Truman Demands Anti-Strike Power For Use In Steel

By Harry Frankel

The 650.000 basic steel workers on strike for a better contract and pay increases face the threat of government intervention in a new form. The exact method to be used

Truman's June 10 address to

weapon. The Truman-Congress debate Congress, asking steel seizure is no more than a political power, shows that his basic obsquabble. Administration forces, jective is no different from that while seeking to halt the strike, of the Congress majority which would like to appear before the wants him to use the Taft-Hartley nation's workers as "pro-labor" injunction. He opened his talk by while doing so. Anti-administrasaying:

"On the same day (June 2, tion forces feel that if they can get Truman to use the Taft- the day the Supreme Court over-Hartley Law, this would be a ruled Truman's seizure), a strike was called and most of the steel political victory for them. The argument is sharpened by the apindustry was shut down. Thus, proaching Presidential election. the situation that I had sought Thus the handful of steel to avoid was brought about."

monopolists can't lose in this debate. Both Democrats and Republicans are out to halt the strike without granting the

I. Beinin Heads Anti-War Slate of **SWP** in Illinois

Irving Beinin, Illinois State Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, will be a candidate for Congress from the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois, it was announced this week by the Chicago local of the SWP.

In announcing Beinin's candidacy, Frank Roberts, SWP campaign manager stated that "Beinin's campaign will be the means by which the workers of Illinois can ally themselves with the national Presidential campaign of Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson, anti-war banner-bearers for the SWP."

such a settlement." The petition campaign to put Beinin on the Congressional TEST OF STRENGTH ballot began last week-end with a mobilization that gathered 5,200 signatures in two days. This fine response indicates the campaign will meet with a very good reception from Chicago workers. Restrictive election laws in Illinois, plus the presence of Law 1030 until last week, made it impossible for the SWP to place its presidential ticket on the state ballot in 1952. Nomination of Irving Beinin by the SWP will give workers all over the city a chance to protest the war drive companies is concerned.

of American imperialism. metal Irving Beinin, a sheet

Then*Truman went on to boast about his work in the steel situation: "I had managed to keep

lective bargaining contract." This is a revealing bit of brag- in the state. ging. Truman is here defending

his course of action before the steel companies and Congress by workers on the job without permitting them any gain in wages or contract conditions for over

BOASTS ABOUT ROLE

150 days, almost twice the waiting period under the Taft-Hartley Act, by my method. Why don't you permit me to continue?" Truman went on: "I have said proper settlement of this matter can be achieved only be agreemen between the parties. Consequently, I have sought at every opportunity to help bring about

REQUIRED An agreement between two An agreement between two parties who have opposite in-terests can only be brought about repressive features has been temporarily suspended. Its ILLINOIS COURT VOIDS LAW 1030; by a test of strength between most dangerous provisions them. The steelworkers can are still a threat. exert their strength only through a strike. All the overwhelming

weight of evidence and argument many weeks of testimony before Truman's Wage Stabilization

However, Truman prevented

Vol. XVI - No. 24 intervention in a new form. against the CIO United Steel-workers of America is now being debated by Truman and Congress. The aim of the projected govern-ment action is to force the work-steel union, does not have single persentative in Congress who tract, and rob them of their strike The dimon of the result. The dimon of the projected govern-ment action is to force the work-tract, and rob them of their strike The dimon of the result. The dimon of the result we in Congress who tract and rob them of their strike The tract and rob them of their strike The dimon of the result. The dimon of the result we in Congress who tract and rob them of their strike The dimon of the result. The dimon of the result we in Congress who tract and rob them of their strike The dimon of the result. The dimon of the result we in Congress who tract and rob them of their strike The dimon of the result. The dimon of the result we in Congress who tract and rob them of their strike The dimon of the result. The dimon of the result we in Congress who tract and rob them of their strike The dimon of the result. The dimon of the result we result we in Congress who tract and rob them of their strike The dimon of the result. The dimon of the result we To Restore Party on Ballot

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Trucks Act Menace Remains - An Editorial -

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EASY TERMS

Removal of the ban against the electoral rights of the steel production going from the Socialist Workers Party in end of December to the second of Michigan and certification of June - a period of more than 150 the Party to the November panies and the union had no col- presidential Ballot marks a signal victory for civil rights

This set-back for the witchhunters was achieved by mosaying in effect: "I kept the bilization of a broad-united front of the labor and liberal movement.

The Michigan CIO showed by its stand against the Trucks police state law that it realizes that the blows direpeatedly that the ultimate and rected first against minority parties are in reality aimed at the whole labor movement.

> But this victory is not a complete one by any means. The Trucks Act is still on the books. Only one of its

trarily listed as subversive that the union presented in the by the Michigan Attorney so far as "convincing" the steel sions to force self-incrimina-companies is concerned. sions to force self-incrimina-tion by witnesses, and im-

are still a threat. Members of parties arbi-Chicago and Roosevelt Cam- Democratic Action) which sup-

By Marjorie Ball General must register or declared invalid by the Illinois against the law. Together the the law which he signed. face heavy penalties. Provi- State Supreme Court. Once again committees sponsored a big

tion by witnesses, and im-posing severe prison senten-on the Progressive Party suit CONDEMN LAW CONDEMN LAW

Ghetto law 1030 has been puses, organized student protest ports Stevenson had to condemn Stories of the SWP's fight were carried by UP and AP wires and

> papers. After the adverse decision

Presidential Candidate Dobbs Calls for Continued Battle To Erase Police-State Law

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By Farrell Dobbs SWP Presidential Candidate

DETROIT - The Socialist Workers Party has been certified to the Michigan ballot for the November elections.

This action, reported in the daily papers, marks an important victory over state officials in their attempts to suppress political opponents

under the Trucks Act. It will help stimulate public support in the fight to completely wipe out this police-state law.

Official notice of the certification came in a registered letter, dated June 4, from Secretary of State Alger to Howard Lerner, SWP state chairman.

"Having this day been advised by the Attorney General that we are now restrained by federal court action from enforcing the provisions of the Trucks Act," Alger wrote, "and acting upon his advice that the 61. 1 name of your party be permitted to appear on the Novemper 4, 1952 ballot until final determination is made on the ederal court case now pending,

action.

'The name of the Socialist Workers Party, in view of the foregoing, will be permitted to be placed upon the November 4,

1952 ballot and you are hereby officially advised." Trücks law, as unconstitutional. At the same time an official Alger's "previous action" had

At the same time an official agreement was reached that

the

I am rescinding my previous

FARRELL DOBBS

court attacking the entire

been to rule the SWP off the none of the provisions of the printed in many downstate ballot on the pretext of an Trucks law will be enforced arbitrary assertion by Attorney pending a final determination of General Millard that the party its constitutionality by



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worker by trade and long active strike, as he boasts. Thus, the in the labor movement and in "efforts to bring about . . . an defense of Negro rights, ran for agreement" of which Truman pigeon information are still ers Party was preparing its ap-Alderman in the 5th District of speaks, were made under Truman- inscribed on the statute with for the U.S. Supreme Court. (Continued on Page 4) Chicago in 1951.

Eisenhower Unveils Platform Of Political-Military Reaction

The Eisenhower legend, so many years in the making by Big Business, has been considerably tarnished as a

Abilene, Kansas. This and the initial press interviews have sufficed to disclose the reactionary political general behind the publicized grin.

Taft's rival has revealed himself to be a rock-ribbed reactionary, a latter-day champion of "rugged individualism," a throwback to the Harding-Coolidge-Hoover school of politics. But with this difference - that Eisenhower combines political reaction with the authoritarian attitude of a militarist.

Much as his heart bleeds for the oppressed minorities, he lost no time in solidarizing himself with the Southern Bourbons, Jim Crowers and lynchers. The FEPC and similar federal legislation declared Eisenhower, would constitute "punitive" legislation.

This is in complete harmony with his previously expressed can go to prison," he said in 1950 of President) a man whose adult before the St. Andrews Society years have been spent in the of New York.

EISENHOWER "PHILOSOPHY"

"I am a fanatical devotee of democracy," Eisenhower has re- now making his bid for power in blood. peatedly avowed. To this "democrat" the supreme "human right" order to drag this country all the "When that falls all else falls War III with it," he told a group of executives in September 1948. This is the heart of his "philosophy."

Most ironical are Eisenhower's diatribes against the danger of 11% WAGE BOOST bureaucratism, its growth in the

U.S., etc. His entire conscious life has been spent as a member of the most hardened bureaucratic approve a nationwide 11% wage formation in American life - boost on grounds that workers the military caste, whose ominous should be compensated for progrowth and power he has con- ductivity increases in the past has been "limited." But that is two years. sciously promoted.

paign against this totalitarian law until it has been declared unconstitutional. **Two Years of the Korea Slaughter**

GENERAL EISENHOWER

toward World War III. In an unguarded moment in To stem the tide of colonial 1948, Eisenhower said that "nothviews on social security, which, ing in the international or revolt and the socialist struggle in his eyes, is attainable only by domestic situation especially for emancipation from capitalslaves or jail birds. "If all that qualifies for the most important ism, Wall Street and its Pentagon Americans want is security, they office in the world (i.e., the office butchers will stop at nothing. On Koje island the barbaric massacre of prisoners of war country's military forces. At least herded behind barbed wire is an

of

By Joseph Andrews

store for humanity as it drives

this is true in my case." act of enraged rulers determined Political ambition has changed to drown the revolutionary spirit profiteers and inspired the Kill!" in Korea. all that. This political general is of the Asian people in their own

more rapidly along the road to



Labor June 4 demanded the WSB a new society, American capital- an idea. ism is exterminating the people and laying waste their land. This counter-revolutionary war

ces for refusal to give stool- came while the Socialist Workbooks. A broad anti-sabotage Illinois Supreme Court in your center a spotlight on this law, section in this law, designed suit to invalidate H.B. 1030 represents a victory for civil rights in to be used against strikers. Illinois," said Irving Beinin, confronts labor with a sin-Socialist Workers Party state ister threat.

