Steel "Seizure" Halts Strike; Pay Hike Still Held Up

By Thomas Raymond

Philip Murray called off a strike of 650,000 steelworkers set for midnight April 8 after the government "seized" the steel mills by order of President Truman. Truman

United Steelworkers of America commit myself on a long term United Steelworkers of America to resume bargaining. The steel disagreement." Truman's order disagreement. In Michigan companies have gone to the courts empowers Sawyer to negotiate requesting injunctions that would terms of employment with the nullify the seizure. union.

vear.

Despite the fact that Murray ASKED TO BARGAIN had said before the seizure that the union would "presume" that pay raises would be put into the position of being asked to effect in case of seizure, no such continue bargaining with the commove was made. Sawyer, when panies, who have said "No" to questioned about this on the night them a thousand times since nego-(Wage Stabilization Board) re- the present situation, 100 days commendations for a wage rise - after the first strike deadline last what are you going to do about New Years day, and five months

S. Africa Rallies Hear Plans for Civil Disobedience

Thousands of African, Colored demonstrations in the principa invoked." and Indians came out in mass

cities of South Africa on April 6, as the first step in a campaign mills, previously used during of civil disobedience against the railroad, coal mine and other dis-Jim Crow (apartheid) laws im- putes, will actually mean very posed by the fascist Malan gov- little in the operation of the ernment. mills.

Speakers at the meetings, spon-CONTINUE AS BEFORE sored by the African National The mills will continue under Congress, South African Indian the actual full control of their Congress and the Franchise-

Action Committe, emphasized present owners and managers, that they will "not obey laws in pointed" by Sawyer as "operating which we have no hand." The managers." African National Congress banner bore the demand, "Freedom in Our Time.' collection and disbursement of The police did not molest the meetings, although technically the funds in the usual and ordinary participants were guilty of "sub- course of business," according to version" for criticizing the gov- Truman's order. Sawyer hastened

ernment. MAIN PURPOSE holders, etc.

The main purpose of the meet-ings was to publicly explain a "selzure" brings with it are the program of action "for defiance posting of notices on company effect on March 1. of unjust laws. . . "Trained people property telling of this "seizure," who understand the implications" and instructions to fly the Amerwill be selected to defy the pass ican flag.

The "seizure" could only affect laws, the Group Areas (Ghetto) Act and other discriminatory the running of the mills and the laws. When arrested, their place profits of the companies if the would be taken by others, with the government ordered that the

Third State Where **Ticket Is Entered** Thus the steelworkers are in Michigan last week became the third state where petitions have

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been filed by the Socialist Workof the seizure, made this clear. tiations started, while being ers Party to place its candidates When asked "What about WSB deprived of their weapon. That is on the ballot for the November election.

Petitions containing 12,163 sigafter negotiations began last natures obtained in more than 12

counties, were submitted to the The New York Herald Tribune Secretary of State in Lansing. of April 9 said: "Should seizure The required minimum is 9,800 result in a prolonged cancellation of the strike without wage insignatures from ten counties, and creases and other new benefits the final date for filing is for the workers, union represen-April 30. tatives noted that the men would

Canvassers reported that they be no better off from a financial point of view than if the Taftwere subjected to police harass-Hartley law's strike ban had been ment and restrictions in Lansing, the state capital, but succeeded The so-called "seizure" of the in obtaining double the number

of 100 signatures in that county. The Michigan SWP completed its petition work well in advance of the deadline for filing despite

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the witch hunt atmosphere engendered by the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in Detroit.

THREE STATES FILE who have already been "ap-Previously, petitions were filed

for Farrell Dobbs for President and Grace Carlson for Vice Presi-The steel barons will "continue dent in the states of Pennsylvania their functions, including the and New Jersey. Petitions for local candidates were also filed in both states.

However, Clyde Turner, candito make clear that this includes date for State Treasurer in Pennthe payment of dividends to sharesylvania, was ruled ineligible because she had not signed a new

"loyalty" oath required by the Pechan Law, which went into Altogether, ten candidates of

minority parties were disqualified in Pennsylvania either because

they did not know that the oath requirement applied to them when their petitions were filed, or because they refused on principle

the steel mills by order of President Truman. Truman placed Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer, a businessman in private life, in charge of the mills after the token seizure, and requested representatives of the steel companies and the CIO Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that he meant this to hold "for the present. I don't Hereit added that hereit add Say Latest Poll Majority

Workers of the World, Unite !

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EISENHOWER PROGRAM: MILITARISM, SPEEDUP, BAN ON MILITANT UNIONS

of the problems, referred to me, the next sentence he denounces By John F. Petrone General Eisenhower's first an- and often the most difficult, have "political factions." There is only nual report as Supreme Allied been economic, political and one way to do away with "pol-Commander in Europe, issued in psychological rather than purely itical factions" — by abolishing because the next candidate will France on April 2, was in many military," he stressed in an ob-

CIO Packinghouse Dist. 3 Hits U.S. Militarists, Profiteers In Bitter Anti-War Statement

By Joseph Keller

For nearly ten months, during which some 31,000 more U.S. battle casualties have piled up, Truman, Acheson and Gen. Ridgway have prolonged the Korea war while dangling the prospects of a cease-

fire before the American people. the U.S. should never have invad-But the people are sick and tired ed Korea in the first place.

of the propaganda excuses for An outright majority of 51 per the truce stalling. They believe cent in the latest nation-wide poll of the American Institute of Pub-

lic Opinion have again replied, "Yes, a mistake," to the question: "Do you think the United States made a mistake in going into the war in Korea, or not?" A distinct minority of 35 per cent replied, "No." No opinion was voiced by 14 per cent.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

"The belief that the war was a mistake has persisted for more The top AFL and CIO leaders than a year," states the Insti-had nothing to say on politics in tute's director George Gallup. In March 1951, exactly half those polled said the war was a mistake, while 39 per cent then said it was not. As a matter of fact, the shift in public opinion dates from the time in November 1950 when Gen. MacArthur hit the Yalu River border of Chinese Manchuria and provoked the entry of China into the Korea war. "From that date on," says Gallup, "surveys have found the war unpopular.'

selling the next Democratic FLOUT POPULAR VIEWS candidate to their members than

Thus, the White House, State Department, Pentagon and Congress for almost a year and a half have flouted the unwavering opin-

AFL, CIO Leaders Silent on Crisis in Democratic Party By George Breitman The top AFL and CIO leaders the first week after Truman withdrew from the presidential cam-

paign. They evidently did not know what to say or do. They helped to elect Truman in 1948 because he promised to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act and pass civil rights legislation, and although he did neither they were still willing to tag along behind

him this year. Their suence and confusion flow from the fact that they know they will have a much harder time

they had with Truman in 1948,

tion of the labor movement in the

hope of spreading the movement WSB wage and condition reto sign such an oath. commendations be put into effect, on a mass basis. The combined population of the

Leaders of the African Na- or in other words, negotiated a tional Congress will meet on new contract with the union. It first three states where the April 26 to set a date for the has been pointed out that on two Socialist Workers Party has filed beginning of the "disobedience" previous occasions, the govern- is more than 21,000,000, or over one-seventh of the national total. (Continued on page 2) campaign.

APPEALS COURT SETS KUTCHER CASE HEARING

The case of James Kutcher, who was fired from his clerk's job with the Newark Veterans Administration for membership in the Socialist Workers Party. will be heard in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday, April 10 at 11:30 A. M. The Washington hearing will be an appeal from the unfavorable decision in the Kutcher case made in the U.S. District Court.

The "Case of the Legless Veteran," so named because Kutcher lost both legs after being hit by a mortar shell near San Pietro, Italy during World War II, is the only test of the government's "loyalty" purge procedure at present before the higher courts.

The outcome of the Kutcher case will have great importance in determining the future of the government "loyalty" program. For this reason, the Kutcher case has rallied very broad support in labor and liberal circles.

Kutcher's firing from his "nonsensitive" job was based upon the listing of the Socialist Workers Party, of which he is a member, on the Attorney General's "subversive" list. Since the last court decision made in the Kutcher case, however, the Court of Appeals has taken a legal slap at this list. In the Remington case. the court held that "the list is a purely hearsay declaration by the

Attorney General. . . It has no ton attorney, is to make the oral competency to prove the sub- argument for Kutcher at the versive character of the listed Tnursday hearing, and Herbert organization.'

FIRED FROM JOB

Kutcher is contending that he argument. Levy and the ACLU was fired from his job without asked to share the oral argument any determination of his personal so that they might present the actions or fitness, but solely on constitutional questions to the the basis of the "subversive" list. court.

He contends further that his party was placed on that list without hear the case is the last legal step being given any opportunity to that can be taken before appeal small-membership political par-defend itself in a public hearing. to the United States Supreme ties," it continued, "I.V.I. has op-Joseph L. Rauh Jr., Washing- | Conrt.

ways an election campaign docuin the United States that he can might not know how to carry itically. be depended on as President to out the capitalist program in the

By Art Preis

sewage system of the \$5,000,000-

rebuilt White House can handle

the overload of political filth and

corruption pouring from the Tru-

nearest exit next January 1.

But the firing on April 3 of

investigator Newbold Morris by

has become so rotten with cor-

disintegrate. It can't even tolerate

an "investigation" under its own

Truman used the Morris in-

efficiently.

ACLU Will Call Conference on Illinois Law 1030

CHICAGO - The Board of military machine he heads, etc. Directors of the American Civil MAKING HIS BID

Liberties Union voted to call a In addition, in many lines and conference of all minority parties between the lines, Eisenhower action is required, not only among to the death against any unions Gov. Adlai Stevenson, goes as far to devise ways and means to was asserting his qualifications as but within our nations," he says. in the U.S. that would elect anti- as Truman on labor and civil tions were attempting to use this fight law 1030. Both the Socialist Workers Party and the Progressive Party have indicated their through this war program. "I can ing back against capital. To make independent labor action. readiness to participate in such state accurately that a great many his meaning still more certain, in

ment of the U.S. Constitution and chance to walk, not run, for the

a conference; it is expected that other organizations will respond to this call.

by the last session of the Illinois legislature and signed by liberal Democrat Gov. Stevenson makes t virtually impossible for a

minority political party to get on Not even the new plumbing and very vulnerable and a great the State ballot. Thus it would assure the two capitalist parties a monopoly of the ballot in this crucial presidential election year.



