Bolivian Leader Defends Revolt In Interview

The following interview with Guillermo Lora, leader of the Revolutionary Workers Party of Bolivia, is reprinted from La Verite, French Trotskyist paper, and took place during his recent stay in Paris.

Lora was elected to the Bolivian front with all the exploited of Parliament in 1947 as a represen- all political tendencies, among tative of the tin miners. In the them the MNR. Our aim is to course of the anti-working class liberate the workers from their repression instituted shortly petty bourgeois leadership. We after by the ultra-reactionary don't believe this can be done pro-imperialist dictatorship which by slander and falsification. struck down innumerable work-Question: What was the nature ers, Lora was arrested and spent of the Junta whose break-up betime in all the concentration came the starting point for the camps of his country. He finally revolution?

succeeded in escaping and made Answer: The government Junta his way to Europe. In addition arose out of a palace maneuver to his intimate knowledge of the of the notorious agent of imsituation in Bolivia, he has been perialism and butcher of the in daily contact with his country workers, Urriolagoitia, who is since the outbreak of the revolunow in Paris. In this way, he · 1. was able to trample on working * * *

class sentiment which defeated Question: The news in the the reaction in the electoral capitalist press on the Bolivian struggle of last year, and he inrevolution is very confusing. Tell stituted a regime in the unconus first, what was the origin of ditional service of imperialism the recent events? and the feudal bourgeoisie.

Answer: The new government headed by Paz Estenssoro grew out of the coup d'etat carried out April 8. Internal struggle was by General Seleme and Torres having fatal effects. At the same Ortiz, government minister and time in recent months the poverty head of the general staff of the of the people was growing worse Junta which had just fallen, and as the result of the Yankee policy which on April 8 ordered the of incorporating the country into occupation of the city of La Paz its war plans. by the national and urban police.

In addition they appealed to the right wing leaders of the MNR to join them in the conspiracy, insisting that this was the sole method of preventing General Sanchez, Minister of Labor, and was further aggravated by the seizing the presidency.

Question: Before proceeding which gives the North Americans tell us about the MNR, which has been characterized by the press direction of the country. and not only the capitalist press

Answer: Yes, the pro-imperial- first steps of the revolutionary ist press has simultaneously period, which today is an instated that the MNR was a disputable reality. fascist party and that the Trot-

in the belief that the MNR would situation? Answer: The Revolutionary achieve the democratic revolution. These American lackeys are Workers Party (POR), Bolivian to write something about where accustomed to falsifying facts section of the Fourth Interna- my case stands now. and to slander. In reality, the tional, which is firmly rooted in MNR is a petty bourgeois party the most important sectors of the which bases itself on the organ- proletariat, has in the course of cause I consider it an honor to izations of the masses. We do recent months undertaken a be asked to write something for fully and effectively their most not believe at all that it can broad political campaign aimed the best socialist paper in this fulfill the fundamental tasks of at the political polarization of the bourgeois democratic revolu- broad sections of the exploited. The second reason is a little tion (destruction of large landed Despite illegality, our program harder to explain. property and national liberation) was publicly issued and at the

and our program states that these same time an appeal was made

The government Junta was seriously disintegrating before

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execution of what is called the technical agreement with the UN, the political and administrative

Set into motion by growing as a fascist or neo-fascist party discontent, the masses took the

Question: What is the attitude skyists supported this movement and the role of our party in this

I gladly accepted the invitation for two reasons. First becountry, and maybe in the world.

NOBODY ASKED ME

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Labor Party in '52 Can Turn Tide of Reaction Steel Union Convention Faces Gravest Crisis in Many Years

By Joseph Keller

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The CIO steel workers meeting in national convention in Philadelphia on May 13 face the gravest crisis since they founded their international union in 1942. The issue before them is this: Will they preserve the independence of the union and enable t to battle freely for their conditions and rights? Or will they continue to be bound to and restrained by the government and its agencies?

For the past six months of the latest contract struggle, this issue has been decided in favor of dependence upon government agencies - with the exception of the brief three-day period, from April 30 to May 3, when the steel workers demonstrated on the picket lines an organized power that momentarily set the corporations back on their heels.

The consequences of the policy of dependence on government favors are a matter of indisputable fact: 1. the government has whittled down the steel workers' original and just demands; 2. government intervention has gained the steel workers not one cent more in wages, but has prevented them from using telling weapon, the strike: 3. the steel workers have been working without a contract for five months while the steel owners have been getting the benefit of their labor



OPPOSITION

New Laws Are Threat **Against Labor**

By Joseph Hansen In response to the clamor of the steel barons, Congress now threatens to pass new anti-labor laws aimed at breaking the backbone of unionism in America. The threat gives fresh urgency to the question, long at the top of the agenda in the mind of every politically-conscious union man, what can the labor movement do about the 1952 elections?

The proposed laws include a ban on industry-wide bargaining, compulsory Taft-Hartley Act injunctions, and even a "plan" pushed by Representative Howard Smith of Virginia, a Democrat, to put both company and union in the "receivership" of a federal court in case of strike, the costs to be imposed 'equally" on company and union.

ANTI-LABOR OFFENSIVE

These anti-labor legislative proposals are not aberrations that can be expected to be forgotten a few weeks after settlement of issues in the steel dispute. They are a logical continuation of the whole drive against democratic rights mounted by Big Business since the end of World War II, a drive that has chalked up such successes for the capitalist class as passage of the Taft-Hartley Act, Truman's 'loyalty" purge, and the nationwide witch hunt. The final objective of this drive, as The Militant has pointed out repeatedly. is the crushing of organized labor as a potential source of resistance to the plans for another world war. Any way you look at it, the developments. General Eisenhower stands a strong chance of hanging his brass hat on the Rieve's keynote address was as capitol dome. As an alternative, classic a confession of bank- Senator Taft, the main author of ing its record and policies as ruptcy as one could hear from the Taft-Hartley Act, threatens responsible for the "gains" of the official labor leadership to- to take over the executive arm of the union, and the Baldanzi op- day, but neither Baldanzi nor government. And the Democrats? position attacking the administra- any of the host of other Social- In the final analysis, what they Democrats-turned-Democrats had have to offer does not differ in a word of criticism of his policies. any essential respect from the Rieve recognized that we have Republican choice of evils. That been going through a "cockeyed was why Truman did his best to economy" - that the military induce General Eisenhower to expenditures have stimulated run under the label of the donkey All the candidates of both instead of placing the blame preparations for another war. where it belongs, on the capital- That means the heavy burden of a guns-not-butter program, redoubled pressure on the unions "As long as there is no realistic the militarization and regimentaattempt to curb the price infla- tion of America, the development enterprises like Korea, eventually the nightmare perspective of a plunge into the full-scale war of atomic destruction.



The Status of My **Fight Against the 'Loyalty' Purge**

By James Kutcher

The Militant asked me if I EVIL CONSEQUENCES had any comment to make about the appeal against my purge that was heard before the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington last month, and if I would care

tasks are the tasks of the prole- to all mass parties, among them tarian revolution in the present the MNR, to organize a common stage. The daily struggle now front in the struggle against allows us to forge a common. (Continued on page 2)

Michigan Police-State Law **Faces Federal Court Tests**

DETROIT, May 5 - Michigan state officials, acting through Attorney General Millard, are still trying to utilize the Trucks Act to get a grand jury witch hunt under way, despite a federal judge's order restraining enforcement of the under the Trucks Act, and an police-state measure. order directing the Secretary of

Millard appeared before circuit State to certify the SWP for the court judges last week and tried Michigan ballot.

to convince them that Judge Meanwhile, the Rev. A. J. Arthur F. Lederle's restraining Muste national secretary of the order does not prevent state Fellowship of Reconciliation, sent police from presenting evidence a letter to FOR group leaders in to get a grand jury investigation Michigan urging them to protest of alleged "subversives" started. the new law and help protect

The circuit court judges, fear- those who come within the scope ing legal difficulties arising out of its provisions.

of the restraining order, again "A number of the provisions of delayed decision on Millard's the Act, such as that 'Competition for a one-man grand munist' or 'subversive' parties jury investigation to prepare in- can be kept off or thrown off dictments against "violators" of the ballot by the simple say-so the Trucks Act. The judges told of the attorney general; the re-Millard that he would have to quirement of wholesale registrapresent more facts. tion by means of a questionnaire

which requires people to give in-

them in defending their

OFFICIALS RESTRAINED

formation about persons who Judge Lederle restrained state have attended classes with them officials from enforcing the new in the past, etc., etc., are, as I law until May 20, when three am sure you agree, shocking," federal judges will begin hear-Muste wrote. ings on a suit brought by the

ASKS SWP SUPPORT Communist Party which seeks to invalidate the law. His letter also noted that the

first victim of the law was the This means that in all probability the courts will hear the Socialist Workers Party, which CP suit before taking action on was barred from the state ballot the court fight prepared by after filing 12,000 signatures on lawyers for the Socialist Workers a petition to get a place on the Party. The SWP is seeking a November ballot for its candideclaratory judgment holding the dates, Farrell Dobbs for Presi-Trucks Act unconstitutional dent and Grace Carlson for Vice under the 14th Amendment, an President. injunction restraining officials "We hope, therefore, that, in from arresting or prosecuting spite of disagreements with the anyone for failure to register Socialist Workers Party, every-



Nobody asked me to say anyto maintain and even increase thing at the court hearing in profits. The net result of all the gov-

Washington on April 10 - all ernment actions - wage board the talking was confined to lawyers and judges. My case has hearings and delays, presidential now become a legal and constitu- seizures and court injunctions to tional issue, in which no part halt wage boosts - has been to seems to be played by me or by delay and deny wage gains to the the Veterans Administrator who with the Newark VA or by the unforeseeable outcome. CIO Steel- days of the bitterest struggle for fight for power. Attorney General who drew up the "subversive" blacklist that certainly has not been in total CIO convention, also held here, was used against me or by the Testifying before the Senate President who told the Attorney Labor and Public Welfare Com-General to draw up the blacklist. mittee, April 23, in Washington, I am not objecting to discussion of my case as a constitutional his union has had some painful issue; in fact, that is what I want and have worked for ever since I was fired. But sometimes, agencies. "We did not want to go danzi opposition from all top Washington in December, to when I read the cold briefs or 1951," he said. "This union has listen to the impersonal arguhad enough of panels and boards DELEGATES DISAPPOINTED ment of abstract law and fine and tribunals. The process of constitutional points, I get the strange feeling that I am only

an observer rather than a participant in this fight, and I get an impulse to cry out, "You're forposition before a strike has even getting something - remember that there is a human being involved in this," and then tell them Yet he did. in plain language what I think

about the whole business.

