Stop the Murder Of Koje PW's! Get Out of Korea

By Farrell Dobbs, SWP Presidential Candidate

The killing of helpless prisoners of war by U.N. forces that every American worker cherishes.

The brass hats in charge of the prisoners claimed they took a poll and found that 100,000 out of 170,000 would "forcibly resist" being sent home. This propaganda the Socialist Workers Party, will was not acceptable to the North Korean negotiators at be a candidate for Congress from Panmunjom. Truce negotiations broke down over this last the 2nd Illinois District in the November elections. remaining issue. Workers responded willingly to

An iron censorship hid the real opinion of the prisonthe SWP petition campaign for ers. Even representatives of the American press were Beinin, with 12,000 signatures to put the anti-war candidate on the barred from the compounds.

Then the prisoners put on a demonstration to show ballot signed in a ten-day drive. who was telling the truth and who was lying at Panmun- This is 4,000 over the minimum jom. Armed only with wooden spears and banners, they The petitions for Beinin will be displayed "forcible resistance" to the pollsters in the face filed in August. Although restricof an overwhelming array of tanks, machine guns, tear tive election laws will keep the gas and bayonets in the hands of specially selected troops. SWP off the Presidential ballot,

And even as they were finally smashed and broken Illinois will hear the SWP proup into smaller sections, only a few hundred prisoners out of the 170.000 came out of the compounds to the UN side of the 170,000 came out of the compounds to the U.N. side.

The facts are now clear for all of us to see. On the basis of these facts, I charge that the Truman administra-tion used the screening as a pretext to prevent a truce in Soldier Calls Korea.

As presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Koje Killings cease at once and that the prisoners be returned unharmed to their homes. I demand that we accept the North Korean A New Dachau proposal for exchange of all prisoners so that the American prisoners of war can likewise return home unharmed.

A young sergeant, C. Dean The Koje prisoners have raised their voices above the Chase of Salt Lake City, recently rattling of machine guns and the explosion of napalm summoned the courage to send a bombs in Korea. In the only way open to them they have personal letter to Gen. Mark appealed to us to help end the slaughter in their land. Many Clark, protesting the cynical of them gave their lives to do this. We cannot remain sirepudiation of the no-furtherbloodshed agreement with Koje lent.

Every American who believes in peace and in freedom and resistance to tyranny must respond to the voice of these heroic prisoners.

held captive by the Koje prison-Let the Pentagon stop stalling. Let the fighting cease ers, was torn up by Clark. in tortured Korea. End this agonizing slaughter of civil-Here is the full text of ians, of women and children and the aged and the unarmed. Sergeant Chase's letter to Clark, Save American boys from useless death in this test ground for which he has been ordered court-martialed: for World War III.

Get the troops out of Korea. Let the Korean people work out their own fate in peace and freedom!

LEWIS SUPPORTS STEEL union, the state of the world, is STRIKE WITH HARD CASH indeed precarious. You must already know to what I refer. Koje! Koje is a name whose

REPUGNANT, DISGRACEFUL

ACT

The killing of helpless prisoners of war by U.N. forces at Koje has shocked the world. This massacre in crowded prison compounds after two years of slaughter that has soaked korea in blood, brands Truman's "police action" with the mark of the Swastika. It is in the tradition of the Nazi butchers. It is completely alien to the tradition **On Chicago Ballot** Threat of Gov't Action CHICAGO, June 17. — Irving Beinin, Illinois state chairman of

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Workers of the World, Unite !

Democrats and Republicans Make a Political Football **Of Steel Dispute Issues**

By Joseph Andrews

While Republicans and Democrats maneuver for political advantage in the handling of the strike of 650,000 steel workers, the picket lines have held firm, refusing to back down an inch on union demands since the strike began over two weeks ago.

But the steelworkers' struggle s entering a crucial stage. What CIO President Philip Murray correctly branded as "making a political football" of the steel dispute can only result in either Democratic - Truman or a Republican - Taft blow against the union's right to strike.

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This strike illustrates the fact, evident especially since the end of the war, that the powerful labor movement will not be allowed to use its economic power unfettered by government intervention. And the aim of government intervention has always been to rob the workers of their chance to beat down the corporations in direct struggle.

ELECTION FOOTBALL

"friend."

Preparations for the 1952 elections further complicate the problem for the strikers. On the one hand Truman, seeking to win labor support, refuses to invoke the Taft-Hartley injunction law. But he stands ready to use a

plant-seizure bill which he has asked Congress to give him,

arrived at between the corporations and the striking steel union. Previously the position of

the steel industry was entitled to was \$3 a ton price hike under the law. Now, Putnam reported, a \$4.50 price increase

adequate compensation.

Neither Democrats nor Repubin effect would also licans will intervene on the side deprive the workers of their of the strikers. Illusions as to strike weapon, unless they are Truman's role now can only serve prepared to strike under con- to weaken the union's struggle ditions of government seizure. and end in a betrayal.

prisoners of war. This agreement, by which the U.S. officers obtained the release of Gen. Dodd,

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court-martialed: INFAMY OF KOJE When an officer in the military service proclaims himself God and invokes an amoral privilege of reneging on the sworn word of someone else, the state of the union, the state of the world, is

Official CIO publications in issue a hard-hitting editorial, "No It smacks of police statism, Michigan clearly indicate both Truck with the Trucks Act." awareness of the threat to labor adopted at the Steelworkers Con- "As if this were a

Trucks

dictatorship, the worst kind of

which

GERMAN

PEOPL

Bigger Price Hike JUNE 18 - Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam

Companies To Get

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

dangled a price boost before the steel magnates today as he made a promise of "friendly and sympathetic" consideration of a hike in steel prices should a new contract be

government had been that all

was under discussion.

Thus it is clear in advance that if the steel workers force the companies to meet their demands, the steel monopolists will be assured of more than

leaguered steel strikers. The United Mine Workers headed Dachau, Nordhausen, Buchenwald, by John L. Lewis pledged a \$10 million strike fund on |et al. June 18 to the United Steelworkand velvet pants, would be the the Koje incident involved ac-

ers of America. willing tool and symbol. In a telegram to Steelworkers President Philip Murray, Lewis said:

"We are conscious of the strength of the vast array of adversaries which confront you. Rarely has a union membership faced such a formidable grouping of financial and corporate interests as now oppose the steelworkers of the nation in their long standing struggle to achieve their rightful aims and objectives in the industry.

"Any attempt to crush your salute the men in the steel instrike, through the device of the dustry and commend their brave benefit of the rapacious and predatory interests that oppose you, would be a heinous crime against American labor, antidestructive of confidence in the principles of our American

republic.

United Steelworkers of America hard-won and necessary belief in in the National Bank of Wash- humanity merely by carrying ington, D. C. in the amount of stars on your crown.

\$10,000,000 subject to your draft and order, as your need warrants and circumstances require. "The men in the mining in-

dustry and those of our membership in associated industries

Taft-Hartley machinery, for the hearts. Our full support is ever with you." A similar action by all the

and assure their victory. American labor, banded to- kind. You have failed in a trust. gether and in solid support of Your act is another example of "It would be equivalent to the the striking steel workers, could the stupidity and demoralization

creation of a neo-fascist move- muster such overwhelming power of militaristic discipline, just anment in America, of which R. as to break the stubborn ar- other step toward world disin-Alphonso Taft, with his jackboots rogance of the steel industrialists. | tegration.

now echo through In a magnificent move of solidarity with the be- pages of history in company with represented by the Trucks law vention, May 13-16, against "the the state legislature sneaked into

> May 22 denounced the Trucks out the Trucks law. tivity on the part of prisoners law as "a totalitarian measure," imperilling free speech and editorial. continues, "that the "Our union is in this fight with which might be considered threatening "to eliminate political opposition," carried in its June after the proper atmosphere had you. Indicative of this fact and as treacherous, nevertheless when a preliminary step, United Mine an agreement is made it must Workers of America has today be kept. You, General Clark, in

issue the following story. established financial credit for the no way relinquish a common, "The Socialist Workers Party has been restored to the Mich-

igan election ballot. The SWP was returned to the ballot because the Trucks ' law, under which they were expelled, has

been challenged in the courts as Your action is among the most repugnant and disgraceful acts being unconstitutional.

"State officials are restrained to be committed (in name of nationalism and militarism) against from enforcing the law under an first victim "under this act is an the decency of man. And the conorder issued over a month ago currence of your Congressional by the U.S. federal court.

cohorts is a further disgrace. "The Trucks law was blasted Party," The Searchlight then Why have you succumbed to the by the recent Michigan CIO con- says: powerful unions in the CIO and decadent philosophy of an eye for vention as being a threat to the WHO IS NEXT? AFL would do much to strengthen an eye? As a citizen, I simply labor movement and a vicious social in concept, and perilously the position of the steel strikers cannot understand how you can form of thought-control legislastill hold up your head to mantion.'

> NO TRUCK WITH TRUCKS ACT

and the determination to reso- anti-labor legislation pouring out the Trucks Act a clause which lutely fight against it. The Mich- of Congress and State legis- gives labor cause for alarm. That Whereas the commencement of igan State CIO News, which on latures," The Searchlight singles clause is Section 6, dealing with sabotage. Section 6 is aimed against workers on picket lines. "We must not forget," the

It is aimed at workers who fight speed-ups. It is aimed at unions that resist boss violence. . . The Trucks Act is dangerous. It has been denounced by the State CIO whipped up by the House Un-Convention. The State CIO in American Activities Committee

tends to fight this union-busting With the atmosphere of created measure. We are happy to join fear, the auto corporations were in the fight against this vicious too successful in forging new piece of auto corporation legislachains to bind labor in Michigan." tion." Pointing out that while the

Act was ostensibly Review, official publication of the "directed against the Communist Greater Flint CIO Council, also Party in Michigan," the very carried an article calling attention to the May 22 editorial of organization which is in bitter opposition to the Communist the Trucks law.

Atomic Weapons Ready

In Korea, General Says

"We might ask, who will be banned next? What is to prevent Gen. James Van Fleet admit the party in office from striking ted June 11 that tactical atomic Florida NAACP leader, or the anti-discrimination laws and all other political parties from weapons are ready for almost wave of bombings and dynamit- protect citizens from violence. the ballot? A close reading of the immediate use in Korea. Per- ing of Negro homes. The Searchlight, official pub- bill demonstrates that this is sonnel is already on the ground lication of Flint Chevrolet Local possible. For this reason we are to direct use of the new horror progress includes the following: are still to be apprehended.

