Steel Strike Set; Truman Hints At Seizure of Mills

President Truman has instructed the Justice Depart-Vol. XVI - No. 14 ment to stand by for a possible steel industry seizure to ward off a steel strike scheduled for April 8. Truman's move came one week before the

expiration of the strike deadline Taft Hartley Act's national emerset by the CIO United Steelwork- gency provisions to halt a strike. ers of America in its fight for a They reasoned that, because the wage increase, union shop and CIO Steelworkers had agreed to other demands. CIO steelworkers had agreed to other demands. quests for strike postponements,

It is rumored that, if Truman does seize the plants, he will put it would seem unfair for the Gov-

union to "continue bargaining." | wage increases which a federal If the union is forced to bargain agency, the Wage Stabilization after being deprived of its strike Board, has labeled 'fair and weapon, it will be placed in a very equitable.' unfavorable position.

April 2 reports: "Top Administra- halt a strike by a method seemtion officials, it was understood, ingly aimed against the comwere shying away from using the

Illinois Election Law 1030 Protest **Movement Grows**

CHICAGO - The "Citizens Committee Against Law 1030" continues to grow in size and activity. Two prominent citizens, I. S. Dorfman, of the Board of Directors of the American Civil their New Years Day strike dead-Liberties Union and Myrna S. "cooling-off" procedure under the Bordelon, former head of the CIO Community Services Committee, have joined in the fight

against this vicious law. liberal Democratic Governor residence to place a statewide candidate on the ballot.

grown steadily since the Social- union would then be free to ist Workers Party filed suit in strike. federal court against Gov. Stevenson and other law enforcing of- DELAY 99 DAYS ficials to have the law declared unconstitutional on the grounds it what has actually happened since violates the 14th Amendment and January 1. The union, has been the Federal Civil Rights Act. forced to delay its strike for 99

fight against this undemocratic days provided in the Taft Hartley law has been announced jointly Act. The controversy has been by the Citizens Committee and heard by a board, exactly as proagainst Law 1030. Scheduled for However, unlike the Taft-Hartley

"Thus, the officials reason, it The Wall Street Journal for would be more appropriate to

> AIMED AT STEEL WORKERS Two important points are conained in this description of what is going on in Washington. First, it is made clear that, if the plants are seized by the government, it will be aimed at the steelworkers the seizure would be "seemingly aimed against the companies.

Second, it becomes plain that the rigamarole through which the steelworkers have been led since line is far worse even than the Taft-Hartley Act.

If the Taft-Hartley Act had been used against the union by H.B. 1030, passed by the last Truman last January 1, the pro Illinois legislature and signed by cedure would have been as fol lows: An injunction would have prevented a strike for 80 days, Adlai Stevenson, makes it a during which time a fact finding criminal offense to solicit sig-natures outside your county of the dispute and brought in recommendations for a settlement. Had no settlement been arrived a

Protest against the law has during this 80 day period, the

In contrast with this, here is

A dance to raise funds for the days so far, as against the 80 two Campus Committees vided in the Taft-Hartley Act. entertainers, it will be held at the would now be free to strike to

Truman's Withdrawal Puts by the Wage Stabilization Board into effect at once. However, judging by past experience, Tru-man may once more yield to the pressure of the steel industry, and, after a seizure, instruct the union to "continue bergaining" and the companies refuse to grant-une on the steel industry, and, after a seizure, instruct the union to "continue bergaining" and the companies refuse to grant-the scontinue bergaining to "continue bergaining" and the scontinue bergaining to the sconting tother sconting tother sconting to

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WHAT BIG BUSINESS SEEKS IN KOREA WAR

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The United States is fighting in Korea to defend the "ideals" of the open shop, affirms the giant McGraw-Hill publishing corporation in a full-page ad in the March 31 N.Y. Times. This revealing admission of Wall Street's aims in the invasion and destruction of Korea is embodied in a and their strike plans, although public appeal to the steel profiteers to "resist to the limit" the Wage Stabilization Board's recommendation of a union shop agreement.

> McGraw-Hill, biggest producer of business and trade journals, including the magazine Business Week, calls on the steel industry to "resolutely resist" the union shop 'out of a decent regard for those ideals of our country which we are now fighting in Korea to protect."

> Millions of Americans, including the drafted GIs shipped thousands of miles away against their will, have been insistently asking, "Why are U.S. troops fighting and dying in Korea?" Now they have an answer close to the truth from an authoritative voice of the American capitalist ruling class.

More than half a million American youth have already suffered as battle and non-battle casualties in Korea, while most of Korea and millions of its people have been wiped out, not to defend democracy, nor to "halt aggression." American boys are dying in Korea to defend the "right" of war profiteers and union-hating corporations to exploit labor, at home and abroad, without let or hindrance. The sons of union men are facing death in Korea so that their fathers shall not have the right of union security. To preserve their profits system, their privileges and their rule, the U.S. capitalists carry out a simultaneous aggression against the masses in Korea and the workers in America. guise of preserving "democracy" at home, they seek to May 9 and featuring prominent provisions, under which the union subdue the Asian revolution and to restore unrestricted domination and exploitation of the colonial peoples by for- UAILING

Their Bid to German Militarism





Embarrassed By Democrats' Shift to Right

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By George Breitman Truman's announcement that he will not run again puts his labor and Negro supporters on the spot, because it means that the Democratic presidential candidate will be even more openly conservative than Truman. What are the labor and Negro movements going to do in 1952? Tag along behind a Democratic candidate who will give them even fewer concessions than Truman did, and who stands a good chance of being beaten anyhow? Or break with the capitalist parties altogether and begin to build an independent Labor Party?

All of the leading contenders for the Democratic nomination, without exception, openly stand to the right of the platform that Truman espoused (demagogically) in 1948. Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois is the present favorite of the Fair Deal wing of the party; Americans for Democratic Action, papers like he N. Y. Post and a number of abor leaders are already in his amp

But Stevenson is openly oposed to the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, which Truman and the Democratic Party (including Stevenson) promised to repeal in

APPEASES DIXIECRATS Stevenson favors a "states"

1st Congressional District CIO- win its demands, the union a PAC Hall, 708 E. 47th St. Wide present faces the threat of govpublicity has been given the SWP | ernment intervention to prevent a fight against Law 1030 in news- strike. Thus the union finds itself (Continued on page 2) papers throughout the State.

Civil Disobedience Against Jim Crow Laws in S. Africa

By Albert Parker

In the southern part of the United States whites form over two-thirds of the population; in the Union of South Africa they represent only one-fifth. That is why the white ruling class of South Africa, in order to keep in power, has a campaign against racist oppres-

sion on April 6. Jim Crow system (called apar-Conditions in South Africa are theid) which is even more oppresso intolerable that Canada Lee, sive and totalitarian than the one the actor who played in the film in the U.S. And that is why the Cry, the Beloved Country, made situation in South Africa is so in that country, says: "I would rather be the poorest explosive.

The present constitutional crisis sharecropper in Mississippi than aim for the American workers than the slavery of the (see last week's Militant) was a rich man in South Africa, that open shop? stimulated by differences among is if I were black. .

the whites. The fascistic National-A FEW EXAMPLES

ist government of Premier Daniel "Let me give you a few ex-Malan has a slight majority in amples. In South Africa you have majority of the popular votes in to carry a series of from 17 to 20 Parliament. But it did not get a the last election, representation passes. If a Negro is found withbeing weighted in favor of the out one of these passes he can be less - populated rural provinces arrested and put in jail. There where the Nationalists are are absolutely no laws to protect strongest. And from the size of the natives.

"Further, after you go to jail the anti-Nationalist demonstrathe following morning you are tions that have been taking place in the cities, it appears that the rented out to a Boer farmer. opposition to Malan still has the These farmers use a shambok, what we would call a bull whip support of at least half of the to get work out of you. whites. (These opposition parties "You read in the Negro press also favor white supremacy but feel that Malan is going too far and thereby inviting a revolt that done to Negroes in the United will end the rule of the whites).

ROOT OF CRISIS

But the real root of the social crisis in South Africa is the oppression of over 8 million Africans, one million Colored (sometimes called mulattoes) and 300,-000 Indians, and the spirit of (Horace Cayton's column, March united rebellion against their 29 Pittsburgh Courier). common oppressors that is growing among them. Although these forced labor are only a part of three groups have been played off, against one another in the (Ghetto) Act segregates the nonpast, today they are making Europeans totally, herding them common cause against Malan's the outbreak of the constitutional-political dispute among the whites they had agreed to start a national mass civil disobedience

eign, especially American, capitalists.

They do not cease to press relentlessly for their open shop "ideals" even while they appeal for labor's support and sacrifice to conduct their Korean war and to prepare new "police actions" all over the world. What is the sense of a war, they say in effect, if THEY don't benefit from it, at labor's expense.

The steel barons, for whom the Korea war has provided their most fabulous profits, proclaim they will never accept the WSB's recommendation of a union shop as a injunction. matter of holy "principle." Their office boys in Congress, such as Sen. Maybank (D., S.C.), chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, threaten to enact legislation to limit Roetzl in Common Pleas court for began to spread through the very effective. Very few trains making it virtually impossible WSE jurisdiction to wages only. "This would bar the board alleged violation of an injunction Goodrich and Goodyear plants, and trucks have passed the picket for minority parties to get on from recommending a union shop - as was done in the steel dispute," the Associated Press commented with satisfaction.

workers. Can a ruling class whose primary "ideal" is the open shop exploitation of American labor have a more exalted RELEASED ON BAIL or democratic aim for the Korean people? Can an imperialisra which boasts of its "Operation Killer" against a people fighting for their national independence have a nobler

By L. Cooper labor," put on a big act of their month-old strike. They re AKRON, March 28 - Angry pretending to give a "fair trial." fused to cross the picket lines action against discrimination in rubber workers in this city staged he threw the book at the union until persuaded to do so by the "every opportunity" to handle it. a walkout protest against the leaders although not a scrap of union leadership's insistence that This is appeasement of the

action of an injunction judge in evidence was introduced to prove otherwise the union would be Dixiecrats who walked out of the sentencing CIO United Rubber that they were near the scene of faced with a law-suit. The protest 1948 convention because it pro-Workers (Local 5) president the picketing at any time. walkout over the jailing of their George Bass and eight leading As they were taken off to jail leaders has been a great boost to law.

unionists to 10 days in jail for the response of the workers in the morale of the striking office 'contempt" of a strikebreaking Akron was electrifying. Office workers.

