . ." This is the army of Franklin Williams, Regional Dirprofessional butchers which ector of the NAACP, went to French imperialism has tradi-Sacramento and charged the Contionally turned loose on its tra Costa Sheriff, James N. Long, colonial subjects in Indo-China with failure to provide proper and North Africa, and who are safeguards for the Gary family. the back-bone of France's "dirty

Williams told Assistant Attorney General Edward Bernard that "Unless something THE GENERAL'S MODELS is done we stand in danger of outbreaks that will have reper-"The British Empire (with) its cussions far beyond this county.

native troops . . . under British officers," the "Spanish Foreign They could be even worse than Legion" that Franco used as the those in Los Angeles. "The big danger may come spearhead of his fascist slaughter Thursday night when the Rol-

lingwood Improvement Association meets. "Because the NAACP feels that professional cut - throats tradi-

No doubt, American imperialthe Rollingwood Association, the ers' bombs.

ism will be able to recruit all four directors who had signed a kinds of degenerated types who letter welcoming the Gary family will be willing to do the dirtiest to the site were asked to resign by a vote of 110 to 25. The motion was made by Fred C. Steger, a former member of the cially by the police, but also by Arizona State Highway Commission.

The four, who refused to resign, were William Carpenter Jr., Roy

Tibbetts, Walter E. Weyman and who can be recruited is greatly Mrs. Rose Scott. A recall petition brutality, the city is seething with and election is expected to take indignation and the demand for action." he said. place by April 17.

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Council, the District Attorney. "We Negroes want to know whether we can eat, live, sleep and work wherever we want in the United States and in your city, Mr. Mayor. Will you make a statement giving us that assurance?" asked a Negro woman

dals heaped garbage on the au

tomobile of a Negro woman real

estate agent who has listings in

the Dunsmuir Avenue area. The

to "Get out in 90 days or you'll

be bombed out."

of Mayor Bowron. The Mayor, apbefore their petition campaign Defense Conference on Sunday, parently fearing a "communist begins late in the summer; and three Youth comrades sold 11 plot," was cagey but promised to Anne C. reports that Philadelphia Militants. At the New School. make a statement to the press is finishing up their renewal Carmen and Elaine sold 10 papers at a time of his own choosing, in work, now that the Pennsylvania and one FI on Wednesday, and his own words.

CONDEMN BRUTALITY

On Friday night the Socialist Workers Party held a meeting at its headquarters, at which Murrav Weiss. organizer of the Los Angeles local, linked the terror-G. ist bombings on Dunsmuir Avenue with the sickening brutality against minorities by policemen, whose bloody Christmas beating on a round-the-clock schedule of seven Mexican-Americans is now being investigated by the Grand ways has a pocketful of literature Jury.

Weiss pointed out that the police, who habitually day in and day out punch, "knee," kick and Sheriff Long is unsympathetic it club members of minority groups has hired a guard for the Gary home." who fall into their hands, can hardly be relied upon to protect At the meeting on Thursday of these same people from murder-

He stated that last July when two other homes on the same street were bombed, one of which was owned by a Japanese doctor, little notice was taken of it, espelabor and minority organizations. "Today, after the Moore kill-

ings in Florida, the Shrine meeting last month, on the background of the expose of police

Literature Agent Frank K. writes, "Well, it looks like Oakland is really getting out on of co-existence. Johnny made anits sub renewals. This past Sun- other fine sale of 15 papers and day we got five more. Special two copies of 'The Road to Peace.' commendation is due Lill and Bill The CP'ers there, he reports, were K. who never seem to forget that amazed to hear that The Militant The Militant is our top recruiter and the best way of getting directly to the workers. They never go anywhere without a Militant sub blank, and Bill al-

primaries are over, and that they Ethel B. sold six papers there on Thursday. At the Community Church, Johnny's regular beat, a debate was held on the question supported the Chinese revolution and the North Korean struggle in Asia. One 80-year-older said he keeps young reading literature like ours."

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national. Among others, Lamont

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The Eisenhower Campaign

Eisenhower in the White House has become a real possibility. The heavy write in vote he received in the Minnesota primary revealed very wide support among Republican voters and is attracting to his side many previously uncommitted and vacillating elements in the GOP machine. The odds now seem to favor his winning the maja Party continue to report. Republican nomination in July.

It is not hard to explain the strong appeal Eisenhower has for Republican voters, who are mainly middle class. Many of them have been sold on the militarization program to fight "communism" and want a professional militarist to carry it through. In addition, large numbers are fed up with the graft and corruption that have tainted all wings of both capitalist parties and with the uncerainty and doubts generated in Washington by the enormous problems facing imperialism all over the world today. These people are looking for a change, and they are drawn to a figure of "authority" who appears to be independent of the professional politicians whom they hold responsible for the "present mess."

Actually, Eisenhower has from the start had the unconditional support of the Wall Street financiers and Big Business interests who make the real decisions in Washington, and of the most influential capitalist newspapers and propagandists for the bipartisan foreign policy that is at the bottom of the "mess." In addition, his campaign has been managed by the Dewey section of the Republican machine, and not by "a bunch of amateurs," as they would like to have it believed.

The backing of decisive sections of Big Business and middle class Republicans, added to the likelihood of support later on from middle class Democrats and the Dixiecrats, makes the Eisenhower candidacy a formidable danger to the American working class. His election would mean a continuation of all the reactionary policies now dominant in Washington - war preparations, suppression of civil liberties, defense of Jim Crow, crushing tax and inflationary burdens on the mass of the people and a strengthening of the drive to turn the country into a military-police state ruled along the same lines as an army barracks.

On all questions of policy in which the labor movement concerns itself Eisenhower is so conservative that not even Taft can attack him from the right (and Taft has been the No. 1 horrible example and target of the union the Eisenhower menace.

reject traditional political leadership and to cast about for something new, the leaders of the powerful labor movement continue to tag along like flunkeys behind the despised and discredited Truman administration. At a time when a great majority of the American people, working and middle class, are against the Korean war, the Mur- role despite the fact that Wil- meantime, Washington officials rays and Greens remain attached to the Democratic regime son was obviously acting in have continued to flood the press responsible for that war. At a time when a brass hat is able to fill the political vacuum for the benefit of Big Business, the labor leaders have nothing to offer but a continuation of the political status quo that is instinctively spurned by most Americans. The people are hunting about for an alternative to present conditions and prospects, and if the leaders of for less if we go to the board, the labor movement don't present them with one then but we will have the government writer Nelson Frank succinctly there is a very strong danger that Eisenhower will be on our side when we do strike," elected — with terrible consequences for the working class more than anyone else.