By Art Preis

the Tokyo Nippon Times about

Japan's return to "independence"

on April 28. The chief Far

Eastern correspondent of the

Christian Science Monitor, Henry

"Somehow there was an al-

most ominous under current of

Perhaps he suggested, the Japan-

WORKERS DEMONSTRATE

ese masses were "saving their

added a note of uneasiness:

pected to march."

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rejoicing for happier days" such than 400 May Day rallies, re-

as Emperor Hirohito's birthday ported Oland D. Russell, Scripps-

on April 29 "for more boisterous Howard staff writer in Tokyo.

tion of U.S. arms.

And "boisterous" is hardly an

S. Hayward, reported from Tokyo appropriate word for the gigantic attention between the Emperor,

that "the Japanese man in the militant and bitter demonstra- symbol of their hated native

street was apathetic." Hayward tions that swept the country in ruling class of monopoly capital-

Japan while under the domina- American, in uniform or civilian

ican occupation of Japan under the U.S. military, who have been

lion people turned out for more Japanese rulers in power.

the guise of a "security" treaty strutting it over the Japanese

dress.

The demonstrators divided their

DEMAND YANKS LEAVE

WORKERS CONVENTION

By Jean Simon industry has caused widespread real upsurge in the ranks capable suffering in textile communities of ousting the administration 1952 legislative brew looks poi-CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 3 The CIO Textile Workers Union throughout the country," the were dissipated by Baldanzi's sonous for labor. But there are steel workers for six months. It yesterday concluded its seventh chief preoccupation of the union failure to raise any fundamental even more ominous political fired me from my clerical job cannot be said this is a wholly biennial convention, ending five leadership was with its factional differences with Rieve. BANKRUPT POLICIES

workers President Philip Murray union control since the national Issues in the fight were limited to organizational questions, with ignorance of the likely results purged a number of international the Rieve administration defendunions several years ago. The sole achievement at the convention was the re-election of Murray reminded the senators that Emil Rieve as president of the 400,000-member union, and the tion as "dictatorial," bureaucratic experiences with government elimination of the George Bal- and politically corrupt.

Rank and file delegates attending meetings of the Rieve caucus posts in the organization. neard testimony of members from

various locals as to the "arro-"demagogy" and goon- heavy goods industries and result- instead of the elephant. Rank and file delegates who gance," going to a Board has, in the came to Cleveland hoping to squad methods of Baldanzi. The ed in a slump in consumers goods experience of this union, been a discuss proposals for dealing opposition caucus heard similar industries, such as textiles. But major parties are committed to method of forcing the union to with life and death problems charges about Rieve. accept a compromise of its facing the union returned home While the Baldanzi caucus benefited from a genuine dis- ist war economy, he arrived at completely disappointed. While

begun. We did not want to go resolutions were passed noting content with the ineffectiveness this dilemma: that "more than 150,000 textile of the policies of the union leaderthrough that process again." workers are unemployed and ship in coping with the problems Murray added: "On each of the hundreds of thousands more are of unemployment and competi- tion caused by defense expen- of a police state, possibly other Of course I cannot do such a previous occasions when we went working on curtailed schedules" tion with unorganized southern ditures, I see very little hope of and that "the depression in the mills, any tendencies toward a (Continued on page 3)

seriously."

ROUGH YEAR AHEAD

Thus the facts would seem to pear out the pessimistic conclusion of one of Philip Murray's fairhaired boys, Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union. In the May 1 Pilot. he begins his column: "This year promises to be a rough political year. .

Rough indeed. Just where can labor turn in this crucial year? What can be done to safeguard labor's vital interests?

was Curran's answers to these quesions merit attention since they indicate prevailing opinion among the top leaders of the CIO. First, he considers the Republicans. "No worker with any common sense can support the present potential candidates of the Republican party," he declares. So far so good.

A. Philip Randolph, president of DEMOCRATS NO BETTER

the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Now what about the Demo-Porters, were to speak. Both crats? Curran dismisses Senator were forced to flee the platform. Kefauver as "weak on the question of civil rights, and many American military command in troops be sent home," reported the Dai Ichi building where the mood for apologetics for U.S. other domestic questions of great imperialism even when it is dishimportance." He doubts (Continued on page 2)

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out the country some three mil- years and who have kept the old and civilians off the streets. According to one report, 10 uniformed Americans reported for treatment of minor injuries. "Most Party leader Norman Thomas and

One column of thousands Americans had to duck inside The climax of these demonstra- marched on Prime Minister buildings," reported Barrett. tions took place in the capital Shigeru Yoshida's residence, while American personnel were city Tokyo, seat of the Emperor "where it milled about shouting kept long after closing hours and headquarters city for the 'puppet' and demanding that U.S. behind the huge bronze doors of The Japanese workers are in no Japan has seen few quieter the Far East. There, according Russell. This column continued Far East Command headquarters days in the past two decades than to Japanese press and police on to the Imperial Palace of the are maintained. Some 50 U.S.

Millions Demonstrate in Japan on May Day the occasion of the Emperor's estimates cited by Russell, be- "sacred" Emperor. They three cars were reported burned or "Never in history will people fifty-first natal day. But 48 hours tween 250,000 and 350,000 demon-times charged a cordon of three damaged near Gen. Ridgway's have regained their sovereignty later - May Day - the Japanese strators, many of them armed thousand police, according to with so little show of joy as is workers demonstrated that they with clubs, stones and pointed George Barrett, N. Y. Times downtown headquarters. with so little show of joy as is to be noted in Japan now," said the Takyo Ninpon Times about the treaty of so-called "peace" hours, shouting "Go home Damn almost broke through to the While "many occupation cars

were stoned," reported Russell of and "sovereignty" imposed on Yankee!" whenever they saw an inner palace. In this battle, the Scripps - Howard, one American girl actually "drew a few cheers Scripps-Howard report said, the

> in an open car through one threatening group." She wearing a red sweater."

> > The angry demonstration resulted in possibly seven deaths, 1,026 police, according to the May 2 N. Y. World-Telegram. It started as a labor rally of nearly 400.000 at Meiji Shrine Park. where two Americans, Socialist

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Workers Control Asked in Bolivia The American

By George Breitman May Day in Bolivia, three cabinet.

weeks after the revolution that STRONG OPPOSITION overthrew the pro-Washington

military dictatorship in that country, provided additional proof to the surface more of the difof the continuing conflict be- ferences between the Paz govtween the workers, whose mili- ernment and the labor movement tancy made the revolution suc- and led Edward A. Morrow, cessful, and the new government, N. Y. Times correspondent in La As last week's Militant showed in detail, the MNR leaders political and economic objectives." (President Victor Paz Estenssoro (All quotations in this article by Senor Lechin's organization recommendations - maybe in tin mines. However, they are printed in the U.S.)

under powerful pressure to carry Morrow mentions three maniout this and other measures of festos issued on May Day. One, social transformation from the published by the MNR paper, En anti-imperialist masses, still Marcha, "strongly attacked the armed with 10,000 rifles and ma- position of Communists in this us an example that, when the wanted. chine guns and a resurgent labor | country." A second was issued movement (Central Organization by the Stalinist Left Revoluof Bolivian Workers), led by tionary Party (PIR). But it was Juan Lechin, Minister of Mines the third, printed in Rebellion,

STEEL WORKERS FACE WORST CRISIS IN YEARS

(Continued from page 1) | and fighting power of the workbefore government tribunals, ers.

those tribunals recommended | How quickly then a federal apwhat they regarded to be a peals court reversed Judge Pine's reasonable compromise of the order restraining the government issues. . . When we accepted from putting wage increases into fighting for 'true democracy.'" program immediately if it wantthose recommendations and the effect. But then Murray respondindustry refused to accept them, ed to Truman's demand that he as it uniformly did, we were call off the strike; he sent the their crimes from the American would go with it, he declared." placed in the unfortunate and men back, not even fixing a new difficult position of being asked strike deadline. Once more the spies which functions under the seems to be a friendly warning ploited sections of the middle volve the reactionary elements to compromise away the recom- pressure was relieved from the mended compromises.' corporations and government.

What has it cost the steel Within hours of Truman's hint workers for a policy over the that he might put some pay years that has put them in a award into effect, his own handposition of having to compromise picked and packed Supreme Court on their already whittled - down ruled he could not raise wages demands? Murray told the while the seizure issue was under Senators that too. "At this review, with a decision possibly moment, despite the seizure, the weeks off.

Steelworkers of America are still DISASTROUS POLICY receiving 1950 wages and pay-Murray has said that so long ing 1952 prices.

as Truman's fake seizure is in "In rubber, auto, meat packeffect he will not call a strike ing, and almost every other "against the government." This major industry the workers have means that if the court upholds Steelworkers . . . they and their will accept it. The consequence families. almost alone in Amerwould be disastrous for the ica, still today have received nothing, absolutely nothing."