The jail sentence and fine of Goodrich plants were reinforced tracks and street entrances to the nominating petitions outside the \$250 each was imposed by Judge and a spontaneous stoppage plant has made the office strike county where they live, thus forbidding picketing of train and No one went to work at the 12 line. In retaliation, the company the ballot. Even the ADA afstreet entrances at the B. F. noon shift at Goodrich and those has laid off or put on part time filiate in Illinois, which endorses Goodrich plants during the cur- who came out did not go back in some 80% of the more than 12,000 rent strike of Local 5 office again. production workers.

At about 2 p. m. the nine union The strike has been in effect leaders were out on bail. Nevertheless the six to midnight shift informed its employees that it ficials for refusing to crack down A city-wide walkout was at Goodrich stayed out.

averted when the union leaders BOOST TO MORALE were released on bail pending an

Production workers at Goodrich workers. Local 5 office workers system in Cairo, Illinois. This appeal to a higher court. Throughout the trial last week the judge, have displayed great sympathy unit has been representing the who was elected as a "friend of for the office workers during office employes since 1944."

rights" approach to the Fair Em ployment Practices Committee issue - opposing any federal Then, at 10:00 a. m. this morning during the first days of the strike hiring until after the states have mised to enact a federal FEPC

Stevenson signed Illinois Law 1030, which provides imprisonworkers' picket lines at the The picketing of the railroad ment for citizens collecting Stevenson, condemns this 'reactionary law.

> Stevenson has been strongly since Feb. 26, when the company criticized by some NAACP ofwould no longer recognize Local 5 on Ku Klux elements trying to as a bargaining unit for the office maintain the Jim Crow school situation culminated in the bombing of homes of Negroes active in the 'anti-segregation movement. Stevenson also stalled on the anti-Negro riot in Cicero last summer, not sending in the National Guard to disperse the mob until it had achieved its purpose of wrecking an apartment building as a warning to landlords who might be thinking of renting

> > to Negroes. Yet Stevenson is the most "liberal" candidate who has a nomination!

WHY TRUMAN WITHDREW

No matter whom they choose the Democrats face an uphill battle. There were plenty of poli-Stalin has no revolutionary tical reasons why Truman decided 1. The Korean war is ex-2. The Dixiecrats, far stronger and better organized than in 1948, hold the threat of a split over the party unless they get their own armed forces, un-plained in the article about the

Washington Afraid of Election in Germany

By Art Preis

replied: A re-united, independent Germany "can only be set up on the basis of free elections."

about the injustices which are No sooner was this U.S. reply made public than all sectors of the capitalist press began to raise a States. I've been through our hue and cry that Washington was South and know what they are

like. . . But the vicious things stepping into a "trap." This that happen in South Africa are "trap," it appears, is that the beyond our understanding. There Kremlin may very well agree to the "free elections" the U.S. leadthey cut a Negro's ears off, they even castrate them, for things we ers have been talking about. would consider minor offenses." We are now being treated to a demonstration by the U.S. poli-Pass laws, police terror and ing to Stalin. While they yell, the picture. The Group Areas into "reserves" or ghettos so that Germany or a re-united Germany The "results of a free election." Majority in Western Germany for their own creation." They claim pendence, an end to occupation, ceptable to them. For reasons exreactionary laws, and even before the only contact they have with at all. That's why, according to warns the Times, "might well be rearmament within the Atlantic they are for a united Germany whites is when they toil for them. By 1948, 88% oof the land had been allotted to the whites, while (Continued on page 3) really scared."

The March 30 N. Y. Times notes cording to the Times, that Wash- should take a very careful look,

vance that the Christian Demo- everything else . . . we would while," he wrote on April 1, "and tegration in the North Atlantic carried out." Treaty Organization, will become

the head of a united Germany. "While the Communists cerdefense and diplomatic advisers program and a policy of German man election during the next, the division of Germany and the tions on civil industry . . . (and) neither is the Fair Deal platform 'neutrality.'"

Walter Lippmann, chief poli- before the Adenauer government into a Western European federa-When Stalin sent his note offer. that "many Western observers be- tical commentator for the in- has signed up with the West and tion, starting notably with the ing a deal to set up a united lieve that the Soviet Union may fluential Republican N. Y. Herald- bas had a chance to prove the Schuman plan and the European capitalist Germany, free to rearm, agree to free elections and that if Tribune, has admitted the facts theory that the West Germans army . . . the policy makers can chance to get the Democratic but neutral, the United States in they do, the Allied proposals even more openly and frankly. will ratify the accomplished only regard German unity as a concert with Britain and France could boomerang." It seems, ac- On March 20, he wrote: "We facts. .. threat to their western com-

His advice to Washington is to munity . . . the U.S. cannot favor ington favors "free elections" in too, at the idea of all-German keep stalling. "The showdown can German unity at this point. .." Germany only if assured in ad-elections as the preliminary to no doubt be postponed for a CONCESSIONS OFFERED

cratic (Catholic) Party will win, find ourselves in an impossible it is essential that it should be so and that Adenauer, who favors predicament if our proposals were that we may catch our breath and aims for Germany. He has no not to run, among others: coalition with the U.S. and in accepted and the ideas had to be have time to reflect." The "show- aggressive designs on it. The down" is obviously that point truth is that he is willing to make tremely unpopular among the

WARNS OF ELECTION

tical and military leaders of the Democratic party once the East Soviet government could not, be- of the U.S. very type of duplicity regarding German vote were added to the cause of the very nature of the In a revealing article by Joseph cede that the Kremlin is ready Germany they have been charg-strong Adenauer opposition which Soviet state, agree to all-German E. Evans, the March 31 Wall to give a tremendous amount already exists in West Germany. elections." This would be a Street Journal flatly concedes away. "Free elections!", the U.S. rulers The most probable outcome would "trap," he explains, because that U.S. policy - makers are don't want "free elections" in be a victory for the Socialists..." "there is not now a popular "trapped by a policy conflict of the March 23 Wall Street Journal, abrogation of the Adenauer com- Alliance." Washington is really free of Stalin's domination. But restricted trade . . new arma- Dixiecrats on Page 2, Truman was Stalin's offer has "Truman's mitments to the Western defense concerned "to avert an all-Ger- their actual policy "is based on ments industries and no limita- not acceptable to them. And

sixteen months - that is to say, incorporation of the Western half

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Dixiecrat Power Grows Inside Democratic Party

By John F. Petrone

Dixiecrats have achieved their , sure that he would not be reelected. But it does not follow from this that the Dixiecrat movement therefore has lost its reason for existence, or that it will not be as important a factor in this year's election as it was expected to be before Truman bowed out.

While many of the Dixiecrat leaders have a personal hatred of Truman, that is not the reason why the Southern politicians, oil and power interests are spending big money on the Dixiecrat movement. They were opposed to Truman as a symbol - and despite all the hullaballoo to the contrary, not primarily as a symbol of civil

rights. For whatever they have been saying to arouse the white supremacist prejudices of their followers, they know that Truman's association with civil rights has been purely a verbal one and that he never did and never intended to threaten the Jim Crow system in this country.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY Traditionally, the Democratic

Party has been a coalition of the big city machines, labor leaders, minority groups and the "Solid South," with the latter having decisive influence because of its ability to always deliver the vote and the seniority system in Congress. But in the last two decades the unions have grown tremendously and the Negro movement has become more articulate and militant. To keep their support

Roosevelt, and after him Truman, had to grant them certain concessions, even though of a minor character.

It was this, policy, dictated by Truman symbolized to the Dixie crats. They still have the power, because of their strength in Congress, to veto any legislation they don't like. Their basic interests have not been harmed in any way. But they are afraid of the future. They fear that even TALK about civil rights has an unsettling effect on the Negro labor force in the South and they want the same kind of power inside the Democratic Party their ancestors had in the days of slavery, even ta has opened hearings in Washif it means the loss of labor and Negro votes.

Their feud with Truman, then, came down to this: He was conposals for legislation against. ceined with the national interests "communist dominated" unions. of the Democratic Party (not the interests of labor or minority groups), while they are concerned fers us the Humphrey commit- CIO News has been lauding the eir own narrow, sectional tee as the answer to McCarran: committee and preparing the way

was willing to let bygones be the convention far more than any Truman's withdrawal from the bygones. This soft attitude only Fair Deal or semi-Fair Deal presidential race means that the convinced the Dixiecrats that they keynote speech that may be had nothing to lose by trying delivered. The Truman wing of first objective, which was to make again, and during the last four the party will still strive to conyears they have been making ciliate the labor and Negro leadtheir preparations. ers, but they will have to offer In 1948 it was still possible to concessions to the Dixiecrats too. talk about Dixiecrats and South- if they want to avoid a much ern Democrats (those who did not bigger walkout than took place bolt). But since then the distinc- four years ago. tion has virtually disappeared.