The Road to Revolution in Ceylon Labor Left Wing By John G. Wright ties and localities. It has issued that has announced as its aim the formation of a new government. But this offer of a united Left Organizes to

By John G. Wright An exceptional revolutionary situation is unfolding in Ceylon. The native capitalist regime is discredited and tottering, opening up the possibility of the passage to the Ceylon Communist Party. of power to a revolutionary regime of workers and peasants in

RULING PARTY SPLIT the coming parliamentary elec-The chances of the UNP, the

tions. ruling capitalist party, remaining The mass of the people are in power are dim. It is badly anti-imperialist and anti-capitalsplit. Bandaraneike, a former inist in their moods, and are tendfluential'UNP Minister, has reing more and more toward the signed and formed the "Sri Lanka most radical social solutions and Freedom Party" whose perspecchanges, as the all-island camtives lie wholly within the framepaigners of the Lanka Sama Sawork of capitalism. Another "Anti-UNP" party has been also The LSSP is a revolutionary soformed by other former promincialist party, affiliated to the ent UNP'ers. Still other defec-Fourth International. It is the largest mass party of the Left, tions from the UNP appear quite

likely. holding more than a score of Bandaraneike's party 'is the seats in the Ceylon Parliament and powerful in the municipali- ¹ only party other than the LSSP



CIO Steelworkers president Philip Murray (l.) flayed Truman's Defense Mobilizer C. E. Wilson for torpedoing the Wage Stabilization Board recommendations for settling the steel wage dispute which were accepted by the union as a "compromise" of their original demands but opposed by the steel industry as "inflationary." The steel moguls are refusing to "negotiate" on the WSB recommendations until their demand for a price hike is granted.



j companies. The House Rules Com-(Continued from page 1) imperialists against the Soviet findings of the Wage Stabiliza- mittee has voted, 7-4, to direct Union, China and their allies." tion Board in favor of an in- the House Labor Committee to There is nothing in this Samadustry-dictated agreement." But "investigate" the Wage Stabilizahe said nothing about Truman's tion Board and its policies. In the with marked response among token the Stalinists are affordagreement with Truman. "disastrous" a strike in steel Thus the policy of the top union would be, in an effort to whip heads of supporting Truman and up sentiment against the steel submitting disputes to Trumanunion should it be forced to pull appointed boards has wound up n a complete blind alley. Even the pin on April 8 by continued refusal of the companies the usual excuse for this policy, that "we may be forced to strike bargain in good faith. N. Y. World Telegram staff poses the problem that is before has flopped completely. Far from the union officials in his March (Continued from page 1) having the government on its side, 26 article. "From the very beginthe scheme to integrate and subthe Steelworkers Union faces the ning," he points out, "there was opposition and fancy knife-work pressure from the workers in the ordinate Germany militarily in of every top government depart-| steel mills to strike and force the the U.S.-dominated NATO. ment and government official. matter to a settlement. Even the That Washington doesn't grab This was shown by developments delegates to the special conven-Stalin's offer with both hands, immediately after the release of tion in January indicated this. however, is a clear indication of Now with the whole matter up in the WSB report. the extremely aggressive attitude Not only are Truman and Wil- the air, it is likely that Mr. Murof the U.S. rulers. For Stalin has son working together against the ray will be under even greater clearly made the most basic consteel union, but they have the pressure to call a strike instead cession to the U.S. demands, collaboration of the other two top of continuing to depend on govwhen he offers to restore the mobilization officials, Economic ernment agencies to hand down whole of Germany to the control Stabilizer Roger Putnam and decisions that don't stick. . . If so of the German capitalists and to Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall. greatly touted a matter as the guarantee that the old masters of Putnam and Arnall are scurrying steel case can't be settled by a Germany, the cartelists, militararound working out ways and board without having it thrown ists and former Nazi officials, means to hedge the losses of the out the window, why should any will be in the saddle. steel industry by giving steel a other industry or union bother Stalin has said, in effect: "I big price boost that would more with anything but a strike? That, will guarantee that Germany than offset the cost of the wage according to labor spokesmen, is the industrial heart of Europe raises if the union finally wins the question they will be expectand the key to the international them. Arnall has worked hand in ed to answer before their memsituation - will be entirely capglove with the steel firm, holding bers. And they don't know what italist. I will use my 'communist' up the pending announcement of the answer should be." parties to help enforce the deal the steel price boost at the A COMPROMISE DECISION request of the steel companies. from overthrowing capitalism. All The. Wage Stabilization Board The Wall Street Journal of March

a call for the election of a Work- formation of a new government. But this offer of a united Left addressing an appeal in particular with himself as Prime Minister. ists.

The Stalinists are opposed to To the LSSP this prospect is not attractive as an aim, because the the very idea of forming an antibasis of such a coalition can only capitalist government by "the Left parties alone." What they be the maintenance of the capitalpropose instead is simply another, ist system in one form or ancapitalist other," pointed out the Samasama-"more progressive" jist on Dec. 20, 1951. But the Ceygovernment. "The Communist Party proposes instead," correctlon Stalinists are working with ly writes the Samasamajist, Engmight and main for exactly this lish weekly of LSSP, on Jan. 10, sort of coalition government. "that the Left parties should join The 14-point LSSP program, as with other non-Left parties, the basis for a united Left bid which happen to be anti-UNP tofor power, includes the following: day in order to replace the UNP 1) Withdrawal from the British government with a coalition or a Commonwealth and "establish-

Popular Front government on the ment of an independent republic.' basis of an 'acceptable minimum 2) Abrogation of all imperialist program.'" treaties, especially of " defense agreements." 3) "Use of the na-The Stalinists do not specify the content of this "minimum tional languages with immediate effect in all spheres of the adprogram." However it "must necessarily be a program that does ministration." 4) Granting of citizen rights to all "who desire to not attack the capitalist system, be permanent residents." 5) Refor the perspectives of ALL anti-

peal of all repressive laws and the granting of full civil and trade-union rights to government employees and of "full' tenancy rights for estate workers."