IMPORTANT EXAMPLE

Murray omitted one important that the steel workers will get machine politicians. With that won benefits that the steel workbut haven't. He forgot the coal promise down the WSB terms.

and Petroleum in the MNR the new paper of the Central regime is "the last bulwark intentions to keep the groups of scored a victory when they Organization of Bolivian Work- against Communism in this coun- the extreme Left under close "forced" the government to order ers, that most "disturbed" diplo- try" promised the MNR would control" are not being carried Raby's expulsion from the govmatic observers because it was not "toy with orthodox Marxist out with complete success. "more Communist" than the doctrines" and in other ways Rertram W. Baby, Britis The May Day events brought

Stalinist manifesto showed what Morrow terms "the government's intentions to keep FOR WORKERS' CONTROL the groups of the extreme Left "The Communists called for nationalization of the mines and which is dominated by the con- Paz, to conclude that Paz ap- railroads, without indemnity, in REJECTS LABOR'S VIEWS servative leaders of the National peared to be "facing a strong the shortest possible time. The Paz has not dared to come out Revolutionary Movement (MNR). and constantly increasing opposi- labor unions' official paper used against nationalization, and has tion to his comparatively mild these demands only as a jumping announced that a commission will off point. The program outlined be set up to study it and to make

and Vice President Hernan Siles are from the Times May 2, 3 called for workers' control over six months. Lechin on the other Zuazo) are fundamentally pro- and 4 dispatches by Morrow, production, general wage and hand insisted that no more than Day, his home was stoned, and that the Bolivian workers, armed capitalist in outlook and reluctant whose reports on Bolivia are the salary increases, expulsion of 'the one month was needed. In the he moved into the British Em- and determined to fight for their to nationalize the foreign-owned fullest and most revealing of any Yankee mission,' a state mo- interview, Siles repeated the Paz bassy. A delegation of workers own interests, still have a way of nopoly over foreign and domestic formula for delaying action, visited the administrator of the asking for things that the gov-atom-god. commerce and an agrarian revo- adding that the commission "will railway on May 2, demanding lution."

Discussing nationalization, Re- tions but foreign views on the the country. The administrator bellion declared: "Iran has given matter," no matter what Lechin "offered to refer the case to the

workers mass in defense of their He also rejected Rebellion's to hear of such action. They proper interests, there is no demand for nationalization with- demanded that Mr. Raby issue power, human or divine, that can out indemnity: "Nationalization his resignation." resist them. . . We do not have to is not the same as confiscation." pay any more silver to those im- Of the demand for workers' conperialist enterprises who have trol of production, he haughtily

robbed us." It advocated that "the commented: "They can ask for greater confidence in their own too, can write a new chapter in to an altitude of 35,000 feet, tin mines should pass to the state many things but the government direct action than in the govern- the world-wide history of the was, from the point of view of for administration by the people will decide what is good for the ment. Morrow reports that they struggle against imperialism. who work them.' country."

WORLD SOLIDARITY had been differences with Lechin

denounced U.S. imperialism and but "could not confirm a report expressed solidarity with the that the mine leader had offered anti-imperialist "Korean, Indo- his resignation." Chinese, Egyptian and Morrocan He said it was "foolish and

Siles also admitted that there

'warriors for independence' and silly" for Lechin to threaten that with the satellite states who are the government had to fulfill its imperialism. Our party didn't tion of the UN agreement. It charged that the Bolivian reac-ed to stay in power. "Should the have any illusions about petty fensive against the POR whose invisible hands. tionaries "had cooperation in all Government fall, Senor Lechin bourgeois anti-imperialism but influence was growing daily in Military Mission, a band of FBI On the surface, this remark assisting the workers and ex- big mineowners sought to in- isphere has changed into a flow- in Africa, to prepare to defend direction of the American Em- to Lechin and the labor movement

Speaking to the May Day that they had better stick with classe road. bassy.' marchers, Lechin said "it was It might also be a veiled threat The central slogans put forfoolish to think the revolution that the Paz wing of the MNR ward by our party were: 1. was ended by the taking of the will join with the mineowners and Restoration of the constitution Presidential Palace. 'It has only begun.' he asserted."

of the Paz-Siles wing of the regime with a workers and 1951 election. 2. Struggle for the MNR, and Siles hastened to state peasant government. that clearly in an interview

granted to Morrow. Making a THE RABY INCIDENT clear bid for conciliation with Another incident of the week tion of the masses against im-

an object of hatred "because he servers looked on his expulsion under close control." had attacked Bolivian workers

cording to Morrow) - that is, representatives of imperialism. because he was a symbol of fornationalized. On the Sunday before May fairly trivial, but it illustrates

not only study internal condi- Raby's immediate departure from grant even though it does not

and the labor movement will have government. The workers refused to have a showdown over their different ideas of what is "good for the country." Properly led, the Bolivian workers and pea-

FORCE GOVT. TO ACT Apparentily these workers had and have the power to put it out

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In other articles Rebellion on some questions in the cabinet, BOLIVIAN LEADER DEFENDS **REVOLUTION IN INTERVIEW**

of the mines, and for the abroga

ernment finds itself forced to

Sooner or later the government

sants, who put the MNR in office

really think them good.

ernment as an

Bertram W. Raby, British per- alien." Raby and his family flew

sonnel director of the Anto- out of Bolivia "under British Em-

"undesirable

The reaction unleashed an ofit was keenly interested in the left wing of the MNR. The classes on to the revolutionary of this petty bourgeois party in grow out of the mass." a struggle against the "com-

munist" parties. The bulk of the of the atomic era, with a halo GOD OF DOOM attack was directed against the of petals, an idol carved by the tion.

The subversive movement of the ninth of April was no surprise for our party and occurred "miracles" at Nagasaki and Hiro- It will be a two-way atomic as we had foreseen in our shima. theoretical analysis. democratic rights. 4. Mobiliza-

Washington, Siles said the Paz showed that "the government's perialism, for the nationalization (To Be Concluded Next Week) warlords, whose plans for World



Their New God!

fagasta Bolivian Railway, was bassy protection." Diplomatic ob-Humanity from its infancy has knelt in worship before the mysterious forces of nature which determined life "as a dire portent of what may and questioned their worth" (ac- come" - to the other hated and death, but could not be explained.

We have had sun-gods and Siles said: "They can ask for rain-gods; men have prayed to War III have aroused the hatred eign exploitation of the industries many things but the government inanimate pieces of clay molded and fear of the world's peoples, the Bolivian workers want to be will decide what is good for the by their own hands and endowed turn to the new mysticism to justify their course. Confronted country." The Raby incident is with supernatural power. But it remains for the Amer- with the increasing power of the

ican imperialists to sanctify the rising revolutionary forces of most destructive death-force, the Asia, Europe, Africa and South power of "one hundred suns," the America, the atom-priests stage their atomic spectacles in an effort to instill confidence among

The macabre new religion of the American people in U.S. the Pentagon was expressed in prospects. They call upon the new a liturgical ode to the atom by Messiah to help them cheat the N. Y. Times correspondent Wilinexorable historical process of liam L. Laurence, who sang the revolution. following psalm to the new sa-"What today's test meant, at

vior after the April 22 atomleast to this observer." wrote bomb explosion at Yucca Flat: Laurence, "was that in fashion-"The mushroom in today's ing these new atomic weapons. blast, which rose in five minutes

respondent has seen.

(we) made the equivalent of great armies of men to offset the numerical superiority possymmetry and proportion, the sessed by the Communist namost perfect of all five this cortions."

What the atom-worshippers "It was a sculptor's dream, a neglect to tell the American peogigantic hemisphere of white ple, as they prostrate themselves before the "flower-faced" atommarble streaked with many colors of delicate hue, suspended god, is that each demonstrative display of atomic power staged ors of delicate hue, suspended kept changing in form at a by the Big Brass, repels the breathless pace. It was like watch- world's peoples, and multiplies ing a planet in the act of being the armies of the anti-imperialborn in space, being molded by ist forces on every continent. Yucca Flat was another lesson, "Slowly, imperceptibly, in a telling the people of Asia, the

sort of dream sequence, the hem- workers of Europe, the oppressed er-like face of many petals that themselves against the powerdrunk madmen of Wall Street.

Here we have the New Lord

And the atom-worshippers also Pulacayo Resolution which is the hands of an invisible sculptor. forget, in their transports of worprogram of the 'Miners' Federa- This beauteous god proved his ship of the new supernatural power to be even more terrify- force they hope will save their ing than that of all the gods doomed system, that this "flowwho came before him, by the er" grows in other lands.

> war. And prayers will not change Like all gods, this one serves the deadly impartiality of the a special purpose. The American new demon of destruction.

-Joseph Andrews

long since received wage in-creases in excess of those recom-mended by the Board for the the seizure, but denies the gov-enment's power to change wages and working conditions, Murray Labor Party Can Stem Reaction 7/2 MULTANT ARMY

(Continued from Page 1) union. On the other hand, a ruling capacity of the Wall Street

ith any possibility of getting

giving the administration power figure, Averill Harriman, to "rise to raise wages will not mean above" the Democratic party All the pressure, all the weight "There are no other candidates ers should have gained long ago, is now on the union to com- on the scene at the present time office? And end up four years war of atomic destruction. Or The victories may be modest befrom now trying to persuade an labor enters politics as the

and enact FEPC legislation with The issue is inescapable: Either Republicans. Second, organizateeth in it? And another promise we leave government a monopoly tion of a Labor Party. A start for Militant subscriptions is well rolling in at a steady pace. to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act? in the hands of a tinv, profit- can be made right now by getting under way this week with Oak-And will this Truman or a mad clique of multi-billionaires. ready to put union representareasonable facsimile thereof give That means continuation of the tives on the ballot this fall. example of a union which has the WSB's full recommendations. he comes to the end of the list. us bigger and bloodier Koreas? suicidal course that is heading More taxes? More corruption in America straight toward a global union political victories in 1952.

Such a course will assure cause of the

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The West Coast competition they expect to keep the subs

B. W. of New Haven writes to land way out ahead tell us that "the Yale Students



other Bolivian forces of reaction of the country through the formato crush the masses if they should tion of an MNR government, This, of course, is not the view attempt to replace the Paz which obtained a majority in the improvement of wages and working conditions. 3. Struggle for

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mediately backed against the wall — with no government be-tween to stave off the pressure

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TOUNGSTOWN

miners. They have given the most The profits-fat corporations can the Democratic party nominaimpressive demonstrations of just sit tight, rake in their pro- tion, and it appears now that how to win union demands by fits as usual and fly the U.S. President Truman cannot be drafted."