The Democratic Party in the BEGIN CONCILIATING Conciliation has already begun, South is "solid" again — and this time on the basis of the Dixiecrat long before the convention. Truprogram. Texas is with them, man's withdrawal was one sign. So in Florida, Georgia, and ap- Another was the statement on the parently majorities of the North FEPC issue made by Gov. Adlai Carolina and Virginia machines. Stevenson one day after Tru-Together, they represent over 100 man's announcement. Stevenson, favored by the Trumanites and of the 531 electoral votes. liberals, is also an old friend and WHAT THEY WANT

protege of the Dixiecrats leader, That is not enough to elect their James Byrnes. The Illinois govown presidential .choice, Russell ernor struck a theme which may again. But they don't have any be adopted at the convention such hopes anyhow. What they namely, that the states should want is enough electoral votes to first have the right to handle fair throw the decision into the House keeping hands off until after the of Represeentatives, where they states fail to act.

would be the balance of power This retains adherence to the and could get what they want principle of FEPC (a gesture to from whomever they made a deal labor and the Negroes while delaying federal action against

with. course. The Democratic conven- until some indefinite but remote have faced had Truman used the cupant of the White House were population. "If we are in for a could be a Republican and get tion may make enough concessions time when it will be agreed in Taft Hartley. Act against it last to them so that they will not some way that the states are January. bolt - a variant which would be not going to act (a substantial concession to the white suprejust as satisfactory to them. In any case, the Dixiecrats will macists).

epresent a formidable force at So the Dixiecrats are sitting the convention. They will go there pretty, and are likely to be with the prestige of undoubtedly sitting prettier before the year is tiated. MacDonald told the Conhaving been a big factor in Tru- gone. This goes to show that it vention that the union is in a this will determine the course of your own interests.

mans decision not to run - and pays to organize and fight for "particularly fortunate position" because it has a "rather friendly the changed relationship of forces inside the Democratic Party, that ANTI-UNION WITCH HUNT PUSHED BY

> By Thomas Raymond wrote:

McCarran and McCarthy witch hunt are now being offered the same article in a brand new package. So-called "liberal" Senator embarked upon the long trail to-Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesoington as chairman of a sub-committee on Labor and Labor-Man-

Despite this verbal stand, however, the CIO is cooperating with

for acceptance of its recommenda-

tions. Some CIO International

WSB Fails to Settle Fight



Members of the Wage Stabilization Board, shown after their ecommendation in the steel dispute. The public members of the WSB whittled the demands of the steel union down to the lowest possible minimum before arriving at a recommendation, which the steel companies then refused to accept.



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In the light of these facts, the emarks of David J. MacDonald. USW Sec'y.-Treas. at the Penn- be called "friendly." sylvania CIO Convention on

March 27 are totally unsubstan-

Truman Puts Union Leaders **On the Spot**

(Continued from page 1) that Truman recommends be used

again. The dilemma facing the next

President Truman. In the course will need the help of the Dixie-

3. It is well known that Truwanted Eisenhower, the leading Republican contender, to accept the Democratic nominato strive for lofty ideals: tion. This put Truman in an almost impossible position to camexplain why he is campaigning the younger lawyers - and I am Eisenhower, who has had the of the avenues that you might law. follow. . .

biggest buildup by the press ever given to any candidate in modern times, will be a really formidable to be appointed to that office in will be the main beneficiary of be a Democrat. Now there are

gentleman in the White House.' MacDonald said that if the oc- for selling to large sections of the If you went to Minnesota you long period of war or war appointed; that is, if you were a preparations, we might as well dangerous Republican, one who junction "woud have been issued against the Steelworkers." In the things" is the way many middle wanted to get elected. light of events, the "gentleman class voters (of both parties) will in the White House" can hardly estimate the situation.

Further information which has become available about the deliberations of the Wage Stabilization Board show that the Truman-appointed public members vere also anything but "friendly" to the union. The so-called 'public members" favored a total package of 17.6c while the union his weakest point - his militarist held out for demands in the training and background. But how neighborhood of 30c and the steel companies wanted a settlement of 14.1c. Thus the public members, during the negotiations favored a low figure far closer to the

companies than to the union. WHITTLE DEMANDS

Only 3.5c an hour separated the public members from forming a majority of the board with the steel company supporters. However, the industry members refused to move across that gap of 3½c, showing that the steel com- its own candidates on a militantly to the University of Chicago, and make me number one.' panies were prepared to precipi- anti-capitalist, anti-war, anti-Jim I got a master's degree, and then 'McCarranism" favor the same Science Monitor describes the subsequent events in these words: Thereafter, the public members tried to whittle down labor to the

rights if they are "communist- to the story, but came out in the reactionary program he stands dominated," to fire employees be- end with a bit more than the for. Labor must declare its political



How to Become a Federal Judge

A few months ago, Joseph Samuel Perry was chosen as a federal judge in Illinois after being nominated by Democratic candidate is that he Senator Paul Douglas, Attorney General McGrath and

crats to beat an opponent like of a speech to the Chicago Bar doing some work, and so on -Eisenhower and that he can get Association, Judge Perry told how there wasn't a Democratic Party their help only by making con- he made it. We quote from his - but they didn't need me. After ressions to them that would result speech for the benefit of any I got converted to the Democratic readers who want to become Party again, or got saved again, in the loss of millions of labor judges too and in order to con- so to speak, I proceeded to and Negro votes. vince skeptical people that in this organize the Democratic Party

great democracy all it takes to out there and make it tough for get ahead is hard work, ability, the Republicans. "The result of that was that personal integrity and a capacity

we finally got the framework of a party, and sooner or later I "I thought in place of giving a paign against Eisenhower, and lecture on some philosophical landed in the legislature, by the the next Democratic candidate question, I would explain how I aid of Henry Horner and a few will also find it embarrassing to got to be federal judge. Some of other good Democrats, and I kept working along and served my against a man who was the No. 1 not too old - might be interest- term there, and then I got out of choice of his own party leaders. ed and might want to know one politics and just began to practice

ON DOUGLAS' NOSE

"I will be perfectly frank with

shoot at that job I had better get

too, in some places or other, and

by experience that if you get up

everybody is shooting at you. So

I went to the Senators, each one

you are going to back me, for

"So I got myself in a little bit

back in politics.

"To start out with, if you want "And then I gambled; I rolled the dice. I saw a man who looked candidate. Equally important, he Illinois, you have almost got to like he might be elected U.S. Senator, so I put all my money on the pro-war psychology that both some states where you could be the nose and I backed Paul capitalist parties are responsible a Republican, but not in Illinois. Douglas, and the result of it was I had his support. But of course I-was a little cautious about that matter. Meanwhile I had preserved my friendship — I did not have a military man running might defeat some Democrat that recently make it but I had preserved my friendship, increased it

"I started out by being born a a little bit, political friendship, Republican in Winston County, with my good friend, Scott Lucas, Alabama, where they have never and so Scott wasn't mad at me. LABOR NEEDS OWN PARTY elected a Democrat in all history, Without the kind of hard- and even Roosevelt did not carry you folks, since we are talking hitting pro-labor and pro-civil that county. . . After my mother's confidentially. I tried to get this rights demagogy that proved so death, which occurred when I was job seven years ago, and I found effective in winning mass sup- four, my father moved down into out it took two Senators in place port in 1948, the Democrats will a Democratic county and there of one. The result of it was I got find it hard to beat Eisenhower I got educated, and of course I out of politics, so they didn't need unless they strike effectively at became a Democrat. . . me. So I decided if I wanted to

"A STEP FORWARD"

can any Democrat run on an anti-"After I enlisted and served militarist program and at the overseas, I returned and went to of a position of nuisance value, same time remain committed to work in the coal mines. Of course Truman's foreign policy (and all by that time the unions had got I kept my friendships and learned the Democratic contenders are there and I joined the union ... committed to it lock, stock and and I was getting along fine, and there and get to be top man, gunbarrel)?

tion overnight by forming an

own. This is what the Socialist

Workers Party has long advocat-

ed, and what its candidates, led

along came John Lewis and he came down there and called a The labor movement, in alliance with the Negro people, strike, and he got me mad and I of them, and said, 'Listen here, if farmers, youth and lower middle got so mad that I quit mining and went to college. classes, could change this situa-

minds.

heaven's sake. don't make me "So that was another step number one. Be sure to back me independent Labor Party running forward. I came up here and went and get me on the list, but don't

"It turned out that was pretty tate a strike. The Christian Crow platform. The way to beat I got a doctor's degree, and I felt good strategy; it worked out very Eisenhower is by arousing the highly educated. Then I moved well that everybody else got shot enthusiasm and participation of out in Du Page County, and be- off - I helped shoot them off, the masses of the people, and that cause of that college education too - no use lying about it; I can be done only by raising a which I had obtained, I almost did. The result of it was I landed on top. (Laughter) Now I have "I will be frank about it. At got the job and I am going to

first out there I talked around stick."

HUMPHREY GROUP WITH CIO BACKING tion should be passed. Murray People who are alarmed by the

"We believe that if the government undertakes to determine what unions can represent workers in this country, it will have ward government control of unions. In the dictatorships of the world, unions exist at the sufferance of the state. We, in America do not want to take a single step

agement Relations, to discuss pro- | in that direction." The CIO News of March 24 of- the Humphrey committee. The

"There may be some employers not reconciled to trade unionism who will take advantage of such

a provision by making frivolous charges of communist-domination against unions engaged in organizing their employees.' NO REAL DIFFERENCE

Thus we find that Humphrey, Tobin, the IUE and the liberals, while protesting fiercely against

type of legislation as that proposed by McCarran. The McCarran committee proposes to deprive unions of collective bargaining lowest possible figure, according fundamental challenge to the became a Republican. .

titled "Fighting Communism in

Unions." Humphrey, pressed

throughout this interview by the

editors of U.S. News stated the

HUMPHREY INTERVIEW

list, etc.

following:

interests, which they place above "Under the chairmanship of Sen. even a national Democratic vic- Humphrey (D. Minn), the sincere tory in the elections.

