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Hon. Adam Clayton Powell Jr. **U.S.** House of Representatives Dear Rev. Powell:

Your recent condemnation of both the Democratic and Republican parties on the crucial issue of civil rights for the Negro people is a refreshing and commendable departure from the whitewashing apologetics of other Negro - and labor - leaders. The

mistrust the people in H a r l e m bear toward these two parties - a mistrust to which you as their Congressman gave such eloquent voice has proved more than justified. Only a few days after

your August 3 declaration in the Golden Gate Ballroom, the top candidates of the Democratic Party, Gov. Adlai Ste-

venson of Illinois and Sen. John T. Sparkman of Alabama, received fulsome pledges of support from such unregenerate race-haters as Byrnes of South Carolina and Russell and Talmadge of Georgia.

DOBBS

I do not think that these shrewd white supremacists are being misled in their belief that Stevenson and Sparkman, if elected, will be dependable guardians of the Jim-Crow system, North and South.

You indicate that you will not follow the course of some in the Negro ranks who in their disgust with the Democratic sewer are jumping blindly into the Republican cesspool. You yourself have pointed out, of course, Eisenhower's stand on segregation in the armed forces. You know as well, Nixon's Jim Crow record.

However, you apparently have left the door open for a possible endorsement of the Democratic top ticket under certain conditions -namely, that Stevenson come out with a "less ambiguous" statement in support of a compulsory federal Fair Employment Practices law.

Frankly, I cannot see how any statements by Stevenson - even granting he would risk antagonizing the Southern Bourbons he has courted so assiduously - could make the slightest difference. We would have to discount them in advance as lies.

I say that with not only the more recent Democratic Party record in mind. I am thinking of the whole twenty years in which that party has dismally failed to carry out its promises on Negro rights. You have been a direct witness - and victim - of its conduct in the nation's capital for the past eight years.

I am most deeply concerned with your proposals concerning what the Negroes should do if Stevenson does not make the kind of promise you seek. You say that then the Negro people should boycott the presidential elections.

Such a policy, in my opinion, would be a grave error. It would disenfranchise the Negro people no less than the poll tax. In most instances, it would be an aid to the Republican Party, since a large majority of Negro voters have been voting Democrat.

The Negro people must and can play a more positive and dynamic role in the coming elections than mere passive abstention from voting. They can and should take a bold step toward a new conception of political action.

Both the Democratic and Republican parties are parties of the business men and monied class. They are enemies of the Negroes and the working people generally. The political field must not be abdicated to them. They must be fought through an independent party.

In this election, the best way to strike a blow at Jim Crow and the parties which maintain it is to vote for the Socialist Workers Party. I tell you a big protest vote in Harlem for the SWP would scare the day-lights out of the boss politicians of the two major parties. That's the way to put real heat and pressure on these politicians. For a large independent vote for the SWP will foreshadow the days to come when Negro and white workers will join forces in a mighty party of their own to end the political rule of Big Business and its Southern Bourbon ally.

You have told the truth about what both parties offer the Negro people. That truth can become a tremendous force for Negro - and labor - rights if it is backed by correct that is, independent - political action along the lines of a powerful protest vote through the SWP ticket, on which I have the honor to be the Presidential candidate.

**Of Trucks Law** 

dues.

Sincerely yours, FARRELL DOBBS writes the branch fund director. month, which is likewise a record.

# SWP Locals **Near Halfway** Mark in Fund

Socialist Workers Party branches have raised \$8,943 of their \$18,500 goal. The campaign to finance the presidential election campaign and anti-Trucks Law fight began ten weeks ago with pledges amounting to \$17,-500. These have since been raised to \$18,500.

Although collections are 29% schedule reports from behind branches indicate the many determination of the comrades to fulfill their quotas on time. New York reports, "Although we are behind in our fund payments this is due largely to our all out effort to get on the ballot. Some comrades have taken time off from their jobs to participate in this activity. However, everyone realizes that to carry through the efection campaign will require equally great contributions of money as well as time. Although we have fallen behind, an extraeffort will be made in the next few weeks to make our quota by August 31."

amount \$112 has been contributed by friends. More expected. The remainder will definitely be sent

in by Sept. 1." fulfill its quota by Aug. 31, and risen to another record high,

# Dobbs' Open Letter To Congressman Powell By Farrell Dobbs, SWP Presidential Candidate



# few weeks to make our quota by August 31." The Buffalo comrades write, SOARING FOOD PRICES, HIGHER TAXES "Here is a check for \$203, bring-ing our total to \$995. Of this DRIVE DOWN U. S. LIVING STANDARDS

The flames of inflation are dollar's worth of food at prewar the Socialist. Workers Party leaping higher and higher. Food prices. And the end of price rises which in its 1952 election plat- system if segregation was "Boston is quite certain it will prices in the last few weeks have is not in sight. form demands that the taxes be

as in the past I'm sure it will," shooting up 11/2 % within a single ARNALL WARNING

shifted from the backs of the poor to the rich. "Abolish all Price stabilizer Arnall, who has taxes on incomes below \$7,500 a These price rises are not due submitted his resignation, warns year. Abolish all sales taxes. Stop leader, also on Aug. 6, backed

# Anti-Labor **Gang Hails** Stevenson

The white supremacists and labor haters of the South-including Dixiecrats Byrnes of So. Carolina, Russell and Tallmadge of Georgia - are rallying to the Democratic presidential ticket of Stevenson and Sparkman.

Almost every anti-Negro bigot is now on the Democratic bandwagon.

### PAY OFF FOR DEAL

This is the payoff for the Democratic convention's deal with the Southern bloc to bury FEPC and put Poll Tax Senator Sparkman on the ticket to seal the bargain.

But despite this flagrant insult to the Negro people and to organized labor, leaders of Negro and labor organizations are joining the Stevenson - Dixiecrat coalition.

The So. Carolina Democratic convention Aug. 6 voted overwhelmingly to support the Stevenson ticket, after a plea by Gov. Byrnes, notorious spokesman for the Negro-baiters who threatened to disband the state's school abolished.

RUSSELL AND TALLMADGE Georgia Sen. Russell, Dixiecrat week cuts off a good 11% chunk of their quota. Inese price rises are not due to the drouth in the South, which has done the greatest damage to of Congress to "stiffen" price of Congress to "stiffen" price

# TRUCKS LAW IMPERILS CIO News Warns UNIONS, DOBBS WARNS

### By Farrell Dobbs

The following is the full text of a television speech delivered by Socialist Workers Party Presidential candidate Farrell Dobbs over Detroit station WXYZ-TV. Tuesday, July 29:

Our country was founded on the dwarfed in recent months by the great tradition of human liberty subversive activities of reactionary forces who attempt . . set forth in the Declaration of to whip up hysterical fear and Independence. We, the people, were guaranteed protection from suspicion of all liberal, forwardlooking ideas and persons." tyranny by the Bill of Rights.

These subversive activities of These principles are today reactionary forces, against which being destroyed by power - drunk the CIO steel union warned, have politicians and military brass who are pushing us straight toward been going on right here in Michwar on a world scale.