659, CIO, carried in its June 12 in opposition to the Trucks Act. weapons, he said.

On the other hand the Republicans, also seeking political ad- FACE FORCED RETURN vantage, want to stall any Congressional action, in order to force correct when he stated at a meet-Truman to use the Taft-Hartley ing of strike leaders in Pitts-Act and thus confess it is burgh June 13 that no group or "necessary" legislation. It is individual is "big enough to whip useless for the steel workers to this union." But the political

Philip Murray was absolutely look to either side in this cynical facts of life are that unless the political maneuvering for a steel workers realize the dangers

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TRUMAN'S PHONY CIVIL ion." The June 13 Flint Weekly RIGHTS CLAIM EXPOSED

By Jean Blake

President Truman renewed his lip service to his civil the Michigan CIO News against rights promises of 1948, without explaining why they were not kept, in a commencement day address at Howard University June 13. He cited the

last five years as "the best years passage of anti-lynch laws in in race relations this country has two states. "The civil rights secever had," but failed to mention tion of the Dept. of Justice and the murder of Harry T. Moore, the FBI" have helped enforce This is news for the mother of

Truman's so - called record of Harry T. Moore whose murderers

1. Political rights. Elimination 5. Equality in armed forces of the poll tax in two states, This is, also a false claim. Tennessee and So. Carolina. There | Reporters for the Negro press are now five poll-tax states. The after touring army camps in the facts are that not Truman's past year state that segregation efforts, but the struggles and which had started to decline, has sacrifice of thousands of Negroes been resumed, and an increase of von these legal gains in court Jim Crow practises is evident.

Moreover, Lieut. Leon Gilbert

Senate Rushes to Ratify German War "Contract"

By Joseph Hansen

The argument pressed in favor

of hasty ratification is the alleged

Soviet Union, because of its ness.

The Senate Foreign Relations economic structure, is under no Committee began hearings June compulsion to expand like coun-10 on the "contract" signed with tries driven by capitalist eco-Germany. First witness was bureaucratic caste, dreading both greasing the "contract" through tion toward another global con- to unification. Secretary of State Dean Acheson. war and revolution, wants noth-He demanded quick ratification by ing so much as maintenance of the Senate. He also demanded the status quo. quick ratification of a proposal to ists and flunkeys.

include the German satellite DAMAZING ADMISSION

power in the North Atlantic General Eisenhower apparently OPPOSITION IN FRANCE Treaty. The committee responded had this mind when he admitted by closing hearings within a week, June 3 upon his return to the U.S. granting only one day to op- that "The chance of a deliberately sledding. The French govern- assistance; but, as in France, the ratification on grounds the agreeponents of ratification.

Thus, Democrats and Repub- meant, of course, a war provoked sulting in advance either Wash- war perspective is also widelicans committed to the bi- by Moscow. Dozens of similar ington or London, has proposed spread and profound. Its most partisan policy of a plunge into statements made in the past few another effort at "talks" with striking reflection at the moment STALINIST POSITION World War III are speeding years by men high in policy- Moscow. No doubt this is in part is the growing strength of the propaganda about the "expan- more dollars and arms for the of Washington's policy. Under to the United States. The "contion. sionism" of the Soviet Union is costly and bloody colonial war in pressure of the Bevan wing, the tract" is held to be a "separate

is false. The truth is that the conquest planned by Big Busi- geoisie who fear another war may ment expressed confidence in the occupation" and leaving Western fights. be their last one. And it is a form possibility of a peaceful settle- Germany dependent on and sub-

shot-gun ratification. The only working people to the headlong to arrange for free elections

ernment undoubtedly sees an op- the Bonn parliament. The Social In France, it appears that portunity for putting the squeeze Democrats, heading the opposiprovoked war is not great." He ment, apparently without con- opposition to Wall Street's early ment violates the West German for a new war." constitution.

2. Education. "The principle is still in jail, victim of a Thus there is every reason to of recognition of the deep-going ment with the Soviet Union and ordinate to the U.S. government of no discrimination" said Tru- discriminatory army discipline oppose Acheson's demand for opposition among the French called for a four-power meeting as well as Britain and France. man, "is the law of this country aimed at silencing all question-By concluding a separate today in institutions of learning ing of the slaughter of Koreans the Adenauer government of West nomic forces. And the privileged segment of America interested in rush of the Truman administra-Atlantic powers "legalize the one glaring fact exposing this | "police action." In Germany itself, the un- re-establishment of a German claim was the issuing on Feb. 7 Truman also tried to take seemly alacrity with which army headed by Nazi generals of warrants for the arrest of six credit for the passage of FEPC

appears to be taking its time Adenauer signed on the dotted and thereby pave the way for a local NAAOP officials for at- laws in eleven states and twenty about ratifying. Like its French line is offset by the difficulty he resurgence of aggressive West- tempting by peaceful, legal means municipalities during the past few counterpart, the Churchill gov- faces in getting it approved by ern militarism." The treaty is to end segregation in the Cairo, years. Aside from the fact that "actually an open military Illinois, schools. alliance" whereby "the German 3. Housing. Truman cited the teeth and unenforced, the fact ratification will not have easy on Truman for more economic tion at present, are battling people are being involved by the Supreme Court decision outlaw- is that they were enacted only Bonn government in preparations ing restrictive covenants, and as a result of the insistent presaction by nine states against sure of Negro and labor organiza-These acts attempt "not only segregation in public housing. tions.

to sever one part of Germany But despite these crumbs, the

from the rest for all time, but to housing restrictions remain in set that part against the rest effect, and extra-legal methods exercises to convince the Negro rubber - stamp approval of this making councils of Big Business a form of pressure on the Tru- Aneurin Bevan wing of the Labor lin's position. This was stated of Germany." This signifies that are used to keep Negroes out of people and the American people giant step toward atomic destruc- could be cited. All the lying man administration to secure Party which has voiced distrust most recently in the May 24 note the U.S. government is not in- "fily white" communities, with generally that the Democrats have terested in the unification of Ger- dynamite enforcing segregation in any way carried out the "Fair many or in a peace treaty. It in Florida, Georgia, California, Deal" civil rights program of Indo-China. But it is also a Labor Party leadership issued a treaty" that flagrantly violates means a deal with Adenauer. etc. of hasty ratification is the alleged designed solely to psychologize indo-China. But it is also a Labor Party leadership issued a treaty" that flagrantly violates consequence of the weakness and statement June 12 calling for the Potsdam agreement, preserv-"This deal can only be founded the Soviet Union. The argument the public for the war of world weariness of the French bour- delay in ratification. The state- ing "a regime of virtual military

(Continued on page 2) mob violence. Truman cited betrayal.

It will take more than Truman's speeches at commencement

most of these laws are without

1948. These unkept promises 4. Protection of citizens from stand as a reminder of a cynical

Let us now turn to the Krem-

the Senate is Big Business and flict. The British government, too, its assorted brass, machine politicians, bureaucrats, propagand**Page Two**

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In these days of wholesale renegacy under witch-hunt pressure, one more convert to the side of the ruling powers, laying one more bone of information at their feet, couldn't expect to cause a sensation or rate more than a small stick of type in the daily press. Such news has grown stale by too much repetition of the same thing

If Whittaker Chambers had done nothing more than that he could not have attained his present status as a modern oracle. His services as an informer, of course, would have been appreciated by those whom they serve, and like the less-favored of his dreary brethren, he would have been paid off, dismissed and told to wait on call for possible use in another case.

But Chambers is an exception who has been blown up into a celebrity because he went beyond the familiar routine of peddling information for immunity and bearing false witness against Communism. Chambers has written a book (Witness, Random House) with a message to the effect that, to his personal knowledge, God has taken a definite position against Communism and all revolutions past, present and future. That is a message which the instigators and beneficiaries of the current hysteria want to hear and have proclaimed far and wide.

Powerful agencies, monopolizing the mediums of information and publicity, consciously strive to mold public opinion in a reactionary pattern. Chambers' revelation, wrapped up in 800 pages of Time-style literary trimmings, fits perfectly. into this design and fills a special need. It puts an intellectual and spiritual gloss upon the crude and brutal operations of the Congressional Un-American Activities Committee, the loyalty boards, and all the various McCarthys, McCarrans and other vigilantes, national and local. The extraordinary build-up of the book and the author is well motivated.

America No Longer the Same

Our country is not what it used to be. Within the space of a single generation, a remarkable transformation has taken place in America's position in the world. Political thinking has changed correspondingly. For more than a century the United States, with a whole continent of its own to exploit, developed into a mighty industrial power in comparative self-sufficiency behind ocean barriers and tariff walls. This geographical security found its political expression in the doctrine of isolationism. Washington's warning against foreign entanglements was the popular creed.

All that is changed for good. The material basis for the doctrine of isolationism has long been outlived, and the doctrine itself has of necessity been relegated to the past. American capitalism is involved in the world, and there it is running up against all kinds of economic dislocations and the rising tide of social revolution and colonial insurgence. Bourgeois America is in a jam which its deepest thinkers never foresaw or bargained for. Even the thickest heads on the shoulders of our lords and masters have begun to ache from worry and apprehension over the problem.

They are confronted with the alternative: dominate the world or perish. This dilemma is pretty well recognized by all the factions in the ruling circles. Counsels are divided only about the policies and means whereby American capitalism can survive and establish its world domination. The division, however, is not really serious. The necessary decision has already been made.

other welfare measures. And they don't intend to build any TVAs on foreign rivers either, American capitalism, they are convinced, can save itself and conquer the world only with force and not with largesse, which anyway it can't afford.

This is precisely the program that American capitalism needs - if it is to remain what it is. Moreover, it is the program that is actually being put into effect.

Domestic and foreign policy in practice are of one piece. At home there is the progressive destruction of civil rights; the thickening atmosphere of police-state terror and suppression of dissenting thought; the increasingly vicious anti-labor laws and the preparation for an allout assault on the trade union movement. The aim of this domestic policy, bluntly put, is to beat down the standards of the American working people and make them pay for the impending war. From the standpoint of capitalism this is a simple necessity. The costs of a total war, high wages and a Welfare State don't go together; any bookkeeper can tell you that. Those who say otherwise are liars or muddle-heads. . Abroad, despite all the tongue-in-cheek palaver about democracy, national independence, Point 4, etc., the same policy is extended. The world sees America everywhere in alliance with the most reactionary elements - capitalists, landlords and usurers - who exploit and oppress the people. Imperialist America's foreign policy has, and can have, only one counter-revolutionary aim; to support capitalism wherever it is threatned and to restore it wherever it has been overthrown.