1948 EXPERIENCE

In 1948, the Dixiecrats were poorly organized and unprepared. | tance away. The latter, run by When they bolted the convention, they did not even take with them the man they had run for the Democratic nomination, Senator Richard Russell of Georgia. Decisive states like Texas would not the dignity of purpose and integgo along. The States' Rights rity that has been lacking from ticket carried only South Carolina, many congressional investigations Louisiana, Mississippi and Alain recent months." bama, with a total of 39 electoral votes.

WHAT IS PROBLEM?

many union contracts.

unions were expelled from the

CIO in 1949 as "communist-dom-

inated" they didn't fold up and

die, but continue to exist with a

large membership (300,000 is Sen.

Humphrey's estimate) and with

The Humphrey committee open-

ed its activities last fall with a

"questionnaire" sent out to labor

leaders and others asking their

Murray of the CIO and William

Green of the AFL both answered

that in their opinion no legisla-

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Unions, most particularly the Inand orderly hearings were in ternational United Electrical striking contrast to the proceed-Workers, headed by CIO Secreings going on before another Sentary James Carey, have been ate committee only a short dismaking recommendations to the Humphrey committee of exactly Sen. McCarran (D. Nev.), made that witch hunt type which Mura mockery of fundamental demoray specifically rejected in his recratic principles. . . . ply to the committee's question-"Humphrey's committee, on the naire. other hand, managed to restore

WITCH HUNT PLANT The IUE sent the Humphrey

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Committee a thought-control plan through Benjamin C. Sigal, its

chief counsel, who is also legal 1. The eight unions expelled representative of the CIO Gas, from the CIO in 1949 for "com-Coke and Chemical Workers. Simunist-domination" . . . "perhaps gal proposes that a tri-partite ought to be listed" on the Attorcommittee be established by the ney-General's official list of "sub-Defense Department, which would versive organizations."

determine whether a union is 2. "I say that this is a possi-"communist-dominated" or not. bility - . . . a union which can It would direct government agenbe clearly proven to be. . . essencies to cancel and refuse all contially a Communist-front organtracts to companies dealing with ization could be excluded from a union it found to be "communthe privileges of collective barist-dominated."

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gaining." This is the same as the The IUE and other CIO forces McCarran bill. which favor repressive legislation against unions which are

proposing that the "communist- necessary, they will win. charged with "communist-domindominated" unions be deprived of ation" have been joined by Secrebargaining rights, Humphrey tarv of Labor Tobin, supposed answered: "Correct. That is one "liberal" and darling of the labor of the possibilities." movement who testified before

4. Humphrey next expressed the Humphrey Committee. Tobin the "feeling" that these proposals made the same proposal as did might be incorporated as amendthe IUE; that is, that unions ments to the Taft-Hartley Law. found to be "communist-domin-When the editors of U.S. News ated" be deprived of all bargainseemed alarmed that this might ing rights even if they represent precipitate a fight on the whole a majority of the workers in the Taft - Hartley Law, Humphrey plant. Tobin was for it, he said, hastened to assure them that such a fight would be prevented.

When pressed further as to whether the union leaders would favor such amendments to the Taft-Hartley Law, he hedged for a moment, finally answered: "I don't think there is any doubt about that."

In this interview, well in advance of the opening of Washington hearings, Humphrey, who has been bragging about his "caution" and "open - mindedness" put his weight behind a program identical with the McCarran proposal in most respects. He further promised that he would deliver this Mc-Carran-type program with the support of the labor movement, which is something that Mc-

Carran can never promise.

longing to organizations on the public members had figured on." Attorney-General's "subversive" It must also be recognized that

the final recommendations of the Humphrey has already commit-WSB, while conceding some new ed himself to a whole series of gains to the steelworkers, didn't "give" them anything that other proposals, many of them as bad unions have not already won, and or worse than the McCarran prodidn't exceed the wage-freeze and Grace Carlson for Vice Presiposals. This was revealed in a ceilings of the WSB rules. ong interview in the Dec. 28 U.S. News and World Report en-

Such concessions as have been 1952 campaign. gained by the steel union have

The traditional policy of the come only from the militant and labor and Negro leaders never determined attitude of the ranks looked so bankrupt as it does of the union, and the vigorous today. Rejecting a Labor Party and well-backed strike threats of perspective, they let Truman do the union. It was this attitude their political thinking and which forced Truman to dissociate looked to him for salvation. himself from the open knife-Result: They have been outwielding of Economic Mobilizer maneuvered by the Dixiecrats, Charles E. Wilson, and forced and are presented with the ac-Wilson to resign from his post. complished fact of a shift to the Truman is ready to continue right by the Democratic Party is campaign against the strugand the certainty of a candidate

gle of the steel workers, a strug- who will be less satisfactory from gle which began last December their point of view than Truman was in 1948, and with much less when he said he would "use whatever laws there are on the chance of winning. Little wonder that they don't books to prevent a strike."

know what to say or do, are However, if the steelworkers sitting tight, keeping hands off continue their present attitude of the pre-convention scramble and Kutcher, who can't go house to adamant pressure up to and inhoping forlornly for the best. house, sold 14 copies the first 3. When asked whether he was cluding a strike if that become

could learn a lesson from the Dixiecrats, who got what they copies of the new Harry T. Moore wanted by fighting for their own interests resolutely and aggres-sold over 25 conjes of the **April Fool Frolic** sively, not flinching even at a pamphlet in the first few days Saturday, April 12 split with the Democratic Party. It is about time for the labor and

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THE NEXT STEP

Nothing can stop the war- than for some time. This, together mongers, labor - baiters, white with the sub work results, seems supremacists and witch hunters to indicate that despite the witch hunt there will be considerable from growing stronger except independent political action by the receptivity to our message in the election campaign. The leaders in labor, Negro and farmer organizations. This is the next in- the sub work so far are Dotty dispensable step for the working with five subs and Ruth with people and their allies, whether three." Literature Agent Ethel Swanor not it is taken in time to affect son orders 650 extra Militants the 1952 election results.

Class - conscious workers who this week in preparation for New understand this will rally around |York's subscription campaign. An the Socialist Workers Party and enthusiastic conference of active its candidates in their efforts to workers held last Saturday laid teach the workers that they must out plans for work in some new build their own party and take neighborhoods, and good results the destiny of this country into are expected this Sunday when their own hands if they want to everyone will be out to visit old save it from being regimented and subscribers and to introduce The ruined to make the world safe for Militant to new readers. New York's Militant sales last the dollar.

amongst the Republicans about independence, cut all ties to the increasingly reactionary capitalist parties, and form a party of its



by Farrell Dobbs for President Newark reports the first results week included a sale at a Franco of their Militant subscription Protest Meeting with Norman dent, will continue to stress in the campaign this week. "Here are Thomas speaking. John, Ann, Tom

the results of the L., and Leo sold eight papers, last two Sundays," one copy of Fourth International, they write. "Twelve and one "Road to Peace" pamphsubs all together: 10 let. On Sunday Johnny sold 10 for six months, and papers at the Community Church, two for one year. and Carmen and Elaine sold 14 Four of them are Militants at the New School on new subs, and half Wednesday. Work in the projects of the others are is going well. Joyce sold another from people who subscription there this week. refused to renew Cleveland Literature Agent last year but now Jean Simon writes, "Last Sunday have changed their we went to an IWO protest meet-

ing here and sold seven conies

of The Militant and seven copies "In addition we have begun of 'The Road to Peace.' This was house-to-house work for homedelivery subs (25c. for six weeks), despite the fact that a member of the police subversive squad stood with encouraging results. In a outside, inhibiting people going litle over an hour one night, four into the meeting, and despite the people sold 13, and on another fact that so many of them were night two sold six. Jimmy older people who do not read English very well."

W. S., of Lakewood, Ohio, writes that he recently dropped into the Cleveland Public Library to read the out of town papers. "Well, they were all alike," he writes, sold over 25 copies of the "All of them beating the old drum for big business, mouthing their darn propaganda, and throwing "We find that the 25c. subs are sand in the eyes of the working

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Smith Act Menace Widened

Another step toward establishing thought-control in the United States was completed last week when six persons were convicted in Baltimore on charges of violating the Smith Act.

The trial followed the same pattern as the previous mination." political frameup proceedings against the Communist Party, except in one respect: The judge took it on himself to give the jury a new interpretation of the Smith Act, ruling French have made "thousands of that mere membership in the Communist Party constitutes

a crime under the Act. Up to now, the government has been under the obligation to prove that Smith Act defendants actually and individually committed the offense charged - namely, that they "conspired to advocate" the overthrow of the government by force and violence.

people. If the new interpretation is allowed to stand, then the witch hunt would get a new impetus and speed, for the government would no longer have to show anything but membership in the Communist Party or any other organization arbitrarily accused of violating the Smith Act.

Part of the blame for the acceleration of the witch hunt rests on the labor movement, especially those sections who understand the menace of the Smith Act and have called for its repeal.

The government pays no attention to their denunciations of the Smith Act because it sees that they have failed completely up to this time to come to the defense of the Smith Act victims. It will continue to ignore their appeals and protests until they show that they mean business, which they can do only by demonstrating their willingness to aid the victims of thought-control as well as opposing the law that is used for this purpose. losses

Today the victims are members of the Communist Party, tomorrow it will be members of other organization's on the government's "subversive" blacklist, and the day after it will be members of organizations that will be added to the blacklist by the police-statesmen in Washington. The labor movement must act as well as talk against the witch hunt if it hopes to escape the noose itself.

Role of the Wage Board

Industrialists, congressmen and the corporation press are demanding the Wage Stabilization Board's head or at least amputation of its already stunted powers to recommend concessions to unions. This attack on the board and more especially its public members - is the Big Business'response to the Board's recommendations in the steel Case.

The four industry members on the board, who had opposed every concession, opined the decision "seriously impaired the ability of the board to effectuate wage stabilization." Thy found the board "no longer serves a useful purpose."