chairman, in a letter to the Court fights to test the Progressive Party. Much

attention had been constitutionality of this law on the undemocratic focused are in process. It is now neccharacter of this law by the efessary both in Michigan and forts of the Citizens Committee result of the Five-Star General's first public speech at nationally, for all labor and Against Law 1030; a committee of leading liberals and trade liberal organizations to rally unionists which publicized and behind these court fights, solicited funds for the Socialist and to continue the broadest | Workers Party case. possible united front cam-The trade union movement responded to their appeal with

resolutions and funds. Campus

Committees Against Law 1030,

formed on both the University of

ers Party and the Citizens Com-"The favorable ruling of the mittee Against Law 1030 to passed in secrecy by the reactionary state legislature and

were highly successful. Even such an organization as the Inde-

pendent Voters of Illinois (Illinois affiliate of Americans for

Battle of Koje Island See "Notebook of an Agitator" on Page 2

Massacre of the PWs By ART PREIS See Page/3

federal court, the Chicago Efforts of the Socialist Work- Daily Sun-Times demanded in an editorial that "No matter what happens in the courts, the present ed by the state legislature."

liberal Governor Adlai Stevenson, BASIS FOR COLLABORATION refusal to put the SWP on the The decision of the State ballot, although all provisions Supreme Court constitutes a set- of the election laws had been back to the witch-hunt drive. As met. Beinin pointed out in his letter They yielded on the ballot to the Progressive Party, "The issue only when compelled to ruling.

previous exchange of correspon- do so under pressure of the SWP dence about our proposal for suit in Wayne county circuit united action and mutual support

of our cases revealed a basis for realized in this particular fight. in the future should be met with further steps toward collaboration and joint action."

s "subversive under the meancourts ings" of the Trucks law.

Argument will not be heard by Judge Lila Neuenfelt in the The federal court restraining order Alger refers to was issued SWP suit before a decision has (election) laws should be repeal- in the Communist Party suit been made by the three-judge over a month ago. Yet Millard federal court in the Communist and Alger persisted in their Party case.

This decision may be handed down toward the end of June. The next steps in the legal fight will be determined by the nature of the three-judge

> A vital supplement to the (Continued on page 4)



Under the headline "CIO Opposes Trucks Act as "Thought Control' Law," the Detroit News (circulation, 577,000) of June 8 printed a story by labor columnist Asher Lauren on the CIO fight

against the new repressive Mich-One reason is that its leadergan statute. Asher Lauren is a ship is apprehensive lest the law widely read reporter whose views be used to stifle liberal and prooften reflect opinions in leading gressive ideas. The CIO recalls labor circles. We reprint below that its campaigns for social the bulk of the June 8 article security, jobless benefits, and by Lauren. pensions were once branded "com-

munistic" or at least "socialistic." The CIO says it hates KU "We urge the vigorous prosecu-Kluxers, fascists and communists, tion of acts of espionage, sabotage particularly the Commies. And it and disloyalty to this country,

domed social order; on the other, cites the expulsion of a dozen but we insist that the prosecu-Communist-dominated unions in tion of men for advocating ideas, recent years as proof. The American people must

sooner or later join in this struggle on the side of the majority of 650,000 CIO members in the ciples of progress," the CIO mankind against American State, is on record against the resolution said. capitalism. As the consequences Trucks Act, new State antiof war begin to be really felt at subversives law which requires, home, the U.S. workers will be along with other controls that drawn toward the fight for a Communists or members of

socialist world. They will break Communist - front organizations with those who are spending must register with the State eight to ten billion dollars a year Police. to destroy Korea, and will instead

send these billions to Korea and UNANIMOUS VOTE At its Grand Rapids conven-

the hungry and needy, to build tion a few days ago the State homes, factories, schools, hos- CIO organization went on record nitals, dams - everything needed against the law, without a

The unanimity of action by the

"Operation Killer." That will 17 with no protest.

opposed to the law?

however repulsive, does not Yet today the Michigan CIO benefit the cause of freedom and Council, representing a claimed undermines the American prin-Another reason is that the law permits prosecution on felony charges of any member of a Communist-front organization if he fails to register. According to

the CIO interpretation a person can be declared a member of the Communist Party or Communist front organization even though he does not pay dues or hold a membership card.

AIMED AT STRIKES

A third reason is the broad and loose language in a section cover-When the American people CIO delegates was all the more ing sabotage. The CIO contends thus break with their reactionary remarkable in view of the fact this could be used in a labor that Gov. Williams, whom the dispute in a defense industry to CIO regards as its champion, send workers in legitimate union signed the bill into law last April strikes to jail.

Most of the CIO delegates now mark the beginning of the era of Why is the CIO so strongly refer to the Trucks Act as "the thought control law."

AFL DEMANDS

War III.

The American Federation of

only for the time being."

bombs. From June 25, 1950, to for all. this very day, imperialism has been systematically destroying

which U.S. imperialism is plung- ingclass will not willingly suffer Korea. Rather than allow the Korean revolution to achieve the ing the world: It is also a promise ndependence of that nation, to of the invincible power of a revo- That is why the U.S. ruling class drive out the landlords and erect lutionary humanity inspired with

SYMPATHY FOR KOREANS

those on Koje.

If imperialism has its way the ica has earned the hatred of the is a special kind of war, "in Two years of "Operation Killer" earth will soon be engulfed in downtrodden everywhere. The effect a civil war plus a fundain Korea presents a grisly preview the flames of global war. To im- world's sympathy is with the mental clash of faiths." On one side is reactionary what imperialism holds in pose the rule of the dollar against Hat dictators. faith in the perpetuation of a rule by the people, the U.S. atom-The American people have not

imperialists will find themselves yet felt the full consequences of faith in the ability of humanity compelled to try to put all the Korean war. Although the humanity into stockades, like people here have repeatedly shown their opposition to the

Not only in Korea, but through- war, and have indicated they do out the world, the exploited not believe it is a just or necesmasses since the end of World sary war, nevertheless their op-War II have been struggling to position has been passive. It is erect a new, socialist society. In for this reason alone that the Asia, the victorious Chinese revo- Pentagon has been able to conlution has driven out the foreign tinue its policy of "Kill! Kill!

colonial peoples. In Europe, work-But the American warlords ers suffering under an outlived know they cannot long continue, Millions of Koreans have been and decayed system, strive to let alone spread, this slaughter, slaughtered, whole villages and break through the bonds and rid with its heavy toll in American

cities incinerated by napalm themselves of capitalism once and lives and wealth, without having to settle accounts with American But Korea is not only a ghastly popular resistance. They are preview of the future toward aware that the American work-

> the consequences of all-out war. has been pressing its police-state

every critical voice.

The Korean people have the SPECIAL KIND OF WAR

sympathy of the overwhelming The Korean war, the N. Y. majority of mankind. And Amer-"Times correctly stated May 18, peace and progress.

other lands, to feed and clothe plenty.

to build a socialist world.

to build a world of boundless dissenting vote!

gress, they will put a stop to

drive to terrorize and outlaw rulers and join the side of pro-

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The American

Way of Life

Mint Juleps and Chain Gangs

There are many ways of life in America. Go to the

there as long as you can breathe,

Brown told how he had been

stretched on the ground, face up,

with hands and feet shackled to

stakes. Molasses was poured on

his face and bare chest. Soon,

dogs, the warden's son and his

two playmates, put dirt on his

bites and wounds and tortured

At other times, Brown was

hung from a tree by his thumbs,

then forced to keep them in a

they blistered so badly he couldn't

walk, and had red-colored liniment

forced up his rectum. The pain

caused by this last torture was

so terrible that Brown almost

Brown complained that his leg.

shackles were too tight and he

couldn't keep up with the rest of

Brown's fight against extradi-

papers in an hour. Manny sold

13 papers at a meeting on the

campus addressed by a British

laborite. At other sales Snow

sold 20; Frank, 16; Marj, 12;

Gordon, 11; Bert, 10; and Elaine,

Lou writes from Akron that he

and Kay went out Sunday selling

door to door. There was a good

him in other ways.

Notebook of an Agitator Revolutionists in Bolivia THE BATTLE OF KOJE ISLAND

Mankind can win, as soon as it

s determined enough to win."

Militia."

revolutionary forces.

mined masses.

TRACES CAUSES

OF REVOLUTION

The speaker described the three

The whole story of Koje Island is not yet known, but from the few scraps of information which have been blown out of the prisoners' compounds, like hot rocks from a heaving volcano, the world is becoming uneasily aware of awful and fateful events transpiring there with the premonition of more to come.

Through a breach in the military censorship the world is catching glimpses of a conflict of gigantic proportions in which ordinary men, as often before in history, play big parts because of the things they represent. In the great crises of history some men always rise above themselves and attain the stature of heroes. That happened in our own history - in 1776 and again in 1861. In the men who made these two revolutions young America saw the magnified image of itself.

Across Barbed Wire

The same thing appears to be happening now once again in a far-off land, and we are witness to it. The transcendant issues of our century are being dramatized on Koje Island in human terms, as in a heroic epic which has for its theme the death agony of an old social order and the birth pangs of a new one. Colonial oppression and struggle for national independence; western supremacy and Asian self-assertion; war and revolution - these are the colossal issues involved in the confrontation of white and yellow men across a barbed-wire barricade.

Outwardly it would appear that the struggle is unequal, with the outcome foreordained. The American army, which never lost a war, goes into the battle of Koje Island with much better equipment than the "Ragged Continentals" of 1776 who defended their land and their homes with an odd assortment of old muskets and sticks and stones, and a more impetuous policy than the patient General Washington's strategy of attack and retreat to wear out the enemy and keep his own army in being.

For the battle of Koje Island we needed a different kind of General and we found him. To the atta-boy applause of the editorial writers, who unfortunately can't leave their desks to take part, General Boatner has proclaimed a crackdown and he has the stuff to make good with it. Press dispatches bristle with accounts of the formidable array of armament he has brought up for use against the prisoners of war who persist in waving their own banners within the compounds. There are daily reports of prisoners being killed and wounded since Boatner took charge and announced a "get tough" policy.