JAMES KUTCHER

The Independent Voters of Il- DISINTEGRATION linois, an affiliate of the Americans for Democratic Action, Levy, of New York, staff counsel described the law in the last for the American Civil Liberties ssue of their newsletter, the Bell Union, will make a supplementary

Ringer, as one "which violates Civil Liberties, by preventing those soliciting signatures for petitions for state elective offices from going outside their own county.

the Federal Civil Rights Act.

"The law works hardships on direction by its own hand-picked posed the law."

vious attempt to allay fears that That is how Hitler "unified" Ger- demagogy as Truman did ment, assuring the capitalist class as a professional militarist he many both economically and pol-

carry out their program of war White House. and regimentation loyally and

Every one of the 12,000 words simple and concrete language just their interests are served by standing attitude towards the in his report was directed to sup- what he stands for, preferring association with Communist-led labor movement in our country, port of Wall Street's foreign to speak in generalities and vague labor groups." The reference is writes one of the editors of the CIO policy - greater militarization platitudes. But it is hard for any mainly to Europe, where the Toledo Union Journal, discussing in preparation for war against the careful reader of his report, overwhelming majority of the the dilemma facing the union Soviet Union, a stiffer squeeze on capitalist or worker, to misunthe people of Europe who he derstand the meaning of the admitted already are carrying section of his report that discusses 'heavy tax burdens," unalterable insistence that Germany must be especially about the relations berearmed and integrated into the tween labor and capital.

THE HITLER METHOD

ed by the Pope.

CIO DILEMMA Continuing, Eisenhower says: "At the same time there are problem will now be to find some-

Like most capitalist candidates, Eisenhower rarely says in clear, still suffering the delusion that policy, this friendly and underworkers in France and Italy are leaders. "Unless such a candidate opposed to Washington's war is found to head the Democratic preparations and remain loyal to Party in the coming election, the their unions, which are led by anticipated energetic participawhat he thinks should be done,

Stalinists. Such a situation is "night- coming election may not be forthmarish," he declares. The im- coming."

(rearmament to the teeth), unified unions in Europe, and would fight is supposed to be most liberal. the best possible President Big In other words, there must be war leaders and would dare to rights issues even in words. Business could have to carry class peace: labor must quit fight- resist military regimentation by The AFL News-Reporter (April UPWA paper. This is precisely

"To advance this great effort power he would smash such contenders, including the one who rado.

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ion of the majority of the American people that it was wrong for the U.S. ever to have intervened "With him out of the way, the with armed forces in the Korea civil war. Of course, Truman nevworkers in our member countries one who will carry on (Truman's) er consulted the people when he committed this country to undeclared war.

What many American people especially workers, think about the Korea war, is expressed in a biting resolution adopted at the recent District 3 convention of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers, as reported in the UPWA's The Packinghouse Worker for March. Dist. 3 represents more than 30,000 memplication is that if he had the But not one of the Democratic bers in Iowa, Nebraska and Colo-

> "The resolution on the Korean war pointed out that 'the corporacrisis to smash unions,'" says the 2) tried to do a little whitewash what last week's Militant charged (Continued on Page 2)

o this call. H.B. 1030, passed unanimously by the last session of the Illinois egislature and signed by liberal

C dasher, has finally made good as up the smell of whitewash by inthe manager - in - chief of this viting Newbold Morris, a former super-market.

For more than a year Truman Council and an "independent" passed off the mounting scandals Republican, to come to Washingas "asinine" and "smears." But ton as a special corruption inwhen the Department of Justice vestigator. Morris, a great aditself came under fire then Tru- mirer of Truman, was undoubtedly man had to act.

president of the New York City expected to act as a deodorizer. Everything went along swim-

FORCED TO ACT

In December he announced he would take "drastic action" against "wrongdoers ... no matter who they are or how big they are." This came after he was forced to fire the Justice Department's top tax-fraud prosecutor. T. Lamar Caudle, for outside business connections. McGrath was reportedly facing ouster for similar reasons.

mingly at first. On Feb. 1, Mc-Grath inducted Morris as his Special Assistant with his own outside headquarters and said, "The President has approved this appointment." He called Morris a 'distinguished lawyer" with a 'reputation for courage, firmness and fairness." He offered Morris my complete, enthusiastic and unlimited cooperation." On Feb. 14, Truman himself issued a

Suddenly, McGrath's status special executive order asking all changed. Truman announced not officials and departments to give only that McGrath was being "highest priority" to Morris" kept, but would be given the requests.

and then his firing of McGrath, such key agencies as the Recon- Donald Dawson merely symboliz- responsibility for investigating Then on Feb. 25, Morris anindicate that the administration struction Finance Corporation and ed the graft, bribes, pay-offs and any wrong-doing. Among the nounced he was going to ask for shakedowns that are rampant persons "who saved McGrath from a financial accounting - income, throughout every department and being fired - for the time being," bank accounts, real estate, safety agency of government. The White wrote Robert S. Allen, Washing- deposit holdings, etc. - of all key House resembles nothing so much ton columnist, in the Jan. 9 N. Y. government employes, including The deep-freeze and mink coat as a super-market for the sale of Post, was "Cardinal Spellman, nearly 600 persons in the Justice

Grath himself. (Continued on page 3)

House associates like bemedaled government war contracts. Tru- from Tokyo."

probes by Congressional committees controlled by Republicans and anti - administration Democrats. These Congressional probes which Truman's own special corruptions did no more than scratch the surface of corruption, had neverhis Attorney General McGrath theless drawn a lot of pus from

the Treasury Department's Inruption that it is beginning to ternal Revenue Bureau. SYMBOL OF GRAFT

gifts received by Truman's White influence, patronage and juicy who made a long distance plea Department, starting with Mc-



McGRATH

| resignation" of McGrath who was? embarrassment to the administration. But Truman replaced him with another Democratic political hack, Federal Judge James P.

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former Congressman and for three years assistant to former Attorney General Francis Biddle. McGranery, like McGrath, is a prominent Roman Catholic layman, who has twice been decorat-The setting up of a special investigator for the alleged purpose of uncovering graft, thievery and influence-peddling was Truman's move to "neutralize" a series of

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THE MILITANT

Monday, April 14, 1952

Labor Swamps Tories In British Elections

Sweeping Labor Party victories place was the balloting for 62 more county councils throughin local elections show that six London county council on April 4. out England and Wales. months of Tory rule have disil- Labor and the Tories each had VIOLATE PROMISES

lusioned the mass of the British 64 seats in this council, with the The reasons for the sharp leftpeople with Winston Churchill's Liberals holding one seat. This Conservative Party, and have representation was elected in ward swing are quite clear. The paved the way for a Labor Party 1949. But when the smoke had British Tory paper, Lord Beaver-return to power at the first op- cleared away last Saturday, Labor brook's Evening Standard, adhad won a total of 92 seats, push- mitted on April 4 that "the portunity.

bloc in the Labor Party, followed wiping out the lone Liberal. up the victories with a speech at Middlesex County, which inchallenged Prime Minister Chur- cludes part of London, remained new controls. They promised Sheffield on April 6 in which he chill to call a new general elec- in Tory hands, but their lead of economies and extravagance still tion, which he predicted the 42 seats was cut down to a bare goes unchecked. They promised Labor Party would win.

SWEEPING VICTORY

Most significant among the Tories. Elections will be held on articles than before." elections that have thus far taken April 9 to determine control of

EISENHOWER WILL TRY COVER-UP ON JIM CROW

The Eisenhower gang is out to Truman four years ago, but Jim line up Negro votes. A number of Crow remains. The new announcesigns point to an effort by the ment of "integration in Europe" brass hat and those who are may well prove to be the same friendly to him to counteract the kind of hoax, intended for politibad reputation he got among Ne- | cal purposes but not seriously groes in 1948 when he opposed threatening the military Jim the abolition of segregation in the Crow pattern. armed forces and sneered at civil CAUSE FOR SKEPTICISM rights bills as useless attempts

"to force someone to like someone else.'

• On April 1 Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, mildly informed the Minnesota Welfare Conference that Eisenhower "formerly" favored military segregation. As far as the record goes, Eisenhower still supports military Jim Crow. Why is White being so tender about Eisenhower?

PURE SPECULATION

White said that he had talked to the general on the subject several times, and the general did not change his Jim Crow attitude on any of those occasions, but that now he may have changed his mind. But that is pure speculation. Why didn't White blast of the NAACP. Eisenhower just as he blasts Russell of Georgia for his white supremacy position?

The April 5 Pittsburgh Courier carried a report from its correspondent in Paris, William Gardner Smith, which may explain this matter. Smith says Eisenhower is going to come out soon with an "almost complete integration policy" for U.S. troops in Europe, and that he and administration officials (including the Pentagon) are "at war over who

Aneurin Bevan, leader of a left ing the Tories down to 37 and Tories made pledges at the (October 1951) election which

they have not kept. They promised more freedom and the people have 5. Elsewhere, the Labor Party to check the rise in the cost of living, and the purchase tax is reported strong gains against the now levied on a wider range of

> These admissions by th Beaverbrook paper tell only part

of the story. The truth of the matter is that the London and ther county council elections in Britain are only one more reflection of the Europe-wide rebellion of the working people against the armaments program being imposed upon them by American

imperialism. The New Statesman and Nation. British review states in its issue of March 8:

"Bevanism is no longer a Left wing heresy; it is the prevailing current of opinion throughout the constituency (Labor) parties . . hls diagnosis of the economic situation and his warnings about

by events and must therefore

provide the basis for future

The London victory, giving

the effect of breakneck rearma-Smith is correctly skeptical ment have been broadly confirmed

about the aims of both Eisenhower and the administration. "Ac-Socialist policy." tually," he writes, "the policy of integration of Negro troops in the European Army is one which, f carried out, will be the result of international politics, and not the 'goodness' of either the administration or the general." But that won't stop some Negro

leaders from jumping on the Eisenhower bandwagon and trying to fool Negro voters into supporting a brass hat whom even the Dixiecrats may end up by backing. One sign of this was

the announcement in Newark, N. J., that Harry Hazelwood Jr. was forming a Negro state committee for Eisenhower. Hazelwood is president of the Newark branch



' At \$100 a Plate Dinner



Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois reaches for wine after hearing President Truman declare he would not seek renomination. Stevenson, choice of the so-called "Fair Deal" wing of the Democratic Party for the Presidential nomination, opposes repeal of the Taft-Hartley anti-labor law and favors leaving civil rights "up to the states." Seated at left at Jefferson-Jackson dinner is Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas.