The congressional agents of the profiteers promptly

Arabs, Asians Aroused Over Tunis

By John G. Wright tinue to receive. The French colonial enslavers,

The French reign of terror in who have for months now been shooting down Tunisians in cold blood amid wholesale arrests and repressions, have decided to resort to all-out military terror in vested with "full police powers." an attempt to crush the insur-Premier Mohammed Chenik and gent Tunisian people. In a comthree other members of his Cabiplaint to the UN, 12 Arab-Asian net were arrested and spirited nations have charged that the away to an isolated oasis. The French have violated their own nominal ruler of the country capitreaty obligations and deprived tulated to the ultimatum to ap-Tunisia of "its legitimate sovereign rights . . . and the right of self-government and self-deter-Eddine Baccouche as Premier. The French High Command has

invoked the death penalty for These charges, along with "attempts against internal and others to the effect that the external security;" instituted a curfew; banned "all processions, arrests" and have been guilty of parades or meetings in public 'atrocities against old men, womplaces;" and imposed a complete en and children," are absolutely. news blackout. The heavily cenirrefutable. It is equally inconsored foreign dispatches from testable that the American im-Tunis report that the General perialists have been, as they con-Strike of the Tunisian trade untinue to be, the tacit supporters ions has "proved unsuccessful." and accomplices of the French in That a general strike was actualthese crimes against the Tunisian

FINANCED BY U.S. fighting spirit of the Tunisian masses. In Tunisia, 28 in Indo-China,

Even the Scripps-Howard press was his sending two ministersthe bankrupt French imperialists has felt*impelled to express some Salah Ben Youssef, Minister of could not have moved without the billions of dollars-American tax- hypocritical indignation over the Justice and Mohammed Badra.

| payers' money-which they con-| naked brutality of French im- | Minister of Social Affairs-te perialism. In its March 28 edito- plead Tunisia's case before the rial entiled "George the Third UN. They were in Paris when Tunisia reached its climax on Stuff," the N.Y. World-Telegram Chenik was deposed. But they March 26 when a state of sigge and Sun characterizes the French managed in the meantime to eswas proclaimed, and the French | conduct as "arrogant and stupid," cape to Cairo. They are now army, greatly reinforced, was in- points out that "independence stranded there because of the U.S. movements can't be snuffed out "refusal to grant them visas" to by martial law and arbitrary ar- fly to New York, reported a rests-as the British learned at United Press dispatch on March Yorktown in 1781," and concludes 31.

that the French government The Tunisian nationalists are should "be informed" that "while not even asking for independence we are allied with France against for their country, which the point the French puppet Sallah Communist aggression we are not French grabbed in 1881. All they allied with France to support coask is for internal autonomy, lonial imperialism." constitutional monarchy within

the framework of the "French U.S. BLOCKS PROTEST Union," leaving defense and for-But the whole point is that the eign affairs in French hands.

French have the full backing of MINORITY RULE the American imperialists in

What the Tunisian demands Tunisia. It was Washington proamount to is that the local admin tection, heavy U.S. investments istrations, which are entirely in and air bases in North Africa, that blocked the efforts of the French hands, be handed over to Arab-Asian bloc to bring the the natives. This is a modest request. But the French capitalists Tunisian issue up for discussion dare not let go of their absolute at the Paris sessions of the UN. control of local administrations ly held at all under these condi- It is Washington that is blocking for fear that the economic strantions is by itself a token of the a similar effort today. glehold they now have on the One of the reasons Premier

country's resources will be looser Chenik was deposed by the French

The extent of French dominamier Chenik, Homer Bigart, cor-

respondent of the N.Y. Herald-Tribune, quotes Chenik as charg-

Moreover any concessions the War and rearmament have be-French may yield in Tunis are come the axis of French social and political life. The March 8 liberal British New Statesman people are also determined to rid and Nation observes: "Few people in France view with anything

but cynical pessimism the obligaing for the very same principles tion of governments to deal with as those expressed in the Amerthe problems that really matter, ican Declaration of Independence the cost of living, bad housing and for which the American people the appalling inequalities fought the British 180 years ago. French society.

HAS DRAINED FRANCE North African people, like the The war in Indo-China, says Indo-Chinese whom the French to and irrespective of the color are shooting down with the aid the New Statesman, "has drained the wealth and man-power of of American dollars and muni-France, stirred up bitterness tions, have the right to be free, of the fullest equality. Full the right to choose their own which may never die down, and imperilled French democracy. In government. In this just struggle they are entitled to unconditional support of American organized ability to sustain the burden every man — a right which must be realized now if the country is solf determination. Not a cont that there can be no successful 1950, the French still say they self-determin cent saved from social chaos and not a gun, not a man to the tyranny and from the evils arising French colonial despots! out of the existing denial of the franchise to vast masses of the

Invasion in Indo-China

Page Three



An amphibious landing in the swampy country around Tonkin, Indo-China is made by invading French troops as the well-named "dirty war" against insurgent nationalist population continues. The efforts of French imperialists to quell the revolt have been unsuccessful, despite the use of planes to bomb and strafe the Vietminh opponents of French rule. Chief result of war has been drain on French living standards.



By Charles Hanley

The "dirty war" in Indo-China is at the heart of the economic and political crisis which has toppled one French cabinet after another — each one moving steadily to the right as the French capitalist?

class seeks to unload the burden promise of independence conof war and rearmament on the tained in the Declaration of Brazzaville. In recent months they backs of the working class.

have talked of communism as the reason for their remaining but the fact is that the threat of communism did not arise until Paris failed to carry out its promise.

FLIMSY PRETEXT

The "crusade against communism" has now become the flimsy pretext for continuing the "dirty war" in hopeless defense of colonialism. "After six years of

war against Ho Chi Minh's Viet Minh," reports the March 4 Christian Science Monitor, "the French have failed to force a battle of decision - and instead of winning territory they are losing more bit by bit.

"Even though 115 ships have the last few weeks, sheer indischarged United States military seems finally to have convinced aid valued at 500 million dollars that there can be no successful 1950, the French still say they

MASS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AGAINST LAWS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Action Council, representing the manner and will be prepared (Continued from Page 1) Colored.

the non-white 80% of the people The campaign calls for "mass have only 12% of the land. The national action, based on non-Group Areas Act meant further cooperation, against certain speciof property for the fied unjust and racially dis-Africans, and now even the criminatory laws of the Union amount of livestock they are government. allowed has been limited. Whites cannot marry non-whites, and the penalty for sexual relations in protest of the African people mixed marriages is five years' imprisonment. The Suppression of oppression and exploitation and Communism Act strikes at the will be a prelude to the strugcivil liberties of the people as gle.

much as the American Smith and McCarran Acts put together. CALL FOR ACTION

of certain selected laws and re-The civil disobedience campaign scheduled for April 6 will gulations which are undemocratic, be a mass demonstration against unjust, racially discriminatory these conditions, led by the Joint and repugnant to the natural rights of man. Rather than submit | of the movement as follows: Planning Council of the African to these unjust laws, those taking National Congress and the South African Indian Congress and sup- part in the action will defy them national groups they may belong ported by the Cape Franchise deliberately and in an organized

Union - wide

April 6, 1952, will register the with the authorities in culling against 300 years of European Indians and Colored are urged to It is the view of the Council

that "the mass action should take the form of committing breaches struggle was started last Decem-

> ning Council summed up the aims "All people, irrespective of the

> > of their skin, are entitled to live a full and free life on the basis democratic rights with a direct say in the affairs of the government are the inalienable rights of

bear the penalties." WILL DEFY LAWS ing that one of the reasons for The African National Congress his removal and arrest by the will concentrate on defying the French was his refusal to sign Pass Laws in the urban areas, 63 decrees which "involved for and in mobilizing the people in the most part expropriations of

gatherings and demonstrations on the rural areas "not to cooperate Tunisian land." cattle or limiting livestock." The concentrate their campaign on defying apartheid regulations in

trains, post offices, railway stations, etc., and the Group Areas Act. A campaign to collect one million shillings to finance the

A statement by the Joint Plan-

bound to have repercussions in the rest of North Africa whose

themselves of colonial rule. The Tunisian people, are fight-

The Tunisians, like the other

of



moved to narrow down the board's powers. Sen. Dirksen introduced a proposed amendment to the Defense Production Act to abolish the present board and set up a new cne which would be permitted only to fix "minimum wage limits" as a "guidance" to industry and union negotiators and would not be allowed to consider such "fringe" issues as vacations and union shop. The House Rules Committee promptly approved a resolution, introduced by Rep. Allen, calling for an "investigation" of the WSB.

Typical of the press comment, was the editorial in the March 26 N.Y. Herald-Tribune charging "supineness" to the public members of the WSB. Their "finding no common ground with the industry members reveals the essential weakness of such tripartite agencies," claims the editor.

Such fierce threats and attacks might make it appear that the WSB public members went out of their way to favor labor in the steel case. The opposite is true. They in Asia. Willoughby tries to picdid all in their power to chisel down the steel workers' demands and to stall and delay effective union action, a strike.

The public members themselves pointed out that "steel is really catching up to increases already granted. . . in major segments of American industry." According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, hourly average wages in all major industries rose 8 cents an hour in 1951; but in steel, not one cent. The N.Y. Times of March 23 pointed out that automobile, rubber and electrical workers had already "won all the benefits urged for the steel workers" and on as "one begins to wonder whom the "fringe" issues "most other basic industries have been one can trust, what innocent apahead of steel.'

Moreover, we have the March 27 Associated Press testimony that "the public members tried to whittle down labor to the lowest possible figure." Murray Kempton, N.Y. Post columnist, revealed on April 1 how Nathan Feinsinger, WSB chairman and public member, "haggled the CIO down." Kempton also reported that "not long ago, Feinsinger could boast that the WSB had been able to cut the average wage increase rate in half since its inception."