OTHER PLANKS

6) Confiscation of all plantations "with acreage of 250 acres and above;" nationalization of banks and the transport system, and a state monopoly of foreign trade. 7) A ceiling of Rs. 2000 (\$420.) a month "on all personal incomes," and the abolition of taxes "on people's necessities." 8) The institution of a 40-hour week, with an escalator clause to meet rising living costs, along "guarantee of work or with maintenance; old age pensions." 9) Drastic land reform, start-

WANT 'POPULAR FRONT' The main line of the Ceylonese ing with the abolition of feudal Stalinists was clearly laid down land rights and the transfer to

the peasants of "all alienable by the Indian CP whose General Crown rights" and ending with Secretary A. K. Ghosh declared at a Jan. 9 press conference that "guaranteed prices for peasant produce." 10) Pledges to scrap the Indian CP "would not form a one-party government even if the existing "reactionary Soudthey were returned with a suffibury Constitution" and to summon "a Constituent Assembly to cient majority, but would try to decide Ceylon's Constitution." form coalition governments with the support of other progressive The remaining planks - 11 to

macv.

4 - outline a foreign policy parties which were prepared to completely free of imperialist carry out a democratic program." domination and intervention, fa-Ghosh made it clear that this did voring "mutual friendship" pacts not exclude even members of the ruling Congress Party of India. with India, Burma, Pakistan, Free Vietnam, Indonesia and Chi-There is no prospect of a CP majority in the immediate future na, and pledging "no aid whatever to, or entanglement in the either in India or in Ceylon. But war plans of the Anglo-American the prospect of a Samasamajist majority in Ceylon is by no means

far-fetched. The Stalinist policy in Ceylon is to stab in the back samajist program which any hon- the anti-imperialist, anti-capitalest "Left party" could possibly | ist struggle in this strategic area oppose. This program is meeting of South East Asia. By the same

against the Anglo-American for-

eign policy and give lip-service

a call for the election of a work-ers' and Peasants' Government, offering a 14-point program as the basis for a united front, and definite remined the basis of the above program has been flatly rejected by the Ceylonese Stalin-

LONDON - The Socialist Outlook's conference, held here at Holborn Hall on Feb. 24, was a real shot in the arm for the left wing forces in the British Labor Party.

Organized under the slogan, "Force the Tories Out!", the con- to go all-out "in an immediate ference was attended by delegates and organized counter-attack representing 100,000 organized against the Tory cuts in living standards.' workers in the London area, who voted unanimously, with only

BROAD DISCUSSION

Other speakers included Alder-

Parliament Tom Braddock, who

served as chairman. Half the con-

which 18 delegates participated.

Braddock announced at the end

of the conference that the Social-

ist Outlook editorial board would

June to build its circulation as the

The 342 delegates who attended

Labor Parties, 11 Labor Leagues

of Youth, 6 cooperative organ-

izations, 5 Trade Union District

Committees, 6 Trade Councils, 73

four abstentions, for the follow. Jack Stanley, general secretary ing resolution: of the Constructional Engineer-

CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ing Union, also supporting a militant policy, described how the "This Conference of the Labor rearmament program was making Movement in the London area building workers unemployed at calls upon the National Executive Committee of the Labor Party to a time when workers are in desorganize the full political and in- perate need of housing. dustrial strength of the Movement to bring down the present man F. Brown of the Dagenham **Tory Government.** Labor Party and ex-member of

"To do this successfully the Conference believes that the Labor Party must resist all attempts ference time was taken up with UNP forces certainly do not go to worsen living standards; vigor- discussion from the floor, in beyond the framework of capitalously oppose all war preparaism." (Samasamajist, Jan. 5.) tions; declare itself in favor of This analysis of the Cevlonese immediate freedom for the colon-Trotskyists has been fully borne ial peoples - and thus place Laout by the subsequent agitation bor in the forefront of the strug. organize a national conference in of the Stalinists. The Ceylon CP gle against the Tories and for the has proclaimed that the native

organ of the left wing forces insocialist society.' capitalists fall into two categorside the Labor Party. The Social-The main speech was made by ies: on the one hand "the bureauist Outlook is now making plans John Lawrence, editor of Socialist cratic capitalists" which includes to change from monthly to fort-Outlook. He urged the delegates the UNP and all its supporters; nightly publication in May. and on the other, the "progressive to reject the policy followed by ight wing Labor Party leaders capitalists" which includes all the the conference represented 9 Con-Herbert Morrison and Arthur opponents of the UNP and even Deakin, which consists of "letting stituency Labor Parties, 18 Ward those UNP'ers who come out

the Tories exercise their constitu-

tional right to attack the work-

ers.' to the Kremlin's foreign diplo-Lawrence appealed for greater activity by militants inside the | Trade Union branches and 4 fac-Labor Party to get their party tory committees.

> **ANTI-NEGRO SLANDERS REVIVED IN NEW BOOK**

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Empire and later the restored

Bourbon regime. It was not,

histories pictured the Revolution

\$4. Only with the publication in 1935 of W. E. B. DuBois' Black Early histories of the Great French Revolution were prin- the Southern propagandists and cipally based on the memoirs of their dupes directly challenged

therefore, surprising that these SERIOUS OMISSION

Reconstruction was the output of exiled aristocrats, the propaganda and refuted. This was the first of imperial Britain and other na- time that the chief witness on tions fighting against revolu- keconstruction - was brought slave, himself - was brought tionary France and the falsifica- onto the pages of history and tions of the usurping Bonapartist allowed to testify on his own

behalf

as a senseless orgy of mass whelming portion of his material

sadism and destruction. Later from the old anti-Negro school of

historians forsook the memoirs of Reconstruction history. Such

the dukes, duchesses, counts, etc. bitterly anti-Negro historians as

and went to the archives and to Fleming are among the most the actual deeds and words of cited sources. On the other hand

the period and a comprehensible the author's bibliography doesn't

This book on the Reconstruc- (though it lists Claude G. Bower's

tion period in American history hysterically white supremacist

Yet, Mr. Donald draws the over-

even contain Black Reconstruction

"There was an absence of desire

apparently did not care for better

friendliness of the freedmen to

their former masters was destroy-

ed by Northerners and Negro

soldiers who "fomented trouble

between the races." We also read

free man was considered the

Southern whites then (as it still

All the old libels are included

by this scrupulous but not

discriminating documentor. For

example we read that in the state

legislatures Negro politicians

were "far more venal" than the

white. Even the old chestnut that

has been used about Irish,

Russian, etc., women that they

seemed to love their husbands

more after they had been beaten

is solemnly recorded about the

Surely the author can't believe

newly freed Negro women.