THOUGHT CONTROL

Now we have thought control imposed upon us. We are made

subject to prosecution under the hateful concept of guilt by

association. The long - range aim of this thought - control is to outlaw progressive ideas in union policy and leave the unions helpless to defend their membership.

Old-timers will remmber how radical workers were persecuted in the 1920's to clear the way for a savage open-shop drive.

The old blacklist of open-shop days has today reappeared as a political subversive list. Entire organizations are branded social defend themselves.

Stoolpigeons are made public heroes. The tradition that a man's home is his castle no longer keeps the American Gestapo, commonly known as the FBI, from invading our privacy.

Loyalty boards, legislative com- prisonment for refusal. mittees and other Kangaroo hearings violate every rule of trial organization labelled a "comprocedure required by the con- munist front" is automatically has revealed himself as the plastres (seventy-five cents) a EMERGENCY stitution.

This attack on freedom of thought and expression has gone restriction of constitutional rights so far that the conservative leaders of the CIO steel union warned against it at the union's recent convention.

### STEELWORKERS' WARNING

In a resolution unanimously "SOCIALISM" adopted, the Steelworkers convention spoke to the people of America in the following words: communist activities has been

igan. An outstanding example is the Trucks Act, a thought-control law enacted at Lansing last April. TRUCKS LAW

This law sets up so loose a definition of a "communist" and a "communist front" that it can Egyptian Labor Fights for Own be stretched to cover almost any individual or organization. You can be named a member

of a so-called "subversive" organization even though you don't pay dues or hold a membership card.

If you happen to favor any idea considered "communist" by the itself into the turbulent events mills are part of the Misr textile jured." politicians in power at Lansing, unfolding in Egypt. In the wake combine, largest and most modern you can be tagged. People held to be "subversive"

King Farouk, organized industrial dustry. years' imprisonment for failure workers are striking and demonto do so.

If you should register, you would be required to testify conditions. against yourself and be a stoolunder threat of 10 years' im-

They are carrying on an inde- with the workers in the nearby swelled to 9,000 late in the day," Under the Trucks law, any pendent class battle for their plant of the Beida Dyers Company reports the UP. demands. For his part, Naguib whose wages are twenty-five banned from the election ballot. "strong man" of the Egyptian day." It further reports that the

men. was made plain by Election BITTER STRIKE Director Frey. Here's what Mr. Frey said to the press, "We must see that no organization inclined

on the ballot."

"The danger from domestic tional health plans, equal rights termed a "labor riot." (Continued on page 2)

toward socialism is given a place

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Boston's \$57.00 contribution this

The CIO News, August 11 of their goal. St. Louis made a detailed the following points 30% jump with their payment for the Michigan CIO opposition to the Trucks Law:

1. Makes membership in a "Communist front organization" the basis for felony total by five per cent.

prosecution 2. A person can be declared a member of such organization whether or not he pays this week.

By Joseph Keller

3. Refusal to testify against one-self or others is automatic proof of guilt.

4. Its sabotage section could be used in a labor dispute to impose penitentiary sentences stretch. on strikers.

non-food crops. So far as total of food production is concerned, it Connecticut and St. Louis are has not been affected. Not food fearful of the inflationary effects ahead of schedule with Con- scarcities but the arms program, necticut only three per cent short and everything it entails, is feeding inflation.

this week. "More will follow TAXES shortly," they promise.

"We hope to do better next Last fiscal year (ending June 30, week," writes Los Angeles. Their 1952) the American people paid \$100 payment raises the branch Pittsburgh sends in \$10 for a

almost half again as much as the country's total food bill of \$60 rise and keep rising. 25% advance, "This makes 38% of our fund quota but we will billion. In the new fiscal year, make it 100%." Chicago and

position to finish with flying taxes. colors. We are looking forward

Reports from Cairo on Aug. 13 their grievances and demands.

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the steel trust, which are yet to make themselves felt. The AFL executive council has sent an him to halt rising living costs by Take the matter of taxes alone. takng "whatever steps the facts make necessary." It is the Tru-

in federal, state and local taxes man administration that is largely the sum of \$871/2 billion which is responsible for having kept down wages while permitting prices to

Every major union - coal,

which started this July, the tax rubber, packing house, CIO elec-Newark also made good payments bill will exceed \$100 billion, ac- trical workers, etc. - is pressing cording to the estimate of the to break the WSB wage ceiling. A small extra effort in the National Industrial Conference 1952 prices are squeezing to the week to come should put most Board. An important part of the wall workers who are still receive branches on schedule and in a price rises consists of rising ing 1950 wages or even less Demands for pay raises are more

This is expressed most sharply than justified, but they are not to seeing every branch past the in the cost of basic necessities, enough. To defend their living half way mark by the next The Bureau of Labor Statistics standards, the American workers scoreboard and on the home on June 28 set its price index at need an effective program against 233.7. In other words it now takes inflation and taxation.

at what the UP described as the broke out and two soldiers, one Alexandria battle, warning "all mediate improvement of workers'

not. Such a program is offered by approximately \$2.33 to buy a

Congress to "stiffen" price To combat rising living costs, was over. controls. Arnall is particularly it is necessary to wipe out the Georgia Gov. Tallmadge last of the stiff price rise extorted by back to a civilian basis. "For about Sparkman. He talks one urgent plea to Truman, begging control prices and rents. For a convention he said, "That plank covering all wages, pensions

N. Y. any programs on which

other parties' candidates speak

or are interviewed, whether it

is a political appearance or

Demands

wage freeze and shift production week stated "I'm not worried committees of unionists, house- way up North and another way wives and small merchants au- down South. "On the civil rights thorized to stop profiteering and plank adopted at the Democratic compulsory cost - of - living clause is round, square and rectangular - all at the same time. It's and unemployment compensation, nothing but a two way street. based upon a labor-controlled You can walk in any direction cost-of-living index, which would you want to."

include federal, state and local POWELL'S CHARGE taxes in computing living costs.

These actions confirm N. Y. Ren. Adam Clayton Powell's charge MILITANT readers can help that Negro leaders had sold the Negro people down the river. The to get radio and television apreactionary compact between pearances for SWP candidates Stevenson and the Southern by reporting to SWP Cambigots is an undeniable fact. paign Headquarters, 116 University Place, New York 3.

But despite this fact, such Negro leaders as Walter White, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, have attacked Powell's call to break with both Stevenson and Eisenhower.

Representatives of the Internaional Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, The Negro Labor Committee, the American Council on Human Rights, and many Negro newspapers have blasted Powell's stand, in an attempt to

A new independent force - the "ultra-modern Kafr El Dawar policeman and two workers were sections of the population, and wages and conditions were re- convince the Negro people to vote for candidates of one of the two capitalist parties.