AFL, CIO Leaders Silent on **Crisis in Democratic Party**

tion Committee were sitting out (Continued from page 1) job for Stevenson on the civil the scramble that followed the rights. It declared he had "failed President's announcement. . . They to endear himself with the South- were more concerned now with ern Democrats" by saying he be- pushing registration drives and lieves in "federal action, rather at least for the time being were Labor a 55 seat majority, is as than states' rights, when states' taking a greater interest in candi-great as the record 56 seat wrongs persist."

"Sitting it out" just about sums not passing a federal FEPC law ers as a whole. Having no in-"every opportunity" to pass local knowing what to do, they are conwell know, this is a retreat from hands of the machine bosses and the best.

While the conservative forces But even the AFL paper could not get too enthusiastic about in the Democratic Party are or-Stevenson. Without committing ganizing and lining things up, The London election comes six itself flatly, it noted with disap- all the AFL News Reporter can weeks after the strong conference pointment: "The possibility that do is pray piously: "It is to be

wing centered around the Social- when he said . . . that he did not made on the basis of what rankist Outlook. The conference, favor repeal of the Taft-Hartley, and file voters want and not what which was composed of 342 Act, merely substantial revision. the boys in the backroom would have." But what the rank and file should want, and how they socialist and anti-war policy for Nevertheless, Stevenson ap- should go about getting it, is not

labor statesmen.

The likelihood is that they will the war now. calls upon the National Executive road and independent union presi- go along with whatever decision Committee of the Labor Party dents showed a majority of them the backroom, and that they will industrial strength of the Move- the greatest support from labor's then try to sell the Democratic ment in a campaign to bring down ranks, if Truman did not run. However, this poll was taken "To do this successfully, the before Truman withdrew and be- conservative than Truman, but Conference believes that the fore Stevenson came out into the after all he still is not quite so Labor Party must resist all open with his positions on the conservative as the Republican candidate, etc. attempts to worsen living stan- Taft-Hartley Act and FEPC. It This is the famous "lesser evil" dards; vigorously oppose all war may be that today some of the policy which the labor leaders preparations; declare itself in labor leadeers are not so sure have employed to justify opposimains to be seen if this line will be as successful in 1952 as it was in the past; with each succeeding campaign it is becoming plainer The CIO News (April 7) tried that there is less and less difto duck the problem altogether. ference between the so-called "lesser evil" Democrats and the "The CIO and its Political Ac- "greater evil" Republicans.

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in discussing the McGraw-Hill publishing corporation's ad which the open shop — as one of the "ideals" for which U.S. Big Busi-

ness is engaging in the Korea war

'ANTI-LABOR DICTATOR" The resolution further assailed the administration for supporting the 'corrupt, anti-labor dictatorship' of Syngman Rhee, who, the resolution charged, has made deal by which the rich mineral deposits of Korea are made avail- ROLE TO PLAY able to American corporations without charge for the next five

vears. discussion about world affairs A reason for the little progress and current political problems, nade in the Korean truce negoand among the students there was iations, the resolution added, is a striving for an understanding that negotiations are left to miliof the world we live in. After all, tary men "who are afraid public it is our generation that will sometime in the future shoulder support to the gigantic armament spending at home will stop if the the responsibilities of civic leadwar in Korea is settled? ership; in addition, we felt that

we are still young.

FEAR END OF WAR The Militant has repeatedly published actual statements to this effect by Big Business spokesmen, and the Big Brass and has given irrefutable proof that the corporation profiteers and Wall Street speculators fear the depressing effects on profits

of halting the Korean war. least industrial skill and job se-Dist. Three's resolution also niority, are the first laid off and Nations. charged that "American military the last rehired. If the governleaders, in collusion with reprement is going to make economies, sentatives of corporate wealth, are committed to further and furinvariably the first budget cuts will be appropriations for pubther involvement of our nation lic education. With this in mind, in senseless wars by France, Britain, Holland, Belgium and our own country to keep the poverty stricken people of the backward forum. 24 high school students from 16 America in complete subjugation Far East. I didn't really expect somehow things will turn out for ports The Packinghouse Worker.

The resolution concluded by calling for "our government to return to the great inspiring tradition of our nation which has always been to aid the oppressed, not the oppressors - the ruled the slavemasters."

It is a long, long time since the capitalist government in Washington has aided the oppressed and not the oppressors. But aiding the ruled, not the rulers is the tradition of the American people. This tradition can be served by the overwhelming demand to withdraw the troops from Korea at once and to stop

tle else than a sounding board for the State Department. We can have no trust in the



A High School Forum

The weather was rather nasty. It rained during the called for opposition to the un- morning and early afternoon, and it was fairly cold. On ion shop - that is, support for this day the Sixth Forum for High Schools, sponsored by one of New York City's larger

two State Department officials newspapers, the Herald Tribune, extolling the "altruism" of U.S. was being held at the prominent "magnanimity" through the Point Hotel Astor located in the center Four program in the struggle of Times Square. In spite of the against the "growing Communist" bad weather, I wanted very much menace." The students during the to attend the forum, having gradtime afforded them, dutifully uated high school not too long spoke of how, when they return ago and still having an interest to their own countries, they would in the ideas expressed by high struggle for "freedom and democschool students

racy" and "against communism." The time allotted for the students was divided into two panel When I was in high school

discussions. In the first, the stuthere was always a great deal of dents spoke of how wonderful they all thought the United States was, and then they compared American customs with their own. They talked about ice cream sodas, electrical appliances. and went into the subject of dating - how teenagers date in the United States and in Far Eastwe had a role to play today while ern countries and a general comparison of social behavior. From As youth, we are faced with the way it was presented, I social contradictions more acutecouldn't help feeling that it seemed that each one had been given y than any other section of society. To fight the war in Kores a part to memorize and was being called to the microphone in and whatever other military venorder of recitation. The second tures are being planned, it is we discussion, which was given the who are conscripted into military title of the forum, "The World service. During a business lull, we are the ones who, having the We Want," was mainly devoted to an idealization of the United

SOBER MOMENTS

However, the forum did have a few sober moments. When the students were being introduced, looked forward to hearing what one of the Egyptian students the students would say at the stated that what Egypt desires above all else is her independence. Sixteen year old Chung-Wha-Lee The forum was highlighted by from Korea very movingly described the Japanese occupation countries in the Middle East and of Korea during the last war and how the country has been ravthese students to be truly repreaged during the recent fighting sentative of the youth of their in Korea. Reminding us of the countries since the lands from horrors that a new war would which they came are so poverty bring, Kayoko Saito, the Japanstricken that only the wealthy can ese student, spoke of America's afford to have their children eduatom-bombing of Japan and of the genuine desire of the Japanese people for peace and of their fear of being afflicted again with If I expected the forum to be a discussion of the problems of this terror.

After the forum was over and I was leaving, I asked myself: If these students had been able to conduct a genuine forum and were given free rein in expressing their ideas, what would they have really said?

- Jack Ennis

October with only 48% of the vote LEFT WING CONFAB



the present Tory Government.

sweep of the parliamentary electhe local elections which have trend of sentiment towards Labor

TAFT-HARTLEY LAW

as against Labor's larger 48.7%.

of the Labor Party in the London he might not make an especially hoped that the choices (at the not the rulers - the enslaved, not area organized by Labor's left strong candidate was indicated major party conventions) will be

the Labor Party, and a campaign pears to be the choice of many even hinted at by these self-styled

"This Conference of the Labor AFL Machinists union, reported Movement in the London Area that a poll of 150 AFL, CIO, rail-

What Stevenson actually said than for the presidency." majority gained by Labor in the 1946 local elections. However, the was that he favors leaving such 1946 victory followed the 1945 issues as PEPC to the states and up the attitude of the labor lead-

delegates representing 100,000 or- The 1948 Democratic platform ganized workers, called for a called for repeal."

to oust the Tories. The conference union leaders. On April 6 the passed the following resolution: Machinist, weekly paper of the WILL GO ALONG

tions on the part of Labor. Thus unless and until the states have dependent perspectives and not just taken place indicate that the measures. As the AFL leaders tent to leave the initiative in the nations of Asia, Africa and South is as great and sweeping as the the 1948 Democratic platform and even the Dixiecrats, hoping that for the profit of the few," revast Labor outpouring of 1945. a concession to the Dixiecrats. The Tories crept into power last

shall receive credit for the new integration policy, once it is announced."

As Fred Hart made it clear in last week's Militant, both Eisenhower and the Pentagon are responsible for the continued segregation of Negro troops in the Army both here and in Europe.



EISENHOWER "Integration" was promised by

SOF EISENHOWER PROGRAM: WAR, SPEEDUP, UNION-CRUSHING

(Continued from page 1) |he things increased productivity Then comes Eisenhower's con- (speedup) is the chief function cept of labor's place in society: of the labor movement and the "In the free system, labor is a only thing that entitles it to get full-fledged partner and must

of good feeling. It can be brought into being by vibrant, selfless leadership at all levels of society."