Religion to Fit a Police State

But such a program and practice, frankly declared, couldn't be very attractive to its present and intended victims. It has to be dressed up and disguised. Even the most stupid reactionaries realize that a war for world conquest, necessitating the mobilization of tens of millions, requires some kind of ideological justification, some sort of "faith" - all the better if it doesn't cost anything. That is why they are inclining more and more to the promotion of a revival of religion; a religion, that is, of a special kind, a religion which fits the needs of the trend toward a police state and eventual fascism - which will surely be America's fate if the workers' revolution doesn't arrive in time.

The religion they want is none of the easygoing, love-thy-neighbor Christianity which many humble rank and file followers of the gospels believe and practice to the best of their ability; none of the protestant liberality which allows a person - more or less - to form his own idea of religion as a code of ethics and worship God in his own way; and certainly none of the freedom of thought and inquiry and reliance on human reason bequeathed by the Enlightenment of the 18th Century. No. the rulers of America who want to rule the world want an authoritarian religion with an iron-fisted God who decides what's good for people and has a temporal power to enforce his decisions.

That is why the Catholic hierarchy, which aims at totalitarian rule over the minds of men, gets more and more favor and support and thrives accordingly. That is also the reason why Chambers' book, with its formula of God standing above human reason and against it - God against revolution and even against New Deal social reform - has met such an enthusiastic response in reactionary circles as a literary weapon in their fight.

South African Witch Hunt

By Charles Hanley

The South African regime of Daniel F. Malan has become a model for witch hunters and race chauvinists everywhere. The Malan government is the picture of the future for the United States if Washington and Wall Street continue on their present path of extending the witch hunt and refusing equal rights to the Negro people.

The white supremacists of the southern States and the redbaiters throughout the nation admire Daniel F. Malan. Their ideas are not very different from Malan's views on segregation, civil rights, communism and unions.

The U.S. State department's sympathy for the Malan government is obvious. Not only has it given aid to the South African reactionaries in the United Nations, but it also forbids American citizens in South Africa to criticize them publicly. For example, after South African Finance Minister Louw had charged that "adverse and inaccurate reports by foreign journalists of government policies amount to sabotage of this country's economy" (N. Y. Herald Tribune, May 19), American consular authorities warned an American cartoonist, Bob Connolly of New Jersey, employed by the South African' Rand Daily Mail, a strongly anti-Malan paper, that he may lose the

ernment unless he stops participating in South African politics. It is hardly likely that this threat would have been addressed to Connolly if he worked for a pro-Malan paper.

South African Labor Party and for 24 years general secretary of he Garment Workers Union lescribes the fascist racial policy of the Malan regime in his forthoming book "The Choice Before South Africa," as follows: ". . .the entire population is divided into three main racial groups, white, native and colored. The Minister of the Interior is given arbitrary nowers for the establishment of immovable pronerty and for allowing or prohibiting the occupation of land and premises by

those areas.

groups where they shall reside, for two years. This really is genuine liberals should protest work or own property. Senator McCarthy's dream come any support given to the Malan "Non-Europeans will be segre- true! The law is being used to regime by the U.S. government. gated from the urban areas where label as "communists" any op- Only the fighters against Malan's approximately 90% of the wealth ponents of Malan. policies are deserving of symof the country is concentrated, Sam Kahn, a member of the pathy from the American people. and relegated to areas already Communist Party and a member Negroes, workers and liberals overcrowded and impoverished." of Parliament for the Cape must also realize that the spirit Recently Malan practically dis- Western region has been unseated of racial hatred and political perfranchised one million colored from Parliament. Fred Carneson secution that makes the South branch by nearly 600 points is all team members to make the people of the Cape province who has been thrown out of the Cape African scene so revolting is also San Francisco, which also gained sub campaign a success will had previously won a few Provincial Council. Sam Kahn's growing stronger in America. lementary rights. South Africa's native interpreter, Johnson Ngwe- Police-state laws like the Trucks high scorer is Frank K. of Oak- tion at the Militant Cabaret. highest tribunal, the Appeals vela, has also received one of Mr. Act in Michigan, federal anti- land, a veteran subgetter whose Court, declared this measure to Swart's letters, and was given 30 subversive persecution under the spirit and enthusiasm have well Militant salesmen are on the job. be illegal. But Malan, determin- days to resign as an officer and Smith Act and the McCarran law, earned him top honors in the Last week, Jack, Donald, and ed to liquidate the 1909 constitu- member of the Franchise Action purges of federal employees, the campaign. Frank's score of 1,031 Millie sold 22 copies at the AFL Council and the Cape Town Peace murder of Florida Negro leader tion, had a bill passed by Parliament setting up a new "par- Council, and is barred from be- Harry T. Moore and his wife; participating branches of one campus; and Donald regularly liamentary court," as the court of coming a member of or partici- all point the way to dictatorship week's free vacation in New sells the paper in his neighborlast resort for constitutional pating in the activities of the and terror. Where they lead is questions. Thus the appeals court African National Congress. He being shown in South Africa.





Japanese police beat demonstrators after breaking up labor demonstrations in Tokyo. Similar parades and rallies against the war plans of the Japanese vassals of American imperialism occurred in four large Japanese cities and smaller communities. Three persons were killed and 80 injured.

s to be by-passed by the regime, is restricted for two years to the protection of the American govthe new court being Malan's Province of the Cape of Good bedient tool. Hope.

Under the new Malan law, the mulattoes can only elect four ARRESTED FOR SPEAKING white representatives to Parlia- Emil S. Sachs was arrested at ment, but are not permitted to a demonstration of 10,000 in participate in the election of the Johannesburg for speaking in

DISCR BES MALAN POLICY other 150 members of Parliament. violation of the "Communism" The 1909 constitution stipulates Act. His arrest touched off Emil S. Sachs, a leader of the that the fundamental laws of the widespread protests on Saturday, country cannot be changed with- May 24, according to the N. Y. out a two-thirds majority, which Herald Tribune of May 27, which Malan's Nationalist Party does reported that he was released on not have. However, Malan has \$700 bail on condition that he proceeded despite the fact that attend no public meetings. Mr. Sachs is charged with violation his acts are unconstitutional. Under Malan's "Suppression of of the "Suppression of Com-Communism Act," Minister of munism Act" by twice defying a Justice Swart is empowered to government order telling him to limit the personal freedom of refrain from public speaking and anyone on his subversive list. to resign from his union position. Every person named by him is The Communist Party was ordered to resign from political driven into illegality in 1950. Its and other organizations and secretary, Moses Kotane, has prohibited from attending any been arrested for speaking in nembers of various racial groups meetings or gatherings what- Johannesburg and thereby violatever, except church meetings and ing the "Suppression of Com-

"In effect, the Minister will social gatherings. Blacklisted per- munism Act." be able to dictate to all individual sons are restricted to a certain American Negro and labor persons and to entire racial territory which they cannot leave organizations as well as all



A Horseshoe in One Glove

Bob Hope, the eminent American humorist, once said that his studios did not type-cast him in his pictures; in one picture, he said, he was given the role of an honest man, and in another he was a 9-

you see it, that's exactly what it

is. We do not know whether Bob Truman, an old professional at has been called before the House the game, probably looks upon Committee on Un-American Ac- the Texas vote-rustling episode tivities yet for this slurring as an inept display of amteur remark, but at any rate this quip, politics. After all, trained as he accurately describes capitalist was in the Kansas City vote-thetombstones school, Truman was Eisenhower and Taft, both able to get through a couple of

politician.

politics.

in everything but skill.

vote right.

terms before they caught up with 'outspoken" and "courageous" his tax-fraud and deep-freeze opponents of corruption in government, are now locked in a racket. There are three key men whose knock - down, no - holds - barred

influence can probably decide the scramble for votes. Their double-Republican convention outcome. dealing, vote-stealing, bribery, Governor Fine of Pennsylvania, and chicanery are a match for Truman and Pendergast's methods and McKeldin of Maryland, and Mich. State GOP chairman Summerfield. The - Christian Science

In Texas, as usual, they're doing things in a big way. There, the Bigschauter former, number of fice-hungry jackals with pious the Eisenhower forces pulled a remonstrance, predicts that these fast one by corralling a big three men might "unite their Democrat - carpetbagger vote in the Republican primaries, thereby from cither camp, drive the winning a majority of the hardest bargain in patronage and delegates for the general. In delegates for the general. In prestige, and name the next political primaries under the candidate — and possibly the next two-party system, this is the President."

equivalent of going into the ring So if Eisenhower makes it, you with a horseshoe on one glove can put down his victory to the and a load of shot in the other. fact that he had a bigger bucket This, says Taft, is fraud. And of gold to hand out to the boys you've got to admit, that's exactly in the back room. And ditto if what it is. But the Ohio Senator, Taft is the "banner-bearer." is hell-bent for election. He moved So if you want your boy to right in on the Texas machine, grow up to be president, teach and got the State Republican him how to rabbit punch in the committee to unseat the Eisen- clinches, and then to make sure, hower delegates, and arbitrarily settle a few million dollars on name some of the boys who will him so he can get in there with the high bidders when the vote-This, says Eisenhower, is peddlers put their wares on sale. "corruption." And, no matter how - Joseph Andrews

THE MILITANT ARMY

WEST COAST SCOREBOARD	Militant spread so widely here in
Points	preparation for the election cam-
San Francisco 2,204	paign and all relative activities.
Eastside Los Angeles 1,626	"The Minneapolis campaign,
Oakland 1,434	scoring one point for each six
Seattle 1,308	month sub, totaled 178 points.
San Pedro 1,171	This amounts to 4,628 sub points.
Westside Los Angeles 1,068	as other campaigns score, and
Southside Los Angeles 808	does not include our sales of in-
The West Coast Militant sub-	dividual copies. The winning team

This amounts to 4,628 sub points, as other campaigns score, and does not include our sales of individual copies. The winning team to be royally honored at the scription campaign ended June 8 with excellent results. Militant Militant Cabaret on June 14 is subgetters sold a the Lavender Hill Mob with 52 total of 215 six- points. Other team results: Debs months and one-year Banner Bearers, 41; Northside subs and almost Tornadoes, 33; Campus Cam-1,500 single copies. baigners, 26; and the Portland The five-week cam- Promoters. 26. Larry, steward of paign netted over the Debs Banner Bearers, is the half the amount of top individual scorer with $^{\vee}16$ subs gained by the points. Wally, steward of the same branches in Mob, and Harry, 'breeziest' one of last year's ten-week the Tornadoes, were a close second, with 14 points each. The campaign. The winning wide, enthusiastic participation of the most in new subs. West Coast guarantee for us a real celebra-"In addition to sub getting, wins the first prize given by the Hall; 25 papers were sold on the York. hood.'