As an example, the Los An-These stirrings of the Egyptian geles Tribune, a Negro paper, working class, which is beginning states apologetically that al-

"After all . . . Sparkman is not

It is possible Stevenson won't bargain with the Dixiecrats, per-

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are ordered to register with the d'etat, which three weeks ago workers in all are reportedly on fought back militantly in self. The labor outbreaks in Egypt to play an independent role, are though "Sparkman couldn't have

organizations are branded social and an all and the police, under threat of 10 dethraned the incredibly, corrupt strike in the Egyptian textile in- defense. Bales of cotton, the spin- are especially significant coming part of the revolutionary upheaval a worse record on civil rights," ning and weaving factory and the on the heels of the reform pro- in Asia and North Africa against the Negro people must never-According to the N. Y. Times company's administrative building gram announced on Aug. 12. This age-long poverty and mass op- theless vote for him. strating for better wages and of Aug. 14, "the mill workers, were set afire. "An estimated program was drafted in the Army pression. The anti-imperialist whose wages averaged between 1,000 workers barricaded them- Headquarters and handed on to strivings of the Egyptian people running for President. There is The workers are not waiting twelve and eighteen plastres selves inside the plant, but police the government for action. It were marked last January by but the remotest possibility that pigeon against your friends, again for the military clique to make (thirty-six and fifty-four cents) and soldiers held back the purportedly calls for a division tremendous riots directed at the Sparkman . . . will inherit the good in its promise of reforms. a day, were demanding parity remainder of the crowd which of the large landed estates, which British over-lords first of all. But Presidential mantle." would be limited to a maximum the struggle for social emancipaof 200 acres, the remaining land tion has become interlinked with die. But neither will his cvnical to be sold for a high price to the anti-imperialist struggle.

A- "state of emergency" was would be sold to the landless poor to throw all blame for the terrible The far-reaching aims of this capitalists against the working- workers were "apparently anger- declared in Alexandria when the and peasants who hold less than social conditions in Egypt onto LABOR LEADERS ed" when their union delegates struggle began. An army unit was two acres - if they can raise the unpopular King Farouk, while The labor leaders are also were refused permission to enter sent in to aid the factory owners the money. Average incomes in giving a few crumbs to the masses crawling into the Stevenson the company offices to prevent and police. The troops surrounded Egypt are less than \$100 a year. and retaining the power and camp. The National CIO will the factory town and blockaded tell of a bitter, strike struggle Police reinforcements were call- all roads into the area.

between thousands of textile ed in when 6,000 workers demon- How fearfully the new military Cabinet's budget by nearly two- cracy. But every new departure that Stevenson has not backed workers in the Alexandria area strated for higher pay at the regime views workingclass strug- thirds, a slight boost of the tax from the established political repeal of Taft-Hartley law, and and police and troops of the new early change of shifts. The Times gle is indicated by the fact that rate on personal incomes over order in Egypt stirs up the masses that both Stevenson and Sparkmilitary regime. The United account puts it that "the work- the new ruler, Maj, Gen. Moham- 5,000 pounds (\$14,350) from 5 and inspires them to demand man bear the mark of a coalition Among things called "social- Press said that five persons were ers, wielding sticks and throwing med Naguib, Commander-in-Chief per cent to 10 per cent, and on more. Naguib is now trying to with the Dixiecrats - a coalition istic" by reactionaries are na- killed and 33 injured in what it stones, clashed with the police." of the armed forces, personally industrial and commercial profits control popular force of revolt which marked Republican tactics

According to the UP, after the issued a communique within from 16 per cent to 17 per cent. his own coup helped to put in in Congress in the past, and The demonstrations took place police reserves arrived, "firing hours of the outbreak of the No proposals for direct and im- motion.

cotton mills" and "involved killed. Eight policemen, one sol- particularly laborers" that "any ported. working class — is projecting cotton mins and involved kined. Eight poncemen, one sor particular, would be regarded as nearly 10,000 workers." These dier and 24 workers were in-"high treason" for which "the AGE-LONG POVERTY

It is evident from the brief penalty" - death - "is well of General Naguib's military coup in the Middle East. Some 30,000 press reports that the workers known to all.".

Among other reforms also pro- privileges of the wealthy class undoubtedly endorse the Demojected are a slash in the Royal of Egypt and the Army bureau- cratic slate. This despite the fact

the government. Government land Naguib's coup was an attempt sonified by his running mate.

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THE MILITANT

Monday, August 18, 1952

# "We Are a Foreign Army Fighting in a Civil War" The Split "We are a foreign Army looks ex-1 who wave their hands to Amer-1 "General MacArthur complain-1 A North Korean government Korean army and that this "will that the anomy moved 'sur-1 radio broadcast, reported in the be extended to the North. We that the anomy moved 'sur-1 radio broadcast, reported in the be extended to the North. We will do nothing about it during

After full-scale warfare broke out on June 25, 1950, American troops were sent hurriedly into Korea with the explanation that they were going to "defend" the South Koreans from an "un-provoked aggression" by the North Koreans. But the GIs were bewildered by the war they

found. The U.S. troops are "battling a strange enemy whose identity is uncertain, whose commanders are nameless, who fights murderously," complained an Associated Press dispatch on July 24, 1950.

# **Racist, Anti-Labor Dixiecrats Back Democrat Ticket**

(Continued from page 1) against which Reuther and Murray delivered many verbal blows. where," wrote Joseph Keller, in

There is little support for the July 31, 1950, Militant, "in Eisenhower and Nixon among the front and in the rear, in labor leaders. They know they peasant dress, in workman's can't sell Republicans to the clothes, in student garb. He is the engineer who drives the U.S workers. Some Negro leaders supply train to the wrong destinahave joined the Republican campaign, and attack the Democratic platform. But the Republican sniper who fires on a GI truck platform, and its candidate's 40 miles from where the front is record are no better than the

Democrats. The truth is that neither the Democrats nor Republicans repre every means at their command, sent American workers. Negro o against a foreign invader." white. They are both the partie From the start of the Korean

### FARRELL DOBBS

Branch

Connecticut

of Big Business and Jim Crow

had difficulty explaining why the Elsewhere in this issue, Farrell best American troops, supported Rhee in South Korea are still Dobbs, presidential candidate of by fleets of bombers and fighter waging "extermination camthe Socialist Workers Party, in planes, were being harried and paigns" against large forces of an open letter to Rep. Powell, driven back by lightly-armed, guerrillas operating in all parts declares, "In this election the half-starved, poorly-clad peasants best way to strike a blow at Jim in uniform. They complained that paign, aided by U.S. planes and Crow and the parties which, the North Koreans were "masters maintain it is to vote for the the U.S. lines as if by magic. Socialist Workers Party." The same holds for the Amer-

**GUERRILLAS** incan workers generally. A big vote for Dobbs and Weiss would The, N. Y. Times spoke bitterly of the "training in tactics" that serve notice on the labor bureaucrats that organized labor is no enabled the North Korean comlonger the political captive of mand "to convert regular army Wall Street's twin parties. The choice in the 1952 elections guerrilla forces disguised as is between a Brass Hat and a peasants." The activities of "guerlabor baiter on the Republican rillas" and "infiltrators" became ticket, a millionaire and a South- an almost daily refrain in the ern bigot on the Democratic dispatches from Korea. Marticket, or genuine representatives guerite Higgins of the N. Y. of labor and oppressed minorities, Herald - Tribune reported that "many of the white-clad peasants on the SWP Ticket.