Iron'Age, organ of the steel On the basis of these premises. When, following Federal Judge industry, on May 7 reported that the conclusion seems obvious: We Pine's ruling that Truman could Truman feels impelled to "achieve can no longer postpone organizing not "seize" the steel plants and a settlement" in advance of a a labor party and putting genuine raise wages, the steel workers at Supreme Court review of Judge labor candidates in office. long last went on strike, the Pine's ruling against the steel But Curran finds at hand a relationship of forces changed in seizure. It intimated that Tru- host of reasons for not shaking 24 hours. The workers felt, and man might in addition to giving loose from the dead hand of the correctly, that the issue lay in the companies a price increase of capitalist political machines. "If their own strong hands where it considerable dimensions, try to there was one labor movement

THE DOLLAR PATRIOTS

induce Murray to "shade his and labor unity on the political The companies were almost im- stand on the Wage Stabilization front, plus the independent Board recommendations." farmers and small business people, it would be possible to think in terms of a third party. But For all their hulabaloo about this unity does not exist, and any the so-called seizure, the steel effort to talk third party this companies do not consider year would, without doubt, split seizure the vital issue, except as the progressive forces and throw newspaper and radio propaganda. the election to the reactionary

They have their eye on the ball Republicans. . " There, without - the dollars-and-cents issue, doubt, is political imagination wages, prices and profits. U.S. boldly arousing independent Steel, in its initial petition to farmers, small business people the courts, asked only for a and the labor movement to united restrainer on any wage in- action!

creases. Judge Pine had to prod

the U.S. Steel lawyers to request LOST IN FOG restrainer on seizure also. Caught without a candidate, Bethlehem Steel's attorney lost in a political fog, our pilot Bruce Bromley, explaining the nevertheless keeps the ship anxiety of the companies to seek steady as she goes. "Our part is high court review, said they clear. Our Union, as in the past, 'decided not to wait for the must raise its share of PAC DOLLARS and help during the Government to appeal . . . beause delay might afford an Election period to get out the vote." Vote for what? "Whatever pening for action to be taken changing employment condicandidate is nominated" by the Democrats, concludes Curran. It is generally believes, how unsight

Whatever candidate" ever, that if Truman had wanted and unseen.

o put the WSB wage recommend-A more optimistic attitude stick, he would have done so the pundits of the AFL bureauright at the start. Whatever his cracy. Looking over the grave sight. intentions, the steel corporations political situation, the editors of had little to fear from him. If the AFL News-Reporter (April their demands they had other pronouncement, "1952 can be an-

agencies of government at their other 1948." The latter is already working on labor vote can be decisive in 1952 go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

wages regardless of any Supreme of the AFL "and their families more years before the case is

workers. They can conduct an will be another 1948." independent fighting struggle

ment restraints like the railmen. form to safeguard civil liberties again.)

back to 1948 and go through the 1952 that no blindfold can hide. ment of a portending nationwide past four years all over again. There is humor no doubt in the mittee and the AFL Labor's AFL and CIO, but the consequences of such politics are

courtroom, I thought to myself:

One thing you need when you go

but the whole question of government power in the age of the of the capitalist system.

anti-labor general to take over? decisive force it really is. That and delay up to now, but even The AFL bureaucrat-politicians means a labor government for modest victories could change the deserve a big hand for bestirring America, the kind of government whole political atmosphere over themselves in such exemplary we must have if we are to win night. Everyone, for instance, fashion and coming up with such enduring peace and security, a would interpret the appearance an ingenious solution to the government of the workers and of the first union representatives ominous political crisis facing farmers. There is no other in the Senate and House of labor: namely, to turn the clock alternative. That is the reality of Representatives as the announce-

The CIO Political Action Com- landslide for labor. They would interpret it that farce staged by the heads of the League for Political Education way because such a political One of the reasons for this, he insist that they want to get out landslide is already long overdue writes, is that he is on vacation

the vote in 1952. Good. Let's bei in America. It has only been now, and is going out every day. grim. What they are juggling is practical about it. To get out the the blind, stupid and cowardly not simply a political hot potato vote you have to offer something politics of the top union bureauworth voting for. crats that has prevented Amer-

That means two things: First, ican labor from coming into its paign reads as follows: atom bomb and the death agony an end to signing blank checks own on the political field long made out to the Democrats or before now.

THE PRESENT STATUS OF MY CASE

(Continued from page 1) Yes, I thought last month, a started howling that the Truman thing in a courtroom - the man must have cast-iron patience administration was invading the when he goes to court. sacred rights of private property judges would think it highly im-Since then, however, I have with its strikebreaking "seizure" proper and maybe even conmodified this opinion. A lot seems of the steel plants.

temptuous. Anyhow, that is the to depend on who you are. It WHO WILL DECIDE

second reason why I am glad to took me almost four years to I still have a good deal to say accept The Militant's invitation. bring my case to its present about the Circuit Court hearing, As I sat in the Washington stage. But it seemed to take the the briefs submitted by the steel corporations only about lawyers on my side and the four days to take its case much lawyers for the government, the to court is patience. I was fired further, right up to the Supreme brief submitted by the American Court.

in August, 1948, almost four Civil Liberties Union as a friend high gear on our sub campaign. Why is there such a difference? | of the court, the question asked years ago. I began the fight to Today, May Day, the opening day clear my name and the name of It is not because the steel by the judges, etc., and I will of our campaign the seven enmy party of the "disloyal" corporations have better lawyers write about these matters in a closed subs were brought in. This than mine, who are not only men subsequent article. Meanwhile, I stigma they pinnned on us the is only a token of things to come day after I got the letter notify- of ability, but of devotion to want to fininsh here by saying "Here is a list of the five ing me that I was on the purge principle so strong that they are this:

teams and their stewards: Camlist. I had finally reached the ready to champion unpopular My case has entered the nextpus Campaigners led by Doris; stage where the Circuit Court of causes. Is it because the steel to-the-last stage in the complicatations into effect, and make them than that of Curran is taken by Appeals was considering my barons have a lot of money? ed legal process, and sooner or Debs Banner Bearers, Larry; North Side Tornadoes, Pauline; case. And yet the end was not in That is not supposed to carry later the courts will rule on my Lavender Hill Mob, Wally; and weight with the judges. Is it be- appeal. What they say will be the Portland Promoters, Ralph.

The lawyers told me that the cause they have great political very important, not only to me Larry is the high scorer at the power? The judges are supposed but to all other Americans whose Circuit Court might take anyhe did not immediately agree to 23) come up with the cheerful where from six weeks to six to be politically impartial. Or is rights ef political dissent are present time and his team is also months to hand down their deci- it, as socialists have long con- closely connected with mine and ahead. The winning team will be sion. Assuming that there is no tended, because under capitalism, who cannot exercise their rights honored at a social on June 7, a

disposal, the courts and Congress. By this they mean that the further hitch, the case will then property rights (the issue in the freely so long as mine are insteel case) are regarded as more fringed. But important as the special legislation to prevent the as it was in 1948. That is, with What will that take — another important than democratic rights courts' ruling will be in my case, government from raising steel some "ifs." "If" all the members year? That might mean five or and the political rights of work- it will not be decisive.

ing class parties (the issue in It will not be decisive because and their friends and their finally decided. (When I talk my case)? in the final analysis it is up to The steel workers have before friends' families carry the word about a hitch, I am referring to At any rate, one fact is sure: the American people themselves

them a choice of going the road to more people, if they all the possibility that the Circuit When the Truman administration to decide if their democratic of the coal miners or the railroad register and vote this year, 1952 Court or the Supreme Court usurped the power to start a traditions will be maintained or might decide to send the case "loyalty" purge, the courts let destroyed. With all due respect Carry what "word"? Vote for back to a lower body, and then things proceed at a slow and to the courts, it will be the peo-

ike the miners or they can sink who and what? Is Truman going we would have to go through the leisurely pace, altogether dif- ple and not the judges who will deeper into the bog of govern- to run again? On another plat- whole long process all over ferent from their behavior when decide if this country will become the corporations and the press' a police state.

so far for the prize the political views of the paper. of one week's vaca- Moreover it found the first few tion at Mountain issues of its subscription so informative on civil rights cases Spring Camp, is Frank K., who will that it voted to suggest to other be remembered by SDA chapters that they subscribe Militant readers as for that reason and to send the

one of the outstanding salesmen suggestion to the SDA paper." in last spring's national competi-Many thanks to B. T. of Schenectady, New York, and to tion. Frank is responsible for J. K. of San Francisco for \$1 482 points of Oakland's score. donations sent in with their Militant renewals.

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Make America Civilized

The outburst of anti-American sentiment in May Day demonstrations throughout the world found its obverse expression inside America — complaints of the capitalist press about the "hate America" slogans carried by the millions of demonstrators.

The most superficial explanation offered by the capitalist editorial hacks for this world-wide opposition to America is that it was all "Communist inspired." Some, realizing that this "explanation" actually explains nothing since there must be real grounds for such an explosion of feeling, talk about "xenophobia" (hatred of foreigners) or the continued existence in the post-war world of pressing economic and social problems which beset the masses.

if the fault migh not lie in America itself.

Not so long ago it was the Nazis who were the object of world hatred. And in the not too distant past America was regarded as the great hope of the world, as the friend of the oppressed and the haven of the persecuted.

How did America happen to lose this enviable posiprogram. tion and fall heir to the role of the Nazis as the world's most hated force. Emperor

We need not search far for the answer. In the minds of the teeming masses abroad, America took up the Nazi dignitaries celebrated Constitua strations on a "few thousand objective - conquest of the world. And the evidence sup- tion Day - anniversary of the porting this conclusion is only too plain.

The Truman Administration has done everything in Japanese people's throats. The its power to maintain every reactionary dictatorship from Imperial Plaza, where hundreds the bloodthirsty Chiang Kai-shek of China and Syngman of thousands had demonstrated Rhee of Korea to the unspeakable fascist butcher Franco of Spain. Throughout the colonial world Washington has armed and financed all the old colonial despots from the the national police reserve . . Dutch in Indonesia to the French in Indo-China and the Japan's embryo Army," reported British in Malaya. In Japan it maintained the Mikado and in Germany restored the backers of the Nazis.