Pious Talk About Welfare State

There is still a faction, more articulate than effective, which talks piously about maintaining all the material benefits of a Welfare State in the United States and, at the same time, scattering these peculiarly American blessings among the hungry and benighted people of other lands. This program expresses itself in the New Deal within the country and the blather about Point 4 abroad. The proponents of this paper program say we can outbid Communism and win peoples' minds to a better faith, a faith in democracy and universal prosperity as exemplified in the USA.

The other, more realistic, faction - the faction that is in the saddle whether in office or not - recognizes that this program, as a program for American capitalism, is impractical. They have no further use for the New Deal or

New Deal Clothes Don't Fit

Where do the New Dealers, the liberals, the literate ex-radicals and the rest of the literary gentry who want to support an unreasonable social system without renouncing human reason - where do they come in? Chambers' book upsets them -- they like it and they don't like it. They support 20th Century American imperialism just as he does. But they want to dress it up in the ideological clothes of the 18th Century.

They are out of date. The clothes they offer don't fit any more. That's why their reviews of Chambers' book produce such a comic effect. Chambers is a far more authentic ideologist for imperialists trending toward fascism, because he offers a spiritual justification of the only program they can have, the program they are already carrying out - at home and abroad. - J.P.C.

Dave, of the Eastside Los Angeles branch, piled up 767 points, taking West Coast second place honors; and John of San Pedro is third with 468 points. Other high scorers are Ed Harris, San Francisco, 350 points; Tiby, Southside Los Angeles, 312; Jackie, San Francisco, 194; Frank, Seattle, 194; Frank B., San Fran-

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Senate Rushes to Ratify German War "Contract"

simply dismiss all this as propa-(Continued from page 1) they appear. Bonn Adenauer government, which is preparing to unleash a KREMLIN AIMS new war in Europe. The reviving Moscow's response to the West Germany Army, headed by heightened war threat to the fascist Hitlerite generals can Soviet Union, only too evident only serve the aggressive aims of | in the Bonn "contract," is to try the German revanchists. On the to frighten the western capitalother hand, the incorporation of ists with the specter of intensified this West German Army in the class struggle and even civil war so-called European army and con- wherever it has mass parties in sequently in the army of the countries dominated by the At-North Atlantic bloc re-emphasizes | lantic powers. Hence the demonthe aggressive character of the stration's centered around General whole North Atlantic group." Ridgway and the belligerent

Those who damn everything declarations of the Stalinist heads out of Moscow will, of course, of Eastern Germany.

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reaching some kind of agreement

THE MAY 24 OFFERS

with U.S. capitalism that will permit "co-existence" on the basis of the status quo or at least postponement of the projected assault on the Soviet Union. Who, looking objectively at the by a four-power commission, not (revengeful). Soviet government's fear of an

imperialist assault, can deny it a UN commission as demanded is justified? But the big questions are, can the diplomatic road indicated by Stalinism bring enduring peace? Or even achieve the immediate intended aims?

WASHINGTON OFFENSIVE

The threat of intensified class these are to be "guided by the feelings of those who made the ism.

struggle is anvarently being provisions of the Potsdam agree- error of welcoming the plunderdiscounted by Washington. The ment." The note specifies that this tide of revolutionary upsurge in applies "for one thing, in the bearer of socialism. post-war Europe was pushed back matter of Germany's frontiers," by the Stalinists and it cannot be also in the powers of the proposed summoned again on telegraphic central government. notice from Moscow. On this The Potsdam agreement, which

HARSH IRONY

field, Washington has now taken Moscow still demands the Ger- defeasible right" to "national by opposing Senate ratification More Minnesota Militants' was MO 7194. the initiative and has launched man people approve, was the in- armed forces of their own for of the "contract" and by demand- officially completed last Sunday. its own counter-revolutionary of- famous 1945 deal between Tru- the country's defense." What ing that all troops now occupying The enclosed 40 subs are the result MAin 7781. fensive, above all in France. That man, Churchill and Stalin that harsh irony this must be to the Germany be withdrawn. This of the final week's work, and subs fensive, above all in France. That man, concentration of the many be withdrawh. This of the inflat week's work, and subs the flat of the inflat week's work' narrows down considerably unless mass expulsion of millions of rubble of World War II who need free hand to deal with the puppet count for the campaign. We exthe Kremlin is prepared to make Germans from their homes in another 40 years, according to Adenauer government and to ceeded our greatest expectations

Outside of a revolutionary up- gary, agreed to the transfer of Germany's cities. surge in Europe that would upset Koenigsburg and adjacent ter-all calculations, the balance of ritory to the Soviet Union, moved right needs to be put in the con-the road to enduring peace.

At the same time, through forces can be altered drastically the Polish border westward to crete setting - Wall Street's on support of the revanchist ganda. It is wiser, however, to diplomatic means Moscow seeks in favor of peace only through a the Oder river, imposed occupa- drive for world conquest. Who (revengeful) aspirations of the recognize facts no matter where a positive approach to the war persistent policy of revolutionary tion troops and puppet regimes, will control these proposed armed cisco, 187; Clara, Seattle, 178; fears of the capitalists of western socialism. There is no other hope placed enormous reparations upon forces? German cartels responand Bill K., Oakland, 164. Europe and the anti-war senti- in this epoch of the death agony the German people, permitted sive to Pentagon push buttons? Dan reports that Seattle wants ments of the people. The Kremlin of capitalism. But here the plunder by the victorious powers Does the right to armed forces to continue their sub campaign may even still have hopes of Kremlin fails and fails abysmally. | including sacking of factories and | mean the right to modern arms, for two more weeks. They have destruction of industries, etc. including atomic and bacterialready gained six subs in addi-Thus the Kremlin proposal for ological weapons? Clearly, the

tion to those counted in their Take the offers of the May 24 unification under Potsdam provi- Kremlin would balk at this, since campaign score. Dan writes, "Alnote. It reiterates agreement with sions means limited unification. it proposes disarmament to the though the West Coast campaign the U.S. proposal "to examine Unification of German territory U.S. and the outlawing of atomic the conditions for holding general now within Polish borders, for and bacteriological weapons. is over Mary and Sally went out house to house yesterday and elections," but insists it be done instance, would be "revanchist" Therefore, we must conclude that sold three subscriptions, including Moscow's recognition that Gera one year one. The high spot of

It was the ruthless application many should have its own armed by Washington. More important, of the savage terms of the forces is as limited as the con-Moscow proposes "direct talks" Potsdam agreement that destroy- cession on unification. with the U.S., France and Britain ed Stalinist influence among the The first touch of analysis

'to undertake joint examination" working people of Western Ger- reveals how illusory Kremlin of the "issues" of a peace treaty many. The fresh reminder about policy is, what a blind alley it and formation of a government the Potsdam provisions is scarcely lands in, and how little it has in

for the whole of Germany. But calculated to assuage the bitter common with revolutionary social-

WITHDRAW ALL TROOPS bang this week. Literature Agent

to the German people in their reports the results. "The most

enthusiastic, most successful Minthe German people have an "in- "contract." We can best do that neapolis sub campaign to 'Make

new far-reaching concessions. | Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hun- some estimates, simply to rebuild begin the process of uniting Ger- with a total of 112 Militant subs,

ing Stalin regime as the banner For American labor the prob-lem is to give every possible aid "avalanche" of 40 subs and

The May 24 note concedes that opposition to ratification of the

many on the basis of a socialist 35% of which are new! All of store. Phone Main 9278.

50 subs."

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Advocate of the Hell-Bomb

Senator McMahon of Connecticut, who is campaigning for nomination as presidential candidate of the Democratic Party, has hit the headlines as the advocate of total destruction. In our times this is favorable publicity, at least according to the standards of the Democrats and Republicans. The Democratic Senator has taken as the main plank | incriminating character "may in his platform the demand for a thousand Hell-bombs. suit the purposes of despotic Thus he hopes to outshine Truman, who did not spell it out, but only asked for \$4,200,000,000 more for production of the hydrogen bomb.

As a recommendation to American voters, McMahon can point out these possibilities for cleaning up our cities with this instrument: One such bomb could level all the buildings on Manhattan Island, killing every human being within 100 square miles and thoroughly sterilizing the entire area.

Within the radius of the next 80 square miles the bomb's cleaning capacity is somewhat lowered, although it would devastate homes and buildings, killing and maiming those trapped in the explosion. However, these deficiencies of McMahon's atomic sweeper will very likely be imply that the witness who overcome. Scientists say that we are only at the beginning.

Properly placed, McMahon's thousand bombs could wipe out all the major capitals on earth with all their only way to avoid self-incriminateeming millions of human beings. That is the prospect even before the opening of the third world war toward pigeon by giving testimony about which American big business is dragging the country. After the outbreak of hostilities, the incentive for stepping up quality and quantity will of course heighten accordingly, as is usual under capitalism.

tunately it is the reality that faces us in this fateful election year.

From the infancy of civilization men of science have searched for the answer to the riddles of matter and energy. Now that the walls of the atom have been breached and the first great secrets have become the property of mankind, an outmoded economic order, capitalism, is turning them against civilization, threatening its utter doom.

What greater proof is needed that capitalism has outlived its progressive stage? That its giant productive capacities have become stultified and turned toward destruction? Must McMahon's thousand H-Bombs actually be produced and used before America wakes up to the fact that capitalism can only wreak havoc and smash what human labor and genius has thus far created?

Socialism has long urged that civilization can no longer progress until we bring our economic order in line with the times. Now McMahon is adding arguments that should convince all but the deaf, dumb, blind and suicidally-inclined. We must take from the capitalist rulers their power ship." to destroy. Otherwise in their insane drive for profit and world domination, they will raze the globe.