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could find very few "Southern is now beginning to eye with tactics our Minute Men used program, effective at once for friends." "The soldiers said they felt the entire Korean countryside was those guys in white!' - the 1775."

know who the enemy is,' one merely soldier said. . . Few women and Koreans. They were also South farmers in the winter snows at designated holdings (about 49 children are seen. Sniping from the rear is frequent. Villagers and peasants who remain refuse to the appearance of the North have learned that the enemy can working for hire." irect Americans toward Red

hiding places or give them food, the soldiers said." NAMELESS ENEMY

This "strange, nameless enemy" which the Americans found fight-

ing so "murderously" against them - "this enemy is every-

Korean army. Under the headline, play some tricks that George "Guerrillas Rose Before Army Washington's veterans never used LAND REFORM Came," the July 25, 1950, N. Y. as well." Times reported that when news of the approach of the North the revolutionary war in Korea News and World Report, Rhee Martin:

hiding in the countryside and became active.' This same Time dispatch con-

tained a first-hand report from the director of a U.S. govern ment agency in Kwangju who told how guerrillas from among "the students and textile workers tion. He is the old man who gives began to come into the open wrong road directions. He is the early last week . . . (when) Red tank and infantry teams were then still sixty miles away." They supposed to be. In short, this called a general strike and "the enemy is the whole Korean peo- manager of the mill was stoned ple, fighting ferociously with by the workers and fled early next morning."

EXTERMINATION

To this very day, two years war, the U.S. military command after the above-cited events, the troops and police of Syngman of South Korea. One such camtroops who systematically burned of infiltration" who penetrated down peasants' huts with gasoline and phosphorus grenades, was announced last December.

"About 90 per cent" of the reportedly 10,000 guerrillas, according to Greg McGregor, "are probably simple outlaws, not necessarily Communists." units at a moment's notice into United Press said that "many guerrillas were merely anti-Government Partisans who had little or no connection with the Reds." In short, the guerrillas are not disguised North Korean troops, but South Korean workers and peasants in arms against the Rhee despotism and its U.S.

guardian. The December "anti-guerrilla" campaign had been announced as "successfully concluded." But the

N. Y. World-Telegram of April 11 reported that the "South Korean army said it has killed

pearance, in language or in per- see American troops in diffi- an unclean and indecent way of nounced that the new 'People's harvest this year. But next year sonal customs." The only thing culties they come in for a kill." playing the game. But, of course, Government' installed in the we will take away the land given the GI might have thought wrong The American troops feared these stealthy maneuvers were no former Republican capital of the tenants and return it to the with this statement is that he every Korean. "The American GI more novel or immoral than the Seoul had enacted a land reform landlords." This is the fundamental issue

suspicion any Korean civilian in against British Redcoats on the the captured portions of South in the Korean war so far as the the cities or countryside. 'Watch road back from Lexington in Korea." The government would Korean people are concerned. One "confiscate all land owned by side is taking the land from the either passive or actively hostile," customary peasant dress — is the Greg MacGregor, the N. Y. the former Republican govern- landlords and giving it to the Korea in the July 18, 1950, N. Y. Wrote Lindesay Parrott in the Korea on Jan. 27, 1951, that to the tenant-working acres belonging taking it back from the peasants. The other side is to private don't even July 22, 1950, N. Y. Times. The "guys in white" were not GIs needed a "textbook of the "will be distributed among farm- U.S. intervention is on the side of "infiltrating" North tactics of the embattled Colonial ers who own less than the the landlords.

"Embers of hatred" burn Koreans who rose in advance of Valley Forge" and that "the GIs acres), as well as among laborers fiercely against the U.S. forces in Korea, CBS correspondent Robert P. Martin wrote for the Overseas News Agency on Aug. Rhee did the opposite. Inter- 27, 1950. An American officer threadbare slanders. What each side represented in viewed in the Oct. 27, 1950, U.S. phrased the problem bluntly to

class

LONG DISCUSSION

southwest seaport in Korea, economic programs they instituted reform" in the portions of South eign army fighting in a civil Trotskyists to the most significant a cohesive organization that "local guerrillas emerged from in territories they had captured. Korea recaptured from the North war."

1.000,000 Draftee Since Korea



Arthur Weinfeld, 22, the 1,000,000th man to be drafted since the start of the Korean war on June 25, 1950, being examined by Dr. Alfred Goldfaden at a Detroit induction center. Selective Service threatens to draft fathers soon as pool of available single men is shrinking. Official U.S. battle-casualties in Korea are nearly 120,000 - some 40,000 since start of truce talks last year. The total of all U.S. forces in Korea are now about a half-million men.

TRUCKS LAW PERILS RIGHTS OF ALL, AIMED AT UNIONS, DOBBS WARNS

> tion of the state other ers usually make the same funda-



Printed just below is a statement of the Fourth International on the desertion of a grouping from its French section, the International Communist Party. The split occurred when this group refused

to recognize the legally convened | better vantage point from which Congress of the French Trotsky- to fight a treacherous leadership. ist movement and proceeded to TRANSITORY OBSTACLE

organize their own rump conven-The sectarian resistance of the tion to evade important decisions splitting group, it is reported in of policy to which they had been the French Trotskyist press, is committed. Then, as has become merely a transitory obstacle to customary in such cases the splitting group rushed to the the involvement of genuine public press to denounce the French Trotskyism in the seeth-Fourth International as capitula- ing movements and the great tors to Stalinism and similar events which are sweeping down on France today. They face these

events, although somewhat The origin of the internal weakened numerically, with a struggle had its roots in difconfidence in their tactics and ferences over the attitude of world problems of our epoch which had been set forth with for the Trotskyist movement in brilliant clarity at the Third France.

The following is a reprint from . World Congress of the Fourth La Verite de Travailleur official International. The splitting fac-French newspaper of the Trottion refused to go along with skvists, of a declaration of the these decisions, which had been Secretariat of the Fourth Internaadopted by an overwhelming tional on the split:

majority vote, and resisted their Differences have broken out in application in France. They the Internationalist Communist refused to see the vast differ-Party (PCI, French section of the ences between the threatening Fourth International) and have war and the last one, between the culminated in the desertion of the one which began with victories organization by a faction led by of reaction over the workers Pierre Boussel-Lambert and movement and the one which will Favre - Bleibtreu. By breaking precipitate civil war on a worlddiscipline, this faction has autowide scale from the outset. They matically placed itself outside of refused to understand the effects the Fourth International, the inof such a conflict on Stalinist ternational organization to which workers who comprise the decisive they belonged and of its French majority of the French working section, the PCI. They have no formal right to use the name of the PCI, which still belongs to

the French section, and whose Despite an 18-month long dissecretary remains comrade Pierre cussion and majority decisions Frank, who was re-elected at the they had been pledged to honor, 8th Convention of the PCI.