partments of the "redeemed" THE NEGRO FREEDMAN by Southern colleges for turning out studies of Reconstruction on the Henderson H. Donald, Henry level of the movie, "Birth of a

For many years The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party have pointed out that there is an alternative, a real alternative - an independent Labor Party willing and able to mobilize the workers, farmers, Negroes, youth and middle classes, in a common struggle to take political power away from the capitalist and militarist masters who are leading them to disaster.

We will continue to make the Labor Party an issue in the 1952 election campaign, even if the cowardly union leaders succeed in staving off its formation this year. Because the need for such a party will not disappear after election day but on the contrary will grow greater.

The way for the labor movement to promote its own interests and to prevent the middle classes from falling under the influence of reaction is by a clean break with capitalist politics and the initiation of genuinely independent labor political action. That is one of the main lessons that will be stressed in the 1952 campaign by the Socialist Workers Party and its candidates, headed by Farrell Dobbs for President and Grace Carlson for Vice President.

Illinois Court Upholds SWP **Motion In Election Dispute**

(Continued from Page 1)

operation on the common prob lems they face in the fight. change of correspondence between William H. Miller, State BACK SWP FIGHT

Director of the Progressive Party The Roosevelt College chapter and Irving Beinin, State Chair- of the Young Progressives has man of the Socialist Workers unanimously endorsed the Campus

Party. Progressives the SWP has joined with them in asking the American Civil Liberties Union to call Federal Court. A separate suit against Law a broad conference to devise ways and means to fight Law 1030. The 1030 in the state court in Lake held off the price increase until down the line. PP has not yet replied to the County was recently announced it can get a hike that will pay SWP proposal that representa- SWP has offered to support this plus handsome profit besides.

tives of the two organizations action, but the offer has been meet to discuss practical co- declined.

recommendation which has caused 9 reported that:

are making a last-ditch effort whittled-down, partial compromise to postpone an order from the settlement. Each and every one Germany." Office of Price Stabilization that of the steel union's justified would allow steel prices to demands was cut down by the security of the Soviet Union on the aims of the NATO. They want rise . . . they fear the public board. Where the union demanded effect of such an order from the 181/2c. an hour, the board decided perialism — and on the word of works. And they will fight price controllers if it should come on only 121/2c., with another the German capitalists, militarists bitterly any deal that would keep before a wage boost... That re- nickel spread out over the coming and Nazi agents that they will commendation is due tomorrow." year. Where the union asked for stay "neutral." The Stalin-Hitler

The next day, however, the the complete abolition of lower pact has demonstrated what the Wall Street Journal reported: wages in the South, the board only word of the latter is worth. For Price Stabilizer Ellis cut the Southern differential in the German capitalists would con-"Now. Arnall has decided that he will half. Where the union asked for tinue to be the implacable class

not issue the order at least until 8 paid holidays, as most unions enemies of the Soviet Union. Committee Against 1030 which some time next week. He in- now have, the board awarded 6. Rejuvenated and rearmed, they is supporting the SWP's court At the suggestion of the action. However, Progressive dicated it might be delayed even Where the union asked for the would be ready sooner or later longer." Thus the steel industry extra pay for late shifts to be to join with U.S. imperialism to Party officials have declined the got the co-operation of a high raised from the present 4c. and 6c. re-attempt the job that Hitler Socialist Workers Party's invitagovernment official in its favorite per hour for the two late shifts, failed at. tion to participate in the suit in

to 10c. and 15c., the board would wage - hikes - cause-price-hikes" game. At the same time, steel has only give 6c. and 9c. And so on

This whittled - down recomby the Progressive Party. The for all the steelworkers' benefits mendation was made under the world, as the imperialist propamost terrific pressure from the Even Congress has rushed into union in the form of well-backed inist bureaucracy of the Soviet

the fray on behalf of the steel strike threats.

broad sections of the people, even | ing aid and comfort to the demoramong the jungle dwellers, the alized and badly frightened Cey-Veddah tribesmen (see report in lonese bourgeoisie.

Washington's Rejection of **Moscow's Offer on Germany**

WASHINGTON AGGRESSOR

It is Washington which is the aggressor. The voracious appetite of U.S. imperialism has only been whetted by the plum offered by Stalin. It wants more than the full restoration of a capitalist Germany. It wants a Germany lined up economically and militarily with the U.S. and ready to wage war on the Soviet Union whenever the U.S. bids. It has rejected Stalin's offer even though the mere fact of a reunited, rearmed capitalist Germany would,

in itself, be a long step toward the goal Washington desires. To the masses of Germany, the propositions of both Moscow and Washington are intolerable. The German workers hate capitalism and aspire to socialism. They fear and prevent the German workers nothing more than a return to capitalist militarism and the I ask is your assurance that you domination of the old Prussian "The nation's steel producers such an uproar is nothing but a will not make an alliance against officer caste and the Nazis. They want neither a rearmed "neutral" me with a rearmed capitalist

Stalin is willing to risk the capitalist Germany dedicated to such an assurance from U.S. im- an end to capitalism and all its the Negro to vote intelligently, them chained to capitalist exploitation, militarism and war.