Prisoners' Side Not Told

Things are moving to some kind of a showdown in this battle of Koje Island; and the American people, with the historic memory of Bunker Hill not yet entirely obliterated, would do well to ask for a little more information about what we are fighting for there. We have heard the explanations of the brass hats. The captured "gooks," it seems, are "surly" and "fanatical." They "don't know who's boss" and they have to be shown. The compounds have to be split up into smaller units so that the prisoners can be "screened" more effectively. The improvised banners, waved from sticks inside

the compounds, must come down. These are our declared war aims at Koje.

The prisoners' side of the story didn't come through yet, although a UP dispatch of May 21 reports that they made a strenuous effort to tell correspondents what it is. "When the prisoners inside saw newsmen arrive they set up a clamor to be allowed to talk to them," says the report. One shouted in English: "Let us talk to these war correspondents!' Authorities refused." Could this incident, buried in a long dispatch, have been a correspondent's indirect way of telling the world that the whole truth is not coming out because he and his colleagues are not allowed to send it?

As the climax approaches, the papers are full of information about the battle plans of the forces outside the barbed wire. The New York Times, June 9, reports: "General Boatner has shaped up a full-scale offensive with all the troops under his command. . . The plans call for battalions of infantrymen with fixed bayonets to crash through the barbed-wire barricades into the compounds, supported by several Patton tanks and under the protective range of machine guns."

That ought to do it. Military doctrine says that, other things being equal, superior firepower prevails and decides. What chance, then, remains for the Koje prisoners who have no fire-power whatever? They have no chance at all - if other things are equal. But could it be that the prisoners keep their morale unshaken in the face of superior force because they think that the other things are not equal? That they have on their side some intangibles not comprehended by the military mind - some secret weapon more powerful than a bomb, some moral force generated by the things their banners represent and symbolize to them?

Revolution Lifted Them to Their Feet

If that is the case, history tells us that such men will not be easy to conquer. History also tells us that men so inspired can lose a battle and still win the war. The most dangerous animal on earth is the man who has nothing to lose and is convinced that he has everything to gain. That's the trouble with the ill-starred American adventure in Korea - it is up against men like that, who are convinced that their historic hour has come; that they have great allies; that hundreds of millions of their kindred are behind them because they are in the same fix.

Such a conviction can make all things possible. From such a conviction comes the fanatical courage of the Koje prisoners - you can even call it heroism and you won't go wrong - to face all the military power of America unarmed and defiant.

Yesterday they were nothing, with no rights that a white man was bound to respect. But a mighty revolution, coming up like thunder out of China and echoing throughout the entire Orient, has changed all that Revolution has made new men out of them, lifted them to their feet and inspired them to sing and firmly believe: "We have been naught, we shall be all!" That may be the secret weapon of the prison-

ers of Koje Island.

Set an Inspiring Example

NEW YORK, June 6 - What ment resting primarily upon the the government will have to began in Bolivia April 9 as an- middle class in the city and coun- retreat on its promises to other coup d'etat, was transform- try, lifted to power by the push nationalize the mines and land, ed by the intervention of half- of the insurgent working class Cochran pointed out they ignore starved workers into the begin- who as yet have hopes that the the key role and powerful lever with spacious balconies overlooking the sea, where deft, ning of a great social revolution. MNR government will carry out which the intervention of the white-coated waiters serve tinkl-This was the truth about the the major demand of the masses, armed workingclass brings to recent events in Bolivia as re- the nationalization of the mines bear on the situation. ported in a stirring account given and the land.

by Bert Cochran in a public Among the cainet members are meeting sponsored by the Social. two representatives of the unions, ist Workers Party. Juan Lechin of the Miners Union,

"Worldly-wise politicians have and German Butron, of the Tex- come!" The anti-capitalist revobeen writing that with the dis- tile Workers Union. Both have lutionary idea "today has this covery of the atom bomb people been pressing for nationaliza- power. It's time has come." lon't count any more," said tion. Cochran. "The brute machine,

say the writers, and its brute REVOLUTION HAS ONLY BEGUN owners are the supreme arbiters

of men and events. "But the Bolivian revolution," with the issue still in the balance. Korea, of Indo-China, of Persia, the government to prevent na-Egypt and Yugoslavia - in three tionalization. days of heroic battle have said to the cynics: 'No, you are wrong! The people are still stronger.

Cochran said on this point, "that find the chain gang. nothing in this world is so power-

The meeting was well attended Cochran continued, "gives them The speaker stressed that Bolivia and included several Bolivians the lie. The ignorant, hungry and is a small country, and that the who showed great interest in the poverty-stricken masses of La American imperialists will bring report of the speaker. The Paz - as the peoples of China, murderous pressure to bear on audience contributed generously in response to an appeal for funds to help the Socialist Work-

But although the capitalist ers Party, and the discussion was press in the U.S. predicts that followed by refreshments.

Anti-Ridgway Demonstration



Steel-helmeted gendarmes with guns held ready move in on workers during Paris demonstration against the arrival of Gen. Matthew Ridway, new commander of anti-Soviet and anti-labor armed forces. Nearly 700 demonstrators were arrested, one killed and many wounded in the May 28 protest against the conversion of Europe into an armed camp.

resort cities of Georgia and you will find dazzling hotels, ing drinks in tall glasses. Go to chine and my body was pulled Cochran or Pierce County in the apart by cables attached to my same state, and there you will legs and arms. They keep you "Victor Hugo once wrote,"

Our story of the chain gang or until you blank out. I blanked ful as an idea whose time has comes to us from Edward Brown, out." Negro prisoner now in Phila-

delphia who is fighting extradi-Placing Bolivia in the context

The revolution has only begun, have the final word.



assurance of counsel that he would get off with a light sentence. Like Carbine Williams, Brown was double - crossed and got a life sentence. Unlike Car-

bine Williams, who became a "model" prisoner, Edward Brown had his feet rubbed raw and was did not become resigned to his fate. He fought for his life and strong liniment solution until his sanity, escaping three times since 1937.

Among the experiences revealed by Brown were these: He was kept in a "sweat box" for four went insane. The occasion for days, was "stretched" on a this outrage was only that medieval torture rack until he lost consciousness, and was smeared with molasses and staked out" in the sun.

the chain gang. The "sweat box" is a wooden cage about 6 feet by 12, airless tion back to the chain gang is and dark, and too low to permit being aided by Philadelphia atthe prisoner to stand, so that he torney David Levenson who is 76 must kneel or crouch constantly. years old, and who is not taking Brown reported that he was any fee for handling the case. shackled at the ankles while in Levenson says he took the case "to justify my life as an inthe box. He described the "stretcher" as dividual."

follows: "I was put on the ma-

- Thomas Raymond

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were the salesmen.

The best work of the week in response to the slogan of The the West Coast competition for Militant for an independent labor Militant subscriptions was done party. "One person bought a

by the Westside Los paper after asking what party Angeles branch, was behind it. Upon finding out which raised its he wanted to know the difscore from 598 to ference between the Socialist 912 points. Seattle Workers Party and the Socialist gained another 290 Labor Party. He had become points and the disappointed in the SLP and Southside Los An- bought a Militant to see if geles branch added we were sincere socialists. K. 260 points to its deserves credit for helping us score. Frank K. of with this sale by staying with Oakland is still in- our kid while we went out. dividual high-scorer Chicago writes for 100 more in the competition for first prize of the Harry T. Moore pamphlet. of one week's free vacation in They sold out their original order New York. Frank has 995 points, and are planning a campaign Dave of Los Angeles added 186 around the pamphlet to begin points to his last week's score with the conclusion of their petiand is in second place with a tion work. total of 425. John of Los Angeles Milwaukee also reports good sales and ordered 50 more copies. is third with 364 points. Other high-scorers are Ed They write, "We had one Sunday Harris, San Francisco, 324 points; sale and three comrades sold all Jackie, San Francisco, 194; Frank they had very quickly. They were B., San Francisco, 187; Clara, enthusiastic about possible future Seattle, 168; Frank, Seattle, 168; sales and we plan to go out again and Bill K., Oakland, 164 points. June 15."



Bolivia, a typical Latin Amer-

ican country, tracing the basic

causes for the April revolution.

multi-millionaires, and the third,

"The profits which these com-

panies suck out of the toil and

out of this world," said Cochran.

In his political analysis of the

capitalists and by supporting

"But likewise fortunately for

the Bolivian people," he con-

Yankee imperialism."

witch hunt are being voiced within their denomination. by religious, liberal and labor groups, as reaction against the of Harold F. Lenz, ousted as dean spreading thought-control offen-

sive gathered new support. The General Assembly of the the Catholic War Veterans, called espoused those same causes."

Presbyterian Church held in New a rally for June 12. York warned its 2.500.000 mem-Lenz was removed after a York warned its 2,500,000 mem-bers May 28 against a "blinding protracted attack on him for his bers May 28 against a "blinding protracted attack on him for his last week, when Rep. Richard B. "The profits which these confear of subversive forces" that stand in defense of civil rights last week, when Rep. Richard B. threatens to "tear down the whole for minority political parties. He Childe Transformer and the stand in defense of civil rights attacked Joseph structure of freedom and equality had refused to go along with a proposal to deny the use of school

in America." halls to the Communist Party. In a report of the Social Educa-The rally, called to demand a tion and Action Commission adopted by the assembly, the full investigation of the Lenz de- case, is sponsored by the Liberal Presbyterians vigorously nounced "guilt by association," Party, the Americans for Demounfair loyalty oaths, and the "un- cratic Action, AFL Teachers mistakable trend toward au-Committee, the Workmen's Circle. thoritarianism and thought-con-Students for Lenz Committee and trol.' the Parents Committee for Rein-

The assembly also spoke out against racial discrimination and statement of Dean Lenz. called upon the church to individuals have rallied in defense eliminate "segregated synods,

Joyce Marlow to Speak in Newark on Women in Industry

for a full investigation. Joyce Marlow will speak on At the National Conference of Social Workers held May 29 in Party. "Women in Industry" at the Newark, N. J., Socialist Forum, Chicago, Benjamin E. Youngdahl, Friday, June 20, 8:30 p.m. The President of the American Assoaddress is 423 Springfield Avenue. ciation of Social Workers, sound-

The speaker will analyze the ed an alarm against the drive role of women in U.S. industry against free thought: "We must not let the advent and present the socialist program to abolish discrimination against of McCarthyism in this country compel us to reject things we women.