they continued to seek some The International Secretariat will-o-the wisp scheme whereby of the Fourth International they could evade their main task declares that international Trot-- that of finding a direct road skyism, organized in the Fourth to influence this great mass of International, is not in any way Stalinist workers. Recent events responsible for the political acin France had confirmed the tivity of the Boussel-Bleibtreu analysis of the Third World Confaction now or in the future.

gress that the conflict between The leading elements of this the revolutionary-minded French tendency deserted the internaworkers and their Kremlin intional Trotskyist organization spired leadership would occur under pressure of forces of the within the ranks of the Comclass enemies of the revolutionary munist Party and not by organizproletariat which is sharpening with the approach of the Third

ed breakaways from it. Hence the Fourth International World War. They have renounced had advised a policy of penetra- as a task patient activity among tion into the ranks of the French the masses now influenced by the CP with the object of fighting Communist Party of France as alongside these workers and of set forth by the Fourth Internathus consolidating the opposition tional as the tactic for France. to their party bureaucracy. As a consequence they have in

The policy was similar in practise renounced aiding these (Continued from page 1) enforced, permit half the popula- Union officials and Negro lead- nature to the proposal it had once masses to liberate themselves

St. Louis	50	40	80	
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Akron ,	150	100	67	
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Oakland	300	82	27	
Philadelphia	350	- 85	24	- 1
Los Angeles	2,200	500	23	
Seattle	400	91	23	
Milwaukee	275	55	20	
Youngstown	400	25	6	
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Total through Aug. 11	\$18,500	\$8,943	48	

# **ELECTION FUND OF SWP NEARS HALF-WAY MARK**

(Continued from Page 1) "Thank you for the copies of Donations to the SWP election The Militant which I found very fund from old and new friends of clearly expressed. I am only able at this time to send you \$5.00. the party have brought the total \$4 for your fund drive and the listed under General well over the other dollar for six months of amount originally pledged. Here The Militant. I hope to be of some is a letter from D. M. of Port- aid to you in the future. I am a land, Maine who requested copies firm believer in the no war creed of the election speeches of Far- of the party and the safety and rell Dobbs and Myra Tanner rights of the colored people. Weiss given over the radio and Good luck."

on television. After receiving Many thanks also to J. B. of copies of The Militant containing Cleveland, Ohio, for his contribution of \$3 to help the Socialist the text of these speeches D. M. Workers Party election campaign. writes:

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twice as many Red guerrillas as for Negroes, better old-age penhalf in jail." sions and even child labor laws. were thought to be below the 38th

Under pressure of such public This means the real targets of parallel and expects trouble from the Trucks law are unions, Negro criticism, and in consequence of Stalinists. Their policy helps two or three thousand more this The same source organizations, and even the Amer- our court attack on the law, the pave the way for anti-democratic summer." icans for Democratic Action. reported on July 16 that Syng-The very first victim of the man Rhee has "ordered martial Trucks law was the Socialist the November ballot. law in the Muju district in the

Workers Party, a long-standing Southwest, where a guerrilla political opponent of the Comcleanup is under way. It is almunist Party. ready in force in Pusan and six The Socialist Workers Party is

southeastern provinces." not named in the law. Yet At- contained in the Trucks law will CLASS AGAINST CLASS

This guerrilla warfare - flourbranded us "subversive," without ishing behind the lines in South evidence and without a hearing. Korea after two years of "ex-We were ruled off the election

termination campaigns" - is ballot in violation of our conevidence of a civil war of class stitutional right to the traditional against class, with the people democratic process. on the side of the guerrillas.

LAWYERS AFRAID Walter Sullivan, observant

Law. Included on this committee are leading officials of state and

Tokyo correspondent, wrote on We immediately sought legal county CIO councils; international counsel to help us defend our representatives, local union of-July 25, 1950, for the N. Y. ficers and committeeman of rights. So great was the fear Times: "It is a generally acgenerated by events surrounding UAW-CIO; professors at the cepted principle that guerrilla warfare cannot endure if the passage of the Trucks law that University of Michigan; a we found most lawyers afraid to minister, a rabbi, a newspaper lower levels of the populace supcolumnist; lawyers; and an extake our case. port the Government in power." After a ten-day search that was | ecutive board member of the Na-The June 30, 1952, Voice of Korea, bulletin of the Korean Aflike a nightmare, we finally tional Association for the Adfairs Institute with headquarters found two attorneys - Bernard vancement of Colored People; an in Washington, D. C., complained officer of the Military Order of Probe and Jesse R. Bacalis of Detroit - who had the courage the Purple Heart and others. of Rhee's lack of popularity as to uphold the constitutional This Citizens Committee says

revealed by the guerrilla warfare: provision that all accused perof the court action taken by the "If he (Syngman Rhee) is as sons are entitled to legal counsel. Socialist Workers Party: popular as he and his agents "We believe that this effort to ciples. We filed a legal suit which is claim, he should not have much

now pending in the Wayne county have the Trucks law voided by the trouble with the guerrillas. Of course the guerrilla activities circuit court. Our suit challenges courts merits our support. . . We have been controlled and directed the entire Trucks law as violative invite you to join with us in this by the communists, but guerrillas of both the Michigan constitution undertaking to defend freedom cannot exist long where the and the constitution of the of thought and expression."

United States. Let me make it clear, in fair population is loyal to the govern-As people have become familiar ness to the Citizens Committee ment. Guerrilla activities have with the contents of the Trucks that their action does not imply spread since he came to power and he has been unable to check law, more and more voices have any political support to the been raised in protest against it. Socialist Workers Party. As they them. Many of the guerrillas The Michigan CIO News of May say in their statement, are reportedly 'good citizens' by 22 said, "If the attorney general merely register our opposition to day and outlaws by night." What kind of war is it in can crack down on the Socialist repressive measures against peo-Workers Party under the Trucks ple with whose views we do not which those who are being "liberated" rise in arms behind law, what is to prevent him from necessarily agree."

the battle-lines against their taking similar action against This forthright stand by the "liberators"? "This is a combina- other minor groups of whatever Citizens Committee Against the tion of war and revolution," political complexion?" Trucks law follows the time- liberties means anything, This CIO paper also said, "The honored principle that an injury means we must defend the rights. truthfully noted Walter Sul-

livan. More than one American war measure. It imperils freedom of recognizes that people who stand It means we must oppose all laws correspondent has found a close speech. It can be used to eliminate aside while others' rights are that impair freedom of thought analogy between the fighting political opposition. It is danger- suppressed have helped bring the and expression. methods of the Koreans and ous and it is unnecessary." thought-control police a step Another critic of the law is closer to their own door. Chinese battling the U.S. invaders

and the Colonial patriots who The Wage Earner, the newspaper fought in 1776 against the British of the Association of Catholic selves been heavily victimized, to help advocate this principle. I an old time firebrand for the CP he writes. "Lots of luck!" Redcoats. Thus, Homer Bigart, Trade Unionists. This paper said: violate this principle by refusing believe it is the only way the "The real danger of the Trucks to defend the rights of their American people can preserve years of struggle in Akron. For Toronto and to A. M. of Van of the N. Y. Herald - Tribune, law is that it is so vague, so all political opponents. Their con- their right to think for them- a change here was one ex-Daily Anda, B. C., for donations sent in wrote in his article for the Jan. encompassing, so patently open duct helps the witch hunters put selves and freely speak their Worker saleswoman of the with their renewals to The Milito abuse that it could, if strictly over repressive laws. 30, 1951, Look magazine:

mental error by refusing to defend the democratic rights of state authorities have restored laws aimed at unions and Negro the Socialist Workers Party to organizations. Recent events right

here in Detroit prove the point. This action marks an important Last winter the House Unvictory in the fight to defend American Activities Committee democratic rights for all. But invaded Detroit to attack the the grave threat to our liberties leadership of a large local union in the auto industry.