HIS LABOR PROGRAM

Under Eisenhower, therefore, labor woud get the honorific title not share in the profits of capital. of course, but in the responsibility for insuring increased productivity. On many other occasions the general has made plain that

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victories. a larger portion of the national share in responsibility as equally income. (See the recent book,

planks in the Eisenhower platform that would certainly make "full-fledged partner." It would Big Business thrive and which he promises to put into effect

through his vibrant leadership. the government signed a con-That is why the capitalists have good reason to be satisfied with the Eisenhower candidacy. But what about labor? How much granted a wage increase to the

longer are its leaders going to railroad workers. keep silent and inactive about the

FORCED CONCESSIONS threat Eisenhower represents? How much longer are they going However, in both these cases, to insult the intelligence of union the awards were wrung from a members by pretending that they very reluctant government by "don't know what Eisenhower strikes that took place while the



boost from the Labor council It wrote:

Although the purpose of the truce negotiations because, even if they eventuate in a cease-fire, forum was to discuss the topic it is the purpose of the Washing- "The World We Want," the greatton politicos and militarists to | er part of the time was spent in keep a half million U.S. troops a long speech by Gov. Dewey on permanently in Korea awaiting a our "great free enterprise sys" favorable time to renew the war. tem" and the need for helping Get them out of Korea now! | our "friends" across the seas; by

cated.

SOUNDING BOARD

youth I was sorely mistaken. The

program given to all the observ-

ers stated that the forum high-

lights will be used by the State

Department "for transmission to

foreign language areas served by

the Voice of America," and in-

deed, the forum proved to be lit-

THE MILITANT ARMY

New York's subscription cam-| St. Louis Literature Agent paign got off to a good start D. C. reports the beginning of Sunday, reports Literature Agent | their sub work this week. He has

Ethel Swanson. Con- sold two new subs already and writes that his barber is giving centrated work in an entirely new neighhim some help by speaking to his customers about The Militant. borhood yielded approximately 23 new David is going to paste some subs, 78 six weeks clippings from the paper to the home deliveries, and bulletin board where he works 65 single copies, and plans to get subs from the workers on the job. Militant salesmen

took along the new Bert Deck reports some good Harry T. Moore sales in the past period for Chipamphlet and sold 15 cago He writes, "Joe, Helen, Gorcopies along with don, Esther, Mitch, John, Kenny several subscriptions to Fourth and Carole sold at a Stalinist

International. meeting here in line with our Milton B., with a score of 95 general work around the law 1030 points, is in top place so far in campaign. They sold 40 Militants the competition for the first prize and 11 'Road to Peace' pamphlets. of two days free vacation at Helen has been having continued Mountain Spring Camp. New success with her street corner York is awarding 52 points for a sales. She sold 23 Friday. She one year sub, 26 points for a six finds that being at the same months sub, six points for a 25c. corner at the same time every home delivery sub, and one point week has built up a group of for a single copy. Other prizes regular customers. Frank has to be awarded at the end of the taken over the sale at the steel

10 weeks campaign will be one factory. He sold eight copies the day's free vacation to each of the first time out and will be going second and third place winners, back every week. Ines sold 15 and a choice of party literature copies at a UAW meeting where to those in fourth and fifth places. she goes regularly. She has been Newark is continuing their cam- selling about that number at paign with good results. They every meeting."

now have a six weeks home A group of friends in the delivery list of 26 readers, from South write in this week for 25 which they are confident addicopies of the paper to circulate tional regular subs will come. in the neighborhoods where they Dorothy B. reports that one man live. They found a very favorable who has been buying The Militant response several weeks ago to regularly on the street from the March 24 Militant. The Social-Jimmy Kutcher noticed an ad for ist Workers Party proposal to one of Newark's forums, which organize defense guards to fight he attended. Later when Dorothy visited him he was glad to take point, they report. a subscription to the paper.

Minneapolis sends in an order Literature Agent Fred Perry writs that Flint's subscription for another bundle of the Harry 4th fl. Open daily except Sunday, 12work is already under way, now T. Moore pamphlet and writes work is already under way, now that their election petition work is finished, and that they plan to continue their campaign until sold at an NAACP meeting last week Inna.

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after August of 1950, when the Subscribe! government took over the roads, and finally got Truman to commit himself to an increase which the workers rejected because it was too small. In the end, the Start your subscription now. Clip the coupon and mail it railroad workers were given a in today. Send \$1 for six months subscription or \$2 for a full concession equal to half of what year to The Militant, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y. Truman had promised them, and in order to get this they had to strike. Similarly, the coal miners formed a solid embattled strike ... Zone Street front against the government in 1946, and refused to be intimidat-City State ed by fake government "seizure" maneuvers. Only after this. and S1 Six months S2 Full year New Renewal only after they had forced the operators to concede the prin-

stands for"?

ciass collaboration based on pressuring labor into accepting the speedup — these are key BUT DOES NOT ORDER PAY RAISE (Continued from page 1) ment made awards to workers welfare fund to the miners. while it was in control. In 1946, tract with the miners' union to workers after a "seizure" withdrew the strike threat.

"seizure" was in effect.

government finally award the he further indicated that the steelworkers would continue to Thus the government has never work for the government. He not conceded contract improvements only ended the strike, he also granting the welfare fund, and unless it was forced to do so by Whether the steelworkers will get in early 1951, the government a strike that took place while the their new contract under these conditions remains to be seen, but

However, Philip Murray called it is certain that Murray has off the scheduled steel strike gravely injured their chances by when the government "seized" promising uninterrupted producthe steel mills last Tuesday, and tion to the government.



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The Truth Will Out

Washington has been playing a double-dealing game with the American people on the question of Far Eastern policy. It claims it seeks no territory for U.S. imperialism, while it secretly plans to grab all it can. This applies specifically to Formosa, which is recognized by interna- tions are scheduled to take place tional treaty as a part of China.

Secretary of the Navy Dan A. Kimball, under whose direction the U.S. 7th Fleet is "protecting" Formosa, has made it pretty plain that the U.S. rulers don't intend to get out of Formosa even if the Korean war is ended. On March 27 he said that Formosa would remain under U.S. armed control "regardless of Korea."

He amplified this statement in Tokyo on April 1 when he told reporters that the Navy would "clobber the hell out of" any attempt of the established government of China, under Mao Tse-tung, to reclaim Formosa by arms from the forces of the Chiang Kai-shek dictatorship, which was kicked out of China by the Chinese people and has survived thanks only to the U.S. fleet and air force. At the same time, Kimball said, the Navy would "stand on the sidelines and cheer" any counter-revolutionary invasion of China by Chiang.

The State Department has tried to take the curse off Kimball's statements with the mild objection that he was "stating a personal view. He is not stating policy." But there has been no sharp repudiation of these statements of one of the top policy-makers.

True enough, Kimball was not voicing the formal policy, the fake policy handed out to the public. That policy, as enunciated by Truman at the start of the Korean war, was one merely of "neutralization" of Formosa, ostensibly to keep the Korea war from spreading in the Far East.

But Kimball has voiced the real, if secret, policy. He questionnaires on incomes would make the probe look good. affirms what the actions of Truman, Acheson and the Pentagon make obvious: They don't intend to get out of A BODY BLOW Formosa; they do intend to make it a base for an invasion of China using Chiang's forces to run interference, if they can get away with it.

We have had more than one case of some big-shot general or cabinet member shooting off his mouth (or fountain pen) and revealing the actual aims concealed behind the false statements of policy put out for public consumption. An example is the episode of the diary of Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow, former U.S. military attache former governor of Minnesota and in Moscow, who called for "War now!" and "Start by a candidate for the Republican hitting below the belt." Grow was censured not for what he wrote, but for letting it fall into the Kremlin's hands. In the same sense, the State Department officials have

not demonstratively repudiated the aims stated by Kimball. They have merely objected to the fact that Kimball has lionaire. How? embarrassed them by disclosing that their real aims in Formosa are completely at variance with the ones they profess to the people.

Local 245 and Labor Politics

by an American labor union, when the Seventh Annual had to do it over again he would with a record so bad that Phila-

Ceylon Elections and United Front KOREA WAR STARTED

capitalist government in the place coming general elections strug-By John G. Wright The Lanka Sama Samaja Party, of the ruling UNP. To this end gle."

the Stalinists have called for an Ceylon Trotskyists, the largest opposition party on this strategic, "all anti-UNP groups" on the the basis of such a conference Southeast Asian island, continued the attempt to negotiate

rectly demands. elections, with a view to ousting the capitalists from power and installing a Workers' and Peasants' Government. According to the latest cables, the Ceylon parliamentary elecoward the end of April.

THE C.P. LINE At a time when an exceptional opportunity exists in Ceylon to

(Continued from page 1)

basis of a "minimum program," the LSSP 14-point program "and LSSP LETTER with the Ceylon Stalinists the without specifying that such a the governmental program conformation of a united left bloc program should be anti-capitalist tained in the agreement" made matic principles, apart from being Judged by past experience, this is in the coming parliamentary in character, as the LSSP cor- by the CP with the DPR Gune- extremely difficult of achievewardena group. (The 14-point ment would be useless without Despite these fundamental dis- program of the LSSP was re- agreement on practical measures,

vited the CP to sit down with it The Militant. The DPR Gune- Samasamajist. "On the other to try to evolve an agreed con- warden a group is a split-off from hand, agreement between the crete governmental program," points out the Feb. 21 editorial pro-Stalinist direction.) of the Samasamajist, LSSP's

other organizations," the LSSP all that is needed in the present English weekly. On Feb. 16 Leslie Goonewardene, proposes that this be dealt with situation to take the mass move-LSSP Secretary, sent a letter to "only after agreement has been ment several steps forward on the Ceylon CP welcoming the reached between us." The LSSP the road to the destruction of establish an anti-capitalist gov- fact that "you (the CP) are also raised no objections to the imperialism and capitalism. It is ernment, the Stalinists are spon- agreeable to meet representa- DPR Gunawardena group's being to be hoped that the CP will find soring a Ceylonese variety of tives of our party at a conference jointly represented on "the dele- it possible to come to agreement 'People's Front," seeking merely in order to endeavor to reach an gation which we (the LSSP) shall with the LSSP on such a practo substitute a "more progressive" agreement in relation to the meet at the proposed conference." | tical program."