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Nam	·	the labor movement, in defense of	that all
	et	the civil rights of all regardless of political belief.	four ye
City	State	of volitical belief. The spreading alarm over the terror-drive against freedom of thought now makes possible such	health
1 \$1 Six	months] \$2 Full year] New] Renewal	a united front, which can yet mobilize the American people	South rejectio
		against the witch hunt and save our traditional democratic rights.	health.

Strong protests against the presbyteries and congregations" really stand for," he said, "or hinges is in the hands of three deny the espousal of programs companies: A broad united front in defense that we really favor, on which democracy depends." He further warned the social by the Rockefeller interests. The of students at Queens College as workers not to desert causes they second company is Hoschild the result of a campaign against believe in "because Communists Mines, owned by several Chilean him by the American Legion and

The "guilt by association" Aramayo, is owned principally by smear campaign hit CIO members the Swiss Bank, in partnership Childs, URWA Vice President, sweat of the Bolivian miners are John Brophy, and Benjamin Sigal as having been connected with "In 1950 the Patino profits "communist fronts."

amounted to 42.7%." Sigal, former attorney for the "But the miners, their women United Shoe Workers, stated, and children working beside them, "To assume I was a communist get \$1.20 a day. It takes eight sympathizer because I representdays work to buy a pair of shoes. ed a union which may have Guild, NAACP, The Jewish Labor harbored communists is a con-Over half the workers have tuberculosis. Half the babies die clusion utterly unjustified by in their first year." logic or reason. Thus Bolivian society is divided These attacks on the witch

into two extremes of wealth and hunt from representatives of an Many other organizations and important cross-section of the poverty. American people are the result EXPLAINS ROLE OF PARTIES of Lenz, a prominent leader of of the widening scope of the drive the Americans for Democratic against civil liberties. The Lenz Action and the Liberal Party in ouster was especially significant, Bolivian events, Comrade Cochran N. Y. The Queens College chapter since he was victimized for darexplained the role of various of the American Association of ing to speak out in defense of parties. The Stalinists, he stated, University Professors has called ing civil rights, as a supporter of "fortunately for the Bolivian working class are very weak the American Civil Liberties there. They disgraced themselves Union, the ADA and the Liberal over a number of years, especially

> Thus, the campaign, which began against the Stalinists, and has hit the Socialist Workers Party in Michigan under the

Trucks Law, is now clearly directed against the civil rights of everyone. This was predicted in The Militant as the inevitable purpose of the victimizations

in the recent revolution." under the Smith Act. Cochran described the MNR, a When the campaign against the petty bourgeois party led by Bill of Rights affected only the Victor Paz Estenssoro, as a moveminority political parties, the SWP and the Stalinists, very few of the liberals and none of the Youth Health

labor leaders came forth to defend the principle of civil liberties. Problem What was necessary to stop the

Maj Gen. Hershey, Director of police state drive at its inception was a broad united front, led by the labor movement, in defense of the civil rights of all regardless men examined during the past like for Ike to tell us: The spreading alarm over the physical or mental reasons. He changed his mind about armed Eisenhower has been built up as four years had been rejected for of political belief. terror-drive against freedom of stated there was "a real youth- forces segregation since he a "man of the people," but his thought now makes possible such health problem in this country." a united front, which can yet South Carolina had the highest Services Committee in 1948? show him to be a candidate of mobilize the American people rejection rate with 63.2% of the against the witch hunt and save youth examined found in bad

the whole Bolivian economy By Jean Blake

"Patino Mines, an American-FEPC is a "shotgun question," General Eisenhower owned corporation, is controlled said in his press conference at Abilene, Kan., June 5. His answer to the question was the same as Taft's:

"(2) Does he favor an en-

"(3) Will he favor statehood

"(8) Will he press for the

clearance and low-rent housing

1. He is opposed to compulsory federal Fair Employment forceable FEPC? Practices legislation. 2. He supports states' rights in this field as in others, which for Alaska and Hawaii?

"(4) Will he be willing to would leave Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, etc., to maintain Jim appoint colored Federal judges on District courts in Washington, Crow as usual. 3. He favors "education" Philadelphia, Chicago and New York where vacancies now exist? rather than compulsory measures "(5) Does he favor home-rule for equal rights for Negroes. and enfranchisement of Washing-In answer to another pertinent question on his attitude toward | ton's voteless citizens? "(6) What is his position on Negroes, the Republican polithe burning question of segregattician made it clear that America's white supremacists need not ed schools? "(7) Does he favor Federal

fear that he will depart from the current official pattern of sugar- aid to education? coating Jim Crow. erection of more Federal slum

CHEAP HONORS Asked whether he would con- projects?"

sider appointing to his cabinet ATTITUDE CLEAR some "Negro of competence, like Eisenhower did not answer Ralph Bunche," he ducked the these questions specifically, but issue by saying he has not yet given any thought to people he his attitude on FEPC made quite should appoint if he is elected. clear what his answers would be. According to a transcript of the But he gave his game away by Abilene press conference, he adding that he admires Bunche very much "and when I was presisaid: "FEPC - When you use those dent of Columbia, we gave him during World War II, by their an honorary degree and I could initials you are proposing a sort of shotgun question. I have no

alliances with sections of the not say any more than that because we think very highly of objection whatever to stating my honorary degrees at Columbia." unalterable support of fairness In other words, with the typical among all American citizens. "I believe that insofar as the condescension of the "Some-oftinued, "the Trotskyist move- my - best - friends - are - Negroes" | Federal Government has any conment is very influential in Bolivia. politicians, Eisenhower would con- stitutional authority in this field,

They played an important part tinue the established practice of all of its policies should adhere making no concessions to the firmly and without any qualificademands of the Negro masses for | tion to that principle. "I do not believe we can cure all their democratic rights as citizens, and try to buy off their of the evils in men's hearts by

law. I believe we can do more by leaders with cheap honors. leadership and by getting states AFRO-AMERICAN QUESTIONS to do so than by making it a The Afro-American of June 7,

testified before the Senate Armed first words about his platform Then he definitely sided with Big Business offering the hand those who believed integration in of friendship to the Southern the services was an impossibility. | Bourbons.



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An editorial in one of the lead- federal or a compulsory thing. I ing national Negro weekly papers, shall never cease to fight for it." The Negro masses have a vital Selective Service, said June 12 written before the General's interest in the attitude of this that almost 45% of draft-eligible Abilene speech, said, "We would brass-hat candidate for the presidency of the United States "(1) Whether or not he has toward their democratic rights.



Where Your Money Goes

The Florida State Retailers' Association and the Tax Foundation, a private research group, recently released some very significant figures concerning the 1952 tax load. Direct and indirect taxes - federal, state and local _____ today take from 38c to 40c out of every income dollar. By far the larger share of these taxes is paid in the shape of indirect or hidden taxes.

To illustrate how the tax structure has pyramided, there are 201 direct and hidden taxes on a gallon of gasoline; 189 taxes on a suit of clothes; 154 on a bar of soap; 53 on a loaf of bread, etc.

Taking "an average family of 3.2 persons," the Tax Foundation estimates that such a family with an income forces "from a military point of of 3,500 pays nearly \$1,100 in taxes, of which \$800 is hidden taxes as against a little less than \$300 in income taxes. In other words, the average American family pays \$2.66 in hidden taxes for every dollar it must also pay out The prisoners have nothing but in direct taxation.

The actual tax gouge bites even deeper because the "low income brackets," the huge majority of the population, must spend virtually their entire income on food and other necessities, which carry the most hidden taxes.

For example: On a ton of coal, a gallon of gasoline, a pack of cigarettes, these taxes constitute as much as two-thirds of the purchasing price. On such necessities as a loaf of bread, a pound of beef or a quart of milk, the taxes amount to up to one-half of the purchasing price. stash him, use the purchasing price. Almost one-third of the price of an automobile consists of direct and hidden taxes.

These facts and figures prove beyond the shadow of the rich but the poor who are shouldering the intolerable wounding of 139. The U.S. militax-load which has resulted from the arms drive and the war program of American imperialism.

At the same time these figures suffice to indicate how Repeated massacres -I use the rapidly the tax gouge is undermining, amid continued in- on Koje. flation, the living standards of the American workers and of the middle classes.

Not less than 38c out of every wage dollar already 1950. go for taxes. But even more alarming is the rate at which this tax gouge has been boosted. In 1951 the over-all tax mand and its South Korean ally load amounted to 32c out of every dollar. This means that in the space of a single year the over-all tax load has been increased by 20% and more.

Heavier arms expenditures and, therefore, steeper taxes lie ahead, if American imperialism is permitted to continue with its arms program and allowed to unload the costs on the backs of the poor.

The need for tax relief has become, in a literal sense, a life-and-death issue for American labor and for the mass of the people generally.



The Massacres on Koje Island

A Documented Record of U.S. Atrocities Against Korean Prisoners of War

By Art Preis

"This is war!" exclaimed Gen Haydon L. "the Bull" Boatner at the start of the June 10 battle on which his military fame will forever rest — when he sent his 6,000 troops, with tanks and flame throwers, against 6,000 North Korean prisoners of war trapped behind the barbed-wire fences of Compound 76 on the South Korean "Alcatraz" - Koje Island.

It is a war such as the world has never before heard of - the armed might of a modern military

machine hurled against organized and defiant, but disarmed or crudely armed captives. In this 'critical war of the prison camps," as the June 8 N. Y.

Times describes it, the contending view are weirdly lopsided."