Stalin's proposals on Germany prove once again not only that he has no revolutionary aims for GEORGE BREITMAN Germany, let alone the whole Friday, April 4, at 8:30 gandists claim, but that the Stalat 423 Springfield Avenue

Union, far from seeking to

provoke war, is ready to make considerable concessions to avoid

suffers from the defects of those The Tragic Era published six early histories of the French years earlier).

habits, food, clothing, shelter, squalor around Southern cities:

Revolution. Its subtitle is "Life Nor does the author winnow the facts from the biased value Conditions of the American Negro in the Early Years after Eman- judgments of his material when cipation." It has fifteen chapters he paraphrases (the principal covering such subjects as the method he uses for presenting infreedman's reaction to freedom, formation) his sources. Thus we working conditions, spending are told of Negroes living in

superstitions, education, religion, health, criminality, attitude to- to improve their condition. They ward whites, and politics. Almost every paragraph in the book is houses." Or that the initial documented by at least one reference to a source.

picture emerged.

BIASED SOURGES

But 90 per cent of the sources are of that mass of anti-Negro of "Negro impudence" - without propaganda literature that has being warned that acting as a made the history of Reconstruction the most falsified period in height of impudence by many U.S. history. During Reconstruction — which was that period is today by white supremacists). when an attempt was made to destroy Jim Crow in the South the white supremacists of the German capitalism, nor a rearmed period started their literary barrage about the "excesses" of "Negro rule," the incapacity of his laziness, dishonesty, childishness, etc. This propaganda con-

tinued and increased in the period when naked force was being used to prevent the Negroes in the South from participating in politics. Northern visitors to the Reconstruction South were usually taken in by the views of their

white hosts. When Northern industry decided that labor and the Populist farmers were a greater threat to its dominance than the former

slavocracy, it embraced the latter's theory of Negro "failure" during Reconstruction to justify its shameless sell out of equal rights. Then history departments of Northern Universities like Columbia and Johns Hopkins be came mills like the history de

all of his material. Yet he rarely demurs or warns the reader against the bias incorporated in the "observations" of his sources of which the above examples are but a tiny fraction.

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Current Events, **Current Controversies**



Socialist Forum

Speaker:

Africa In No Exception

By Albert Parker

The Jim Crow system in the Union of South Africa has produced a deep-going crisis in that police state. On March 20 the South African Supreme Court ruled that the Malan government's new Jim Crow voting law was unconstitutional; this immediately led to huge demonstrations demanding the government resign and arrange new elections.

On April 6 a national campaign of civil disobedience to the country's discriminatory laws will be launched by representative organizations' of the oppressed Africans, Cape Colored and Indians. Africa is no exception - the tide of struggle against capitalist and imperialist domination is rising there as well as in the rest of the colonial world.

The Nationalist Party headed by Premier Daniel Malan has a slim majority in Parliament, holding 86 out of 159 seats. In order to increase their grip on the government, the Nationalists pushed through a law last year that would in effect disfranchise 50,000 Cape Colored voters who hold the electoral balance of power and who vote against the ruling party. The Supreme Court ruled the law invalid because it had not been passed by a two-thirds majority as required by the constitution.

The South African apartheid system is one of the few in the world that is even worse than Jim Crow in the United States. Political power is vested in the hands of about 21/2 million whites, a small minority of of the population. The others - 81/2 million Africans, one million Colored (descendants of Europeans, Africans and Asians), and over 300,000 Indians - suffer from extreme political, social and economic oppression. The Jim Crow laws are brutal and savage enough to make American Dixiecrats turn green with envy.

Only whites can run for Parliament; the Africans have no vote at all; and only a tiny proportion of the Colored have a legal right to vote in the regular parliamentary elections. Malan's law would have taken this right away from them

in about 13 electoral districts and confined them to "voting" for four white men to "represent" them in Parliament. In these disputed districts the Colored have voted for and helped to elect deputies of the opposition United and Labor parties, not because these parties are opposed to white supremacy but because they are considered a lesser evil. These parties feel Malan is going too far and courting danger for the system it-Briggs Are white supremacy but because they are considered self when he seeks to make it even more oppres-

Malan proposes to defy the Supreme Court and to curb its powers; the opposition parties propose to increase pressure and agitation for the downfall of the Malan government. This split among the whites will not be cured easily or soon, and creates conditions for the non-white masses to strike blows in their own behalf.

The April 6 civil disobedience campaign promises to be one of the most militant and united struggles against racial oppression in the history of the country. The African National Congress, endorsing this campaign on Dec. 17, called for "mass action" by the non-whites to defy the Jim Crow laws "deliberately and in an organized manner," regardless of the consequences. The purpose of the movement is to secure repeal of the Pass Laws, the Group Areas (Ghetto) Act, the Suppression of Communism Act and the Bantu Authorities Act as well as the Separate Representation of Voters' Act.

This is a revolutionary development that will have explosive consequences. "Civil disobedience" under such tense conditions as exist in South Africa is a threat to the stability of the entire system and when Malan meets it with the savage repression that he promises, it will go far beyond any turn-your-other-cheek pacifist limits that may be set by its leaders in the beginning.

South Africa, like French North Africa, Asia and the Middle East, is no exception. The fires of revolt are burning furiously in all the outposts of the colonial world and imperialism does not have enough firemen to put them out.

Redbaited DETROIT - Positions were reversed in Briggs Local 212 here recently when the Reutherite administration headed by Ken Morris found itself the target of a proposal to the House Un-

Reutherites at

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American Activities Committee 'that they not only investigate the left-wing elements, but the right-wing as well."

AIMS AT RIGHT-WING

This proposal that the "rightwing" be checked for "subversive affiliations" was made in a letter appearing in the Public Letter Box of a Detroit daily newspaper. The letter was signed by Edward

Drive Plant Shop Committee of Briggs Local 212, United Auto Workers (CIO). Chciuk has been an elected representative of the Briggs Outer Drive workers for many years, and has won the respect of hundreds of workers by his militant fight in their behalf. It is common knowledge in the Detroit labor movement that, under his leadership, conditions in the Outer Drive plant have become the best in the

Briggs setup. The fact that Chciuk could

forget his duty to the labor movehunt Committee to "investigate" his opponents indicates the

damage already done to the UAW laboration with the Congressional to the point where militant auto

workers accept the idea that a committee of the worst laborhaters of the country be permitted

One widespread reaction to the incident on the part of Briggs was getting a well-deserved dose the Morris administration that "One of the officers made a pass at us, and he have been going on for five years.

not conducted any campaign workers have been taken in by ... you tell him that if I ever catch him on the union-busting drive of the

Committee. The House Committee, which

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Dictator Returns

Gen. Fulgencio Batista, shown addressing the army at Camp Colombia, outside Havana, shortly after he set up a military dictatorship over Cuba, was backed by the U.S. banking interests who control Cuba's economy. Officials of the Prio Socarras administration overthrown by Batista claim that "the United States had a hand in the military coup" against a constitutionally elected government.