torney General Millard arbitrarily not be entirely eliminated until Some union officials, who should have known better, acted in a the whole law is abolished. manner that made it appear they Recognizing this fact, almost three-score prominent Michigan fully endorsed this outside inpeople have joined in a Citizens tervention in union affairs. The hysteria and fear created Committee Against the Trucks

by this attack did much to help push through the Trucks law.

"SABOTACE"

People do not seem generally aware that the Trucks law contains a section imposing heavy prison sentences for alleged 'sabotage" in strikes involving defense work. Under this section it could be called "sabotage" if a furnace cooled too rapidly or vegetables rotted in a strike. Make no mistake about it, this legal dagger is aimed straight at the unions. Such are the bad consequences that always result from violations of correct prin-

The Socialist Workers Party has an unblemished record of principled conduct in defense of democratic rights for all.

Stalinist victims of the witch hunt.

> We disagree with many policies control police.

We stand squarely on the principle that, if defense of civil bundle. it Trucks law is a totalitarian to one is an injury to all. It of those with whom we disagree.

> I have proudly accepted nomination as the presidential candidate

of the Socialist Workers Party minds.

they expend their main efforts fluence of the Soviet bureaucracy on activity in the British Labor and of struggling in the same Party which leads the bulk of class camp as these masses for the British working class. Both the triumph of the French socialpolicies were aimed at finding a ist revolution.

# THE MILITANT ARMY

Recent issues of The Militant cynical. She had seen the Klan containing the Socialist Workers come and go. The Klan used to Party election platform and the have thousands parade during the

speeches of Farrell twenties. And afterwards during Dobbs and Myra the depression she saw the work-Tanner Weiss have ers unite for relief struggles. The met with an en- CIO and its equality for Negroes thusiastic response was a great milestone for this from old and new Akronite. Now she heard Dobbs readers. Many peo- on TV and is crazy about this, ple from all over her second issue of The Militant. the country who We will go back to see her later wrote in requesting and ask her for a sub."

copies of the Literature Agent Ethel Swanspeeches of the can- son reports that "although New didates have clipped | York comrades have been more

the "Subscribe" coupon and sent than busy gathering the signain money for six months or one tures necessary to put Farrell year of The Militant. Orders from Dobbs and Myra Weiss on the the branches for extra copies of ballot, many of the petitioners the Aug. 11 issue, containing the have found time to speak to peofront page article on Adam Clay- ple about The Militant. Ann sold ton Powell's attack on the be- a six month subscription while trayal of civil rights by the two getting signatures and other major parties, indicate a wide comrades have put single copies into the hands of petition signers.

sale of this issue also. "One of our best petitioners St. Paul Literature Agent Winifred Nelson writes, "We and salesmen is Beezie who certainly wish we had more recognizes the value of The Milicopies of the Aug. 4 issue. It's a tant as an election campaigner. wonderful issue to sell to people Beezie has sold subs in the We are firmly opposed to the in the shops, who are very in- restaurant where she works to policies of the Stalinized Com- terested in our party's platform, the other waitress and to two munist Party. Yet we defend all and that's what we've been doing countermen. The other day she with it since we got it yesterday. | came in with a fourth sub sold But it's also a wonderful issue to the deliveryman. In her disfor door-to-door work, and we're cussions with the other workers of the union officials. Yet we going out this weekend for on the issues in the presidential defend these officials when they renewals and to sell the Moore election campaign she always

are attacked by the thought- pamphlet. Now with the election uses articles in The Militant to campaign and all these wonderful illustrate her points. She reports Militants that are coming out a very favorable response to the we'll probably be increasing our paper and says that one of her subscribers made a special trip

Lou Cooper reports an en- with his wife to come to the couraging sale of the Aug. 4 street corner where we were issue in Akron. "I went out with getting signatures in order to The Militant this evening and sign a petition."

P. B., a friend in Hamilton sold seven copies and two Moore pamphlets," he writes. "Although Ontario, sends in his renewal for there were not as many people two years of The Militant. "We home as on Sunday I did meet in Canada appreciate your paper,'

Many thanks to M. Q.

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# **Socialism and Freedom**

The defenders of the outlived capitalist system shout that socialism will mean total regimentation, serfdom and enslavement. Nothing could be falser.

Human degradation is not something that lies ahead in the socialist future of man. On the contrary, it is human enslavement that has characterized society in the past, just as it does in the present. Nor could it have been otherwise.

Class divisions in society, the relationships of rulers and the ruled, are rooted in low levels of production, themselves conditioned by the prevalence of universal scarcities and universal poverty. Annual surpluses produced under past productive levels were pathetically.small, assuring a sufficiency of food, clothing and shelter only to a small ruling minority. For the overwhelming bulk of mankind there remained only a lifetime of drudgery, interminable toil, sweat and tears.

The reduction of mankind to swarms of nameless ciphers is easily seen in pre-capitalist societies.

Ancient slave societies were huge social pyramids, crowned by a few palaces and temples at the apex and resting on vast stretches of mud huts at the base. Feudalism altered this structure only in a few details. The peasant's lot differed little from that of the chattel slave, both beinv converted into beasts of burden, living under conditions below those of domesticated cattle. And let us not forget that the greater part of the world's population still live in the status of peasants.

Some novelists have speculated about the rise of a society based on mechanical slaves --- "robots." The whole past history of mankind has put fiction to shame, being that of dehumanized living slaves - millions who experienced everything in life, carried out every conceivable order or whim of the masters, but who were themselves deprived of the experience that was their birthright - the right to really live.

This century-old infamy of enslavement was not eliminated by the rise of capitalism. Again there came a modification instead of a drastic change. Take America, the richest country the world has ever seen.

Here, too, only a small minority, ten million or so capitalist rulers and their retainers, do not have to toil for their livelihood. For the remaining 140 million, life, from cradle to the grave, is a rat race for enough food, clothing and shelter.

The whole of capitalist society is regimented like ancient societies, by this constant chase for life's bare necessities, reducing to a minimum the chances for genuine development of the mass of the people, without which i is a mockery to talk about genuine material and cultural advancement, let alone freedom, full opportunity for indi vidual development, mental growth and the like.