The LSSP letter concludes with the suggestion "that a convenient In the name of the LSSP, time and place for the conference agreement that would include Goonewardene then proposed as be arranged over the telephone.' to feel the strain of the war economy. Its living standards

are down almost 5% since the start of the Korean war. "An agreement on programan exceedingly sharp drop in the startling. This further point must standard of living, unusual for any non-depression period. agreements, the LSSP "has in- ported in the March 31 issue of explains the Feb. 21 editorial in The drop in working-class real

buying power is revealed in a the LSSP which has evolved in a Left parties on practical measurstudy made by Dr. Julius Hirsch, es, which are anti-imperialist and Wall Street economic consultant. As for the "question of inviting anti-capitalist IN CONTENT is Dr. Hirsch is mainly interested ceptionally big productivity in-

in proving that taxes should be crease. In that one year output have . .

24% from June 1950, consumer almost 5%. This is a very large and soft goods industries are down 11% from the February the workers. 1951 level." These figures explain the "little recession" that has hit the con-

reduced. He contends that "we per worker went up by 6.3%. . taxed part of our Thus in the year and a half after conomy into something like a June 1950, the worker's output recession. While the defense and rose by at least 7 or 8%, but his hard goods industries are up buying power went down by decline in the relative position of

be added. The worker is getting

much less than he was when the

Korean War started, but he is

producing far more. The produc-

tivity of the average worker goes

up each year by between 2 and

3%. However. 1950. the year when

the war started, saw an ex-

REAL WAGE DOWN

sumer goods industries in recent Dr. Hirsch's figures were made months. They show why departup for a "typical city worker ment store sales in mid-March that is, a family confamily." were 10% below sales in the same sisting of the worker, his wife week a year ago, and why they and two children, and earning an were 15% below the previous average pay check. The most important figures having to do with ncome, price rises and tax rises as they have affected this family since the Korean War started may be summarized as follows

1950 1951 Weekly Pay \$54.85 Real Pay in 55.40 1951 Dollars 54.57 All Taxes 5.27**Real Pay** 50.13 After Taxes

The average worker was getting earnings. \$4.93 a week more in Nov. 1951

Dr. Hirsch's figures, as given American lives, has been a first above, do not tell the whole story, class blitzkrieg against the living even though they are very standard of the American people.

It is unlikely that Morris was the Treasury John W. Snyder. very serious. His own financial Drew Pearson wrote in his widelysyndicated column on April 4 that status does not bear close the "leader of the revolt" against scrutiny. He was called before Morris was Secretary of Defense the Senate Permanent Investigat-Robert Lovett. ing Commitee in March and asked to tell his connection with a JUST BUSINESS MEN

surplus government tanker deal After his firing, Morris wrote in which, as a member of the law in the April 7 N. Y. Worldfirm involved, Morris netted some Telegram that one reason that \$30,000 in fees. But he probably there is such corruption in Washthought that sending out the ington "is that people who go into politics generally are in business." Lincoln Stephens put it more clearly in his famous book, "The Shame of the Cities," which The mere suggestion of an exposed political corruption back attempt to look into the wealth 50 years ago. Stephens wrote:

and income of Democratic and "He is a self-righteous fraud, Republican politicians in Washthis big business man. He is the ington touched their most vital chief source of corruption. . . The nerve center. It hit them right commercial.spirit is the spirit of in the solar plexus. Morris had profit, not patriotism; of credit committed not a venial, but a not honor; of individual gain, not mortal sin. None felt this more national prosperity; of trade and than McGrath. Harold E. Stassen, dickering, not principle. 'My business is sacred,' says the business man in his heart. Whatever presidential nomination. had prospers my business, is good; it publicly charged that McGrath must be. Whatever hinders it, is had served his country so well wrong; it must be. A bribe is bad, during his twelve years of public that is, it is a bad thing to take; office that he had become a milbut it is not so bad to give one

not if it is necessary to my busi-Called before a hearing of the ness. House Judiciary Committee on

March 31, McGrath testified that TRUE TODAY

he did not make out the question-What Stephens found decades naire and had not distributed it ago, and what Morris hints at to employes in his department today, will not change with the A step toward independent political action was taken would. And he added that if he Granery comes to Washington



Imperialist Pact Ratified

In Washington, chairman Tom Connally of Senate Foreign Relations Committee (1.) and Sen. Alexander Wiley (R, Wis.) look on as Senate Sec. Leslie Biffle signs Japanese treaty. Ratified by a vote of 66 to 10, the treaty which ends the war with Japan provides for an imperialist peace. It establishes Japan as the jumping-off base for an anti-China war. The treaty has met with tremendous opposition throughout Asia, and is opposed by both China and India, two largest Asian nations.

Malaya's Fight for Independence

By Charles Hanley The British Tory government, N. Y. Times characterizes as one And it is actively or passively tion, divided into regiments (each reports the April 8 N. Y. Herald of the most reliable newspapers supported by almost the entire of 500 or 600 men), companies Triburg has given "full and in the Far East. reports that people — Malayans and Chinese and platoons. The Liberation "full at

year in the last week of February. The worker can't buy, not because he is hoarding his money, but because he hasn't got it. CASHING BONDS Working-class and lower middle-June Nov. class families cashed in their government E bonds faster than they \$59.78 bought them during 1951. They bought a little more than half a

BLITZ ON REAL WAGES

By Harry Frankel

The average working class family is really beginning

billion dollars worth of \$25 bonds, but they cashed in almost three-6.75 quarters of a billion dollars worth of the same bonds. This was a 47.82 result of the same decline in real

Another result of the drop in than he was a year and a half pay is seen in the savings figures. before when the Korean War The richest tenth of the nation started. However, after new price recorded 73% of the net savings increases took \$5.76 out of his in the U.S. during 1951. But fully buying power, and new taxes took half of the population, the bottom \$1.48 more away from him, he five tenths, were. "dis-savers." was left with an actual pay cut They had to spend more than they of \$2.31 each week. Many workers earned to support their families, have not gotten any pay in- and to do this they either spent creases since the Korean War some or all of their accumulated began: for these workers the pay savings (like E bonds) or went

into debt. slash is fully \$7 a week. Thus the Korean war, in addi-

PRODUCING MORE tion to the tremendous cost in





Convention of the New England district of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers voted, with only one abstaining, to later claimed that by his refusal son Dillworth, a Democrat, called endorse the formation of a Labor Party at the earliest possible date.

The Packinghouse Worker for March, reports that a convention decision was also made that "Each local be urged to run UPWA members for public office." It further reports: "The delegates were told of the experience of local 245 which ran Frank Slowik, treas., for Ward Alderman in Chicopee, Mass. (Chicopee is an industrial city of about 40,000 population.) Although Slowik was nosed out, as a result of his campaign both he and the local are now important politically in Chicopee."

This tells a significant tale. It tells of a local union in the CIO learning about independent labor political action through its own initiative and experience, and then making these lessons available to a district organization of its international union. It tells of the convention of this district picking up that experience, and broadening it to the general demand for a national Labor Party.

This instructive incident provides the best of all possible answers to the timid and backward leaders of labor who restrain the labor movement from the formation of a national party. Even those labor leaders who give lip service to the idea of labor's independent political action emphasizes only the many difficulties in the way of such a project. They speak as though the only way a Labor Party can come into existence is to spring into being full grown on a national scale.

The actual process through which a labor party can | tribute the questionnaire among be built is seen in the case of Packinghouse Local 245 of the New England District. Local labor candidates, spon-Times. sored by city labor movements, can prove that there is an GLAD HE LEFT alternative to capitalist politics, and can fire the ranks with enthusiasm for independent labor politics.

The British Labor Party, today the most powerful force in Britain, was only a tiny minority party before World War I. Even in 1918, it elected only 57 members to Parliament, running a very poor third after the Tory and Liberal Parties. But only five years later, in 1923, the British Labor Party got almost 41/2 million votes, elected 191 members of Parliament, and by January of the next Capitol Hill." year had formed the first labor Government.

Rapid as this development was, it is nevertheless slow compared to the possibilities of an American labor party. The U.S. labor movement is far more powerful now than the British was then. In addition, all events developed at a slower pace in those years than today.

The possibility of a labor party in the United States and of the very rapid growth of that party certainly exists. But that possibility rests with the actions of the rank and file of the trade union movement, and not with the leaders, who will continue to drag their feet as long as the ranks permit. Local unions like the Packinghouse local cited above, and local conventions like the New England Packinghouse convention, show the way.

never reappoint Morris. McGrath delphia District Attorney Richard- Tribune. proval" to the savage reprisals in- British planes "flying low over to sign the questionnaire or to McGranery's appointment as At- flicted upon an entire Malayan jungle clearings, would spray make others fill it out he had torney General "so bad as to be

be the great principles of per- ed that his regime "will be sonal liberty and fundamental marked by incompetence, bias, month," says the Herald Tri- Such food - destroying chemicals an nationalist movement and antirights of federal employes of the favoritism and ward politics at Federal Government." its worst." McGranery's first words in

DOUBLE STANDARD Washington disclosed that he un-

These great principles did not derstands full well that Truman apply, however, to the privacy. didn't appoint him to find any personal liberty and fundamental Democratic wrong-doers. Hencerights in the political witch-hunt orth, he said, all "investigations" of corruption will be done by the and "loyalty" purge of federal workers by the Truman admin-FBI (which has no power to inistration. He backed up the FBI's vestigate the Treasury Depart-" llegal wiretapping, rifling of ment and Internal mail, quizzing of friends, relatives

Bureau.) But "first, I will find out if and where corruption is," and neighbors, that has become said McGranery, with the accent the chief activity of the FBI. McGrath was not alone in his on the "if."