Your Rights Under Fifth Amendment

against self-incrimination, incor-McGRANERY porated in the Fifth Amendment. is explained by Eugene Gross-

man, Washington, D. C., attorney, in the June 9 issue of New Republic.

"The framers of the Bill of Rights," Grossman writes, "reflecting the overwhelming public

The constitutional privilege

of the Revolutionary demand period, took the view that compelling a person to convict himself of crime is contrary to the principles of a free government." The Supreme Court has stated that to compel testimony of an power, but it cannot abide the pure atmosphere of political liberty and personal freedom." Thus, this important protective

privilege is "there for the use of witnesses before House committees, as well as persons summoned before other official inquiries," Grossman states.

The new Attorney General. At hearings conducted by the J. P. McGranery, whose first House Committee on Un-Amerstatement before Congress asican Activities, or Federal Grand sured the witch-hunters that he Juries, the inquisitors consistently would not only continue the attempt to intimidate the witthought-control offensive, but nesses who use the Fifth Amendextend it. ment. Standard tactics are to refuses to answer certain ques-

tions is thereby admitting guilt. But, the fact is that this is the tion or being forced to stool-The Fifth Amendment states,

nor shall (any person) be com- tion.



Does this seem like a nightmare perspective? Unfor-ately it is the reality that faces us in this fateful elec-vear. Press Hides Steel Strike Issues By Harry Frankel

negotiations, the steel industry has tried to make it appear as though the union shop issue were the sole remaining point of disagreement between the companies and the union. Big adment of both parties. vertisements have appeared in the newspapers, and the press in MORE STEEL, LESS LABOR

general has assisted this cam-This "incentive" controversy sweeping, etc. paign by concentrating attention, took on great importance because both in its news columns and in most mills have undergone ex-

editorials, on the union shop. The companies hope, by thus focussing on a "no-wage" item, to weaken support among the workers for the steel union's fight, and to add substance to their charges of union "dictator-

The union, while not inclined to. minimize the union shop demand, noints out that there are other harder. important issues upon which a

cases against union opposition, want to throw much of the job- mills. despite union - company agree- classification setup out the

be installed without joint agree- free to speed up the men to any pace, or fill in "spare minutes," all of which were accounted for in the original job study, with floor

COMPANY OFFENSIVE

Thus the incentive and jobrecent period, enabling them to classification disputes are a comturn out more steel with, in pany offensive to take away from the workers conditions which they workers want some of the benefit now have. Despite this, the na- of coke - oven departments. The of this. and the companies reply: tion's steel - collared press has company interprets the present anteed to whet the appetite for We will not give you any more tried to picture the negotiations seniority clauses in such a way the ultimate conclusion, the promoney because, despite the fact break-down as purely over a that new men are hired right off that you are turning out more union demand, the union shop!

deadlocked, according to Presi- years seniority keep slaving

Through the intimidation of giving up the right to protect evidence that he may legally with activity that could be inwitnesses, the House Committee himself under the Fifth Amend- refuse to give. on Un - American Activities has ment. compiled "far more than one

DOES NOT HAVE TO milion names neatly indexed and PROVE IT cross-referenced" in its files.

Grossman discusses the reacbrutal aim of the committee . . . awareness of the committee's the judge before whom he is mania for names. He shudders at cited for contempt that the former as to his friends and associates, who would thereby lose their privacy."

Thus, Grossman says, "the Amendment as the only possible means of preserving his self-

respect.' But, the attorney explains in moral choice of refusing to confronted with a variety of legal conundrums. He must know

properly call forth use of the privilege against self-incrimina-

Moreover, the witness must be

under the Smith Act, he is volun- stitutional privilege. If certain criminate a witness. Thus, anytarily discarding the protective kinds of questions are answered thing which the witness thinks umbrella offered by the Constitu- it automatically will have the might furnish a clue later to be

The Amendment permits a tions of a so-called "un-coopera- witness to refuse to answer ques- answer any and all questions tive" witness called before the tions "only if the answers actually about himself and his friends." federal inquisitors. "He knows the would tend to incriminate him This applies to any admission of a member of that organization, criminally." But he does not have of prime significance is his to prove to the committee or to sympathy.

his own right of privacy. He fact incriminate him. He need the thought of becoming an in- likely to be dangerous to him." In Grossman's opinion "if it is reasonable to infer the possibility of incrimination from the an-

> swers the witness might give" hold.

Since the Smith Act, for example, is extremely broad, and

has been interpreted to include as his article, "Having made the evidence against a victim the loosest kind of connection with answer the committee's crucial the advocacy of socialist ideas, questions, the . . . witness is then any testimony which would link a witness with any kind of activity or opinion critical of the what questions may and may not government, would be incriminating testimony.

DANGERS IN ANSWERING

As a matter of fact, about the a chain of evidence may ineffect of the witness voluntarily used against him constitutes

terpreted in such a way as to "Once he admits or denies his incriminate.

own party activities or sym-MAY BE A TRAP pathies," says Grossman, "the

For example, if a witness is privilege has been waived. He sked. "Are you or have you ever has opened the door, and he must been a member of the Communist Party?" - and he has never been or sympathetic to it, if he replies past or present membership or "No." this might be used to show

he has waived his constitutional Thus, the article points out, "the witness who is anxious to privilege against incriminating the proposed ruthless invasion of answer to any question would in protect his friends from the perils himself, and he would be conof the House committee must strained to answer all other rebels even more, however, at only show that his answers "are assert the privilege as to him- questions, to stool on his friends, self in the first instance if he is to give evidence that could later to have any chance of accomplish- be used to frame him up and send ing his aim." This would apply as him to prison.

well to Grand Jury hearings. Under conditions of the current The privilege has been used to witch-hunt more and more victims witness tends to look to the Fifth the constitutional privilege will date without challenge by wit- of the smear campaign are turnnesses who refuse to answer ing to the Fifth Amendment as questions which might provide their best guarantee to protect even remote or nonexistent links their civil rights.

WHAT SHALL TAKE THE PLACE OF FEAR?

British socialists take a critical view of Aneurin Bevan's recently-published book. In Place of Fear (Simon and Schuster, 1952, 213 pp., \$3). They fail to find in the book any satisfying answer to?

the main question raised by is full of such worthy state-Bevan. This opinion is well ex- ments . . . lying side by side with such "advice" as "don't push pressed in the following review by John Lawrence, left-wing the truth too far" or "all private leader in the British Labor Party property is not necessarily evil. and editor of Socialist Outlook,

MUDDLED THINKING which we reprint in part from the The most glaring example of

muddled thinking occurs in the

section of the book dealing with

and admits it is aimed at im-

perialism. (But this, incidentally,

doesn't prevent him supporting

the wars in Korea and Malava

and approving the rapid dispatch

of British troops to Hong Kong

to "defend our treaty rights"!)

However, having recognized the

nature of the colonial revolt, he

then proceeds to plead with its

arch enemy, imperialism, to give

it aid! Such aid, he writes on

May 16 issue of the British socialist newspaper.

the colonial revolution. Mr. Bevan, This is an exasperating book. as distinct from the average run It promises so much and it gives of Labor leaders, really underso very little. It is full of ex- stands something of the nature cellent ideas which lead nowhere. of the great social forces which The very title — clear, simple are at work today in Asia and Africa. To the colonial revolution he concedes historical justification.

author thinks should "take the place of fear." But it doesn't happen. You will find excellent descripcompanies to establish Jim-Crow tions of the material basis of the departments in the mills. The socialist ideology. (Mr. Bevan has present seniority plan, as comcertainly not forgotten his early life as a South Wales miner.) And you will come across passages which effectively expose society. None of it is very original (except in the highflown style employed) but it is

child of modern society.

passage will explain?

necessarily evil."

page 42, "will tax the idealism of the developed nations"! Indeed all very stimulating and guarit will! Without a blush, Mr. Bevan then informs us that "The United gram of action which you feel is States has already made a con-Where? In Korea? tribution." Hopefully you read on to the

in the title remains unanswer- BASIS OF POPULARITY Aneurin Bevan has, deservedly won an enormous popularity in

pany-interpreted, gives the union a basis for a fight to upgrade Negroes within specific departments. However, in the main, the jungle nature of capitalist Negroes are kent in departments having the hardest work and the

lowest pay, like the blast-furnace the street into better departound to follow. The seniority issue is also still ments, while men with 10 and 20 end, but the great question posed In China?

ed . . . what, IS to take the place

of fear?

Institute, the big steel employers' they have absolute power to bearing on the fight to eliminate to expect an equally bold and association, were set up in many shift workers to any work. They Jim - Crow discrimination in the clear description of what the

ments that no new plans would window in other words, and be

tensive modernization in the many cases, fewer men. The steel, you are not working any

The "job - classification" and dent Philip Murray's report to away in the hot-spots. "management rights" issue is the June 13 meeting of top of- The union wants to change this

| based on the "effort" expended by tions, the companies want the or promoted, in accordance with In its public announcements the men. These plans, worked out management prerogative clause seniority within each departsince the breakdown of steel in the American Iron and Steel of the contract changed so that ment. This has a very important and challenging - encourages one

> JIM-CROW PROBLEM It has been very easy for the

The kind of political thinking that is being done in wish to strengthen the union leading labor circles was illustrated by a poll reported in against continual company atthe June 14 Nation, a liberal weekly, which sent out a tacks. The workers are parquestionnaire "to AFL and CIO leaders in ten states, representing almost all sections of the country.'

Of those who replied, only a minority thought it important enough to deal with foreign policy. Not a single accept all union-won benefits but refuse to help strengthen the reply posed the need of breaking with Washington's for- union with dues payments and eign policy. No one suggested that labor adopt an independ- support of union activities. ent foreign policy of its own. There was no mention of OTHER ISSUES Korea; no reference to the upsurge of the colonial people.

Ray W. Atkinson of the Washington State CIO Council found it sufficient to say: "We are opposed to universal military training and to military control of atomic rights" issue, and the "incentive energy, and we support full cooperation with the United pay" issue. Although the press is Nations."

Of the minority who considered foreign policy, none before opposed the "cold war" and the arms race. Paul C. Sparks, secretary of the Texas AFL, underwrote support of "the United Nations (and) the mutual security program."

John M. Eklund of the Colorado AFL Teachers plumped for "a foreign policy based on continuation and expansion of Point Four and the full functioning of the United Nations and its agencies.'