"The United Nations has tanks, machine guns, tear gas and fully their fighting spirit, their solidarity, their hatred of imperialism and — as the Times com-

plains - the "'tactical advantage" of a "highly effective propaganda" appeal to world public opinion. General Boatner, addressing his troops on May 26, said: "You

must not kill prisoners unnecessarily. If you get into a fight, slash him, use the butt of your don't kill him or hurt him unnecessarily." These tender sentiments preceded and inspired the

slaughter on June 10 of an adtary and their allies have found it "necessary" to kill war prisoners with monotonous regularity.

I charge mass murder of help-

Worden in

I accuse the U.S. high com- the prisoner "poll."

the direct result of attempts to the leading news agencies, official the "anti-Communist" prisoners through rigid Army censorship.

"Hitherto Secret Details"

more brutal with the years, until munist prisoners" were killed and nothing is left of sportsmanship, mutual respect of fighting men, of ROK (Rhee government) mutual respect of fighting men, protection of civilians or any other virtues it may once have had," complains William L. number of unruly Communist

"Scorched Earth" in Korea



Dense smoke swirls about a burning Korean peasant's hut as a U.S. soldier covers doorway with ready gun. This is in South Korea, behind U.S. lines. U.S. military authorities have ordered the burning of thousands of similar dwellings because they might serve as "cover for guerrillas."

Germans Charge Jailed Nazis Did Only What U.S. Is Doing at Koje

Page Three

German political circles and the German press are charging that Nazis now in prison as war criminals did nothing different from what the U.S. military are doing to Korean and Chinese prisoners of war in the concentration camps on Koje Island, according to the Bonn dispatch of Jack Raymond in the June 6 N.Y. Times.

"Assertions of this nature have been made by influential Germans ever since the war in Korea started, much to the consternation of Allied and particularly United States authorities," reports Raymond. U.S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy has even been forced to disavow publicly "that United Nations soldiers were committing acts for which Germans had been tried as war criminals."

The German Future, official organ of the Free Democratic party, a member of Chancellor Adenauer's governing coalition, recently observed: "We do not want to act superior or appear malicious when we call attention to these events (in Korea). We only want to state that in the face of Communist methods humane Western principles cannot be applied in the treatment of prisoners of war." The paper hails the action of the U.S. military authorities, who did not treat the prisoners of war in Korea "as normal prisoners" but instead "finally. . . turned to the use of arms, tear gas and armored cars against prisoners.

"In Nuremberg this would have meant a death sentence," the paper complains. The German Future refers to a plan to review sentences passed on Nazis and suggests "it certainly would not be a bad idea to put Allied officers from Koje on the parole boards for German 'war criminals.'"

paragraph item that hardly any ported five prisoners killed and

papers carried, the United Press two wounded on Koje after "a reported from Koje that "the brazen attempt" to pass "secret deaths of 15 more Communist messages among the compounds." war prisoners in clashes with On June 2 one prisoner was shot Allied guards on turbulent Koje and wounded for "jeering" at a Island were disclosed today. . . South Korean officer. The same Dr. Stephen Gelenger of Flint, day another North Korean prison-Mich., commander of the UN hos- er was killed and one wounded pital on Koje, said the 15 previ- when an "Allied guard accidently ously unreported deaths occurred fired a machine gun into Comin scattered minor clashes with pound 98" and "it was disclosed guards over a period of weeks." that two were wounded last night These "scattered minor" deaths by a guard's riot shotgun." were reported almost daily there- (United Press.) Another UP disafter. On May 29, one North patch on June 4 reports "Amer-Korean prisoner was killed and ican guards shot and wounded another wounded by "an acciden- four North Korean prisoners last

> tower today." (N. Y. Times.) On By June 3, "the prison camp May 30 the Associated Press rechief voiced concern over the ported "three civilians killed and thirteen injured yesterday in a prison compound at Yongchon" on the South Korean mainland "in a riot among interned civilians moved there recently from Koje Island."

The May 30 N. Y. Times re- "accidents."



Such murder of prisoners has | "any violence that has occurred been standard policy from the at Koje has been the result of start of the Korean war. Before the Eighth Army censorship was munict leadow "That is a munist leaders. . ." That is a lamned on there were nu dispatches about this by U.S. lie. The U.S. authorities and troops under their orders have correspondents in Korea. John been the provokers and aggres-Osborne wrote in his "Report sors. Here are some examples. from the Orient," Life magazine. The Feb. 18 massacre was Aug. 21, 1950, how Syngman provoked by an attempt at Rhee's South Korean troops forcible "screening" of prisoners "murder to save themselves the when "troops, members of the trouble of escorting prisoners . . famous 27th 'Wolfhound' Regitoo often they murder prisoners ment, moved into Compound 62 of war and civilians before they at dawn ... to line up prisoners have had a chance to give any for interviews. . ." (AP, Feb. 23.) information . . . the American The killing of 12 prisoners on record blotted by our reliance March 13 occurred when guards on . . . the murderous habits and marched "about 100 anti-Commethods of our South Korean munists . . . about twenty feet in helpers." front of the Communist com-Gordon Walker, in the July 15, pound. The anti-Communists 950, Christian Science Monitor, waved small South Korean flags described how a South Korean and sang South Korean marching captain asked an American colonel songs. They slowed down deliberfor permission "to execute 600 ately as the Communist North prisoners." The colonel said he Koreans pressed against the couldn't give such permission. barbed wire to denounce them.' The captain scratches his head. Some rocks were thrown. . 'If we let these Communist! "Less then a minute later. gunprisoners go we will probably fire poured into the compound, wake un in the morning and find not only from the carbines of the one under our bed with a rifle guards . . . but also from the in his hand. . . I think I had better guns of a South Korean detachhurry back and finish my little ment marching back to barracks execution job."" along a road that skirted another When such executions became side of the compound ... General so open and flagrant that they Dodd said the shooting was 'a created a world scandal, the U.S. mistake." (Murray Schumach, military selected the isolated N. Y. Times, March 15.) barren island of Koje for a The "hitherto secret" April 10 rigantic prison camp. For more "riot" in which 28 prisoners were than a year news of what was killed and 57 wounded "began, happening to the prisoners was according to the Army, when a cut off. The Feb. 18, 1952, South Korean guard lost his massacre of 78 civilians broke patience and shot and wounded a through the iron curtain. Red prisoner who had been hurl-Gen. Mark Clark, U.S.-UN Far ing insults at him." (INS, May East Commander, now claims that 24.) The Judgment of World Opinion Robert S. Allen. Washington | ed a considerable number of columnist, in the June 4 N. Y. prisoners shortly before ex-Gen. Post disclosed "most significant Dodd was seized by the PWs." information" that the "Senate let us suppose that this incident Armed Services Committee has was placed before an international suppressed" of the "secret testi- tribunal. Based on the informa-

a doubt on whose backs the tax-load really falls. It is not mitted 31 more prisoners and the by force and to terrorize prison- men, crushed the revolt by What most daily papers coners into rejecting repatriation. 'riot tactics,' apparently use of tinued to suppress was the I further charge that the U.S. bayonets and clubs." The June further disclosure that not three, negotiators have held up a truce 2 Time magazine disclosed: but 28 prisoners had been killed with a faked "poll" of war prison- "Fiercest fighters of all were 600 in the unreported massacre of

ers to show that 100,000 prisoners Red amputees who hopped about April 10. Thus, Don A. Schanche word advisedly — have occurred out of 170,000 would "forcibly on their stumps, using their reported for INS from Koje on on Koje. using their reported for INS from Koje on crutches as clubs." U.S. troops May 28: China in event of a truce. I refer

start of the Korean war in June bottom of this page reporting the grenades. . June 2 Time magazine expose of A June 5 AP dispatch from Koje later referred to "some

of provocations used as the with documented records taken atrocities in recent months are pro-war sources - dispatches of Pusan. .

"War in general has become days previously "twelve Com-

"backed by tanks" "retaliated less prisoners of war from the the reader to the article on the with tear gas and concussion hitherto secret details of a new The above charges I shall prove 1,600 prisoners who were moved disturbance of April 10. . . In the to Koje following the May 20 riot first Army announcement . . . it pretext for slaying prisoners. The exclusively from pro-U.S. and in a hospital compound at was reported that three North

Korean prisoners and four ROK May 21, 1952: An INS dispatch guards were killed. . . American 'screen" the "Communist" from statements, etc. Most have gone from Pusan reported the killing and ROK guards crushed the five days before by a guard at mutiny by spraying Prison Com-Koje of a "defiant Chinese . . . pound 76 with machinegun leader of a work party of prison- fire. . . American officers report-

ers." ed . . . that so many bodies were May 24, 1952: "News of a lying within the compound that third blody riot" on Koje "came it was impossible to determine to light," reported the AP. In an the exact number of fatalities." "uprising" on April 10, it said, Compound 76 is the one which ers were killed and 57 Reds for three days until the prisoners wounded. . . Associated Press were promised guarantees against

"The U.S. Army today released riot . . . and said it was believed that a total of 33 persons includtal volley fired from a guard night." ing 28 captives were killed in the

increase in accidental shootings' (INS) - the "third and fourth in 24 hours that have angered and

embarrassed the camp commander. . ." They may have been "embarrassing" but they were no

Prisoners," A statement by Bernard M. Baruch at the May 28 meeting of the Senate Preparedness subcommittee shows ception to this trend is the treathow much pressure there is in Big Business circles for an | ment of prisoners by Occidental early plunge into World War III.

Baruch's comments are very important for two reasons: he himself is a Wall Street financier and a representative of Wall Street opinion, and he is Wall Street's ship": "war economy specialist." Whenever his name is mentioned by the newspapers, he is labelled "a top adviser to Presidents in two world wars."

Baruch, in his statement to the Senate committee, "protested" the "stretch-out in arms production." He called for a "sense of disciplined urgency," to speed up arms production. He pointed out that the tooling-up operations and construction of factories must give way sooner or later to full-scale production of weapons and munitions, and he seventy-eight." wants that transition to take place very soon.