Productive forces have grown so great as to assure, Dixiecrat, Racist id of private ownership, adequate food, which shelter to all. For the first time, mankind can be really cratic Vice Presidential can- in industry and freed from the need of exploitation of man by man, from the relationship' of rulers and the ruled, the fountainhead of all human enslavement and degradation. That spells freedom, genuine freedom, and the blossoming of human follows: personality and endeavor on a scale never known before. And that is what socialism, and only socialism, will bring.

# More TV-Radio Letters Praise **Speeches of SWP Candidates**

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I am interested in the Social-

your party. Could you please

literature so I can help get

Let me tell you how I came

to know the Socialist Workers

Party. Four friends and I were

talking about how the Demo-

crats , and Republicans don't

keep their promises. We in-

vestigated several other parties

too. We found that the Social-

ist Workers Party would be

C. S.

For Vice-Pres.

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Dear Mr. Dobbs:

Here are more samples of the hundreds of letters that have poured in from all over America asking for copies of the TV and radio speeches of Farrell Dobbs and Mrs. Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidates for President and Vice President. of the United States, Favorable letters are printed under the head "FOR": hostile letters are under the head "AND AGAINST". Only a handful of unfriendly letters were received, most of them un signed and unprintable.

# FOR

I saw your television program | Just a few lines to inform you Sunday and I liked it. Send me that I heard and saw the wonderful speaking over WMCT some more information please. and I have to say that I really

Des Moines, Iowa did enjoy it. And my wife did too. I want you to know we are 100 After hearing your presidential per cent for it. I would like to

candidate speak on Sunday, July have a copy. I have been given 20. I feel I should like copies of a Dirty Deal on some jobs I this great speech. I would ap- have had here in the South, alpreciate it if you would forward though I was promised a Fair three copies of your speech and Deal after I came back home out one copy of your platform for of the Army, because I was a the November election. May you Negro and was in the South. have success in your campaign. W. M. J. F. M. Memphis, Tenn,

New York

I listened to your program on I witnessed your telecast this the air and I desire very much to afternoon and I am anxious to know more about your party. I have more information concernwould appreciate any literature ing your organization. Pease send me all the available literature. you could send me explaining that you may have. further your party, its platform

Mrs. M. S. Washington, D. C.

I heard portions of your Mr. Dobbs' acceptance speech and there seemed to be more worthwhile and honest information imparted therein than in all others combined. Please send me a copy of the speech at your earliest convenience and your party platform

California I saw and heard your telecasts and I am writing to let you know that I am with you, all the way Your orations are most inspiring, true forecasts of the intended way of life yet to come.

Mrs. A. T.

TPEUT MYRA TANNER WEISS

I was born and raised a Demo- ing the distinction of becoming crat, but at heart I have always the black sheep of the family. It is my opinion that there are

Please send me further details tried to promote and defend heart yet they vote the Demo-Socialism, to my own near cratic ticket as a sort of middle regarding the Socialist Workers relatives, with the result of gain-<sup>1</sup> of the road compromise, thinking Party. I am an oil field worker



n the tion he l These demonstrations and the is two-fold. On the one hand, the for Negroes and Jews and no one my motives clearer. I was im-

and hoping that the combination of Democrats and Socialists will eventually become melted into American Socialism.

Speaking of the Democratic and Republican parties, to me one is as bad as the other and I want no part of either. In November. ist Workers Party. I like the standards and the principles of I am going to vote for both of you, if it is the last thing that I me some pins and do while on this earth. It is my belief that Jesus Christ

approves of Socialism and I am definitely on His side now and forever.

Please mail me your literature. Wishing you a large and exceedingly impressive vote in November, I beg to 'remain forever your brother.

> E. R. W. Nashville, Tenn.

Congratulations. Your program of last Saturday, July 19, is indeed worthy of the highest praise possible. I think it has opened my eyes to a lot of problems which confront the ordinary labourers and working men and women, not only in the United States of America. but also i the Dominion of Canada as well I would be very grateful if yo would send me copies of the speeches made and literature of your great party. I hope you wil put on the television and radio

many more such programs for w can only gain success by reaching into the hearts of the work ers of our great countries.

> D. R. Ontario, Canada

I heard your program on TV Aug. 2. I would like to hear from you and learn more about your work. If I like the rest, like I do the first, I'll be glad to offer my help in any way. Р. н.

San Diego, Calif. party. I heard 'Mr. Dobbs' speech on television Sunday afternoon and

quite agree with him. Would you F. O. Brooklyn, N. Y.

In the Dough

Gen. MacArthur, who faded out of the presidential picture, is shown here shaking hands with the head of Remington Rand Inc. His \$100,000 a year job with that company is his reward for leading the butchery of the Korean people.

and heard Farrell Dobbs' address over TV and enjoyed it very much.



I am a black woman. I find great interest in your party. I am not a voter. I am from the Southern states. Tennessee. I've two sons, "Army Age." Regard me as among those for the right Mrs. F. R.

L. C.

California

Detroit, Mich. I find myself very interested in

your program. Will you please send me one of your pamphlets.

on TV July 27 was well received by quite a few listeners that came to visit and look at television with me. We need more like you. If there were more, it would be a much better world in which to live. The true facts about both parties give us to know that the world is full of, or based upon, men who are not for the right. They are liars, just as you have said. They tell you one thing and mean another. I shall never forget your speeches that were made.

> Mrs. H. S. Kansas City, Kansas

I saw and heard you on tele- as a whole in the world today. vision and it interested me and Now is the time to launch a full sounded good. If we can organize organizing campaign. I am for throughout the USA and Canada it wholeheartedly. it will be the only organization J. W. for the working class of people

Omaha, Neb.



Your lousie gang wants to | "Pro and Con." You have grossly if rid of private ownership, adequate food, clothing and Here is the record of Demo- After a series of wildcat strikes home and that military conscrip- the NATO goals for war prepara- ple by intermarriage of n - - - s you printed the letter on the make Mongrels of the White peo- misinterpreted my motives when and Whites. You want civil rights "Pro" side. I will try



and the reasons they gave as to why we are fighting this totally stupid war in Korea. I would very much like to have a copy of these speeches.

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and its principles. Cordially,

them, as I just happened to be passing a loud speaker on the street at that time and paused a while to listen. I enjoyed them very much and certainly

views on the subject of Peace



agreed with the speakers'

been a Socialist. I am a member of a family of Democrats and thousands of good American Republicans. Frequently I have citizens who are Socialists at

please send me the literature mentioned?



Dear Mr. Dobbs: Your speech that was given

"They Are Liars

Page Three

## **Capitalism and the Police State**

To believe the apologists for capitalism there is an indissoluble bond between "free enterprise" and democracy. The first provides the basis for the second. Destroythe first and you have destroyed democracy. That's the stop the filibuster. claim. But the truth is that there is no such direct connection between democratic rights and the private owner- armed forces. ship of the means of production. The whole history of capitalism proves this.