Wherever you see an oppressed people desperately struggling for freedom there you see American arms and American dollars rushed to the aid of the oppressors.

Above all, the colonial people are aware of the whole gigantic effort of the Truman Administration to build the most terrible military force in world history. They are not stupid. They look at the desolate waste of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and understand that a power capable of such deeds will not hesitate to use the atom bomb on them too.

These are the main reasons why the masses of the world reject America, abhor its aims and demand that it withdraw its occupation troops, get out of their lands and leave them in peace to work out their own problems.

For our part, we believe that right and justice are on the side of the demonstrators who have voiced their opinion of America's current foreign policy. It is high time to heed this opinion, to take the power of government out of the hands of conquest-minded Big Business and make America civilized.

Ceylon Govt. Tries to Rig Election BOOK VIEWS MID-EAST

weekly of the LSSP, warned: 1950 election lists have now been | that such documents could be Fearful of being kicked out of "Ruse and subterfuge, inter- "certified" as the basis for the supplied by "few of the illiterate May 1952 elections.

power in the general elections ference and intimidation, bribery scheduled for May 22, the United and corruption are being used By this "regulation" almost a National Party (UNP), the ruling and will increasingly be used to party of the Ceylonese capital- reduce the exercise of the vote to Indian origin who had been listed cynically, "Ceylonese officials sts, is striving with might and a gigantic farce."

The Samasamajist charged at tions. The latest move is to dis- the time that the UNP govern- thousands of others who now find the 1950 election lists contain the main to rig and steal these elecfranchise almost a quarter of ment had "revised" election lists. it impossible to get their names names of less than 8,000 voters a million voters of Indian origin, "The names of thousands of on the election registers.

the great bulk of whom are tea citizens have been removed from INDIANS DISFRANCHISED and rubber plantation workers. the electoral lists, while phantom The disfranchisement of the The main threat to the UNP names have appeared on them to and capitalist rule in Ceylon feed the machines of impersona- Indian voters was accomplished comes from the largest mass tion." Furthermore, the dis- in 1950 by the simple device of opposition party, the Lanka Sama credited and bankrupt UNP gov-Samaja Party (LSSP), Ceylonese ernment resolved last January to evidence of ancestry and cer- was especially "to have 1950 revolutionary socialists who are steal the elections by "amending" tificates of birth and Ceylonese registers in the so-called 'Indian affiliated with the Fourth In- the Ceylon electoral law which residence," explained the N.Y. constituencies,' thereby preventrequires that each year's registra- Times correspondent from New ing even those who may now get ternational.

As far back as Jan. 31 of this tion must be certified that very Delhi on April 23. The same citizenship from exercizing the year, the Samasamajist, English same year. Instead of this the Times cable then goes on to add vote."



| fifteen thousand carefully screen-(Continued from page 1) ed persons listened silently to ed out as a "socialist" and "labor" speeches.

Japanese officials, apologizing Two days after this gigantic obsequiously to their U.S. anti-occupation demonstration, Hirohito, Premier masters, sought to put the blame Yoshida and other Japanese for the anti-occupation demon-Communists." Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway called the May First constitution that Gen. MacArthur demonstration "clearly of alien wrote and stuffed down the inspiration."

It was indeed of "alien inspiration" - but not the "aliens" two days before, now "bristled Ridgway would imply. The with more than five thousand Japanese people, especially the workers, have been inspired to police plus 500 members of resistance by the alien, foreign U.S. conquerors who have been in control of their country and the Christian Science Monitor, are preparing to turn it into a while "an orderly crowd of about

war base against China and the Soviet Union. Within the past few weeks here have been two general. strikes in Japan against an antisubversive bill, patterned on U.S. models, which would give the government power to disband any organization it held to be "subversive." Under this bill, the Japanese capitalists plan to sup-Stalinist. U.S. WAR BASE



His political perspective for the

a minority in Congress. . ."

"Frankly, I do not see any hope

"But this doesn't mean we

should let the election go by

"It won't be easy to get

"No matter who the candidates

NORMAN THOMAS



YOSHIDA

airfields, railroads." The treaty provision for "continued use of bases' in Japan by American forces after the peace treaty' will cause "much irritation," says Baldwin. He also points to "the virtually extraterritorial rights that the treaty bestows upor United States forces. . .' words "extraterritorial The rights" alone suggest the role press and destroy the labor Japan is intended to play - a unions, which are largely non- role like the one western im-

perialists tried to impose on China. Thus, says Baldwin, the Japanese people face "a period Hanson W. Baldwin, N. Y. when Japan is free, yet not free; Times military analyst, com- a period during which American menting April 29 on the Japanese troops must remain in Japan, peace treaty, reminds us that despite the frictions their Japan is still being retained by presence is certain to inspire." the U.S. as its "privileged sanc- The Japanese have shown they tuary" for mounting the war in won't accept such freedom - to Korea, including "extensive use remain in their prison of foreign would be "friendly" to the of Japanese facilities - ports, military occupation.

(Indian) laborers on the tea and

rubber plantations." In addition, quarter of a million voters of the Times correspondent admits on the 1949 rolls have been were slow in processing Indian deprived of their vote along with applications." As a consequence The author of this book, Ray Brock, for 15 years a roving cor respondent in the Middle East, of Indian origin. Out of a total remarks correctly that scores of Indian population in Ceylon of millions inhabiting this "two mil-800,000, these 8,000 are the only lon square land mass" are "going ones who will be permitted to the way of the Far East with cast a ballot in the May elections. terrifying velocity." But this linking of the titanic liberation-As the LSSP correctly charged demanding that "they furnish | months ago the game of the UNP ist movement of Arab and Asian peoples is not the main theme Brock develops. He fears it, hates it and denigrates it. In his eyes 'nearly 50 million peoples in one of the most dangerous areas on earth are within a touch of mass

hysteria and murder." This electoral fraud was too After reducing the beginnings raw for Nehru's government to wallow and New Delhi lodged of the greatest social revolutionary upheaval in the Middle official protest against this sfranchisement of "people of East to ndian origin" many of whom murder," Brock is naturally unhad settled in Ceylon "for able to see in Arab and Moslem CARROT-CLUB POLICY generations." New Delhi's protest nationalism anything more than was rejected by the UNP. "a glaring weakness and a grave danger." He denounces national-

USING "RED" SCARE

ism as "erosive," "disruptive," Among the alibis cited by the "fanatical," "Frankenstein mon-Ceylonese capitalists (and ap-| ster," and the like. And he tops provingly reported by the Times' all this off by pretending to see bination with the club (support correspondent) is that the UNP in it primarily the handiwork of "is not eager to have the Indians the Kremlin and its agents who they are") - "for the West must vote because Communist trade are "injecting" the Middle East unionism has been strong among this depressed community." This hopeless 'nationalism." Commu-"Communist scare" is being nist penetration, he assures, is "deeper, deadlier and extensively assidueously promoted by the UNP whose Home Minister an- more tenacious" than even "acnounced on May 3 that Indian curately reported." Brock pleads Communists "from Travancore" "past guilt on this score" himself. were trying "infiltrate" Ceylon FRANK ABOUT WAR in order to "campaign among the

disfranchised Indian voters." East, every country in it, and to The truth of the matter is that the Balkans (which he deems the predominant influence among strategically decisive in this con-

the mass of the Cevlonese worknection) is predicated on the outers, Sinhalese and Indian alike, ook that "war with Russia is is wielded not by the Stalinists the ineluctable fate of the West.' but by the LSSP whose main This war which is "a settled election slogan calls for the

establishment of a Workers' and Peasants' Government. To kick the capitalists out of ower, the LSSP has consistently offered the Cevlon CP a united front on the basis of the 14-point program (see The Militant. March 31). In a by-election in March the LSSP supported the CP candidate against the UNP. Such a united front, however,

"halting aggression," etc. has failed to materialize to date, The best sections of this otherdespite protracted negotiations, wise superficial and reactionary because the Stalinists continue book consist of Brock's comments to maneuver for a coalition with on the "failure" of the West, of capitalist poliprogressive" the U.S. and the utter bankruptcy ticians, in other words, to replace of the native ruling circles. the UNP by another capitalist "Disillusionment with the West government whose foreign policy is abysmally profound in nearly

But they, like many other

that while there were no basic

differences between the two

factions, now that the Rieve slate

has won the complete executive

board, it will have to take full

responsibility for the administra-

tion; it will no longer be possible

more pointedly: "Moslem and

AS NEXT WAR 'PRIZE' By Tom Conlan

BLOOD. OIL & SAND by Ray Arab leaders and their inflam-Brock. World Publishing Co. mable massed millions of follow-1952, 256 pp., \$3.50.

ers have become convinced that America, not Britain and not Communist Russia, is the implacable enemy of their aspirations for independence, freedom from hunger, privations and pestilence and an opportunity to solve their grinding economic woes and the scourge of almost unending war."

Apart from Turkey and the Serbs (Brock views the late Mihailovich as a great hero and a betrayed "Serbian martyr"), he finds little for the West to rely upon. And worst of all, the "engulfing" and "all-to-solid menace" of Communism is something which is not "even a spectre or hobgoblin to the unhappy (Egyptian) fellahin," or, it might be added, to any other poor peasant "mass hysteria and

in the Middle East.

Brock is especially critical of Acheson, Jessup and the U.S. diplomatic personnel in the Middle East. He offers a policy of his own, that of a carrot (Point Four program) in comof existing regimes "rotten as now stand and fight in the "with the deadly virus of wild, Middle East as if its very life depended on it, which it does.'

The West, especially the Americans, are not taking the Middle East seriously enough, Brock assures. That is why he wrote this book or as he puts it "laid it on the line." It is not the line of truth but of imperialism.

Brock's approach to the Middle

AUGHING TO KEEP FROM **CRYING** by Langston Hughes. Holt, 1952, 206 pp., \$2.75.