Above all, he opined. "there lefense of the "United States will be no witch-hunts." He did traditions of privacy and innot mean that the FBI will not dividual freedom." Arthur Krock, go prowling into the past lives dean of the N. Y. Times Washof a low-paid government clerk ington correspondents, flatly to see if he once belonged to the charged and gave strongly coroborative evidence that Truman Friends of Nature back in 1931. ad told McGrath in advance that No, the "loyalty" purge will go nis decision to fire Morris was on.

But asked if he were going 'right" and "to go ahead." Truto investigate McGrath's outside man personally "had instructed sources of income, McGranery the Attorney General not to disreplied, "What right would I have to do that?" There will be no officials of his department," Krock wrote in the April 9 political crooks — not so long as the Democrats and Republicans rule Washington.

The truth is that everybody in Washington - that is everybody holding office, Republican as well as Demcratic — were glad to see Morris and his questionnaires go. The United Press wrote on April 4: "Republicans and Democrats applauded the ouster of Morris who never was very popular or "There have been growing in-

dications that the proposed ques tionnaire was resented far and wide, perhaps most strongly not by the politicians but by the substantial business men who are serving the government on a temporary basis during the emer-

gency. . . There is reason to believe, however, that politically appointed office holders also got in their licks against the question. naire," reported Anthony Leviero

in the April 6 N. Y. Times. The same paper on April 2 had reported "acid protest" against the questionnaire by other Cabinet

village for allegedly aiding large areas 'with a withering stood up for what I belive to almost unbelievable" and predict- guerilla bands waging a struggle chemical destroying food crops for national independence. "Last which support terrorist gangs." bune, "Secretary of State Dean have already been used, says the Acheson gave strong American Times, and "chemicals had also

been used to destroy trees along support to the British campaign." What is the nature of this the sides of two dangerous roads "campaign" to which Churchill- in Malaya in order to deny terrorists natural cover." Acheson and Company give their

Why are the British imperialwhole-hearted support? ists and their American couter-On March 28 the Associated parts driven to practice such Press reported that British High beastly atrocities upon innocent Commissioner General Sir Gerald and helpless men, women and Templer, "has ordered the 5,000

villagers of Tanjong Malin under children in the Malayan jungle? Behind the spurious facade of a house arrest and cut their rice crusade against "communism" ration, accusing many of them lurks the bloody hand of the imof aiding Communist guerillas in the area 45 miles north of this perialist exploiter of a rich colonial country and its people city." This barbarous measure

aroused voices of protest even in COLONIAL PRIZE the British House of Lords.

"Viscount Stansgate," reports the April 8 Herald Tribune, protested that "no one could justify . . . preventing women and children from getting enough food when they had done nothing wrong."

"COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT" The Earl of Listowel, another two thirds of the world's natural

Labor peer, protested that such rubber supply, one third of its 'collective punishment' was a new | tin, as well as rice, cocoa, sugar "witch-hunt" against the rich departure in British colonial cane, coconuts, etc. It is a counpolicy." But the Earl was either try of large plantations, beautiful short of memory or ignorant of cities and good roads. But it is "British colonial policy." Collec- also a jungle country dangerous tive punishment has been prac- to Europeans. There are no roads against the people of in the jungle, but there are Malaya for years and condemning guerillas fighting for Asia's freeinnocent women and children to dom from colonial tyranny. Malaya is a bi-national country hunger is only one of its milder

> The British imperialists have Malayans and 2,850,000 Chinese "scorched earth" practiced a policy in Malaya, burning vil- the cities and also in the countrylages, imposing collective fines, side, but mainly form the towns' evacuating whole village popula-

destroying homes and citizenship under the "democratic" tions, rule of the British. crops, because the people "failed to help British security forces paper "Le Monde" has published in the campaign" against the an interesting and revealing series guerillas. And now the "civilof articles by its special corizers" have come up with something new!

respondent, Robert Guillain. On April 5, a Reuters dispatch Guillain points out the prede from Singapore, disclosed that minant role of the Chinese in the "chemical warfare from the air Malayan war. The movement is to be launched" against what originated in the Malayan Chinese the imperialists call the "com- anti-Japanese resistance in World munist bandit food-growing areas War II. The guerilla army does in the depths of the Malayan not get any noticeable aid from jungle." The New York Times, the outside. The Malayan revolt

April 5, reports that the British- is not organized in Moscow or in

of the peninsula BRITISH SCHEMES

The British are trying sponsor an anti-communist Malayadmits that this artificial "movement" is not very successful. The only kind of unity between Malay-

ans and Chinese which is possible n Malaya is unity in common anti-imperialist actions, not unity in an alliance with the imperial ists who, so far, have not even granted elementary political rights to the Chinese.

The guerilla army itself is "Amidst a population of small. 6.500.000 inhabitants, the five thousand men whose organization calls itself Liberation Army of the Peoples of Malaya are like handful of sand; but they are like grains of sand thrown into

a motor: They seriously damage Malaya is a peninsula situated the entire machine," says Guilsouth of Burma and Siam lain. The five thousand are sup-(Thailand), north of Indonesia, ported by many other thousands. and one of the rich countries of They are not isolated and are South Asia. The British cling to therefore able to wage a conit not only because of the port tinuous campaign of sabotage and military base of Singapore against 25,000 British soldiers and

but because Malaya also produces 100,000 policemen, a campaign that started in June 1948. The Liberation Army has been capable of plunging the British colonialists into an atmosphere of uncertainty. The British are unable to defeat it. At any time the guerillas can retreat into the jungle or come out of the jungle. Pursuing them is not much use. Their weapons are light; they can easily carry them. And the nhabited mainly by 2,760,000 jungle is immense. And there even exists a second jungle: The Chinese community in the cities. immigrants. The Chinese live in It is difficult to find a guerilla fighter hidden by Chinese sympathizers. And there are pracpopulation. They are denied

tically no "Quislings" to betray him to the British. The Chinese communities are impenetrable. The French bourgeois news-The Liberation Army is not the group of "bandits" the British talk about in their official communiques. It is, in fact, a uniform



Army has a unified command and a planned strategy. This "Red Army of the Jungle," as Guillain calls it, also attaches great importance to the political education of every soldier and officer. communist trade-unions. Guillain Each unit has its political instructor. Each unit has its regular educational courses.

"Karl Marx in the deep jungle," eads one of Guillain's subheads. When they are not in action, the guerillas have to study each day the questions of economy, politics and revolutionary strategy. Tropical diseases and heat cannot vanquish their determination. They edit their own newspapers under almost fantastic difficulties. They even publish books. Their theories may be influenced by Stalinism to a considerable extent - we do not know about this But we do know that an army of partisans waging its own struggle under its own leadership and supported by a revolutionary novement of the people is bound to develop a policy of its own, to become increasingly independent from the Kremlin. This is proven by the examples of Yugoslavia and China.

The British at present attempt a hunger blockade against the partisans in the jungle after the failure of every other military measure. They are bound to fail again. Hunger will not break the spirit of Marx. And townspeople and farmers will both continue to help the Liberation Army. For they see the downfall of colonialism at the end of the road, even if the struggle is long and painful. The Malayan people know that this is but one of the fronts of an entire continent in revolt.

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"Compulsory FEPC would be the longest step into socialism this country could take." That's what Senator Richard B. Russell of Georgia, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said on a recent NBC television program, "Meet the Press."

The term "socialism" is being bandied about very loosely this election year. Every attempt to reform some of the glaring evils of American capitalist democracy is being labeled "socialist" by someone or other.

Those who propose the reforms protest bitterly against the label, and correctly. They are only trying to patch up some of the holes in our present social system so that it will hold together a little longer. They are not ready to discard the whole rotting fabric and weave a new cloth.

Senator Russell and his kind are wrong. Reforms such as the Fair Employment Practices laws — even compulsory ones — are not socialist.

Socialism means an organization of society on a radically different basis from what we have today, not just a slight sugar-coating of the present set-up. It means taking ownership and control of the means of making a living and securing the necessities — and "luxuries" of life — out of the hands of the small minority of capitalists who own the factories and raw materials, and who do not use them unless they net a profit. It means operation of the factories and of our whole society democratically, by the workers.

Socialists do not propose merely to limit Senator Russell and his class in their power to play off one group of workers against another by means of segregation and discrimination. Socialists propose that the workers - Negro, white and every other category - take away all of the power and control of Senator Russell and his whole capitalist class, reformists as well as "Tories," to dictate under what conditions the people shall work and live.

No FEPC measure proposes to do that. No FEPC measure challenges the right of the capitalist class to run industry, or to close down the factories and mines, or to determine who shall work and who shall not. All that FEPC asks is that the boss not make color, race or religion the deciding factor in hiring.

But so long as capitalist control continues in America, no amount of FEPC laws will be able to prevent the bosses from using that control to discriminate in one form or another. So long as we have two classes, capitalists and workers, capitalists will have the motive and will find the means. They must keep the workers divided because once the workers, as a class, unite and

act in their own interest, capitalism will be through.

And that is why socialists are the most un-**UAW** Issues compromising fighters today for FEPC and all democratic rights. Knowing that the socialist transformation of society can be accomplished **New Order on** only by the working class, the vast majority of the population, we support measures that will preserve and extend democratic rights. Only those, preserve and extend democratic rights. Only those, like Senator Russell, who fear the power of the masses, will fight to the bitter end, by legal and illegal means, to maintain the rule of the minority, the capitalist class.

Some of the reformers who propose FEPC legislation because they think they can avoid a revolutionary change through a few concessions of this type accuse socialists of being insincere in their support of FEPC.

"You people don't really want to see discrimination abolished," they say, "because if it were, Negroes would not back proposals for more radical change."