JUDGES RAPS VOTING LAW ment to such an extent that he could call upon the House witch IN OHIO BUT UPHOLDS IT

By Jean Simon

CLEVELAND, March'24 - Two developments here last week indicated growing recognition of the violation of civil rights by the Ohio election law revisions passed by the state legislature last year?

and the importance of repealing 7%, are "excessive and unreasonable" if they are realistically conthem. Paul Shearer, secretary of the sidered, the judge said. They Ohio CIO Civil Rights Commit- make it almost impossible to file tee, reporting on a panel discus- as an independent, he added,

sion at a CIO civil rights con- pointing to the fact that this ference last Friday, said that the year, for the first time in years, election law was a "difficult and not a single candidate filed here undemocratic thing. Something for a judgeship outside of the two must be dongabout it, not only by party primaries. "Discrimination against any the CIO-PAC, but by all groups

interested in the democratic group or class of citizens in the exercise of constitutionally protected rights deprives the electoral

SUIT THROWN OUT process of integrity," he stated. Earlier in the week, Common "Could it be that the Legis-Pleas Judge Joseph H. Silbert lature, or its elected represenhrew out of court on technical tatives, do not trust the voters in grounds a lawsuit challenging the their ability to elect competent constitutionality of the new officials and therefore restricted ballot restrictions but made it their opportunity to vote by secret clear he considers unconstitutional ballot according to their personal the election law revisions which belief?

Flint Invitation To Witch Hunters Stirs Protests

NUMBER 13

By Emmett Moore

FLINT — The spotlight of the witch hunt was turned on Flint after leaders of the Reuther caucus in the Buick Local succeeded in passing a resolution calling upon the House Un - American Activities -

Committee to investigate red tending groups at each others' activities in this huge GM local. throats just prior to union elec-The State Attorney General an- tions the smearing of individuals nounced immediately that State has reached such a tragic-comedy officials would conduct a hearing pitch that Catholics and Masons alike are kept busy making n Flint. denials. Within twenty-four hours sever-

al union officials gave testimony ATTACK UNEMPLOYED

before an assistant to the At-While the unions are temtorney General. The first to porarily split asunder by the witch estify was Regional Director hunt, the boss press has taken Robert Carter who challenged the advantage of this opportunity to State representative to declare attack and cast suspicion upon the intentions of the investigation. The investigating committee attempted to swear those giving Gentral flung its red herring at the unemployed organizations set testimony to secrecy. Carter refused to comply with this patitions calling for increased unrequest. In a statement to the petitions calling for increased unress and radio the Regional Director indicated the hearings at the thought of defending the union leaders were terror stricken were a put-up job to further the activities of the unemployed compolitical ambitions of the Attorney mittees because of a few Stalinists General. who were among them. Instead

they turned on the committees TRANSPARENT SMEAR who were carrying out official The redbaiting Reutherite policy of the union.

charges in Buick were intended Even more disgraceful was the as a follow-up on Reuther's silence of the union leaders when treacherous attack on the Ford the Flint Journal, spokesman for Local. The Buick Reutherites General Motors, smeared the hoped to duplicate the Reuther National Negro Labor Council's smear technique in Flint. Howpicketing of small stores to force ever, the attempt was so transthe hiring of Negroes. Only a few parent, since everyone knows the conservative character of the months ago the unions requested an FEPC ordinance. The Flint Buick leadership, that it has opened the way for a serious Journal campaigned bitterly against it. With unemployment hunters. Up to now union of- among Negroes in Flint numbercounter-attack on the witch ficials have dragged their feet ing in the thousands it was only inasmuch as they have become natural for the Negroes to compromised by their previous rodhaiting demand jobs, especially from stores in the predominantly Negro neighborhoods. Here was a

Only a few days ago, Burt good opportunity to throw in the Moore, president of the Buick Journal's teeth its deceitful Local, wrote the Flint Journal propaganda against FEPC. Undissociating himself from the fortunately the union leaders leaders of the sitdown strike who once again chose to duck.

are well known as Socialists, However, after the Buick in-Trotskyists and Stalinists. This cident, some union leaders have act didn't save him from the tar stopped running long enough to and feather brush of the junior take stock of the effects of the Reutherites of Buick. The sit- witch hunt. Of course, prospects downers could have warned of imminent defeat in the local

Police Brutality in L. A. By Ernest Rief

LOS ANGELES, March 22 - Reading like a saga of barbarous medieval tortures, testimony has been given during the last three days before the Los Angeles County Grand Jury which is investigating police brutality.

The first called to testify were some of the seven youths who were savagely beaten following an altercation in a beer parlor last Christmas Eve.

Two policemen had gotten into a scuffle with the youths after an argument over the identification of one of them, a Marine on leave. The cops had ordered them to go home, which they did. Within a few minutes after reaching the house of one of them, a number of cops burst in with sawed-off shot guns and hauled five of the men off to jail.

The treatment meted out to one, Danny Rodela, is typical. He had not gone into the house with the others, feeling dizzy from a blow on the head by one of the two cops. He returned after his friends were taken and retired with his wife, an expectant mother.

At about 4:30 a.m. two policemen crashed in his door, beat him in front of his terrified wife and then shoved him into a police car with one of the cops beside him. Rodela, age 23, weight 114, said.

"He really started working me over then. They took me somewhere . . . and one officer kept beating me until his partner said, 'Give me a little of that, its my turn." When the cops tired of this they took him to a police station where, in a big room, five or six other policemen renewed the torture. "Two of them held me and two or three of them punched me in the stomach. "They broke my cheek bone and my nose was shoved way over to one side of my face.

pital that I did not go home for three weeks. My father left me that home, but I moved my family by the Reuther policy of colout of the city of Los Angeles into county territory and bought a G.I. home where I would reactionaries. Things have come feel safer.' Jack C. Wilson, 21, a Marine on Christmas

"I was so afraid after I left the French hos-

leave, told the Grand jury: "The cops formed a ring around us at Cen-

tral. They knocked us down, they jerked us to to pass on the "eligibility" of our feet, they knocked us down again, and they contenders for office within the laughed hysterically and yelled: 'Merry Christ- union! mas.'