This collection of short stories by Langston Hughes, poet, novelaffair" and which "we are ist and columnist, is not as heading into, straight as a die," uniformly enjoyable as his will be fought, among other Simple Speaks His Mind. Some things, in and over the Middle of the stories are really nothing East which "is vital to the West: but sketches, minor attempts that economically it is the greatest could have been omitted without prize in the world." It is a relief any harm. But some of them to meet in a book this frank rank with the best that Hughes statement of imperialist aims and has written in the past about "economic prizes" instead of the the impact of race prejudice on usual chatter about "democracy," human relations.

The best story in the book, Big Meeting, is only 15 pages long. but its gripping account of a tent revival meeting and a sermon on the crucifixion of Christ gives a better insight into the role that religion has played in American Negro life than most sociologists could in a all of the Middle East." And even dozen thick volumes.



Oil Workers Turn Down WSB Back-To-Work Order

MAY 8 - O. A. Knight, Oil Workers International Union President, yesterday flatly rejected a back-to-work the defense effort and the strugorder by WSB Chairman Nathan P. Feinsinger, as the oil gle against communist aggresstrike went into its eighth day.

Knight, speaking for 22 locals requests of the Federal Mediaof the CIO AFL and independent tion Service, Truman, and the POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE unions collaborating in the fight, WSB. Negotiations have been said, "We have no alternative stalled for eight months 1952 elections was equally unin-

but to continue our strike." He Union demands include a 25spiring. For 20 years "we have pointed out that Feinsinger's or- cent an hour wage increase, in- had a friend of labor in the der had resulted in a breakdown creased night shift differential; White House," he began cheerof negotiations with the compa- and area wage adjustments to fully, "first President Roosevelt government boards and agencies. nies, some of which had begun to bring low pay plants up to the for 13 years, and then Harry weaken prior to the WSB order. national average. The companies Truman for seven years. "Things that looked promis- have refused to meet any of the "Yet for more than half that ime friends of labor have been

ing . . before the WSB order do demands.

There is no question about the not look so good," Knight said. The Oil Workers Union in its complete justice of the union's official newspaper stated May 5, demands. Like most workers, the of a change this year. . .

"The strikers are fighting against oil workers wages have failed to a stacked deck, but that makes keep abreast of rising prices. it all the more important that PROFITS SKYROCKET

they win. If corporation executives are permitted coldly to ers has increased 20 percent since day. ignore the needs of the wage

earners, then to manipulate the 1947, and total sales of the government so that the govern- corporations have risen 60 percent better President. ..." ment denies the right to strike, since that time, the total wage collective bargaining will be payments of the corporations have risen only 25 percent - an to get out the vote." destroyed.

Instead of denouncing this perincrease due not entirely to wage "One obvious fact should be increases, but to growth of the spective of limiting union poliheld in mind," the union statetical activity to cheap wardlabor force.

ment continued, "all the Con-Meanwhile, profits of the oil heeling for the boss parties, and gressmen and WSB members in industry have skyrocketed by 250 sounding the call for a break serious dent in the southern in-Washington cannot produce or percent above 1939, on the basis with the Democrats and Repub- dustrial pattern was reflected in refine one barrel of oil." of 1939 dollars. But wages have

The union had previously postponed its strike deadline for a increased only about 6 percent in total of two months, on successive | terms of 1939 dollars.

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Rieve Purges TWU Opposition U.S. ARMY TRUCK RUNS BOWN

| licans and the building of an inde-| the composition of the conven-| were, since they wore Rieve (Continued from page 1) a lasting recovery. And unless pendent labor party, the Baldanzi tion delegations. Less than 50 of buttons, they replied: "Power caucus was silent on this issue, the 2000 members in attendance Union jobs, that's all."

there is a recovery, our economy will get weaker - endangering PROBLEM OF SOUTH

Beneath the factional maneuv-Similarly, the "opposition" ers and procedural fights which went along with no objections to almost ended in fist fights, the resolutions endorsing the Truman

banner-waving, whirling of noiseadministration's foreign policy makers, applauding and booing, and its domestic "economic the real concern of the rank and mobilization." Nor was there any file delegates was the growing criticism of the Rieve administraunemployment. tion for tying the union to

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were Negroes.

to blame the Baldanzi group for One member from Attawaugan, greater and greater reliance on "disrupting" the administration's Conn., told the Militant reporter: work 'We sure can make damn fools

The Baldanzi caucus correctly of ourselves, can't we? I've THREAT OF SPLIT emphasized the importance of worked in the mills for 45 years.

Kremlin.

The threat of a split by the organizing the unorganized two- Our town has been closed down thirds of the textile industry in with unemployment for seven or the south, and of fully utilizing eight months and we don't know when it will end. And here we are yelling our lungs out over business manager of the Hamilhome.

Two younger men from Cum-While productivity of oil work- one we have in Washington to- involved about 40,000 workers. berland, Md., also unemployed, The relative strength of the said they are planning to come two groups as seen in the vote worked in textile over ten years. executive vice president, Mariano Their employer closed down the S. Bishop (Rieve) ,1243, Joseph Maryland factory to operate only L. Heuter (Baldanzi) 698; secrehis unorganized Virginia mill. | tary treasurer, William Pollock Asked what they thought the re-elected with 1253, Lewis M. issues in the convention fight Conn 682.

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AND KILLS FRENCH STRIKER

By Charles Hanley

A few weeks ago the American press reported the delegates, expressed the opinion news that a U.S. Army truck had run down and killed a French worker by the name of Alfred Gadois. What rated as a small inside page news item

in the press here was the cause simply waited for the line of of a violent protest movement by marching workers to pass. Inimportant sections of the French stead, army corporal Zeraffos. labor movement. Alfred Gadois driver of the truck, charged was a victim of the American through the line with callous disarmy of "occupation" in France. regard of the marching strikers. Undoubtedly our readers will ask: "Who was Alfred Gadois?" to be buried by his fellow work-Gadois was a construction worker ers. But a few hours after his in Melun, a small French city. death, the body was secretly Baldanzi group hung over the He was part of a group of work- removed by the French authorities entire convention, but that course ers on strike for higher wages and transported to a city hundwas rejected by the caucus, with and better working conditions. He dreds of miles from Melun. When the exception of Jack Robinson, was 35' years of age and the Gadois' fellow workers tried to father of a little girl. On March reach that city by bus or rail-The more conservative Rieve Baldanzi and Rieve. George is a ton. Ontario, joint board. He said 18, Gadois and his fellow work- way to attend the funeral they took the business man's ap- nice guy, but Rieve is all right, he would recommend secession to ers marched through the streets were stopped by the police at the his members when he returned of Medun in a demonstration for railways stations and along the their demands. road. French and American

From La Verite, organ of the authorities have refused to arrest French Trotskyists, we learn that corporal Zeraffos. In their eyes to Cleveland to look for work in was as follows: For union presi- the fatal injury that cost Gadois the killing of a striking French some other industry, after having dent, Rieve 1223, Baldanzi 720; his life could have been avoided worker by an American army if the army truck driver had corporal is no crime.

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Although the oil barons have formed a national front against the union, they have refused to bargain on an industry basis, insisting the union bargain on a plant-by-plant basis. Since the 90,000 striking workers have turned down the WSB demand that they call off their strike, the issues in the dispute

will no doubt go before Truman, who will have to determine whether or not to invoke the Taft-Hartley injunction provisions against the workers. The strike has thus far been very effective, and the union has maintained solid ranks in the najor fields.



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union was nil."

default. We can certainly get a proach: "The southern strike

much better Congress than the lasted about five weeks, and it

for President may be, our job is and worsted strike lasted four

Death of a Little Boy

By Theodore Kovalesky

"Calvin Smith, who escaped with his mother, brothers and sisters from their burning Lackawanna home early Sunday morning, died later that day in a drowning accident near the slip of the Canadiana." . . . From an item in the Buffalo Evening News of Monday, April 21.

This is not news. It is not news because it is something that happened a week or two ago. It is also not news because it is something that is not basically unusual. It is another story of what happens to people who can't find a decent place to live, and today there are many such stories. * * *

It was a cold spring night that had lapsed back almost into winter. I parked my car in front of 31 State Street and got out into the almost total darkness. 31 State Street was the address of little nine-year-old Calvin Smith's uncle, the place where Calvin had been sent to stay after the fire.

In the newspapers it was just an address. It was the thing you read every day, and you think of a house or an apartment building. Maybe you think of a little yard where some grass is green, a tree or two, or a little garden. You think of a living place, a place where human beings stay and leave their mark.

But 31 State Street wasn't anything like that. There was nothing about it, at first glance anyway, that indicated life. At some time, a long, long time ago, State Street must have been a slum. And then as time passed it became something less than a slum; for at least a slum has life, too much life, I suppose, life that is piled up and compressed and jammed in and packed together, too much life for the little air and the little space, and that is what makes it a slum. But this had no life.

On the corner, dark with its after-hours emptiness, was a plating factory, the best-looking building in the area. Across from it the desolation of a rubble-strewn lot, gouged with cellars of forgotten buildings, and next to the lot a crusted ruin where people stay.

Along the curbstones, lying thick in the street and clotted heavily at the corners, mud had gathered, the black mud of such districts. It was, at first sight, a surprise to see that mud, for in this area of concrete there was so little earth in view, at least on the side of the street where the plating works stood. But as I looked I understood that this muck had oozed like pus through the gashed and broken pavement, like running sores in a cankered, disease-ridden body. I walked through the darkness. The city had seen no need to light this street, and it may be that they were quite right, for who would deliberately light his own shame when the night would cover it? My footsteps sounded loud in the silence that was otherwise broken only by the lonely calls of the boats in the nearby harbor.

At the ruin next to the vacant lot I stopped. Between the boarded-up store-windows on the ground floor a dim light seeped through an open door at the level of the sidewalk. I went in the door and up the stairs.

Calvin's uncle, it turned out, wasn't home. But he didn't have to be. A young mother of four children told me about the accident. And the house and the street filled in the details.