That type of reasoning misses the point. Any gains that help unite the working class very definitely work in favor of a socialist transformation. The struggle for FEPC, and anything else that helps remove the extra burden Negro workers have to bear, strengthens the colored workers and the class as a whole in their ability to come to grips with the basic problems of building a better world for themselves and their children. to assist our members in making Another argument used by those who question | full use of community services the motives of socialists in the struggle for and that the local or international FEPC is that we only support the fight for FEPC in order to win the support of the Negroes for the workers' revolution, and if the workers took power in this country the Negro struggle would be sold out just as the British Labor Party has sold out the colonial workers in Africa. Aside from the fact that Britain is still a capi-

talist state, not a workers' state, that argument reveals a lack of undersanding of the program of over its own strike fund is as revolutionary socialists. We predict that the workers will come to power in the United States with many of the problems of capitalism, such as Jim Crow, still to be solved. The first tasks of the workers' state here will be to eliminate those capitalist hangovers so that a classless society can be built. That means that in the transitional period the workers state will have to enact anti-discrimination legislation not only in employment, but in every sphere of social life, with vigorous enforcement by those most concerned.

FEPC is not socialism, but for all of the reasons given above, revolutionary socialists are the most uncompromising fighters for FEPC.

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By Bob Kingsley

of strike funds during strikes.

exhausted the services offered by

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THE MILITANT



Before testifying on steel crisis in closed session on Capitol Hill, chairman Nathan P. Feinsinger (c.) of Wage Stabilization Board confers with chairman James E. Murray (r.- of Senate labor committee and Senator Hubert H. Himphrey (D, Minn.). Feinsinger's WSB cut demands of steelworkers as low as possible before recommending compromise settlement, which was then rejected by steel corporations.

WITCH HUNT RULING OF NLRB HIT BY L. A. UNIONS

By Louise Manning

LOS ANGELES - Riding along on the witch hunt hysteria, a National Labor Relations Board examiner here handed down a decision involving the Square D. Co. and the United Electrical Workers?

Union which would allow the dangers all labor said, "If a union bers in such a time as this, the to refuse to recognize any union is this: All of the big auto and committee, under the pretext that agricultural industries organized the company questioned the loying, and therefore honest Amer-

The ruling stated that "the company may require a non-Communist affidavit from any individual or individuals claiming to the big industries because their represent the union in any capacity before recognizing such individuals as representatives of

> "The company may refuse to confer, meet with or bargain with any person or persons who decline to furnish such affidavit or affidavits," said David F. Doyle, the Board examiner.

Furthermore he ruled that the

FATAL CONCESSION Apparently not understanding

ican working men could be sub-

jected to the indignity of being

forced to sign company drawn

W. J. Bassett, secretary of the

AFL Central Labor Council, a red

baiter in his own right, explained

that with such a provision in the

contract, an employer could fire

someone for just distributing un-

an announcement of a meeting to

discuss wages and working con-

oaths of allegiance.'

Akron Strikers Win Right to NLRB Election

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By L. Cooper

AKRON, April 4 — After 37 days on the picket line in which BF Goodrich production was brought to a complete standstill during the past week, close to 300 striking

the 9 unionists were in jail for

plants. Had they remained in jail,

the sympathy strike movement

would unquestionably have en-

CIO United Rubber Workers) also greatly contributed to the office workers (unit of Local 5, strike's effectiveness. Although unanimously ratified a strike settlement this evening. The only 2 hours, a vast wave of ratification meeting was genuinely sympathy strikes started throughhigh-spirited and the membership out the Goodrich and Goodyear was in agreement with President George Bass that "a victory under the circumstances" had been achieved.

compassed most if not all the The settlement called for an rubber plants. NLRB election to be held on At Goodrich, for 3 days fol-April 30 to determine if Local 5 lowing the sentencing, production should continue to have sole workers reinforced the picket bargaining rights for the office lines and kept all non-strikers workers. If Local 5 is chosen by and supervisors out of the plant. a majority of the 1100 employees, Police were out in force on Monthen the company agrees to im- day morning, March 31, to inmediately grant a modified union timidate the picket lines. Only at shop and to make available to the instructions of President Bass the union all information on in- did the strikers allow the superdividual salaries that the union visors and non-striking office help has been seeking, for many years, through. However, none of the "in order to bargain intelligently." more than 12,000 production For close to 30 days the strikers workers returned to work until had defied a court injunction that after the final strike settlement prohibited picketing of the rail- on April 4.

The strike and its support have road tracks and truck entrances to the Goodrich plants and by again indicated the great spirit March 31 the strikers had finally of unionism and workers, solidar-"choked off" all production. Be- ity that has existed in Akron cause no trains and trucks got since the birth of the sit-down through, President Bass and 8 strike and the great strike strugother' leading unionists were gles of 1936-38. The BF Goodrich sentenced on March 28 to the Co. also has been brought up to company to fire any worker, or asks wage increases for its mem- maximum jail term allowed for date. "We think it's foolish to "contempt" of the local injunc- suggest that this Company could company might decide such a re- tion. Their sentences of 10 days destroy the United Rubber Workquest was unpatriotic, therefore | each and \$250 fine each are now | ers Union if it wanted to" they say in their final letter "to the the union was unpatriotic for ask- being appealed. Spontaneous militant support men and women in the Goodrich from large sections of the rank Akron plants" at the close of the and file rubber workers of Akron strike.

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR TO SIGN **NEW WITCH HUNT MEASURE**

DETROIT - While the anti-labor House Un-American Activities Committee was tarring every militant of ion literature, even if it were only Ford Local 600 of the UAW-CIO with the brush of communism and conspiracy, the

Legislative body of the State of Bill will become operative the Michigan prepared and has ready moment the Governor signs it. for Gov. Williams' signature the Trucks-Lindemer-Teahen Bill. Editorializing on this subject Trucks-Lindemer-Teahen Bill. This new law will bar the Com-

against civil rights with the following question: "WHY FORBID

Progressive Party Dispute By Fred Hart

Notes from the News

A national conference of the Progressive Party, meeting in Chicago on March 30, decided to select Vincent Hallinan and Charlotta Bass as their nominees for President and Vice President.

However, there appears to be a difference of opinion among the party leaders as to whether this action means that the Hallinan-Bass slate will be the one that the party will actually support in November.

A few months ago, another national Progressive Party conference in Minneapolis decided on the following policy: "We shall continue to work for and do everything in our power to bring about the organization of an independent ticket supported by a coalition of all groups and individuals who stand for a genuine policy of peace."

This was understood at the time to mean that the Progressive Party would prefer not to run

(permanent) slate, it does, and without rejecting the candidates we reject this change in policy and declare that we shall not vote at this time to choose a slate of candidates."

mittee statement would be taken by Secretary Thomas Rabbitt to the Chicago conference.

None of the stories about the Chicago confer-

"Our conclusion is that, if we are choosing a

The People's World story said the state com-

ence, printed in the Progressive and Stalinist press. gave any hint on what happened to the Washington statement, not even whether it was discussed. Maybe Rabbitt was told that the naming of the Hallinan-Bass slate was just a convenience for the states that have to file before the PP national convention next summer, and if the delegates would increase the withdrew his objections. Or maybe something dues from \$1.50 to \$2.50. At that else happened.

SIMPLE BUT UNTRUE The explanation for this intrusion into local union autonomy simple as it is untrue. After ex-

remote.

welfare agencies.

plaining that the strike fund of the international now stands at \$5,000,000 and that it is is maintained by setting aside 25 cents per member per month Mazey says, "It should be obvious to anyone that it is impossible to build an adequate strike fund to take care of all the needs of our members with these limited funds... If 300,000 General

Motors workers were on strike at one time and we gave the strike assistance of \$5.00 per member, in 31/2 weeks we would deplete our entire strike fund." What Mazey forgets to mention

into our union are now tied up alty of those involved. with 5-year contracts. For more than one reason the international union will not sanction or

authorize a strike in any one of contracts don't expire until 1955. Moreover, all of the 5-year contracts include compulsary arbitra- the union. tion clauses, a small fact which

makes a large strike even more Those of us who attended the 1951 auto convention in Cleveland still remember the promises made by the Reuther leadership for

ditions, if in his opinion the union bigger and better strike assistance is Communist dominated. firm could "discharge any employee who disseminated communistic literature in the plant time Mazey said, "We have got or who advocated communis tion or the overthrow of the United States government by force or violence.' **OBVIOUS AIM**

a presidential slate of its own. Some leaders of the party have not changed their attitude on this question, and when the March 30 Chicago conference was called, the Washington state committee publicly questioned the meaning of the Hallinan-Bass candidacies.

The March 28 issue of the Stalinist Daily People's World (Northwest edition) reported that the Washington state committee, in a unanimous statement. said it still feels the Minneapolis policy statement is "sound, workable and necessary."

The committee states it has no objection to naming a slate now if that is what is needed to help the party get on the ballot, in states which must file early, "provided it is made clear to the public as well as to our members that this is all we are doing."

The committee adds: "We ask ourselves, if the Progressive Party selects a slate of candidates for President and Vice President at this time, will this action close or tend to close the door to the carrying out of a coalition policy...?...

"THE TWO OLD PARTIES have made it vir-

tually impossible for a new party to be born

and to challenge them for the votes of the Amer-

ican people," says an editorial in the Madison

(Wisc.) Capital Times. It denounces the old par-

ties for toughening the "expensive and time-con-

suming" ballot requirements for minority parties

and thereby restricting "the right of the Amer-

ican people to express their preference for poli-

tical ideologies." It says that "political monopoly

has grown dangerously in this country and it is

menacing our welfare just as surely as economic

JACOB POTOFSKY, president of the CIO

Amalgamated Clothing Workers, has resigned

from the City Center of New York because of its

decision to send the New York/ City Ballet to

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I. F. STONE'S NEW BOOK, The Hidden His-

tory of the Korean War, will be published on

May 5. It was rejected by several leading pub-

lishers (although Stone is recognized as one of

the top American journalists) because it explodes

so many lies of the bipartisan propagandists, and

is being published by Monthly Review, the maga-

THE NEW LEADER, Social Democratic maga-

zine, begs both capitalist parties to "put up can-

didates who are agreed upon NATO, foreign eco-

nomic aid, and the like." Its editors say: "In a

year as crucial as this, we cannot afford to have

debated in an election campaign the issue of iso-

lationism versus internationalism. The latter. . .

should be accepted by all political leaders as the

basis of the nation's foreign policy. What should

be subjected to intense discussion is only the

means by which our foreign policy has been or

should be executed." (Newest member of the

New Leader editorial board is Maurice Spector.)

zine edited by Paul Sweezy and Leo Huberman.

monopoly menaces it."

play in Franco Spain.