What is the extent of Baruch's disagreement with the Pentagon? Baruch wants the previous goal of peak arms production, originally set for mid-1954, to be restored. The Pentagon, on the other hand, gave up the mid-1954 goal some time ago, moving its sights to 1955 or '56. Both have short term perspectives. The difference is between two years and three or four years.

It must be understood that the discussion over arms "preparedness" is really a discussion of the capitalist war timetable. Capitalist strategists realize that this is against them. The revolt of the European and colonial people is growing. Only in one respect does American capitalism gain with the passage of time, and that is in the military sphere. When the U.S. has reached a military peak, the capitalist class will have no further reason to wait.

It must also be kept in mind that, if the U.S. capitalists permit the armaments peak to pass without war, the decline in arms expenditures would then surely produce a devastating economic crisis. This is an additional reason why the Baruch-Pentagon discussion of the arms-production tempo is really a discussion of the war timetable.

Still another consideration: since most important capitalist spokesmen have admitted that they do not expect the Soviet Union to launch a war, the initiative for war belongs primarily to American capitalism. When Baruch and the Pentagon speak of the "war danger," they are not, properly interpreted, speaking of something outside themselves, but of something over which they have considerable control, at least so far as timing is concerned.

Thus when Baruch says: "Hurry the arms, the war danger is coming close," this should be read: "Wall Street's needs call for war quite soon; therefore, rush arms production!" And when Wall Street speaks, the Pentagon usually does its best to obey.

'Our Lucky Red prisoners. The guard company Saturday Evening opened fire. . Post, Jan. 5, 1952. "The lone ex-

May 20, 1952: An International News Service (INS) disnations. At Koje, this humanity patch by Don A. Schanche from is being tried out on Orientals..." volving hundreds of Communist The following is the record of war prisoners exploded today in this "humanity" and "sportsmanthe compound of a PW hospital at Pusan." These were supposed Feb. 23, 1952: The Associated to be "anti-Communist" prison-

Press reported that on Feb. 18, ers whom the U.S. claimed had prisoners" had been killed and 139 "voted" they would "forthey compound 62" on Koje Island. They were shot down when they "rioted" and "attacked" "750 N. Y. Herald-Tribune raised the administer medical treatment to "riots." The term "voluntary

number killed on Feb. 18 to them." The result: "One of the Red September 1951.

March 15, 1952: The Second agitators was killed and 85 were Logistical Command at Munsan, injured when the American veil of secrecy from another that high

correspondent William Jorden further massacres. The U.S. comobtained the story from South mand welched on this agreement Korean witnesses almost a week later. Compound 76 was the scene ago but Army censors in Tokyo of the June 10 massacre of 31 withheld it until today." prisoners.

"Lifting a Veil of Secrecy"

May 26, 1952: Another series of ['bloody September' of 1951." remassacres — in September 1951 ported INS. "Scores of Red - was revealed. All news of POWs, it was revealed, were these killings had been sup- killed in those outbreaks." The a week before, 75 "Korean civilian been removed from Koje when pressed for nine months. They British news agency Reuters showed that such massacres were claims that "the prisoners themseriously wounded in "notorious cibly resist" repatriation north. not "provoked" by the prisoners selves . . . killed thirty-seven of "The U.S. 8th Army announced against themselves to "prevent" their own number," but "Amer-... that the PWs in the Pusan a "poll" on "voluntary repatria- ican security guards, attempting

camp 'forcibly resisted' attempts tion," as the U.S. officials claim- to break up one riot, killed one American guards." The May 9 by UN military authorities to ed about the Feb. and March North Korean prisoner. How many more of the "scores" repatriation" was unknown in reported slain were killed by guards we cannot know. The

> "Allied officers today lifted a "veil of secrecy" was not lifted

South Korea, announced that two guards, all combat-wise infantry- series of riots on Koje during May 27, 1952: In a tiny three

Time Admits PW Poll a Fraud

Time magazine of June 2 reveals as a complete fraud the claim of U.S. truce negotiators that they had polled some 170,000 war prisoners individually in U.S. prison camps in Korea and that 100,000 had said they would "forcibly resist repatriation" to "Communist-controlled countries" in event of a truce.

When the U.S. negotiators used this faked survey as a pretext for refusing to return 100,000 of 170,000 prisoners of war, "prospects for an early armistice" were "unintentionally and unexpectedly wrecked," reported the N.Y. Herald Tribune of April 26.

While the daily press continues the fiction about the POW poll. Time has finally admitted that of all aspects of "the all-but-incredible story of chaos and bloodshed in the U.N.'s prison stockades," the "worst of all" is that "observers were beginning to realize that the prisoner vote on repatriation, which at first had seemed the only creditable and politically valuable aspect of the whole affair, had not been arrived at by the U.N. in a true and careful polling, but was in some cases a rough & ready guess."

This "rough & ready guess," which was announced on April 25 by Col. George W. Hickman, senior U.S. staff officer at the Panmunjom sessions, was defended by him as an accurate survey, the result of "a sincere and conscientious effort" to ascertain the desires of all 170,000 Korean and Chinese prisoners-of-war."

But, Time now discloses, there has been "almost complete lack of U.N. control" since last September in the prisoner compounds on Koje Island and "under such conditions, no fair or complete balloting on political preference was possible. Washington apparently did not realize this."

Whether or not Washington realized that it couldn't con-

duct "fair or complete balloting," the "screening orders went out, and General Ridgway passed them on to the Eighth Army, which passed them on to the Second Logistical Command at Pusan, and so on down. The screeners did their best, but their best was poor. Some compounds successfully resisted all screening."

In one compound where anti-Communists were in control, a "preliminary screening" was held. "They called for repatriation volunteers; when two loyal Communists stepped forward, the pair was set upon and done to death."

Time further reports: "The Eighth Army kept the physical details of its nose-counting under wraps, but somehow or other it emerged with 59,000 North Korean and Chinese prisoners who would not 'forcibly resist' repatriation. By scraping around among dissident South Koreans, it raised the number of those willing to go north to 70,000. When this number was passed on to the U.N. negotiators they were stunned. They had already (and unwisely) given Nam II & Co. a much higher estimate; they knew the Reds would not accept the 70.000 figure."

But when the U.N. negotiators asked Gen. Ridgway for a rescreening, "Ridgway referred the request to Van Fleet, Van Fleet, however, stoutly insisted that the prison stockades were under control, and resented any suggestion that they were not. Ridgway - and Washington - backed him up."

Van Fleet lied and Ridgway and the Pentagon swore the lie was truth. "So the 70,000 figure was presented to the Communists and they exploded." And, laments Time, presenting the figures as if every prisoner had been specifically consulted, the U.N. made a serious mistake." It is such deliberate "mistakes" that have repeatedly prevented a truce in Korea.

mony of Army Secretary Pace and tion we have, do you think our Army Chief of Staff Collins" on case would fare very well before

Korean guards killed and wound- prisoners of war.

The "international tribunal" of world public opinion has already ed from what Secretary Pace and judged the events at Koie. Be-General Collins told the Commit- fore this tribunal the U.S. militee behind lock doors," reports tary authorities are guilty of

"No, I do not." admitted Pace.

"certain unreported events that such a tribunal? preceded and followed the Dodd-Colson incident." "Highlights of what was delet-

Allen, is that "'hot-headed' South murderous atrocities against

The Negro Struggle NAACP and Political Action"

By Jean Blake

In last week's column we discussed proposals for resolutions at the annual convention in Oklahoma City June 24-29 of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. One proposal was the organization of workers' defense guards for protection against anti-Negro violence. Another proposal was adoption of a policy to defend all victims of the current witch hunt.

The two problems are related, of course. American capitalist democracy can no longer afford the democratic trappings which have concealed the real dictatorship of capital in the past. Hence the mounting attack on minority groups and minority opinions.

The tremendous power of the American working class, capable of producing the highest standard of living in history here at home and of helping the workers of the whole world to catch up, is a threat to the rule of Big Business. Big Business feels that it must head off this threat at any cost. Scrapping of the "democratic process" is only the first step for those who are determined to defend the present outmoded economic order.

This means that the old type of political action, based on the ability of the capitalists to bribe the working class with reforms, it outdated -both for capital and for labor.

The delegates to the national convention should pass a resolution recognizing the new stage in American history as it affects the tasks of the NAACP.

The NAACP has long recognized that political action is necessary in the struggle for full equality for Negroes in the United States, and has done a noteworthy job of winning the legal right to vote in many areas where the ballot was formerly denied, and helping to increase the number of Negro voters.

Despite this, there has been no progress in securing civil rights legislation in Congress. Both the Democrats and Republicans have given lip service to the cause of equal rights, particularly when seeking support from the thousands of new Negro voters, but neither party has used its power, when it has been in a majority in Congress, to pass such legislation.

The 42nd annual convention in Atlanta last year noted that "the 82nd Congress has so far failed miserably in its promise to enact civil rights legislation as outlined in the platforms of both major parties. Both of these parties are guilty of insincerity and inertia in pressing for the passage of civil rights legislation and have used the so-called national emergency as an excuse for not pressing the promised civil rights legislation. .

President Truman's responsibility was also noted in the resolution on FEPC, which stated: "Just as the majority of reactionary opponents or half-hearted friends of civil rights in Congress are responsible for the failure to adopt Fair Employment Practice legislation, so the President Employment Practice legislation, so the Friender Fair is responsible for the failure to enforce Fair Employment Practice provisions already in de-Fighter, Dies

The situation this year is even worse. The candidates for nomination by the two major parties have even worse records and programs on civil rights than the candidates of 1948.

It is time for the NAACP to recognize that resolutions condemning the Democrats and the Republicans, even when coupled with vote registration campaigns, net no gains for civil rights so long as the voters are given no alternative but voting the same parties back into office. The corrupt and cynical politicians will not take the voters' needs, their protests and their demands seriously so long as political power is monopolized 93 next October. by the Democratic and Republican party machines. It is necessary to do more than threaten and

bluster. It is time to show the two old parties that the Negro people are through supporting the reactionary Congressional coalition.