Here we have the real role of the WSB in the steel case and all others. But the arrogant and greedy industrialists, having used the WSB for all it was worth to cut down the steel union's demands, then turned on the board and refused to accept its decision. This, too, is part of a calculated maneuver.

Twice before, in 1946 and 1949, the steel corporations used the government tri-partite machinery to whittle down the union's demands and, then, forced the union to strike to get these reduced demands. Now, once more, as A. H. Raskin, labor reporter of the N.Y. Times observed the steelworkers have been jockeyed into the position where they may have to strike not for their original and just demands, but "to help the industry win a price rise that the union does not feel the companies should get."

PROMOTES WITCH HUNT By Fred Arens

MacARTHUR'S SIDEKICK

SHANGHAI CONSPIRACY by Charles A. Willoughby. E. P. Dutton & Co., 1952, 315 pp., \$3.75.

This book by Gen. MacArthur's Chief of Intelligence ostensibly deals with a Soviet espionage network that operated in Japan and China under the direction of Richard Sorge. The author attempts to ? build up this network as one of sociation has been frowned on." He speaks wistfully of "the qualithe decisive forces that changed ty of Japanese civil justice" and the course of events in Asia. 'Nazi efficiency and thorough national coverage." He suggests It is apparent that the book is that it would be wise to investiintended to be more than a rougate subversive influences in "the tine spy-expose. The author's real labor front, educational institupurpose is to discredit the Chinese tions, the motion picture industry revolution and smear every voice the newspaper world, certain faopposed to American imperialism

cets of the federal government, scientific and research circles, the ture the people's revolution against Chiang Kai-shek as a vast administration of welfare and repush-button intrigue originating lief.'

He speaks of refugees from n the Kremlin. In addition to providing ammunition for those who clamor for a riff-raff with not the slightest full-scale war against the Asian peoples, this book bolsters the He calls for "public exposure" of out, will, as Canada Lee says, be current conspiracy against democratic rights in this country by the witch hunters.

It is rife with such remarks tensify the witch hunt and speed three major oppressed groups will the drive to war. The basic theme of this book is indeed conspiracy: together for their rights. What pearing friend may suddenly be that of American imperialism. discovered as an enemy." Wil- against the peoples of Asia and

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dignity, equality and freedom to every South African.' MAY BE SHOWDOWN

There is speculation that the Malan government may seize on the civil disobedience campaign as a pretext to drown it in blood

declare martial law and get rid of the opposition among the whites by setting up a full-fledged. fascism as "usually subversive permanent military dictatorship Despite this possibility, April 6, if pretense to civic responsibility." the demonstrations are carried

many organizations in order to "a great day for South Africa," drive sympathizers away. "Shang- because it will be the first time hai Conspiracy" is a call to in- in the nation's history that the

be working together and fighting ever happens in the beginning, such united action will bring victory. If Malan resorts to the

sword, he will die by the sword. The Jim Crow United States government recently showed its of the free nations" - meaning than in any western country. solidarity with the Jim Crow the capitalist nations. Germany South African government when is indispensable for such a milithe U.S. delegates to the United Paris refused to vote on a resolution to condemn the Malan regime. That is one more reason why American workers and Negroes should proclaim their solidarity with their exploited brothers and sisters in South Africa and extend every possible support to the' civil disobedience campaign which foreshadows the end of imperialist and racist rule

on a world-wide scale.

Campaign for Socialism Sell 'The Militant!'

Washington Fears A Free Election In Germany

(Continued from page 1) the biggest and tastiest bait of

all for Germans - eastern territories now held by Poland," writes R. H. Shackford, Scripps-Howard staff writer, from Paris on March 24.

Why can't U.S. capitalism ccept Stalin's offer? Because Jean-Jacques Servan Schreiber, the U.S. capitalists, diplomats and writing in the April 1 issue of militarists don't want an inde- The Reporter, pendent, united Germany as a France's NATO quota at the trade competitor. They view Ger- Lisbon conference this year many only as a military base and mounted to 1,400 billion francs a springboard for attack on the for rearmament, not counting ex-Soviet Union. Gen. Eisenhower penditures for the Indo-Chinese war. The latter has cost 350 bilhas stated this clearly.

BASE FOR WAR

There is "little hope" for fulfilling the plans for a permanent BURDEN ON WORKERS U.S.-dominated Western military and economic alliance against the Soviet Union, Gen. Eisenhower pointed out in his NATO report of April 1, "unless Western Ger- flation," says Servan Schreiber, many can be counted on the side

tary alliance, he observes, be-Nations General Assembly in cause it provides the "industrial same writer, nearly all the Social sinews" and stands at "the heart ists, the Popular Republicans of Europe," Eisenhower asserts, "Western Germany is of great Socialists (Conservative Liberals) strategic importance." But Western Germany is of

great strategic importance" only if Washington is preparing for National Assembly. war. Then, of course, the Washington war-makers want to stay as far as possible from "free elections" in Germany. They can

outcome to the war and that the need more help to push the war commitment must be liquidated against the guerrillas to a conon the best terms possible." clusion.' More and more there comes the "But," the New Statesman

adds, "the lesson has been learned insistent pressure to supplement U.S. military aid with American too late. For the war against the troops. The French government Viet Minh has now become part of U.S. global strategy against and general staff admit they cannot hope to "pacify" that Communism; and France is expected to play her part as an strategic Far-Eastern country with its rich supply of rubber, obedient ally. She must continue in this hopeless enterprise until rice, coal, etc., and at the same time carry through its NATO she is physically bankrupt, morally defeated and wholly rearmament commitment without much greater assistance from dependent on American favours, Washington. On the other hand, or risk the consequences of punitive action by the U.S. . ." General Eisenhower, speaking for Washington, demands that France, in the Pentagon scheme for a European army, is slated France tighten the screws on the to be the main bastion of the masses, raise taxes and slash the already low standard of living military organization in Europe. The French bourgeois journalist, of the workers.

AMERICAN TROOPS

The Pentagon and State Departdiscloses that ment are in deadly fear of the victory of the revolutionary movement for national independence in Indo-China. They are already hinting that it might be necessary to bolster the French forces and are preparing the ground for lion francs in 1951; the cost in landing American troops in that 1952 is estimated at 500 billion. war-torn country. "These officials." reports the Jan. 24 Wall Street Journal, "say at present French capitalism wants the they will not send ground troops. masses to pay for the war - as They will send only ammunition capitalism does everywhere - by higher taxes and prices. "Infirst and at most use our fleet and

our planes. But this was true also of the first statements about "is a worse problem in France Korea. And on that occasion we went from aid to war and by And the worst effects of this 'decision' of these same people." mounting inflation are felt by the working people. According to the

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blood-letting." Yet they all voted This basic document was draftfor war credits in the French ed by Leon Trotsky and adopted by the Founding Conference of the Fourth International 64 pages, 25c.

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Capitalist France is not waging war in Indo-China for any "idealistic" reasons. This is no "crusade." The Jan. 7 Cleveland have no time for democracy and Plain Dealer put its finger on the the rights of the German people real reason when it said: "While when, as Scripps-Howard Foreign French officials vehemently Editor Ludwell Denny wrote on denied previously that they were

(Catholics), and most Radical

would like to see "an end to the

March 31, they "are racing to get remaining in Indo-China for any Western Germany tied into the material reason, they did find that Allied economic and defense colony a valuable asset for a long system" before the German peo- time. It was so valuable, in fact, ple have a chance to decide other- that they saw fit after the war to go back on their wartime

The Negro Struggle **Army Bias Still Rampant**

By Fred Hart

The Big Steal

By Tom Conlan

March 14).

It is almost four years since Truman issued an executive order which many Negro leaders hailed as signifying the end of Jim Crow in the armed forces. But the great majority of Negroes in the U.S. Army are still segregated, and military officials are still setting up new Jim Crow units.

Claude A. Barnett, director of the Associated Negro Press, recently returned from a visit to Europe, visiting or trying to visit U.S. military installations. "If what I saw in Europe is true throughout the continent, then integration of Negroes and whites in the American army is a farce." he said.

Another newspaperman, Collins C. George of the Pittsburgh Courier, writing from Berlin, found that out of many thousands of U.S. soldiers in that city there were only one Negro officer and 68 Negro enlisted men - all segregated.

Barnett wrote for explanation of continued military Jim Crow to Gen. Thomas T. Hardy, commander in chief of U.S. troops in Europe, and to Gen. Eisenhower, head of NATO. Segregation is Army policy, Handy replied. The only Negroes not assigned to units "designated as Negro" (less than 2,000) are those with "primary qualifications which cannot be used in Negro units," he stated, and any change in this respect "must stem from the Department of the Army."

Eisenhower, replying through a subordinate, refused to make a statement on the question, telling Barnett that his duties do not cover "internal matters" of the national military forces making up NATO and advising him to write the Pentagon rather than SHAPE. Eisenhower evidently believes in a form of "state's rights" on the guestion of Jim Crow and practices it in his own command. (A great babbler about "human relations," Eisenhower in 1948 disclaimed support of legislation "to force someone to like someone else," which is his interpretation of anti-Jim Crow measures.)

The steel monopolists have been shrieking at

the top of their lungs how poor they are. They

are too poor, they claim, to pay the steelworkers

a few cents more an hour, without a whopping

boost in steel prices. We would like to point out

that in addition to pocketing fantastic profits.

these profiteers have in recent months grabbed

several billion dollars through the "fast amortiza-

tion" scheme for plant expansion, or the "fast

tax-dollar" as it has become known in the trade.

announce a plant expansion project and then

immediately file with the Defense Production Ad-

Thereupon they are entitled to deduct the full

costs of this plant expansion from their taxes

For . example, the Bethlehem Steel Corp.

announced, as of Dec. 31, 1951, a program of

\$289 million "in new plants and other facilities."