"I was huddled on the floor beside Ray Marquez when I got kicked in the temple. It paralyzed the workers was that the Reutherite whole side of my face, it seemed, and I heard a Ken Morris leadership in Briggs cop say: 'Kick the dirty - again, he's moving.'

"I was holding my brother Bill's hand on the of its own medicine. Plant work-floor. He said: 'I can't take much more of this.' ers are fed up with the wild and Then I heard a loud pop. It was Bill's nose being malicious red-baiting attacks of broken. It made him unconscious.

slipped in our blood on the jail floor. Another They are further confused by the officer quickly wiped it up with one of our fact that the UAW leadership has shirts. . .'

The father of Ray Marquez helped his son file against the House Un-American a complaint with the police internal affairs Activities Committee. This condivision and was later approached by an officer fusion is so widespread that many who purportedly said, referring to young Marquez:

the-street I'll shoot him down. I'll kill him."

The horrible thing about these happenings is

Chciuk, chairman of the Outer

"One of the officers said, 'Look out, you're going to kill him.' They thought I was unconscious and they threw water in my face to bring me to."

Feigning unconsciousness he was dragged out by the hair and taken to the prison ward of General hospital, where he was given two blood transfusions. After two days, fearing the cops would return and beat him, his father took him to French hospital. After three days he left there against the advice of his doctor and hid out with relatives.

hood of Firemen and Enginemen and the Order

of Railway Conductors. The unions denied that

they were government employees because: 1. they

do not bargain collectively with the government,

which "seized" the roads in August, 1950, to

break a strike; 2. the profits on these roads con-

tinue to go to the private owners and not the gov-

ernment. Profits on Class I railroads, after taxes,

were \$1,660,000,000 since August, 1950. The un-

ions argued that if they are working for the gov-

ernment, the government has no right to make

them work for private profit and should keep

the profits after paying the workers "just com-

ANOTHER JIM CROW MURDER by a cop

was committed in Hackensack, N. J., on March

23. Policeman Reedy Evans ordered "ten noisy

men" to move away from the vicinity of a club,

program (which NHC supports) was defeated by

the House of Representatives last Friday night

by only 24 votes - the score 192 to 168. It was

the best showing made by any agency in defense

of its program before the meat-ax, economy Con-

gress that is doing everything in its power to. . .

make public service something to be shunned."

Things must be pretty bad when cheers are raised

* * *

Harlem has voted to withdraw from the National

Council of the Churches in Christ because the

Council's general board by a vote of 27 to 15

THE ABYSSINIAN BAPTIST CHURCH in

pensation.'

over defeats.

that they are not exceptional. It is only the publicity that is exceptional.

In fact, when the "Bloody Christmas" case first auto union and terrorize militant came to light the newspapers made it appear that auto workers with the cry "comit was the youths who had beaten up the cops. It was only after Anthony Rios, chairman of the and anti-Negro role from its very Community Service Organization and friend of formation. This was so clearly City Councilman Roybal, sued the police as a recognized by the whole labor result of his arrest and beating that the victims, movement that both the UAW and the national CIO have repeatedly five of whom are Mexican-Americans, overcame the intimidation and revealed the facts in their case.

The scandal had become too great to suppress it. Despite this, Walter Reuther The scandal had become too great to suppress it. Despite this, Walter Reuther and the papers began vying with each other to made no protest when this Committee injected itself into the inpublish all the details. ternal affairs of the UAW.

The Grand Jury is continuing its investigation into the gestapo-like practices of the Los Angeles police, the above representing merely the first three days of testimony.

visited Detroit recently in an the ballot. effort to divide the ranks of the

munist," has had an anti-labor **Ohio Conference**

process.

condemned the Committee and Urges Defense demanded that Congress abolish

By Bob Kingsley

ANTI-LABOR GANG Virtually every member of the on civil rights sponsored by the House Un - American Activities Committee has a consistently antilabor voting record. This was here today as the first of a series shown by one of the witnesses bein this city and state. 250 fore the committee, who pointed delegates from local unions and out that Committee chairman representatives of the National Woods (D., Ga.) and other mem bers of the Committee had voted of Colored People, the Jewish Community Federation and the Urban League attended. "communism" in the eyes of Com-Thurgood Marshall, special minority voices of those who represent the re- mittee members.

The fact that Ken Morris, like other Reuther apparatus men and like Reuther himself, was once a 'parlor-pink" socialist was used y Chciuk to peg his request that the Reuther wing of the union be "investigated." It is clear that this trend can only lead to comthe corporations or their reacthe say-so on the internal affairs of the unions.

The new requirements, which raise the number of nominating choose their governors." petition signatures from 1% of the last gubernatorial vote to by sustaining a demurrer filed by hunt opium.

The judge threw the case out

demonstrated by the regular op- unscrupulous opportunists who, some reactionary scissorbill out portunity of the governed to emboldened by Reuther's actions of the bottom of the barrel

redbaiting.

in Detroit, act like dope addicts willing to run a redbaiting camhopped up with the bosses' witch paign.

The question that confronts The labor movement is already the union leaders is, can they the Assistant County Prosecutor for the Board of Elections. Plain- paying heavily for Reuther's confine the witch hunt to the tiff was Bertram A. Washington, treacherous policy. In the Chev- Stalinists? The answer from all of the Progressive Party, who rolet local, and the same holds that has happened in Flint is filed as an individual. The court true for the other locals in Flint, quite obviously no. To end the ruled he was neither a party nor hundreds of officers in district and witch hunt the union movement a candidate, and had failed to local posts are busily engaged must make up its mind that the state facts making a legally suf-ficient cause of action.