The convention should call on the members and friends of the NAACP to reject both the Democratic and Republican parties. The delegates should call on the AFL, the CIO and the independent unions, who have had similar experiences in the field of labor legislation and who have proved to be the most consistent allies of the tee, the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense NAACP in political action, to join in a national conference for the organization of an independent labor party.

The bombing of a polling place in Jacksonville, Florida, May 27 to prevent Negroes from going Kutcher Civil Rights Committee. to the polls should make it clear that voting will take an act of courage for Southern Negroes in INVESTIGATED MOSCOW the Presidential election this year. It would be a TRIAL CHARGES terrible waste to spend that courage on a vote for Senator Russell of Georgia, an avowed white most men have retired and at a supremacist, or Senator Kefauver, who also op- time when many liberals were pses a compulsory FEPC.

and particularly in the South, that there will be an International Commission of Inalternative this year. The Socialist Workers quiry into the charges made Party will have a candidate for President and for against Leon Trotsky in the Vice President. Voters brave enough to face the Moscow trials. Reporting on the intimidation of white supremacists deserve the Trotsky hearings in Mexico to a opportunity to cast their ballot - even if only May 9 meeting in New York, through a write-in - for the candidates advocat- Dewey said: ing a radical change, Farrell Dobbs and Grace Carlson.

By Fred Hart

The death of John Dewey on June 1 removes from American life one of the very few remaining intellectuals who adhered consistently to the liberal creed of unreserved defense, in word and deed, of all the rights of freedom. Dewey, would have been

John Dewey,

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force in America died long before John Dewey, but he remained true to liberalism to the end of

To give only a few of the many examples of his spirited defense of the rights of men over many decades, he was a member of the Tom Mooney Defense Commit-Committee, the Civil Rights Defense Committee (formed to defend the 18 Trotskyist victims of the Smith Act) and the

Word must be spread throughout the country, Dewey became chairman of the

ances anyway, so that it was I would live to see the day when of the Moscow frame-up trials of effort more weight and to try to

tion that the Seattle SWP sent

The local imitator of the infamous GPU frame-up technique is Terry Pettus, editor of the Northwest edition of the Peoples World and author of the articles. He claims to have "positive . . .

irrefutable evidence," photostats After an investigation; the postal been placed which have have of which have have been placed with the Department of Postal victims of the frame-up charge. Inspection for legal action. This effort to frame - up the the Communist Party hope to sands don't vote." Seattle SWP with a most serious make any impression in Seattle violation of the U.S. postal laws labor circles with accusations and to sic the postal authorities like these in which the Stalinists on working class political op- conveniently find Trotskyist callponents of the Stalinists ap- ing cards in the frame-up narently failed, however. The "evidence"? It so happens that Department referred the matter during the past four or five years to the Attorney General's office, individuals connected with the which decided not to investigate. Communist Party, Progressive late One of the reasons, perhaps, Party, Socialist Workers Party This for the Attorney General's deci- and other radical groupings have flimsiness of the been the victims of anonymous This consists of telephone calls, many of them of verdict, based upon an exsion is the flimsiness of the been the victims of anonymous haustive and objective study of "evidence." all the trial "evidence," convinced mimeographed sheets of obscene an obscene nature. Along with mimeographed sheets of obscene an obscene nature. Along with material, which bear, according these, an anonymous gossip sheet POWERS FOR USE IN STEEL most of world public opinion that the trials were the greatest to Pettus, an "overprint" from a called the Peoples Whirl has been previous mimeograph job. The mailed to members of the Stalinframeups in history. Stalin's reverse, but is readable, contain-ing lines from a leaflet issued by its principal topic being the trulate is and to capi-were to lower divider di d judicial system never recovered ing lines from a leaflet issued by its principal topic being the trate in order to get a contract. were to lower dividend payments during a "seizure," this would the Seattle SWP announcing a alleged private lives of leading The steelworkers, as we have be nothing but a temporary and public meeting for George Clarke, C.P. members.

Mich. CIO Parley Hits Witch Hunt, Anti-Labor Drive

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., June 4 — The 14th annual convention of the Michigan State CIO, meeting in the midst of the steel crisis, gave strong indications of the increasing concern felt by the?

abor leaders as the anti-labor Ford and other opposition locals. offensive grows more threaten- there was still a 25% 'dissenting vote in officer elections. The

The mood of the delegates was right wing candidate, . August shown by their enthusiastic Scholle, was elected to head the reaction to Walter Reuther's State CIO by 3458 to 946 for report that the UAW-CIO had Steve Pasica, of Dodge Local. The convention was well coverpledged the steel workers "the total resources of the UAW," ed by The Militant. Many dele-

stating "we're going to fight with gates read it instead of listening to some of the dull speeches. It them until they get what they was conspicuous on delegates' Reuther typified the dismay of tables. There was no interference

the CIO leadership with the de-facto scuttling of the Wage

Stabilization Board, exclaiming, over and go down the Taft-Hartley road? Unions won't travel both roads." The UAW president threatened

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want.'

it either."

Picket Steel Mill

Pickets circle in front of main gate of the Homestead, Pa.,

SEATTLE STALINISTS

SEATTLE, Wash. - Local leaders of the Communist

incredible.

letters. Their "evidence" then

was a clipping from The Militant

that if industry continues to refuse to abide by wage board court restraint in slowing down recommendations "we won't use the witch hunters has been the

alarm against the drive to destroy polarized mainly around the civil liberties. It unanimously SWP suit.

the Michigan Trucks "police law are the CIO, American state" Law, and also hit at the Civil Liberties Union, Fellownewly proposed Smith "Union ship of Reconciliation, Associa-Seizure" Bill which Reuther said tion of Catholic Trade Unionwould set up "a totalitarian ists and prominent civic leaders. regime in the field of collective bargaining."

the Trucks Law was read im- of the law by Governor Wilway whether or not they were Party have joined the witch hunters with an attack on mediately after Gov. Mennen Wil- liams, popular opposition is now guilty of the things for which the Seattle branch of the Socialist Workers Party that liams finished his address to the growing. More people are convention. It was Williams who beginning to understand that signed the act making it law. He this far-reaching thought-connever mentioned the law in his trol measure will sooner or later speech, nor did Reuther. On political action the state advanced political idea in his

SAME TACTIC USED BEFORE CIO leaders offered nothing new. head. Although they did not propose an It not only bars radical par-This is not the first time the endorsement of either Republican ties from the ballot. It seeks to Party have resorted to such or Democrat candidates in 1952, make progressive thinkers it was clear they were still tied testify against themselves and issued a complaint against the SWP with the Department of reneged on their "Fair Deal" advocates of social progress tactics. Two years ago they Postal Inspection charging use promises made in 1948 by Tru- under threat of 10 years imprisonof the mails to send obscene man.

Reuther, sounding the "key- up strikers on charges of "sabonote" on political action, attacked tage" and send them up for long which they alleged was attached the rank and file for not being prison terms.

hen we're wrong," he said. "We That is why the SWP does not

EXAMINER: "I understand, General, that you wish to apply for the position of peace negotiator.'

EXAMINEE: "That is correct."

EXAMINER: "What previous experience have you had that qualifies you for the position of peace negotiator?"

EXAMINEE: "I am a hard-fisted, hard-bitten Army officer with 30 years battle experience." EXAMINER: "If you are appointed peace

negotiator, what policy will you adopt toward the enemy negotiators?"

EXAMINEE: "I will adopt a get-tough policy." EXAMINER: "Describe the enemy negotiators."

EXAMINEE: "The enemy negotiators are a EXAMINER: "What type of policy are these fanatical enemy negotiators pursuing?"

EXAMINER: "What type of sounding board?" EXAMINEE: "A sounding board for their propaganda."

EXAMINER: "How do you regard the claims of the enemy negotiators?" EXAMINEE: "I regard the claims of the

enemy negotiators as a tissue of falsehoods." EXAMINER: "Are the enemy negotiators to be trusted?"

EXAMINEE: "Certainly not."

EXAMINER: "What, in your opinion, would be a mutually fair basis for settlement of the points

at issue? EXAMINEE: "Acceptance of our terms by the

enemy." EXAMINER: "Do you see any possibility of such a settlement?"





Liberalism as a major political his life.

At the age of 78, long after mill of the U.S. Steel Corp. Steelworkers, who streamed out of kow-towing before Stalinism, nation's steel plants within minutes after the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision invalidating the steel seizure, say this time they will stay out until they win. Workers are

demanding new contract terms including a union shop, and a wage increase. FRAME-UP TACTIC TRIED

"In the cases of Tom Mooney in San Francisco and Sacco-

vanzetti in Boston, we got used to hearing reactionaries say that these men were dangerous nuise. they were tried. I never thought sounds like something lifted out

professed liberals would resort the thirties. Two articles in the make the foul charges seem less to a similar argument. . . For if West Coast Stalinist publication, liberalism means anything, it Peoples World (May 16 and May means complete and courageous 23), level the fantastic accusadevotion to freedom of inquiry." The Dewey Commission arrived anonymous obscene literature at the verdict that Trotsky was through the mails to supporters Not Guilty" of the charges of the Communist and Progressive against him, and branded the Parties.

"Do you think a self-respecting union will travel 150 days down the WSB road, then be told nothing doing' and then start all In Michigan to Get on Ballot

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sharply - expressed public op-The convention sounded the position to the Trucks law,

endorsed a resolution attacking . Among those opposing the

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Although slow to start be-

cause of the terrible hysteria Ironically, the resolution against that accompanied the signing threaten every person with an

ment. It makes it easy to frame

to one of the obscene letters, sufficiently aroused to vote. "The rank and file gives us hell FIGHT TO CONTINUE

The Perfect Negotiator

Aptitude Test for Peace Negotiators:

EXAMINEE: "They are pursuing a policy of stalling.'

EXAMINER: "How are they pursuing it?" EXAMINEE: "They are deliberately pursuing it."

EXAMINER: "What are the enemy negotiators obviously using the negotiation for?"