Of this total, \$221 million, or more than three-

fourths, are covered by "certificates of necessity."

In other words, for the next five years Bethlehem

Steel will deduct \$44 million a year from its taxes,

obtaining these new plants and facilities for

exactly nothing, or more accurately, at the ex-

Bethlehem's grab of almost one-quarter of a

billion is only a small part of the multi-billion

dollar steal. By the first week in March the DPA

had issued 8.021 "certificates of necessity" to the

amount of \$16,179 million. Of this huge total, the

ministration for a "certificate of necessity."

The way this scheme works is that the trusts

VOLUME XVI So Barnett wrote to Secretary of the Army Frank Pace Jr. in Washington. From Pace's as-

a Negro member of this committee, John S. Sengstacke, publisher of the Chicago Defender and an ardent Trumanite. Sengstacke revealed that the committee's chairman had become a federal judge last year and other members don't even know if it is still a functioning body.

"Declaring a policy is one thing," he said, "but seeing that the policy is put into active effect is what is needed." Apparently nobody is taking care of that little detail.

Meanwhile, James L. Hicks, correspondent of Roybal is a delegate to the Nathe Negro Newspaper Publishers, was making a tour of military installation in the U.S. Finding segregation still rampant, he went to the Pentagon and was told that commanding generals at trict in Los Angeles. posts and camps have no authority to end segregation; that Pentagon policy "does not yet include an Army-wide abolition of segregated units;" and that the continued establishment of all-Negro units is a part of present Army policy and practice.

The Army brass hats also told Hicks: "Scientific research is being applied to both the military and social aspects of the problem." They did not say how long they expected this "scientific research" to continue. After all, like 1948, when the end of Jim Crow was promised, this is an When he ran for office in 1946, election year. Which means that White House and Pentagon policy will remain: Keep on kidding the Negroes and not offending the Dixiecrats.

riank Pace JF. In Washington. From Paces as-sistant he got a letter explaining that the Army is still "working" toward non-segregation with a "gradual" program. He did not venture any esti-mate as to when this "work" would be com-pleted. Pace's assistant said that the President's Com-mittee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services was satisfied with the "progress" being made. Barnett then checked with a Negro member of this committee, John S. Seng-

By Louise Manning

Mentioned in an editorial in the Feb. 28 C.S.O. Reporter, a news paper of the Community Service

Organization, a minority organization, predominately Mexican-American, is the fact that Ed tional Democratic Convention from the 19th Congressional dis-

Who is Ed Roybal, and why should such a step mean anything? A member of the City Council of Los Angeles, he was pushed into prominence and elect-

ed by the political awakening of thousands of Mexican-Americans who wanted to fight police brutality and discrimination. he was defeated. Those who wanted representation for the group then realized that most of the Mexican-Americans were not even

registered to vote. They formed the Community Service Organization which conducted an energetic house to house campaign and registered thousands who had never voted before because they

allowing fast tax write-offs on a proposed investment of \$2,180 million" (Wall Street Journal, had enough experience being bullied by the police and being One dollar out of ever five "authorized" by the pushed into Ghettos to think that

DPA has gone for "blast furnaces, open hearth the capitalist politicians would and electric furnaces, cranes, rolling mills, and help them. other steel production facilities," stated King. GOT WIDE SUPPORT The actual amount is even greater, being closer to one dollar out of every four. "The steel industry's share in the fast write-off allowances actually

amounts to as much as 25%, if coal, coke, iron ore, and similar expansion programs related to steel as their standard bearer. As an production are taken into account, Mr. King said." | independent representative of a Taking this authoritative estimate, the total minority group, Roybal got the grab of the steel monopolists to date is close to support of the CIO, other labor

the four billion dollar mark. These stolen billions organizations, and wide sections are being used to completely modernize the iron of the population who wanted to and steel plants, raising their productivity above support the civil rights of all. The the already extremely high levels. At the first sign Socialist Workers Party gave him of lagging steel demand, or whenever a favorable active support during the camopportunity affords, this modernization will paign. enable the steel monopolists to close down the so-

called marginal plants, throwing thousands of steelworkers out of jobs. Separate and apart from this, the steel trust, had never before entered politics,

which has always bitterly fought granting the Roybal was elected to the City steelworkers any share in the benefits of rising Council in 1948, and again in productivity, remains the sole beneficiary of all 1950. He made no political recomthese vast new plants and equipment which are mendations during the campaign, being erected at public expense.

These greedy profiteers are still unsatisfied. from the electoral activity of the Thousands of other "certificates of necessity" are Republican and Democratic paron file. The latest report of Wall Street Journal ties. on April 1 informs that as of the week ending

saw no reason to vote. They had

Now they were registered, and seeing the chance to elect their own spokesmen considered Roybal

DETROIT - Although it is Callahan bill of a similar nature now several weeks since the just a few years ago. As a result of this awakening of large groups of people on the witch-hunting House Un-Ameri- FEPC BILL KILLED

East Side of Los Angeles who can Activities Committee con- With the eyes of Michigan's cluded its Detroit "hearings," the workers taken off their real problems of unemployment etc., the "work" of the committee continues to take its toll on many FEPC bill. It was defeated in a partment, who billed themselves

and maintained his independence Detroit Symphony Orchestra who mobilize the forces of the labor was opened for questions from Europe, and explained that when exercised his rights under the movement behind this bill em- the students. Clarke spoke with ifth Amendment in refusing to phasized the sad state of the labor -Roybal now has a powerful answer questions for the commit- movement under the treacherous voting block behind him. It is tee, has been "tried" and expelled Reuther bureaucracy. understandable that the Demo- from his union, the Detroit The democratic rights of its culty because of the desire of the cratic machine would like to Federation of Musicians for members and the American peo- audience to continue the discusutilize his popularity for two "disobedience and imperiling the ple; the problems of its thousands reasons. Most important it would interests of the federation." In a number of instances, work- crying need for action on FEPC; INDICTS CAPITALISM put the swelling independent struggle of the Mexican-American ers named in the hearings who all these and more were sacrificed people and the labor movement were forced off their jobs by by the Reuther leadership to under the influence of capitalist politics, weaken it, and finally destroy it; secondly, the Democratic machine would like these pretext offered by such incidents UAW-CIO. votes for itself. to discharge the alleged "communist" and these cases are now POLICE BRUTALITY being processed through the union Royal should consider why he

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NEW YORK, April 2-George Clarke today conducted a dramatic two-hour battle against three New York University professors on the topic "The Final Crisis of World Capitalism" before a hall packed

with NYU students. Clarke, who he had the hushed and eager attention of the young audience. spoke at the meeting in defense Clarke's indictment of capitalism, of Marxism, took the lead from his defense of Marxism, and his the very first with a smashing thrusts and sallies against the offensive; an indictment of world professorial antagonists were greeted with bursts of applause capitalism, a description of its that reflected the profound imcrisis, a prediction of the course pression he made. Heavy applause of struggle and of the final vicoccasionally rewarded the efforts of the professors, but Clarke tory of socialism. clearly held the edge throughout

STUDENT JAM HALL the meeting. Over 300 students jammed into a college meeting hall that seats commented at one point that 150, and dozens more crowded Clarke seemed to think he was the corridors outside the entrances justified in putting a gun to his to the hall, straining to catch a opponents' heads, but if they put even so much as a water pistol few words of Clarke's slashing to his head, he objected strenuousattack. Students sat on the floor, | ly. This drew applause from the stood along the aisles, packed into audience, but when Clarke rose corners six deep, stood and sat on and opened by saying: "Professor; the window sills, crowded around I am willing to concede that your the speakers platform, occupying ism have all the force of a water every inch of available space. pistol," the uproar in the hall was When the bell rang for the end deafening. Later on, debate beof the first hour, a signal which came sharper, as Professor Friedusually calls many students away rich closed an attempted "refutaof students came hurrying from do you believe what you're say-their classes to join the throng ing?" Clarke replied quietly, pressing around the. doorways.

the message of revolutionary so- faced grin. cialism" to the students, as chairman Janice Neuberger stated in

ppening the meeting.

Clarke, who was introduced by Miss Neuberger as "one of the founders of American Trotskyism, a unionist and fighter for socialism for over 20 years, and the editor of the Marxist magazine Fourth International," opened by speaking for one-half hour. After that, he was interrogated for an hour by three members of the NYU teaching staff: Professor Anton Friedrich of the Economics Department, Professor Walter Wirthwein of the History Department, and Dr. Ellsworth State legislature killed a mild Raymond of the Government De-House vote 45 to 46. Here, too, as "defenders of capitalist democ-Jules Yanover, violinist in the the lack of any serious effort to racy." Following this, the floor

While most of the questions from the professors dealt with Stalinism, the students quizzed He

arguments in defense of capitalfrom such meetings, hardly any- tion" of Marxism by turning to one moved, and soon a fresh batch Clarke and asking: "Mr. Clarke, "Yes, I believe what I'm saying. The meeting was under the aus- That's why I'm not a professor." pices of the newly-organized The students howled appreciative-Spartacus Club, which was found- ly, and even the professors on the ed on the NYU campus to "bring platform had to manage a shame-

Dr. Raymond sarcastically

EXPLAINS STALINISM



Clarke mainly on the future of mankind under socialism. Clarke replied to the questions on Stalinism by defending in clear and scientific terms the reasons for the regime in the Soviet Union. He attributed the degeneration to the backwardness of Russian economy, and the intensive pressure of capitalism on the first workers' state, but called Stalinism a "transitory regime, an episode in the process of transition from capitalism to socialism." painted to the beginnings of revolt against Stalinism within the non-capitalist world, in Yugo-

Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, (l.) shown exchanging greetings with chairman Tom Connally of the Senate foreign relations committee, came back from Europe to testify for full \$7.9 billion appropriation for European military aid program. Connally, Demo-

cratic Senator from Texas, favors cut in the proposed appropriation. Gruenther pressed for adoption of full arms appropriation despite his statement, made at the hearing, that "war is not imminent." European "aid" program, mainly military, is intended to build a bristling military alliance aimed at the Soviet Union.