CLEVELAND, March 21 - A joint labor-community conference on civil rights sponsored by the CIO UNITED RUBBER WORKERS DEFY Obio CIO Council and Cleveland Industrial Union Council was held here today as the first of a series INJUNCTION; SUPPORT OFFICE STRIKE

By L. Cooper

All experienced union men and Bass and the other unionists on AKRON, March 22 - A new women in Akron are asking, are trial that they refuse to be a Association for the Advancement attempt to destroy the effec- they trying to end picketing party to "carrying out" injunction

tiveness of the three week old rights altogether? Obvicusly B. F. Goodrich thinks American labor. In 1936 the office workers strike at the B. F. Goodrich plants was underway

ounsel for the NAACP, cited the this morning in Common Pleas down pickets or union men standmany acts of violence on Negroes Court. President Bass and eight ing by. 'Ten days ago a scabby both South and North and at- other leading unionists of Local 5 truck driver went through the red tacked Attorney. General Mc- of the United Rubber Workers light at Jackson St. and knocked Grath's "investigations." He are charged with violating Judge down the tire division chairman, scoffed at the progress made in contractions of the information of the contraction of the progress made in civil liberties for Negroes. "We order forbidding any picketing in the hospital for a few days. The minds about storming the nicket have barely moved in the high the vicinity of trains or trucks company is fully supporting the lines. lying tale of this moronic driver since the Civil War." Discrimina- plants. (The office workers on who claims that Lesieur tried to

picketing is O. K. as long as it's cross the picket lines.

grab his gasoline tank and his back view mirror at the same another unionist, Johnson, escaped serious injury only because they COMPANY IN COURT

jumped away as soon as they saw The complainant in court this this truck coming at them. morning, the B. F. Goodrich Co

precipitated the strike on Feb. 26 WORKERS INDIGNANT by declaring in a letter to all em-A vast wave of indignation is

plants of Akron and especially among the production workers at the injunction notices is not the (after eight years) as a bargainthe Goodrich plants. If Local 5 president Bass or the others are Living with the new "interpreted imprisoned (or even fined) a spontaneous protest movement Now the company is crying in may take place. The CIO Council knows. court this morning. You see has given full moral support to-Hartley law and then turns Judge, these little office girls the strike. The production workaround after the election and held back the freight trains at- ers at Goodrich showed their **April Fool Frolic** tempting to enter the premises of deep sympathy for the strikers The conference was more our plants. Yes, we admit there by refusing to cross the picket

Saturday, April 12 734 S. Wabash production workers meeting of According to the reinforced in. March 4th, pressed for by Presi-Donation 35¢ junction of the judge and the in- dent Bass, to return to work in Socialist Workers Party Chicago Local up soon to handle all local civil Beacon - Journal newspaper, pelled the production workers to

it's all right for trucks to knock Goodyear strikers tore down the injunction notices from the billboards posted outside the plants and forced (through a mobilization of tens of thousands of unionists from all plants) the whole minds about storming the picket This "lesson" is obviously well remembered, for police haven't

not near the B. F. Goodrich plants. | It is to the credit of President

bothered the strikers to date. As matter of fact, neither the time. Actually, both Lesieur and Police Dept nor the Summitt County Sheriff's office have been interested in taking the initiative in carry out the reinforced injunction against rank and file pickets. That's why leaders of the union and non - pickets such as

sweeping through the rubber of the injunction," that is, for not acting as cops! Tearing up method of the present strikers. injunction" means death to unionism, as every Akron worker

law, but rather stand by the

inalienable picketing rights of

principles of the 15th Amendment entering or leaving the Goodrich

tion and segregation have "never strike are a unit of the Goodrich been a Southern question" and CIO Local 5. The original in-Negroes are "only tolerated in junction, order forbade mass

Cleveland and the rest of the picketing.) North," he reminded the conference. The Negroes down South "don't need pity," he said, "They have a lot more courage than a damn sight more people up here." During a PAC panel discussion, a delegate from a UAW local ployees that the Local 5 office managed to put the political issue unit is no longer recognized

of civil rights squarely. "Time after time I urge the workers in ing agent. This lock-out of the my plant to vote and they tell me office unit occurred after eight to Adam Smith the same story, 'Why should I months of company stalling on vote for a politician recommended negotiations for a new contract. by the PAC like Truman, who in 1948 promised to repeal the Taftstabs us in the back."

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and when one of them, Simon Parker, talked back, Evans began to beat him with his nightstick until Parker was dead. THE NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE is feeling triumphantly excited: "There are cheers along the Potomac today as the cherry-buds removal." * * * swell," it writes. "The low-rent public housing

honored when he was invited to the recent centennial dinner of Studebaker Corporation. He went and gave a talk too, but not on the subject: Why does a corporation like a labor leader?

THE PENTAGON is responsible for the "dislocation and unemployment" in the unionized areas of the clothing and textile industries, charges Amalgamated Clothing Workers President Jacob Potofsky. Despite pleas from the unions, the brass hats keep on awarding more and more contracts to the low-paying, nonunion sections of these industries.

THE STRIKEBREAKING INJUNCTION used had postponed action on a statement against racial' segregation until next June. The Abyssinian against the 75c. per hour minimum by the government to stop the railroad strike this month was challenged in the courts by the Baptist Church, with 12,000 members, charged wage bill. Undoubtedly, this was Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherthat the general board was "yielding to the

Notes from the News

actionary churches of the South." A SHERIFF and four deputies in Jackson, Miss., were acquitted in 49 minutes by a federal jury trying them on charges of having violated a Negro's civil rights by beating him up in order to make him confess a robbery. The Negro, Corporal Murry Gray, flew here from Korea to testify that when he heard the sheriff wanted plete disruption of the union, with him he had surrendered voluntarily. Then the sheriff and his henchmen took him out into the | tionary Congressmen being given woods, handcuffed him to a tree and beat him mercilessly with a leather strap.

SQUARE BULLETIN, student paper at Washington Square College of New York University, editorially protests the practice of rating students on their "loyalty" at the request of the New York City Board of Education's Division of Licensing (of teachers). Instructors are directed to check a form which indicates whether students have an "improper attitude toward American ideals and the government." The paper asks every teacher "to not only ignore it but to request its

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The only concrete proposal was announcement of a Cleveland Civil Rights Clearing House to be set terpretation of the capitalist order "to avoid suit," finally com-

iberties cases.