At any rate, this incident reveals that at least to take the necessary steps to one section of the party (the Washington state make certain that we have committee is Stalinist-dominated) is extremely adequate strike funds to take touchy about the possibility of any tendency aris- care of the needs of our meming in the party to alter the Minneapolis policy bers when they are forced to of making a last-ditch effort to arrive at some strike so that the pangs of hunger kind of coalition with capitalist politicians.

The Daily Worker line (April 2) is that there accept inferior, unsatisfactory is no alternative to supporting the Progressive agreements." Party's presidential ticket, but that:, "On congressional candidacies, there is, of course, still a possibility to affect united fronts in support of ANY congressional ticket that is pledged to local union here in Cleveland I peace and labor's welfare program." (Emphasis | took the liberty of calling some in original.)

ANY capitalist politician running for Congress | the necessary information in case can have the Stalinist vote if he gives a little our local goes on strike during lip service to "peace and labor's welfare program." But the Stalinists continue to oppose the formation of an independent Labor Party making a clean break with all capitalist politicians and challenging them for power.

will not force our members to

MUST PROVE POVERTY

As a Union Counselor for my of the Welfare Agencies to gather present negotiations. Invariably, in order to qualify for aid from these agencies, such as city or county relief, a member must show no bank account, he must sell his television set (if he owns one), and HE MUST TURN IN ated." THE LICENSE PLATES OF HIS CAR. In short, in order for a striking worker to get any aid

from his local union he must first prove complete poverty to the NORMAN THOMAS told a meeting in Garexisting relief agencies in his den City, Long Island, "I like Eisenhower as a community.

candidate for the Presidency." When this was The local union, according to publicized, Thomas issued a statement declaring: this Administrative Letter, will 'I was quite emphatic in pointing out more than not get any strike assistance from once my feeling that Eisenhower should declare the international until 75% of the himself on specific issues." He added that he local's strike funds have been would support the Socialist Party candidate anydepleted .If the policy of the inway. (Thomas is opposed to having a Socialist ternational is to be carried out it Party candidate for President. An SP convention is almost a certainty that very in Cleveland will decide this question next month.) little help can be expected in the form of strike aid by any member of our union or even by the local

union in the event of strike.

vention will be held in Cleveland beginning April 28. The union's paper predicts a hot fight between the two factions supporting President Emil Rieve and Executive Vice President George Baldanzi.

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THE CIO TEXTILE WORKERS UNION con-

SEN. ESTES KEFAUVER, contender for the Democratic presidenial nomination, told a Cleveland audience last week that he favors "hot pursuit across the Yalu River" after giving the Chinese and Koreans an ultimatum on truce terms and a time limit to accept them. (Daniel Tobin, president of the AFL Teamsters, is backing Kefauver.) * * *

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"AN ANTI-COMMUNIST TERROR is in actual process of development," said Rabbi B. J. Bamberger in a sermon at the West End Synagogue in New York. "Dubious politicians, yellow journalists, ex-Communists who are as unprincipled as they were before they repented, ambitious clerics of various denominations are involved in something less than a holy alliance. They are exercising an unofficial but powerful censorship over radio and television, have badly frightened teachers and professors and are attempting to curtail freedom of expression throughout the country.

- A New Pamphlet -The Jim Crow Murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore

> New Dangers and New Tasks Facing the Negro Struggle

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This means that not only the government, but the boss could decide how the worker is to think, and that not only top union officials but all union committees must meet the purity standards of the boss before he will recognize them. So obvious is the union busting aim of this measure that many of the labor leaders who were anxious to outdo each other in their red baiting drives in the unions have become

alarmed and have been forced to support the stand of a union they helped to throw out of the CIO for being "Communist-domin-Albert T. Lunceford, CIO lead-

er who helped oust the UE from | stroy the organized labor movethe CIO, recognizing that this en- 1 ment.

Miseducation at UAW Parley

fifth national educational con- world-wide revolution going on of peace time." "against the status quo, because Workers today concluded four

struggle, he said, "because the ing up" he decried earlier. the. United States and Canada best collective bargaining agreements you can write will not do communism."

attempt to provide leadership at annual employment. world labor conferences, Reuther admitted, because the workers of know how to organize. We can't

1,250,000 members of the largest union in the world, but only to mental question: "Are you going the economic field!" - Did he disorient the thinking of many to have another depression in propose a break with "the bank-America?" You know how to ers and Big Business and brass have full employment putting hats who have been running the "We've got to work not only on people to work on weapons of world (and look at the mess Detroit Local 600.

the economic front," Reuther said war, they say, but you never they've made of it!)"? Did he "We of the UAW-CIO were not million unemployed, until the at all. trying to patch up the old world," World War gave them work. In cratic rank-and-file militancy of other depression, with 41/2 million get the workers to register and the early days of the organizing

drives. "We were trying . . . to you. build a new world in which people be abolished."

that this is the meaning of the munist Party from the Michigan government witch hunt, the repre- ballot, prohibit "communists" sentative of the U.E., William El- from holding office and impose conin, agreed with Doyle that stiff penalties for sabotage. Anthe union contract should have a other measure requires that every

clause under which the company | member of the Communist Party could discharge an employee who or alleged Communist-front oradvocated the use of force in ganization must register with the State Police if he remains in overthrowing the U.S. government, but according to him, the Michigan longer than 30 days. Failure to register becomes a matter should first be passed on by the security officials of the felony punishable by a fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000, by imprisongovernment. ment of two to ten years, or both.

Unfortunately, the policy of An attempt to extend the above playing along with the witch provisions to "known members of hunt, and then trying to make it stop at a certain point where it begins to threaten even the union Legion" was made by Senator officials will not work. Lack of militant resistance to the government thought control program can only encourage the capitalists

to utilize the witch hunt to weaken, undermine and attempt to de-

THE BALLOT TO PARTIES, AND THEIR MEMBERS, WHO UNDER LAWS ALREADY WRITTEN SHOULD BE IN THE PENITENTIARY?" (Their emphasis). Just as Walter Reuther, presi-

dent of the CIO United Automobile Workers, seized on the House Un-American Activities Committee witch hunt to place an Administrator over Ford Local #600, so too, the Michigan Legislature prepared and tightened another noose to strangle the Bill of Rights.

the Ku Klux Klan and the Black Proof again that the Democratic political darlings of the Robert A. Haggerty (Dem.) but labor leaders do not serve the this effort was fought off by laboring class. Proof again that Senator James M. Teahen Jr. the present labor leaders must be Governor Williams, the darling replaced from top to bottom with of the CIO and AFL labor lead- leaders who will rely on the orers, commented, "While I want to ganized strength of labor to look it over, I see no reason why protect and advance their in-I should not sign it." The Trucks terests.

By Jean Simon ference of the CIO United Auto

days of as expensive and elaborate war." a miseducation as the Reuther leadership could provide. More than 2500 delegates from heard a variety of professors,

spokesmen-and UAW pres. W.

in the afternoons and evenings. Reuther made the keynote speech at the opening session Thursday night on "Planning a Successful Strategy for Peace and

Abundance." He touched on many of the major problems before the Asia, Europe and the rest of the be satisfied until we do in the world keep asking one funda- political field what we've done in

serious rank and filers in attendance, with false answers.

on the political front. . .

Along the same vein, he needs of the people . . . to gear CLEVELAND, April 6 — The asserted that today we see a the resources of war to the needs included the steel strike and civil

Other items Reuther touched rights. The biggest round of ap-

What is his answer? Social- plause came when he announced the status quo means poverty and ism? The organization of society he had pledged Philip Murray, for production for use instead of on behalf of the UAW, their The auto workers must concern profit? - Oh, no! Reuther's complete solidarity and support themselves with this world-wide answer was more of the "patch- if the steel workers are forced to go out on strike.

On the economic front he On civil liberties, Reuther proposes a struggle for a guar- stated, "We must square demopoliticians and government any good in years ahead unless anted annual wage. Now, we know cracy's noble promise" with the you can solve the problems of the employers are not going to reality. This, in view of the recent Reuther-at public mass meetings the world ... of democracy versus pay a guaranteed annual wage actions by the UAW leadership to without work, he added slyly, so decapitate Ford Local 600 and But American labor leaders like they'll see to it that we get what tighten up bureaucratic control of him are embarrassed when they we actually are after, guaranteed the United Auto Workers generally, was the most hypocritical "We

On the political front: remark of his speech. Prelude to the opening session at which Reuther spoke was a meeting Thursday afternoon of presidents of forty UAW locals in Ford plants to give a "vote of confidence" to the international officers in their drive against

Fifty delegates bought copies in his introductory remarks, "but solved the problem of unemploy- propose the organization of an of The Militant to read the front ment. In 1939 you still had nine Independent Labor Party? Not page stories headed "Reuther Praised by Labor Haters for Joining Witch Hunt Purge," and He called for putting steam into he said, appealing to the demo- 1949 you were heading into an- the PAC drive for funds and to "Ford Local Heads Urge Fight on Dictatorship." Fourteen copies of unemployed, until Korea saved vote for capitalist politicians like "The Road to Peace," by James Senators William Benton, Hubert P. Cannon, were sold at the Satur-The task, Reuther recognizes, is | H. Humphrey and Wayne Morse, day night session. So there was needn't go hungry and war could "to find a way to mobilize the who also addressed the educa- some working class education at resources of America for the tional conference sessions.

the conference after all.