WITCH HUNT HYSTERIA TAKES DETROIT TOLL

Brass Hat Wants More

pense of the public treasury.

for a period of five years.

According to James F. King, Chief of Resources Expansion of the DPA, "the program to expand U.S. iron and steel capacity is the largest of all." King's estimate, was that "to date, DPA has handed out 542 certificates to 120 steel companies,

March 7 the DPA "handed out 273 certificates . . . on projects with a total proposed investment of \$590. 306.000," with steel and "oil and nitrogen producers" receiving "the largest fast tax amortization allowances."

Notes from the News

VINCENT HALLINAN, presidential candidate of the Progressive Party, may not be as wealthy as his predecessor, Henry Wallace, but he's not a poor man either. The Bureau of Internal Revenue has filed an income tax lien against him, claiming he owes \$134,000 in back taxes for 1948, \$97,000 for 1949 and \$108,000 for 1950. Hallinan charges that the claim is false and fraudulent and represents "another piece of crooked political harassment," which it probably is. But he does not deny that he is a heavy investor in downtown San Francisco real estate.

ROY WILKINS, NAACP administrator, notes that in less than two weeks the FBI managed to catch a gang of thieves suspected of robbing a Nevada multimillionaire of \$1,500,000, but in three months has not arrested a single suspect in the bomb-murder of Harry T. Moore and his wife. "This failure lies directly on the doorstep of President Truman and his Attorney General, J. Howard McGrath, and both should be reminded of their responsibility by demands from the public for action," Wilkins added.

THE "NEW INQUISITION" was blasted last week in a sermon by the Rev. R. C. Hunsicker, vicar of St. Paul's Chapel in New York. People are now expected, he said, to "nod assent to whatever is the public opinion. . . keep their hands discreetly folded, their eyes equipped with blinders such as work horses used to wear, and their hearts trembling lest they offend the grand inquisitors," He compared the present drive for thought-control with "the evils of the Dark Ages of long ago, of recent German and present Spanish and Russian police states today, evils we claim to be opposing."

COLLIS ENGLISH, one of the Trenton Two sentenced to life on a frameup murder charge, was put in an oxygen tent at the New Jersey State Prison hospital after suffering his fourth heart attack in the last year. His long detention in prison has aggravated his illness, contracted during Navy service in the last war. Lawyers for English and his fellow prisoner, Ralph Cooper, have filed an appeal with the N. J. Supreme Court. * * *

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FOUR PRISONERS were murdered by the Greek government last week, despite world wide protests. Four others, also convicted on "espionage" charges, had their death sentences commuted to life imprisonment. The frameup character of the entire proceedings was so raw that

even a member of the Plastiras cabinet protested by handing in his resignation after the executions. .

WALTER LEE IRVIN, sentenced to death in the Groveland "rape" frameup, has appealed the verdict to the Florida Supreme Court. If denied, it will be taken to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY would win an Angeles involving police brutality election over the Tories today, according to a against Mexican-Americans, and Gallup poll taken in England. The results were there are many other cases which 49.5% for Labor, 46.5% for the Conservatives were never publicized. and 4% for the Liberals. The rift in the Laborite leadership has not hurt the party's popularity with the voters. * * *

"CIVIL RIGHTS Belong to Everyone!" says the CIO Cleveland Union Leader in a front page editorial. Elsewhere on the same page is an approving report of Walter Reuther's purge of Ford Local 600. * * *

THREE WHITE MEN in Florida, who claimed that a car containing four Negroes had sideswiped will have to break with capitalist their's, chased it and deliberately ran it off the road, killing the four. One of the whites was charged with "culpable negligence," the other two with being accessories, and they were all released on \$1,000 bond each.

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WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, won his fight against a "contempt" prosecution based on his refusal to give the names of CRC contributors. A judge threw the case out on the ground that another court had upheld the National Association of Manufacturers' contention that the lobbying act (being used against Patterson) was unconstitutional.

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WILLIAM W. REMINGTON, former government economist whose "perjury" conviction was reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals, will have to face a new trial for alleged "perjury" committed at his first trial. The U.S. Supreme Court, by 6 to 2, supported the administration's moves to get Remington at all costs, one way or another. Justices Black and Douglas dissented.

* * * LOUIS ADAMIC'S LAST BOOK, The Eagle and the Roots, dealing with Yugoslavia and the Stalin-Tito split, will be published by Doubleday in May. Adamic was still working on the final chapter when he died under mysterious circumstances last September.

grievance procedure. got these votes however, and what would result from absorp-REACTION SPREADS tion into the machine of a capitalist party. There are now two

major cases in the courts of Los of Review" on property taxes cancelled the tax reductions long enjoyed by a number of clubs, for renting their halls to "sub-

The increasing violence against versive" organizations. In addithe refusal of the authorities to ditional clubs threatening similar tion, and therefore to give them This arbitrary action by the support is a betrayal of their City Council makes a mockery of

interests. If Roybal wants to conthe Bill of Rights. In effect, it inue to represent the people who closes the doors of hundreds of worked so hard to elect him, he meeting places to any protest movement which the powers that be may declare subversive.

ATTACKS RIVERA MURALS "BACK TO BILL OF RIGHTS" Councilman Eugene Van Antwerp, apparently in an attempt to outdo his colleagues, presented a Council THEME OF MINNEAPOLIS RALLY demanding the withdrawal from sions of Detroit, the symbol of hunting, thought-control and she said. mass production. In the meantime, the anti-com-

was devoted to a discussion of situation.

and the leadership of the UAW- ers of the Communist Party. She American revolution - the social-CIO stands out in sharp contrast described the various federal and ist revolution - will bring about to the energetic opposition of the state laws, which have recently real democracy in the United Michigan labor movement to the been passed in clear violation of States."

only brief interruptions for alcapitalist world broke out of the most two hours, and the meeting was adjourned with great diffi-

sion. of unemployed members; the

mob action in the plants, have serve the needs of the boss class lips, "one on the side of truth is streetcorners echoed to/ intense returned to work. In others, man- in its drive for war and the poli- a majority," to his closing de- arguments, as many newly-conagement has ceased to use the tical needs of Reuther in the scription, two hours later, of vinced Marxists argued with their mankind under a socialist society, fellow-students.

capitalist system, Stalinism would be doomed. After the meeting, as the 3 professors walked off alone. Clarke was surrounded by a mob of excited students, all anxious to con-

larger areas of the advanced

From Clarke's opening words, tinue the discussion. The corridors a quotation from Wendell Phil- of the university and the nearby

REUTHER PURGE BOARD REMOVES Reaction raised its head on a new front when the Detroit Com-mon Council sitting as a "Board SIX MORE FORD LOCAL OFFICERS

DETROIT - Walter Reuther's | ter representation." "Commun-| board of administrators a short board of administrators began to ism" was not even mentioned.

reveal the real purpose of the The removed officers include moves against Ford Local 600 as William H. Johnson, Administra- are not even charged with being minority groups in general, and tion, notices were sent to 101 ad- it removed six officers of the tive assistant to local president "communists" bears out Carl local without even charging them Carl Stellato, Percy Llewellyn, Stellato's charge, made at caucus do anything about it is convincing action should they rent their with "communist" affiliations. political action director, and John meeting held on March 23. that the people that the capitalist par- premises to "subversive" organ. The charge of "communism" was Saari, Kenneth Roach, Mike Kas- Reuther is trying to purge Local ties want to maintain discrimina- izations during the coming year. the original excuse for the purge per and Jimmy Wilson, all com- 600 because it is fighting him moves.

The reasons given for the new ing unit. purge of six more officers ranged Two of the above, Llewellyn from "reorganization on a more and Johnson, served on a comefficient basis," to giving "the mittee to defend five unit offi- new election must be held within workers in the motor plant bet- cials purged by Reuther's six-man

time ago. The new purge of officials who mittee men from the motor build- | with a militant program, and not

because of "communism." The constitution of the United Auto Workers provides that a 60 days after the appointment of an administrator. The Stellato

forces are preparing to try to make a comeback at that election by rallying maximum membership support.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 28 - the Bill of Rights. These laws public view of murals painted 19 "It is the aim of U.S. imperialism and the anti-constitutional decyears ago by Diego Rivera for to dominate the globe. For that isions of various courts have given the Detroit Institute of Art. The murals in question were a por- reason it must have a docile work- rorists, acting in collusion with trayal by Rivera of his impres- ing class. This explains the witch local law enforcement officers,

vigilante terror being directed at "The capitalist class hypolabor and the Negro people." In critically claims the glorious munist bill now before a Michigan these words Dorothy Schultz, American revolutionary traditions Senate Committee moved nearer speaking tonight at Socialist for itself," said Comrade Schultz. to passage under the impact of Workers Party headquarters on "But we must recall that their the recent hysteria. A hearing by the topic, "Back to the Bill of prototypes in the first and second the committee during the week Rights," summed up the present American revolutions, while paying lip service to the ideas of

ways and means of "strengthen- Comrade Schultz traced the 'life, liberty and the pursuit of ing" the Trucks bill now before development of the witch-hunt, happiness,' were actually opposed it. The bill is scheduled to be beginning with the Smith Act, to genuine democracy. The term reported out for a vote shortly. | which victimized first the Social-'democrat' had a connotation in The complete silence of both the ist Workers Party leaders and is those days similar to that of Michigan State CIO leadership now being used against the lead- 'communist' today. Only the third



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Jim Crow Murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore New Dangers and New

Tasks Facing the By GEORGE BREITMAN

- A New Pamphlet -