The Hamburg Turnpike runs along the lake shore out through Lackawanna, past the smoke and glare of the steel plant. I drove through the murky darkness toward the rusty glow that beamed up out of the open hearth sheds and blast furnace ladles. The chilled clearness of the air thickened with the fumes of the coke ovens.

I was looking for another address, 25 Fox St. In front of Bethlehem's Number Three Onen turned off the turnnike into Fox It

was a black little street, dusted with the grit of the steel plant.

The corner ginmill was dark and empty with broken windows. It adjoined what used to be number 25. 25 Fox itself was a broken framework of embers and twisted plumbing. Here on that morning, out of what had been a doorway, little Calvin and his mother and sisters and brothers had fled before the flames. There was nobody here to tell me about the Smiths. But what would there be to tell that this house and this street could not tell?

Across the street there was a dismal hooting. I looked and saw a row of dull red ingots move slowly past the open hearth behind a sparking little narrow gauge engine. And as I looked the cars and trucks sped past, raising the brownred dust of the turnpike.

It was here that Calvin had grown and played, here in the arid dust of the steel plant. It was here that he had known home in a ramshackle wooden firetrap. It was here in the lonely nightsounds of the narrow gauge whistles and the furtive rustle and clatter of the rats in the trash cans that this child had slept and dreamed his childish dreams. I looked for a while and listened. I breathed the smoky air in front of the burned-out ruin, across from the open hearth. Then I drove home to look on the sleeping face of my own child.

I haven't consulted Webster or Funk & Wagnall's. I don't know exactly what words they use to define the meaning of "accident."

But can you call it an accident when a sagging, sprawling firetrap burns to the ground? And can you call it an accident when a curious, inquisitive, prowling little boy scampers from a grim and ancient building to drown in the nearby harbor?

And if the little boy has been born with dark brown skin, born into a land of Jim Crow, where Negroes must live in crushed hordes near the steel plants and the harbors, where addresses are numbers of tenements and shacks and condemned wrecks - then can you call it an accident when the little boy dies in a place where no child should have been? Is it accident. . . or is it murder?

The city of Buffalo has wide avenues, covered Children at play." It has neatly blocked out resi-

But these places of clean air and fresh greenery are not for children like Calvin Smith. For the Negroes there is the treeless cement of William Street, the steel plant, the railroad yards and the harbor.

The young mother on State Street said. "We've all been upset about it, all of us in the house. If my little boy hadn't been to the show, maybe it would have been him. . .

"It's no place for children to play," she said. "Little kids'll go to the water. It could have been any one of them. . . "

"I've looked for a place," the young woman said, "but where can you look these days?"

And she said, "It's an awful feeling, to think that nobody wants you!"

What more is there to sav?

Walk the dark streets. Breathe in the cinders and soot of industry and the railroads. Look down into the black and greasy water of the harbors.

And hope. Hope that not too many other little fore socialism can make a world that is fit for them to live in.

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Prisoners Double-Crossed

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Earl Ward, leader of rebel prisoners at southern Michigan prison in Jackson, shown signing a peace treaty, also signed by Warden Julian Frisbie, to end revolt after Gov. G. Mennen Williams agreed to accept 11 reform demands. The treaty, which promised no reprisals, was promptly broken by the authorities. When Ward and another leader of the revolt, Jack Hyatt, gave themselves up, they were locked in solitary confinement and Warden Frisbie said: "They had their day, now we will have ours." State Attorney General Frank Millard threatened new prosecutions of prisoners for "any unlawful acts committed during the riots."

entirely with lofty green arches of trees. It has parkways where there are signs, "Drive slowly. Robeson Barred from Hall dential sections with bright little homes on soft, green lawns. That Gerald Smith Speaks In

the Negro community and of By Lillian Russell OAKLAND, May 1 - Paul many whites when it said edito-Robeson, Negro singer, was rially: "It is a sad commentary banned last week from singing when any kind of talent has to in the Oakland Auditorium and be measured on the political

torium. William Chester, regional vice land hall for Robeson. use of the two buildings for a the American Civil Liberfies N.Y.U. chapter of the National concert in behalf of United Free- Union, Elmer Delany, San Fran-

dom Associates. He said there cisco chairman of Americans for would be no politics discussed at Democratic Action, the Internathe concerts. others.

THE RUN-AROUND

Tentative approval for use of SMITH SLIPS IN

N.Y.U. Student Groups **Defend Smith Act Victims**

NEW YORK. May 8 - While | Credit for initiating this cour- | couraging response it met with 16 leaders of the Communist ageous protest action and united led to formation of the joint front of students and student grouping which then organized Party continued on trial at Foley clubs in defense of civil liberties the protest meeting. Square under the reactionary

It is hoped that the united goes to the Spartacus Club. This Smith "Gag" Act, in another part group, interested in study of the grouping will continue functionof the city at Washington Square, ideas of international socialism, ing after the rally and that students of New York University, issued a call for action which was others will join in the effort to ranging in political opinion from distributed as a mimeographed rally support to America's Democrats to Trotskyists joined leaflet on the campus. The en- beleaguered civil liberties.

together to organize a protest meeting tomorrow that will demand repeal of the Smith Act

Speakers at the protest rally of the recently - published book,

'The Hidden History of the Korean War"; Rev. A. J. Muste, National Secretary of the Fellowlong been prominently identified Emergency Defense Committee,

with civil liberties cases; Conrad Lynn, attorney and Chairman of the Ruth Reynolds Defense Committee; and Dr. Grace Carlson, Vice - Presidential candidate of answered and that the offer, in munist Party members is not the Socialist Workers Party and effect, was rejected. one of the first labor figures to be imprisoned under the Smith

victims.

HEALTHY SIGN

Act.

The protest meeting marks a nealthy departure from the attitude of fear and submission that under the impact of the nation- endorsed the decision of the be helpful to your committee in catches on among students of other campuses, the struggle for free thought in American schools defense of civil liberties, and continued: can gain new vigor.

As reported in last week's Militant, the meeting is sponsored by a number of campus organizations and student leaders the San Francisco War Memorial yardstick but Robeson will sing who have joined together to speak on record against the Smith Act, Opera House because of his out- at Macedonia Church Concert out against the witch hunt. These as are the liberal forces organizspoken defense of the Communist' Hall and those people who have include the Young Democrats, Party. Meanwhile, Gerald L. K. long enjoyed his resonant bari- Students for Democratic Action, Smith, the fassist, was allowed tone voice will be accorded this the Spartacus Club, Bernhard not at all. While there is a growto speak in the Oakland Audi- opportunity on May 22." The Braunhut, Chairman (Fall 1952) NNLC is still looking for an Oak- of the Social Work Club, Frank Touchet, Chairman of the Napresident of the National Negro Support for Robeson's right to tional Students Association and Labor Council, had requested the sing came from Ernest Besig of Alex Foster, Chairman of the

Association for the Advancement of Colored People. None of the sponsors are Staltional Longshoremen's Union, and

inist but they are agreed that trial or under indictment. the defense of civil liberties must

for their political beliefs. The sponsors are aroused

and defense of all victims of its SWP OFFER REJECTED BY include I. F. Stone, columnist of The Daily Compass and author ANTI-SMITH ACT GROUP

NEW YORK, May 6 - Michael Bartell, organizer of the New York Local of the Socialist Workers Party, today ship of Reconciliation, who has made public the copy of a letter he had sent to the Citizens

"The question is how we can offering to serve as a member break down the prevailing attiof its executive committee. He tude of union leaders and liberals said that the letter had not been that the civil liberties of Com-

March 16 to fight against the to do this. Its record on the civil Smith Act and to defend its liberties front remains an easy Bartell's letter, dated March excuses. It is my opinion that we

has swept the American campus Avoy, chairman of the CEDC. It the struggle for civil liberties can wide witch hunt. If this spirit founding CEDC conference to grappling with this problem of seek a broad united front in

BARTELL LETTER

"Even though most of the trade unions in this country are "If this proposal is accepted by your committee, it would ed in the ADA, the conference attendance reflected it little or demonstrate that you welcome our active participation in the ing realization that the Smith work and thereby prove con-Act is rapidly establishing clusively that your committee is thought-control in this country, attempting to build a truly nonall these forces are as yet re- partisan representative, moveluctant to enter the fight against ment. Placing a representative it in the only effective way, that of my party on the Executive is, by defending the present Committee would thus facilitate victims of the Smith Act, the our approach to the many convicted members of the Com- unions and individuals who sup-

munist Party as well as those on ported the Minneapolis case, urging them to support the "The favorite excuse is that present victims of the Smith include defense of the civil liber- the Communist Party does not Act as well. Whether on the ties of the Stalinists now on trial deserve such defense because it Executive Committee or off it,

does not believe in the defense I assure you the Socialist Workover of the civil liberties of its op-lers Party is enlisted for the

their concern? The CEDC was organized on for the Communist Party itself target for people looking for 26, was sent to Clifford T. Mc- of the Socialist Workers Party who have a consistent record in

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broadening the united front in behalf of the Smith Act victims. For this reason I should like to offer my name in nomination as a member of the Executive Committee of the Citizens Emer-

gency Defense Committee. WILL SUPPORT FIGHT



By Fred Hart

Democratic Party leaders are already busy trying to work out a formula for their convention platform plank on the explosive FEPC issue "that will satisfy the North and at the same time not offend the South," Washington correspondent Robert S. Allen reported on May 2.

"In effect, that means performing some kind of sleight-of-hand trick on a compulsory FEPC," Allen writes. "The demand of the North for a compulsory FEPC is the crux of the whole controversy. By-passing this thorny dilemma is the big, and so far unsolved, job."

The plan now receiving the attention of the Democratic bosses, says Allen, is one advanced by Rep. Brooks Hays (D, Ark.). It calls for 'creating, as part of the Labor Department, an advisory civil rights agency which would take the lead in assisting state officials to eliminate racial and other discriminations." It would be "without enforcement provisions. It would be wholly voluntary."