EXAMINEE: "They are obviously using the negotiations as a sounding board."

EXAMINER: "Why not?" EXAMINEE: "Because of the stubborn, highhanded, stiff-necked stand of the enemy negotiators.

EXAMINER: "In brief, how do you regard these negotiations?"

EXAMINEE: "I regard the negotiations as worse than useless." EXAMINER: "You pass, General - you're a

real peace negotiator."

- Barry Mather in "The Vancouver Sun.



JOHN DEWEY

Moscow Trials of the

Thirties as "frameups."

Notes from the News

A COURAGEOUS ARMY SERGEANT wrote a personal and private letter to Gen. Clark, telling him that he thought the repudiation of terms pledged to the Koje prisoners in exchange for the release of captured Gen. Dodd was "among the most repugnant and disgraceful acts to be committed against the decency of man." Gen. Clark sent the ltter from Tokyo and the sergeant was ordered court-martialed for showing disrespect to a superior officer. But Sergeant Dean Chase of Salt Lake City spoke the mind of many a soldier.

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SCREENING OF THREE SEAMEN by the Coast Guard was held unconstitutional June 10 by Federal Judge John C. Brown in Seattle. This was the first ruling of its kind in the country, in cases which involve the arbitrary denial of seamen's right to work. The judge said, "The loyalty-screening proceedings violate the due process of law requirement because the defendants are not advised of the nature of the disloyalty charges against them and are not given a hearing on those charges before adverse findings are made." * * *

GEN. DANIEL H. HUDELSON, just back from Korea, stated the other day he did not believe the UN forces had the manpower to win against the Koreans and Chinese. He was immediately answered by Army Secretary Pace, who said he had faith in the U.S. armed forces. Hudelson, who originally had said, "I'm not sure why we're even fighting," responded: "Secretary Pace is a fine gentleman, and undoubtedly has access to information not available to a poor broken-down commander just back from Korea. I was speaking only from personal experience."

TRENTON CASE FRAME-UP VICTIM Collis English, now in the Trenton, N. J., state prison, is in imminent danger of death as a result of a heart condition requiring immediate surgery. In a plea for his release, his mother wrote, "Collis is . . . innocent. The prison is eating away my child's heart. The prison heart specialist, Dr. Harry A. Kaplan says he needs a heart operation and that prison is no place for that. Please write Gov. Driscoll and ask him to pardon my innocent

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dying son or let him out of prison so he can * * *

from this blow. CLEVELAND MEAT CUTTERS went on strike **OPPOSED PURGING** a week ago to press their demand for a 40 hour OF TEACHERS week at no reduction in take-home pay. Average hours range from 45 to 48 hours a week. First break in the strike came when the A & P chain

agreed to the 40 hour demand. This is a great the fight against the purging of who lectured in Seattle last Feb- of a reactionary group specializ, it could not win its demands step forward for the union. The strike at this teachers from the schools on ruary. writing is still on at Kroger chain and in most grounds of political opinions. He stores in the city.

* * * CICERO COPS FOUND GUILTY in the anti-Negro riot case June 5. This headline in the papers was a departure from the usual whitewash of trigger-happy and race-hating police who have been acquitted time after time. This case, involving the wrecking of Harvey Clark's Cicero home, in which a Jim Crow mob was aided and abetted by cops and city officials, was the center organizations to get justice.

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BUT AN ALL-WHITE JURY acquitted an ex- POLEMIC WITH TROTSKY cop murderer who shot and killed two Negroes. Wvatt Blacknall, and his nephew, James. The cop. Stanley LaBenskey entered a bar in Yonkers. notice Negroes drinking there, and asked, "Do you serve Negroes here?" The bartender replied ternational. He objected to Trothe served anybody who pays and behaves. La-Benskey left the bar and accosted his two victims interconnection of means and is a cynical whitewash.

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THE DOUBLE BASS SECTION of the Toronto sky said "has entered upon a Symphony orchestra was found to be subversive period of bankruptcy just as has Stalinist periphery realize that COMMISSION by the Immigration Department and refused entry American capitalism.' into Detroit to play a single engagement that Despite his anti-Marxist out- end of the witch hunt and that a "dangerous thoughts." call themselves "liberals."

Towards the end of his life, editor of the Marxist theoretical The campaign of anonymous The union found, in this case as in June 1949, Dewey entered into magazine, Fourth International, obscenity appears to be the work in so many previous cases, that ing in "combatting Communism" which may be working hand in

glove with the FBI, or possibly educator and philosopher to The motive for this effort at the local "red" squad. The object bear in defense of those holding smearing the Seattle Trotskyists is to harass individuals thought unpopular minority views on the is not difficult to find. An ever- to hold radical views. teaching staffs of schools and growing number of people forcolleges. It is significant that the merly under Stalinist influence along is a united effort of all determining the issues in dispute school authorities did not pay the have become favorably impressed organizations subjected to this slightest attention in this matter with the principled stand of the annoyance to uncover and expose to the man widely regarded as Socialist Workers Party in op- the wrong doers. The Stalinists, the dean of U.S. educational position to Truman's war in however, have during the last tion I have described will un- type should be used, there is of a determined campaign by labor and liberal theory. There was only a very Korea and in defense of civil four years followed a directly doubtedly increase the incentives a quicker way to do so than small liberal grouping that sup- liberties for the Communist Party opposite course. From the outset for the parties to settle their dif- by appointing a board of inand everyone else victimized by of the campaign of anonymous ferences through bargaining."

the current witch hunt. These calls, letters and circulars, they DECEPTIVE RHETORIC people have become critical of have accused the Trotskyists of the way Stalinist leaders have being responsible. This is an' polemic with Leon Trotsky in sabotaged civil liberties cases in- instance on a local scale of the the pages of the Trotskyist maga- volving the Socialist Workers technique of the amalgam which zine of that time, the New In- Party. This was particularly true received its most spectacular use in Seattle a few months ago when in the Moscow frame - up trials sky's presentation of the dialectic the Stalinist leaders in the when Stalin's GPU accused Leon Northwest sabotaged the court Trotsky of entering into a secret outside. He started an argument with them and ends in the article "Their Morals case in which the SWP sought "pact" with the Nazis. (This was then shot them down in cold blood. His acquittal and Ours." He took his stand on to have the loyalty oath provision before Stalin signed a public pact are entitled to. Indeed, I made his "instrumentalist" philosophy: for candidates for public office with Hitler.)

a pragmatic outlook which Trot- ruled unconstitutional. Workers and liberals in the CALLS FOR IMPARTIAL

the SWP is also on the receiving required only a 24-hour stay. As a result, the look, Dewey repeatedly made united defense of the right to Workers Party, has called for rhetoric. The reference to the ment would allow the contract board of directors of the orchestra dismissed six common cause with Marxists on freedom of thought and speech the creation of an impartial com- workers facing "the prospect" of issues to be settled through a musicians including two violinists, a flutist, and issues of civil liberties, thus show- is on the order of the day. It is mission of inquiry drawn from working for inadequate wages is direct test of economic strength." three double bass players. Some board members ing himself to be true to his own this healthy sentiment that the the labor and liberal movement not accurate. That condition is Whether the union heads will hold have taken the position that the orchestra should principles of liberalism, prin- Stalinist leaders seek to coun- to hear the charges of Pettus and no "prospect." It is a fact. The to this view if Truman should not submit to the McCarran Act, and should ciples which are being so baldly teract by their slanderous frame- to review the "evidence." He allusion to the companies facing get a court injunction or a seizure cancel all United States performances, rather betrayed during the present witch up charges. They called in the pledges fullest cooperation in an "the possibility of something less order, remains to be seen. Certhan let the U.S. screen their musicians for hunt by many who continue to postal authorities, in all likeli- investigation undertaken by such than their normal profits," is tainly the men in the mills want hood solely to give their smear a body.

ought to give them hell when consider the fight ended with its How could the local leaders of they're wrong. Hundreds of thou- important ballot victory. The SWP will continue to press its

But Reuther failed to mention legal attack on the Trucks law, that betrayal of labor by the and will support the Communist Democrats and all the, so-called Party suit against the law, until "friends" of labor is the real this vicious piece of legislation is cause for workers' apathy, and wiped off the statute books. their indifference to the leaders' demands to "get out and vote." The workers do not feel they have from all believers in freedom of anyone to vote for.

Victory in this battle will require a maximum of support thought and social progress

never has, and would not in this

In spite of the absence of the throughout the country.

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seen, were in no mood to do this. demagogic gesture. Finally, capping the climax, Truman demanded that, if Congress prefers the Taft-Hartley

without a strike. method of stopping the strike and Truman continued, asking for giving all the bargaining adseizure powers to halt the strike, vantage to the companies, then it and then said: should act quickly.

"Seizure should not, of course, WANTS QUICK ACTION What has been indicated all be regarded as a means of "If however," Truman said, "the judgment of the Congress, between management and the union." How then, will the issues contrary to mine, is that an inbe settled? "The type of legisla- junction of the Taft-Hartley quiry under the Taft-Hartley

gress to enact legislation author-How will Truman's legislation izing and directing the President do this? His answer is the fol- to seek an injunction. . . In any lowing: "The companies will face event, I hope the Congress will the possibility of receiving someact quickly." This final giveaway thing less than their normal pro- shows that the "battle" between fits as just compensation. And the Truman and Congress is not so workers will face the prospect of sharp as both sides would have getting less than they think they the people suppose.

formed the parties that Govern-Daniel Roberts, chairman of the satisfactory to either side."

Seattle branch of the Socialist This is a deceptive bit of leaders hoped that the Govern-

In the meanwhile, rumors cirthis plain on May 3, when I in- culated that indicated the union leaders were finally getting fed ment changes in wages and work- up with the Government runing conditions would not be around. The N. Y. Times of June 3 reported that unnamed "Union

Act. That would be for the Con-

totally false. Government seizure the strike to continue to victory.



brought his influence as an MOTIVE FOR SMEAR

ported Dewey. In 1938, Dewey engaged in a