Frank Rosenblum of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers called for "positive efforts toward a resolution of the basic issues involved in international tensions," without bothering to specify just what are these "positive efforts" which would, as he claims, avert world war.

This representative poll shows that the labor leaders are perfectly content to let the capitalist politicians and the militarists decide U.S. foreign policy. It never enters increased earnings to depend on their defined job duties, demandtheir heads that the American workers and the mass of increased production. The com- ing higher-rate pay for higher- by Congress to seize the mills the people should have their say in a nationwide referen-dum on whether there shall be more a mission of the panies, a couple of years ago, rate jobs, etc. began installing incentive plans. Now, in the present negotiadum on whether there shall be war or peace.

The abject dependence of labor leaders on capitalist politicians is likewise fully expressed on domestic issues. MINNEAPOLIS BANQUET HAILS The Nation's questionnaire takes it for granted that "labor planks," foreign and domestic alike, fall exclusively within the province of the Democratic Party; and all the replies tacitly or explicitly accepted this continued tie-up between labor and the Trumanites. That labor should strike out The Minneapolis branch of the So- received a toast with sparkling mediation, long and drawn out. on its own independent road with its own independent cialist Workers Party wound up its burgundy. labor party, seems inconceivable to all these labor "statesmen.

The widening gap between the primitive, servile cabaret for the occasion and ap- results of the campaign and, ers did, or retreat on their demands thinking of these labor leaders and the vital needs of the propriately decorated to empha- irrepressible as always, lent an and settle for less than the WSB labor movement underscores the long-existing political crisis of the American working class. This crisis will not ism. be resolved, but, on the contrary, will grow more acute until American labor, in the interests of its self-preservation, finally breaks irrevocably with the foreign and domestic policies of Big Business.

really the speed-up issue in the the steelworkers because of their union tried to straighten out the

ticularly resentful of the handful fantastic muddle of jobs and job rates in the steel mills. There of men in each mill who hide were literally thousands of job behind company protection and "freeload" on the union: that is

> was given for the same work job duties were unclear, and the pay that a man got and the work that he did were almost entirely at the discretion of his "superiors.'

Foremost among the other Government intervention helped disputed issues are the "jobthe companies stall the union, and ernment they face a forced return classification" and "management committees were set up to study the problem. These committees, silent on these, they represent representing the union and the companies, spent years working

important company demands on on this project, employed firms of steel workers demands. While the the union. For two or three years industrial consultants, and finally, WISB took its good old time and the present contract in 1947, arrived at a setup that whittled down their demands, the dispute opened, these matters was agreeable in basic respects steel workers cooled their heels. gave rise to bitter guerrilla warto both sides. Under the new They did the same while the nine fare in important mills across job-classification, the duties of old men on the Supreme Court the nation, involving hundreds of all workers were clearly defined, decided the issue of presidential firings, strikes, stoppages and penalizations of workers. In ad- and were graded according to powers.

dition, when negotiations started skill, responsibility, etc. These in the present dispute about 6 gradings were then used to establish pay rates. months ago, these issues were In the years that followed, the fate of the workers, their wives very bitterly contested in unioncompanies began to find that this and children, their wages and company talks.

agreement, to which they had working conditions, can only The incentive pay dispute in affixed their signatures, was volves many workers in producirksome. Workers stood on the Work order from the government tion departments in the mills. The rights they had established this may come in the form of a union favors incentive pay plans through years of struggle, refuswhich would give workers added earnings above their regular rate, ing to undertake work outside

ers return to their jobs.

SUB CHAMPIONS

MINNEAPOLIS, June 14 - gasboard supper. In addition they the rigmarole of government

V. R. Dunne, as M.C. and a tonight with a gala affair. Head- member of the winning team, ex- long period of working without a quarters were converted into a pressed his satisfaction with the contract, like the railroad work- and fight, or give in to govern-

size the importance of the Mili- extra note of gayety to the formula. tant in the struggle for social- occasion. Helen, in a brief talk, summed up the record of the in as a "friend of labor"? The

The winning team, the Laven- campaign. Larry, top sub-getter, whole record shows that he wants nated with badges of honor - I. F. Stone's latest book, The Party, not the United Steelworksat at the head table and enjoyed Hidden History of the Korean ers. free of charge a delicious smor- War.

ficers of the United Steelworkers so that it will be in a better posisteel mills. Its background is of America. Seniority is at tion to put up a stiffer fight on this: During the war, the-steel present mainly on a department the Jim-Crow and other seniority basis. Workers must be laid off, issues.



(Continued from page 1) representation in Congress, must face the fact that the govthat confront them from the government is its enemy. In such a situation, the steel strikers have to work without a contract. This only their economic strength would mean another long stall. upon which to rely. For months the government

has sidetracked and stalled the THE RIGHT POLICY

Some key locals of the steel union have demanded that the pompous manner) the simple union defy any Taft-Hartley injunction. Some leaders opposed opening mills for war production. This is the kind of policy that property in the means of wealth will bring the steel barons to their knees.

Now what do the steel strikers The only way the steel workers double-talk is meant to justify face as possible alternatives? can win their demands is to keep the theories of "mixed economy" Political maneuvering with the the mills shut down tight. The so beloved 'of the Right Wing steel moguls are taking full adleaders of the Labor Party. vantage of the fact that the unions have no genuine reprehaving a vivid recollection of sentation in Washington. They Aneurin Bevan at the 1949 Ancan afford to maneuver polinual (Labor Party) Conference tically, knowing full well that no matter what happens they will win by government action.

ome after Truman is authorized The steel companies could afford to go through the Supreme and then demands that the work Court test of Truman's authority,

WILL NOT GRANT DEMANDS Republicans. They had on their side, a backlog of steel, and a After such a move forcing an knowledge that win or lose in end to the strike, the government court, the government would not will not grant any of the contract move in such a way as to force demands of the union, but will them to accede to labor's once again put the union through demands.

But soon the steel backlog will be gone. The real pinch will begin Another possibility is that the

union will either have to face a to be felt. Then labor faces two alternatives: either stand tough ment intervention which is sure to come.

It is true that no one can bust have to be increased. the steel strike. But the steel

How in all this does Truman fit He pointed to the huge national workers can be maneuvered out of their deserved victory, by a debt and the armaments program der Hill Mob - properly desig- was presented with a copy of to save the skin of the Democratic weak-kneed policy toward the as requiring more federal tax in-"No contract, no come. Both Taft and Eisenhower, government. work" is still the best program looking for votes, have given Snce the labor movement has no

for the steel strikers.

'DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM?" the Labor movement for his it is "democratic vigorous defense of the Free Perhaps Health Service, and, more lately, socialism"? If so, the author's explanation of that much-abused for his insistence on a reduction term doesn't help us much. Judge in the huge and ruinous rearmafor yourselves (on page 170). ment program. "Democratic Socialism is the

Thousands of his supporters and all socialists will support him "It seeks the truth in any given against outright imperialists like situation knowing all the time Shinwell, Morrison and Attlee -that if this be pushed too far it will turn to this book for a program and a guide to the future. falls into error." You don't understand? Perhaps the next They will, I'm afraid, come away disappointed.

"It struggles against all the Nevertheless, the book should evils which flow from private be widely read. Even if it doesn't property yet realises that all give many answers, it at least forms of private property are not poses serious problems in a serious way. To his credit, Mr. Now either Mr. Bevan is here Bevan acknowledges his debt to restating (in an extraordinarily Marx and Engels. If his own book is studied in conjunction socialist truth that we seek to with the works of those two great abolish all forms of private founders of scientific socialism, it can provide the starting point for a real forward movement in the production (my old shoes, though private property, are certainly theoretical understanding of the



ANEURIN BEVAN

Truman Says Taxes Revolution in Bolivia Will Go Up Not Down To Be Discussed at In reply to the campaign prom-Los Angeles Forum ise of presidential candidate Taft An interesting talk is promised that he would reduce taxes by

15%, Truman stated on June 20

on "Revolution in Bolivia and that the truth was taxes would the Role of American Imperialism" at the Los Angeles Socialist forum, June 27, 8 p.m., 1702 East 4th St. Myra Tanner Weiss will

act as chairman. The talk will be followed by phony promises of tax reductions. discussion and refreshments.

eloquently defending what he called "healthy competition between private and public enterprise ' Other passages in the book appear to contradict what I have. in order to give a boost to the written above. On page 117, for example, we read "To steer a wholly private enterprise economy in a given direction . . . is practically impossible." But the book

result in some form of back-to Taft-Hartley injunction. Or, the back-to-work order may

The Negro Struggle -**Negro Youth and Marxism**

By Jean Blake

This month brings graduation and commencement day to youth in grammar schools, high schools and colleges throughout the nation. That means an extra dose of speeches and editorials full of advice, exhortations, flattery and cautioning.

One of the best articles this writer has seen appeared in the St. Louis American of June 5. An editorial headed, "PANTY RAIDS VERSUS LOYALTY RAIDS ON THE AMERICAN CAMP-US," makes the point that many commencement speakers will exhort their youthful audiences against the moral decay that has crept upon the campuses, citing the recent epidemic of "panty raids" by men students in women's dormitories as a horrible example.

But, says the editorial, "there is another side of our ethical breakdown that has almost inundated the American campuses from without, and the careful commencement speakers will be wary of saying anything about it. This is the direct threat against the 'freedom to teach and the freedom to probe and learn' that has been the forte of our American educational institutions. The American schools are in a life-and-death fight with the 'loyalty oathers' and probing political busy-bodies. The dead corpus of orthodoxy is threatened to be installed on the American campuses in place of the living body and spirit of free study and research."

The writer points out that "For American business it is 'free enterprise' and 'lift the controls' and the 'sky is the limit for our way of life for free men'. . . . Yet these same advocates turn to the American schools and demand just the opposite. It goes even further than that: American business men may contrive to trade with the Reds, sending them materials of war, and they are protected from censure and prosecution. . . . But if a professor in a college dares teach along with all the other various philosophies that of Karl Marx (who was not a Russian) he is to be pilloried as a subversive or a 'pink'

"Compared with the question in morals that the 'panty raids' have stirred up, this political harassing of the great and free American institution of education, the very foundation of our democratic ideals, is far. more dangerous and devitalizing.'