In other words, it would be worthless as a means of combatting discrimination where it is most strongly entrenched. That is why Senator Russell of Georgia is friendly to the Hays plan. But that is also why the labor and Negro movements will have to oppose it. The Democratic dilemma - how to keep the party united is certainly far from solved.

Meanwhile, a Senate Labor subcommittee has been holding hearings on FEPC legislation.

BORN, to Genera and Sol Dollinger of Flint,

a five pound, one ounce son on April 25. Both

the child (born prematurely and placed in an

incubator) and the mother (Socialist Workers

Party candidate, for U.S. Senator in Michigan)

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE, noted Florida

educator and founder of the National Council of

Negro Women, was barred from making an

address at the Englewood, N. J., Junior High

School Auditorium by the local Board of Educa-

tion because of alleged Communist sympathies.

THE WAGE STABILIZATION BOARD is

cracking down on 13 ship-repair companies in

the New York area for having raised wages

"illegally." If found guilty by the board's en-

forcement panel, the companies would be pre-

vented from including their payrolls as expenses

in computing taxes. The companies claim they

negotiated the wage increases prior to the freeze

ordered on Jan. 25, 1951, but the WSB wants

to use them as an example to discourage "un-

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authorized" wage raises.

are reported to be coming along fine.

Mrs. Bethune is an ardent Trumanite.

J.

Notes from

Everybody knows that the present Congress will never pass any such laws, but the subcommittee is going through the motions anyhow, partly because it enables the backers of FEPC to blow off steam and partly because the Northern Democrats figure it is good propaganda for them.

Among the more interesting statements the hysteria by charging Robemade to the subcommittee was the one by Boris Shishkin, economist for the American Federa- House "would be a desecration tion of Labor.

"Shiskin quoted the Bureau of the Census figures for March which showed unemployment among whites was 2.6 per cent, and among nonwhites twice as much, 5.7 per cent.

"The situation was even more severe among non-white women. Their unemployment was 6.5 per cent, compared with 2.7 per cent among white women. . . .

"The 1950 census reported that non-white families earned \$1,569 on an average a year, compared with twice as much, \$3,135 for white families. That's \$30 a week compared with \$63." (AFL News-Reporter, April 30.)

These are the economic conditions that stand in the way of the "sleight-of-hand" maneuvers of the top Democrats. As long as such discrimination exists and is obvious to all, the Negro people are not going to be satisfied with any, of the present, war economy FEPC plank that promises less than the one provides the basis for the third adopted by the Democratic Party in 1948.

HOW MANY BUBBLES in a bar of soap?

What is due process of law? "If you can't an-

swer these questions, you can't vote in Hatties-

burg, Miss. That is, if you are a Negro," the

NAACP charges on the basis of affidavits made

by several Negroes who got the runaround when

THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY convention

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THE CIO STEELWORKERS convention will

and Stephen Emery for Vice President.

the News

they tried to register.

24th.

charge, but was withdrawn by groups here and in San Franthe committee under pressure cisco. No fuss was made and no Mayor Robinson of San Fran- politicians who grabbed the headcisco. Oakland's City Manager lines in the Robeson case. Hassler also gave tentative ap- The Smith tour was carried proval but then suddenly "dis- out so swiftly and with such

such a meeting.

Mayor Robinson whipped up the hysteria by charging Robe-son's appearance at the Opera House "would be a desecration" Clarke Speaks at INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY HAILED

Robeson has seen fit to vilify the United States of America at Communist - sponsored gatherings."

The San Francisco Sun Reporter reflected the opinion of

Grace Carlson at U. of Minn. Forum ism.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 1 -Action, not political uncertainty, is essential in the current world consequences. crisis — especially as the failure students attending the University plunged into Europe in tremenof Minnesota Socialist Club

"Choose a constructive program which we can discuss and regime but said that it could be criticize," she urged, "rather than displaced only by socialism. endure these vague dissatisfac- Stalin tries to justify his police tions." This was a direct attack rule by pointing to the capitalist tical agnosticism as a virtue. She continued criticizing Amer-

directed toward preserving the the appearance of socialist govstatus quo - a system of in- ernments in Western Europe, for doctrination designed to give the

mission.

"A RASH of racketeer-infested unions has permit just fine words and cropped up in the metropolitan area in recent promises without action, she months, causing intense concern to the bona fide said. Nor will they accept Point labor movement, employers and government law- Four, which is the development enforcement agencies," the N. Y. Times reports. of their raw materials for U.S. It is supposed to be the biggest influx of gangsters use. This is the same imperialist into the labor movement since the repeal of policy Great Britain offered us prohibition. in 1776.

the fear "that if you speak out ponents. Many point to the duration of the fight against the committee under pressure cisco. No luss was made and no in favor of the concepts embodied failure of the Communist Party the Smith Act and in defense of in the Bill of Rights, you will be to defend the 18 Trotskyists and its victims." branded and pilloried as a Com- union leaders in the Minneapolis Bartell stated today that his

munist." Smith Act Trial in 1941. We are, letter had been tabled at the "This fear," they state, "is of course, against this line of same time that an executive covered" the auditorium was little advance publicity that the being studiously nurtured by reasoning and we have repeatedly committee was chosen, indicatbooked for a Civil Defense meet; unions and civic organizations demagogues like McCarthy and argued against it on every ing that a majority of the CEDIC ing. Civil Defense authorities did not have a chance to set up McCarran It is necessary to break occasion in our press and on the leadership was opposed to givsaid they knew nothing about a strong picket line of protest. through this fear and fight back." public platform. ing representation to the SWP.

and an intolerable insult to the memory of Americans who died Brown University In an address at Brown Uni-

versity in Providence, R. I., George Clarke, editor of Fourth

International, theoretical magazine of American Trotskyism, scored the witch hunt which has been conducted by the Truman administration. The witch hunt. he explained, is one of the consequences of the decay of capital-

He told about the widespread spirit of revolution which is sweeping the colonial world and said that no one could escape its

America faces depression or war he said, and Big Business has decided on war. But this will not save capitalism. In Europe for instance, "all the gold of the SWP with this struggle. United States - and it is being dous amounts - cannot put the series, "U.S. and the World Humpty - Dumpty of European

capitalism together again." Clarke attacked the Stalinist

example, would seal Stalin's doom. Some 60 people attended the

Deadline for Militant The deadline for articles and ads for The Militant is the Tuesday before the date of publication.

NEW YORK, May 1 - An Day - the strikes in steel and tonight at a Twin Cities May Day overflow audience celebrated May oil.

Arne Swabeck, veteran Marx-Day here at Malin Hall tonight under the auspices of the Social- ist fighter and chairman of the ist Workers Party. The keynote meeting, discussed the interna- must become the complete tools of all the speeches was interna- tional significance of May Day of the State Department or betionalism and optimism over the and the role of the SWP. Frank prospects of world socialism.

the May Day demonstration in to the Illinois political gag act, must strike out in an anti-capital-Japan, the revolution in Bolivia, Law 1030, and called for support ist direction if they want to to the SWP election campaign. the anti-capitalist sentiments in Europe and the strike of 650,000 A buffet supper, dancing and sale of literature followed the American steel workers, Joseph Andrews noted that the common | speechs.

denominator of May Day in all parts of the world was the struggle against U.S. imperialism, and

by Myra Tanner Weiss, SWP years. Other speakers included Gladys congressional candidate here, and Barker, speaking on the need for Frank Barbaria of San Fran- editor of The Militant, gave a

white-Negro unity against reac- cisco. tion, and Anne Mann, speaking Comrade Weiss pointed to the against the war preparations for crisis of world capitalism as the Youth Branch of the SWP. The meeting adopted resolutions calling for united action in one of the developments in the mation of this country. defense of civil liberties; op- class struggle that will lead the position to the U.S. - Franco American workers to break with eran victimized by the "loyalty" alliance; recognition of China capitalist politics.

Barbaria stressed the growth longer justify his reasons for Korea; and greetings of soli- of the witch hunt and the SWP's existence, the Russian people will darity to the Revolutionary role in fighting for united labor action in defense of the civil liberties of all.

Recitations from the speeches CHICAGO, May 2 - Unionof the Haymarket martyrs, Rosa students packed the Socialist Luxemburg and Sacco and Vanists, NAACP members and zetti followed the speeches. Workers Party Hall tonight in one of the most impressive May

Day rallies held here in several MINNEAPOLIS, May 1 - The task of the American working

Dorothy Schultz, St. Paul class today is to declare its indeorganizer, was the main speaker, pendence in the political field replacing Farrell Dobbs, who was to end company unionism in policalled to Michigan to help fight tics and set up a Labor Party. the Trucks Act. She noted that That was the conclusion drawn more than 100,000 workers in Chicago alone had their own May SWP organizer, when she spoke

meeting in SWP headquarters.

The trade unions are faced with this choice, she said: "They come revolutionary trade unions.' Roberts, campaign director, des- Like the masses in the rest of Reviewing the colonial revolts, scribed the mounting opposition the world, American workers protect their conditions and ward off a devastating world war.

NEWARK, May 3 - Tonight's May Day celebration was the LOS ANGELES, May 1 - The most successful and best-attend-Socialist Workers Party May Day ed affair held by the Socialist he pledged the solidarity of the meeting heard stirring speeches Workers Party here in several

> Joseph Andrews, associate comprehensive picture of the world-wide struggle against U.S. imperialism and of the economic verification of the teachings of and social conditions preparing Marx and to the steel crisis as the way for a socialist transfor-

James Kutcher, the legless vetpurge, acted as chairman. A social affair followed the speeches.



at university professors who are powers threatening the Soviet subtly teaching permanent poli- Union. "When Stalin can no and withdrawal of troops from in New York nominated Eric Hass for President ican education saying "it is remove him from power." Thus Workers Party of Bolivia.

students the idea that the best

lecture which was sponsored by

years.

the World Community Com-

begin in Philadelphia on May 13. The NAACP and safest goal is working for convention will begin in Oklahoma City on June the capitalist system." Colonial peoples - workers of the world - will no longer

Crisis."

American revolution. This was the May Day message by Grace Carlson, S.W.P. 1952 vice-presidential candidate, to university