We heartily endorse that conclusion, and we believe it wil ltouch a responsive chord among many students. In this field, as in every other, there is one segment of the population .that is subjected to a double-barreled attack. Negro students are not only threatened, as are their white fellow-students, with the dire consequences of failing to conform to the behavior and thought patterns of our increasingly regimented life, but are also filled with the insidious philosophy that "In America it is bad enough to be black without also being red."

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Thinking students will question this bromide carefully. They will ask, "Why?" They will recognize that the reason they are given this warning is that Negro students, even earlier than their white classmates (in schools where they have white classmates) are forced to see the hypocrisy of American democracy. Negro youth learn at a very tender age that they are expected to be loyal to a nation which provides 'liberty and justice. . . for some."

Those who think, who refuse to accept their second class status as given, and want to pursue the question further, try to learn why they are jim+crowed, and what, if anything, can be done about it.

If they examine without prejudice the body of thought that exists on the subject, they are bound to study Marxist ideas on the cause and cure of race discrimination. Those who close their eyes and ears to Marxism are already victims of the insidious warning against being "both black and red." They have already succumbed to jim crow in the world of thought as well as in society.

Moreover, if they let the fear of being labeled "red" dominate their thought and actions, they will be effectively disarmed not only in their struggle for full economic, social and political equality - their democratic rights - but what is no less important, in their development as thinkers.

Why should a Negro youth have less right to be "red" - radical - in his thinking than a white youth. How can a youth who accepts his color as a bar to any field of thought and ideas absorb the best that our civilization has to offer, and proceed, on a par with the advanced men of our age, to make whatever contributions his capacity permits.

Fortunately, for youth who want to learn, it is possible to circumvent all the thought-control measures of our official institutions. It is possible to seek and find the whole body of Marxist thought currently being banned or distorted in the schools. Socialist publications are available for all who wish to study the science of society.

And Marxist teachers, unlike defenders of the status quo, are not afraid to match their ideas against their critics and opponents. Socialists say to youth: Question everything. Read anything. Emancipate your mind. There is no field of human thought barred to you. Make your graduation day the commencement of your freedom as an uninhibited thinking young man or woman.

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Smith Act Called Illegal by ACLU; Aims at Repeal

By James Walcott

In 1940 the Smith "Gag" Law was passed by Congress. Since that time 28 members of the Socialist Workers Party were indicted under its provisions and 18 convicted and sentenced to prison terms; 61

mentally with the Supreme Court leaders and members of the Com-6-2 decision. The Union, as almunist Party have been indicted. ways, opposes this law because it with 11 of these already convicted and 50 still on trial. This law, which bears the name

infringes upon the rights of free speech guaranteed by the First of a poll tax representative from Amendment."

DISSENTING OPINION GIVEN

Frankfurter which to some extent

The Smith Act, interpreted by

Calling for repeal of the law, Virginia, is clearly the most imthe ACLU states that the portant weapon in the hands of Supreme Court decision is no bar the witch-hunters. On June 4, to further legal testing of the 1951, it was declared constitu-Act's constitutionality, or to tional in a 6-2" decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. attacks upon its wisdom.

The ACLU further pledges its In a pamphlet issued recently by the American Civil Liberties support in the attempt to obtain Union, the law is analyzed and an overruling of the June 4 the opinion of the organization decision by "participating indeand its statement of policy in the pendently in further Smith Act struggle against it are given. cases.' The Union also "stands ready

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to help insure that the limits of The ACLU pamphlet states Supreme Court's decision are not overstepped, and the defense is that the Smith Law is unconstituallowed to present evidence, and tional on three major points: "1. The court held that while present it to the jury, as to discussion of violent overthrow whether there is a clear and of the government is permissible, present danger" involved. The pamphlet states that the advocacy is not. The ACLU believes the distinction is not prac-ACLU will fight "vigilantism and any actioons which go beyond the tical, and that it will inevitably infringe on free speech. To quote scope of the Supreme Court

Max Lerner, it means that 'if you decision.' wear a cap and gown and turn around in a swivel chair, you can discuss Marx and Lenin, but if The minority opinion of Justices you get serious and go into the Douglas and Black, and statemarket place and hawk your ments of Justices Jackson and ideas, it's no go.'

"2. The Court has abandoned differ from those of other that "barring war," these arms the 'clear and present danger' majority members of the Supreme expenditures will begin levelling test of Justice Holmes for one of Court, are included in the

taper off. As a consequence, U.S. the majority did not meet Justice Communists in this country are "probably" lead to the violent "The chances," it hastens to so potent or so strategically overthrow of the government,

the First Amendment which "3. The Court ruled that the guarantees freedom of speech. Without question this law is Business Week. It will unfailingly to be moderate, not severe, short- present (or probable) danger the greatest threat to civil exists is a matter of law for the liberties in the Federal Statutes. This is by no means so reassur- judge and not a matter of fact Since it is now being used to

no notable increases in total out this same attitude even more With the year 1952 at its half- production have been recorded in plainly. There will be, assured

prosperity, over all" for the rest In this situation the capitalist gazed into their assorted magic economists are talking quite in- Why? Because by the end of this mirrors and crystal balls to dis- cautiously, telling a few truths year, arms spending, currently at cover what lies ahead. The con- for a change. For one thing they the annual rate of \$52.3 billion.

casts is that the arms program and factors feeding inflation, as of \$66.4 billion. alone stands in the next period the most "positive" features of between capitalism and another the unfolding economic develop-

Actually, this is not a forecast at all. It happens to be a fact, underscored by the slump in "soft provement. In country after country it has given rise to mass unemployment in the consumer goods industries. Severe import restrictions have likewise reappeared on a global scale. Huge diversions into arms production in the U.S. and Western Europe have barely maintained total production. In Britain and the

Conference Issues

Consumer Slump Shows War Basis of Economy By Tom Conlan

as is the custom, have donned symptom. their conjuring robes, and have sensus of these mid-year fore- are now seizing upon inflation, will be boosted to an annual rate

ment. calamitous depression.

goods" which is now well into its noted with obvious satisfaction on





of 1952 and the first part of 1953.

PREDICTS "TURNDOWN"

But, again, the whole trouble is This is being done, for example, by Business Week, weekly mouthoff next year and then start to clear and probable danger. And pamphlet. piece of Big Business, which May 17 that "The Treasury has News predicts a "turndown" dur- Douglas' argument 'that it is im- the Supreme Court to forbid wide and gives few signs of im- just begun to borrow the new ing the second half of 1953 "run- possible for me to say that the advocacy of ideas which might ning well into 1954." money that it will need to finance

government deficits this year and next." This large-scale deficit add, "that another 1929 will occur deployed that they must be sup- constitutes a direct violation of spending by the government is in the foreseeable future is re- pressed for their speech.' gardd as remote. Recession, when put down as a big economic plus" for the next period by it does occur, most probably is question of whether a clear and feed inflation, hence it is now lived, not prolonged."

regarded as "favorable." Business Week welcomes the ing as it is, rather emphatically, for the jury. The Union rejects railroad members of the Com-fact that this country is being intended to sound. A "moderate" this view; it believes this question munist Party to prison, it must plunged deeper and deeper into depression, however short of should be decided by the common be fought on the basis of the debt at a time when federal, state 1929, is still a depression. It may sense and judgment of the mem- cases involving Stalinists.

and local debts have already not loom disastrous in the eyes bers of the community who form Those who refuse to fight the reached staggering proportions. of U.S. capitalists and their the jury; decision by a judge Law because they do not like the n public, as in private, life there apologists. But for the rest of the takes it into a realm of legal politics of its victims, merely help

One-Tenth of Malaya

The British Government reports from Kuala Lumpur in the Malay Federation that the "rural resettlement" program, part of the campaign to defeat the Communists and Malayan nationalists in their anti-British uprising for freedom, is nearing completion.

Lest anyone be misled by the name, the "resettlement" program is decidedly not a program to improve the conditions of rural inhabitants of the Malay Federation. The high-sounding title conceals what is merely a concentration camp project.

The British imperialists, facing a stubborn and militant popular fight for independence, undertook this program to try to cut the rebels off from the population which is supporting the colonial rebellion. Communist-Party-led liberation fighters operate mostly in the jungle and plantation areas, although the movement has consider-



To this date, the Kuala Lumpur report says, about 500,000 persons have been "resettled." Since the Malayan population is not much over 5 million, this means that 10% of the people have been put into these stockade-villages! Originally, the Briggs plan called for the resettlement of only about 1/5 that number, but increasing resistance

broadened the concentration-camp program. The effect of herding a half-million people into enclosed areas has been mixed, according to the British government report. Of course, the guerrilla armies have been hurt by the round-up. However, the government reports that despite the one and sometimes two fences around the camps, despite the police and army detachments guarding them, the people continue to aid the fighters. The survey reveals this by "admitting" that "Communist sympathizers" have been "resettled"

in the new "villages" and that the liberation

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1952 Guns Against PW's

Rifles poised, U.S. troops stand over North Korean prisoners of war as they sit outside one of large compounds on Koje Island. Forty prisoners were killed and many more injured when American soldiers, armed with tear gas, bayonets, grenades and flame-throwers were commanded to break up compound.

able support in Singapore, where it is of course underground, and in other important cities.

The jungle guerrillas are drawn mostly from among the plantation workers, peasants, etc., and the population of these rural areas participated in the struggle by providing supplies for the liberation units, sheltering them, and so on. The "resettlement" program, named "The

Briggs' Plan," was begun in June 1950 by British General Sir Harold Briggs. It was decided that hundreds of thousands of people should be uprooted from their homes, and settled in British Army-guarded stockades, or in other words, concentration camps.

armies continue to get support from the popula tion of the stockaded regions.

"exploited" the resentment of the settlers over "exploited" the resentment of the settlers over the disruption of their lives. This resentment ex-tands to all parts of the country, since the forced tends to all parts of the country, since the forced movement of half a million people has caused a big decline in food production and higher prices and inflation in almost all commodities because of the large-scale use of materials in building the new camps. The Briggs Plan, far from helping the British suppress the Malayan people, has only added to the anti-British feeling.



SENATOR MORSE OF OREGON, a Republican, made a speech on the Senate floor against the arbitrary refusal of the State Department to give passports to citizens for political reasons. He was called on the phone by the writers of "Red Underground" a column in the N. Y. Herald Tribune, and questioned as to who "told him" to make this speech. The Senator placed in the record his denunciation of this smear, pointing out that because he objected to violation of the Constitution by the Passport Division, he was branded a "Communist."

APPLES ARE GETTING ROTTEN in the state of Denmark. The mystery surrounding what has been rotten there since Shakespeare's time is now cleared up. It is the stupid profit system, which now is causing a situation in which Danish farmers are preparing to burn a million apple trees because of falling demand. If you can't sell them at a profit, you burn 'em. That's private enterprise.

BRITISH IMPERIAL POWER has turned its guns on a little tanker making its way from Iran to Italy with a load of oil. The British claim that the oil, which comes straight out of the soil of Iran, belongs to them. But the Iranian government insists on its right to sell and ship its oil. The British oil grabbers figure this is a test, so they got a temporary injunction on the tanker "Rose Mary" when she put in to Aden

for emergency repairs and armed British police

seized the cargo.

THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS reports that housewives in the first two weeks of May had to pay \$2.31 for the same amount of food that cost only \$1 in 1939. Since the beginning of the Korean war, food which cost \$1 has gone up to \$1.37. Food prices will shoot up even higher, since the OPA has authorized increases of from 1 to 2 cents on 14 kinds of foodstuffs.

SEVEN PERSONS DIED in a fire in a Brooklyn building declared a firetrap in 1948. The victims, all Puerto Ricans, included four children and three adults. Authorities could have closed down the building, but instead allowed the landlord to collect gouging rents although she had ignored all directives to make repairs. This landlord was

getting \$15 and \$20 a week rent from occupants of the firetrap. * * *

TWO THIRDS OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE Stalinist leader, had been subare suffering from hunger, according to the jected in transporting him from Manchester Guardian. How imperialism exploits Atlanta penitentiary to the Wash- Truman Autographs colonial lands is clearly shown by figures on in- ington hearings where he is ap comes; the 19 richest countries, with only 16% pearing as a defense witness. of the population, enjoy over 66% of the world's income; the 15 poorest countries, with over half gate told a grim story of the the world's population, have to live on less than extent of political persecution in 9% of the total income.

OLD AGE PENSIONERS were handed a \$5 ism are now languishing in jail. a month bone by the House of Representatives June 17. The Senate has still to act on it. If the floor. passed, this miserly increase will not do much to ease the poverty and misery of the 4,500,000 lution favoring amnesty and a pensioners who have been tossed aside by capital- number of practical proposals to ist industry. * * *

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THE ARMY HAS RULED THAT ITS regulation forbidding political activity by its personel by George Clarke, delegate of the does not apply to MacArthur. Rules under regula- Socialist Workers Party, to call tion 600-10 of the army code forbids officers from upon the CIO, ADA and NAACP, ception in the case of the former Far East commader. The Pentagon tried to excuse its action movement for the quashing of the by claiming MacArthur was not active. But the current indictments and trials fact is he is not retired either, although he has under the law and for the grantnot been given a new post. Maybe they will allow ing of amnesty to all those the GIs to speak out on politics, say, their views previously condemned by the make the camp such a pleasant on the Korea war? Maybe.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS in New York state medical schools is practised in almost Bartell and accepted at the Citifair educational practises in the state.

patient in New York recently, because he didn't conference.) like his patient's politics. The patient is a retired Episcopal clergyman, Rev. Eliot White, who had number of delegates at the conparticipated in the N. Y. May Day parade. "I ference as 199. Most of these, advise you to go to one of Stalin's opthamologists however, came from groups and told White. Stalinists.

ion of the stockaded regions. Further, the report says that Communists have Amnesty Call for

Smith Act.

by the wives of the 11 Com- better! munist Party leaders now imprisoned under the law. Other do view with anxiety is the Abt. attorney for the CP in the current McCarran board hearings in Washington, who gave a vivid

description of the physical persecution to which John Gates. A Puerto Rican woman dele her country where some 300 opponents of American imperial-

There was no discussion from The conference adopted a resoorganize activity for that pur-

It also adopted a proposal made Smith Law, to join in a common

without opposition or discussion. A similar suggestion had volley ball, campfires and square Rates for children under 12 are city would benefit financially. News of June 11, the Mayor, in previously been made by Michael dancing. Early season visitors have en- Special bargain rates are offer- \$13,000,000, already spent on the every medical college, according to a survey zens Emergency Defense Con- joyed acting as sidewalk super- ed for the Fourth of July made by the American Jewish Congress. This ference (reported in The Militant intendents in constructing the weekend: Three full days for \$18

been taken to implement the is now racing toward completion. dormitories; children under 12, CITY COUNCIL proposal. (The Daily Worker In addition to large cool recrea- \$11. Regular rates apply for less BOWS TO PRESSURE A DOCTOR UNWORTHY OF THE NAME omitted mention of Clarke's tion rooms, the new building will than three days.

refused to continue caring for an 80-year-old proposal in its writeup of the include a spacious sun deck and Reservations must be made for owners has so intimidated the double rooms for sleeping the Fourth of July weekend. City Council that even though Write to Mountain Spring Camp, they had previously unanimously Official figures placed the quarters. The pre-season rate of \$5 a day R.D. #1, Washington, N. J., or approved the project and closed ends June 30, so those wishing telephone Washington 1352. Open- a contract with the Federal Public to take advantage of this low cost ings are still available for the Housing Administration for the (eye specialists) to look after you," the doctor organizations influenced by the have only a short time left. July Children's Camp for the season. necessary loan, a majority have and August rates are \$6.50 a day Send for further information. now voted to abandon the project.

are few surer ways of heading for capitalist world, it can prove abstraction where it does not to provide precedents which will bankruptcy than by going into little short of catastrophic. belong in the tradition of our in turn be used against others debt. Deficit government spending Bankrupt capitalist Europe is in law." is what has wrecked the fiscal no condition to withstand the

INTENDS TO FIGHT

NEW YORK, June 15 -A as it will wreck any fiscal system matter how "moderate." The condition of Britain, the national conference was held here U.S. Business Week editors are strongest capitalist power in today at St. Nicholas Arena to not fools; they know this, but for Europe, illustrates the over - all launch a movement to secure the moment they prefer to forget situation quite strikingly. The to make a virtue out of going sufficed to plunge Britain into her Most of the time of the con- to make a virtue out of going sufficed to plunge Britain into ner into debt. As matters stand, the fourth and worst postwar crisis.

ference was devoted to speeches bigger the inflationary dose, the A general slump would thus push Britain, along with the rest of

On the other hand, what they Western Europe, to the wall. speeches were delivered by John prospect that "Military spending that an annual rate of over \$52 will increase more slowly from billion in arms expenditures does now on." That's "deflationary." not suffice to keep the strongest Hence a "minus" from the stand- capitalist economy, that of the U.S., on an even keel. A boost of point of American capitalism. The weekly U.S. News spells these expenditures to above the annual rate of \$66 will not suf-

fice, either. Any "tapering off" means a depression. These forecasts, or more accurately, ad-Atomic Submarine missions of authoritative capital-

"I wish I could convey to ist spokesmen, demonstrate to everyone what a tremendous and what extent production for war, wonderful thing has been accom- and ultimately war itself, has plished," Truman said June 14 become inextricably bound up when he autographed the keel with the normal operation of plate of the first atomic-powered capitalist economy. They now submarine. He said he felt the admit implicitly or explicitly that launching of the new killer was "barring war" there is no avoida "wonderful moment," as "won- ing depression. In other words derful" as the flash of the first they admit that for capitalism atomic bomb. Who says the old there is no alternative other than: time religious fervor is gone? EITHER war OR depression.

PLAN JULY FOURTH WEEKEND tion 600-10 of the army code forbids officers from influencing an election. But they've made an ex-now on record in opposition to the Smith Law to join in a common AT MOUNTAIN SPRING CAMP

Mountain Spring Camp at Washington, N. J., is preparing a big Fourth of July weekend celebration. Besides the as "Do you want to pay someone of real democracy, that Mayor regular attractions of swimming, hiking, fishing, etc., that

courts. The motion was adopted retreat from the hot city, special and \$40 a week for private rooms, recreations will include baseball, \$6 and \$37.50 for dormitories. \$4 a day, \$25 a week.

despite a law which is supposed to guarantee Mar. 24) but no action has yet beautiful modern building which in private rooms, \$16.50 in

The pressure of the big property

at the next stage of the witch hunt.

For success, the ACLU pro-The ACLU makes clear in its gram to repeal the Smith Law pamphlet (available at the ACLU, | must be given strong support by 170 Fifth Ave., NYC, 25c.) that every labor and liberal organizait does not intend to give up the tion and individual. United strug. fight against the law. The gle is necessary against this law amnesty for the victims of the it. Dire necessity compels them slump in consumer goods has pamphlet outlines the ACLU pro- regardless of differences with the gram against the law: Stalinists who are under direct "The ACLU disagrees funda- attack.



This means, if it goes through, By Louise Manning The bitter Los Angeles housing that the people will have to bear ontroversy, which has occupied an additional tax burden to repay the City Council for months, the loan of \$13,000,000.

shows how the democratic pro- Legally the vote cannot recesses under capitalism are sub- pudiate the contract, which has verted by the wealthy for their been upheld by the State Supreme own enrichment instead of acting Court, but on the basis of the as a free expression of the will vote, the anti-public housing of the people.

forces are now trying to get Con-With lies, slander, and a gress to agree to break the con-

publicity campaign backed by tract. unlimited funds, the real estate interests were able to defeat a refuse to stoop to any kind of nousing referendum at the polls deceit to squeeze more profits. on June 3, in spite of the fact now pose as the champions of that Los Angeles has long been democracy. They point to the recognized as a critical housing vote, claiming that the people

area. Calling themselves the have given a mandate against "Committee Against Socialist public housing. Thus through the Housing," they spoke of the unfair distribution of the means rights of the individual while of propaganda, and through the coldly pushing thousands of in- influence which their money can dividuals into despair over the buy, the real estate interests difficulty of getting decent hous- were able to "put one over on the people."

So flagrant is this violation With the use of such formulas else's rent?" they did not tell the Bowron has been forced to defend people' that the funds for the the Los Angeles Housing Auproject were provided by the thority, and to expose many of federal government, and that the the lies. According to the L. A. They did not tell the people that a letter to Congress said that the anti-housing forces purposely project, would be endangered by a "no" vote.

confused the voters and are now 'mis-using" the "no" vote on the proposition, and that if the people had been informed of the facts, the proposition would have been approved.

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