It is true that capitalist development has taken place within democratic forms. But it is equally true that capi- civilians and local police. talism found compatible the most authoritarian of regimes. Capitalism flourished under the rule of the Mikado and follows: the Japanese militarists and feudalists. The Russian capitalists were the staunchest supporters of Czarism, just as the German capitalists lived happily with the Kaiser and the Prussian militarists. In this country the Northern subversive activity. capitalists collaborated for decades with the Southern slavocracy, just as they continue to collaborate today with the poll tax. the Southern Jim Crowers and lynchers. 3. 1942 — against abolition of

the poll tax. Wherever the rising capitalist class came into headon collision with the outlived feudal system, it raised the the poll tax. banner of democratic rights and reforms. As an oppressed class itself, it could not have otherwise freed itself from year voting record as publicized the feudal yoke. It could not otherwise have headed the by the NAACP. mass movements and the social upheavals that cleared the road for capitalist growth. Viewed in this historic perspective, democracy correctly appears as the conquest of the mass of the people, a conquest the rising capitalist class was once prepared to fight for and safeguard, because this served capitalist interests at the time.

But all of this lies in the past. It is no longer true. With the rise of monopolies, capitalism exhausted its progressive role. The huge trusts are reactionary and authoritarian to the core. They are mortal enemies of democratic rights. The regime they gravitate toward is totalitarian rule, the police state.

The current witch-hunt, the frontal assault on democratic rights, the rise in the power and prestige of the military caste — this whole trend toward the establishment of the police state in the U.S. is powered by the big corporations. If Big Money has its way nothing will remain of the democratic conquests of the American people. That is why the struggle against totalitarianism and for civil liberties and for the extension of democracy is today indivisible from the struggle against capitalism.

didate Sparkman, who is enarmy, the Belgian General Condorsed by many leaders of labor federation of Labor called a gen- general strike, preceded by a few resistance of the people to the else. We are against FEPC and pressed because I didn't think eral strike August 9, to protest days the conference of heads of war plans and their economic this civil rights and we insist and Negro organizations: two-year military conscription. In the Senate he voted as 1. 1948 — against relieving

service men of obligation to pay stration demanding to be sent Europe. home. An armed clash with gendarms resulted. Similar 18-MONTH CEILING a poll tax in federal elections.

2. 1948 — against abolition of demonstrations broke out in Ans, segregation in armed forces. 3. 1949 — for a segregated cities. school system.

4. 1949 - against prohibition of segregation in housing. 5 1949 - against a law to go home.

GENERAL STRIKE 6. 1950 - for segregation in

solidly backed by workers in Bel- into a buzz-saw. 7. 1950 - for continuing the gium's major industries. As a anti-FEPC filibuster. result of this anti-militarist 8. 1951 — against protection

of servicemen from assaults by Aug. 9 shut down most of Belgian scription. But all over Europe ndustrial plants in a one day the sentiment is against the war In the House he voted demonstration.

A N. Y. Times dispatch from Brussels reports, "Nearly all 1. 1943 — for dismissal of workers in the heavily in-William Pickens, former NAACP dustrialized areas of southeast official, from position in Treasury Belgium began a 24-hour strike Department, on false charges of this morning (Aug. 9) against the two-year conscription law. 2. 1943 - against abolition of The stoppage was almost complete in metal plants and coal

Demonstrations were called

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huge socialist parade backed

the soldiers' demand to be sent

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by ART PREIS

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European governments to force a consequences, and on the other, this Taft-Hartley Law be made same type of propaganda as the On July 26 several hundred uniform two-year conscription for the economic crisis which large tighter, no controls of any kind soldiers in Namur held a demon- the peoples of all Western scale war production is bringing and the Commiecrat Democrats more information because I about. be kicked out of office. We want wanted to see the lies in black The events in Belgium are a these so-called liberals put in and white. I have seen them. They preview of even greater resistance jail or deported. We are strong are the kind every dictator has As a result of the pressure from

that will result from any attempt | for the McCarran law. Antheit, Liege and several other below, the Belgian Confederation to extend the term of service in of Labor leaders have urged the the armies of Western Europe.

forces in Western Germany have countries to fight for an 18-month been as hard hit economically as Although I see no value in your (the Socialists') work, I would have my words and initials allied other European nations. In France The 'Belgian government had and Italy, workers' resistance to very much like to have your plat- with your party.

rearmament and long military form for the year 1952. service is even stronger. In Germany the people have

made it very clear that they want no part of remilitarization .and to you in which I said that I was

H. M. Kansas City, Mo. I am horrified that my letter

A. A. A.

Los Angeles, Calif.

Deadline for Militant The deadline for articles and ads for The Militant is the

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Communists do existed. I wanted

used to get control of the Gov-

ernment. I therefore demand that

part of the article in the next

issue of The Militant. I will not.

R. J. Machell

Middletown, Conn.

you print this under the "Con"

Tuesday before the date of publication.

impressed with your TV program and wanted information about the SWP principles appeared in the 'Pro" section of the article.

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### - The Negro Struggle – Why We Raise the Issue By Jean Blake

The "Negro question" has been making headlines in the current election campaign as never before. Every candidate and party must deal with it this year. The hullabaloo at the Chicago conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties over "civil rights" planks was regarded by most workers — both colored and white — as a lot double-talk aimed at winning votes. And that's what the so-called debates of the capitalist politicians were.

But The Militant also features discussions on civil rights, Fair Employment Practices legislation, discrimination, and segregation. Some workers, particularly if they are reading our paper for the first time, and making comparisons of the election platform of the Socialist Workers Party and those of the capitalist parties, ask whether this paper, too, is not giving prominence to questions affecting Negroes in order to win votes.

Their doubts are understandable, since most, if not all of their political experience has been with Democrats and Republicans. Their questions deserve answers.

First of all, The Militant and the Socialist Workers Party do not raise the issue of Negro rights only during election campaigns. Day in and day out, week in and week out, the struggle of the Negro people is a major concern of American revolutionary socialists.

Unlike the capitalist parties, which suppress the question when they can, or the Communist Party, which subordinates it when it must (as when Stalin's policy of collaboration with Washington during World War II required it), the Socialist Workers Party's attitude is based on this concept:

"Next to the emancipation of the working class from capitalism, the liberation of the Negro people from their degradation is the paramount problem of American society. These two social problems are integrally united. The only road to freedom for the workers, and to equality for the Negroes, is through their common struggle for the abolition of capitalism.

"The Negro people in all aspects of their social and cultural life are a part of the American people. At the same time it must be recognized that the Negro struggle is not identical with the

proletarian movement toward socialism. It exists as a distinct movement of an oppressed minority within the country, possessing its own historical origins, special characteristics, forms of development and methods of action. The economic, politi-cal, social and cultural documentation of the N people below the levels of even the most ex-ploited layers of the working class places them in an exceptional position and impels them to cal, social and cultural degradation of the Negro in an exceptional position and impels them to play an exceptional role within the social struc-ture of American capitalism. The Negro question For Congress in the United States represents a unique combination of the struggle for democracy by an oppress-

ed minority with the working class struggle for socialism." (FOURTH INTERNATIONAL, May June, 1950, p. 90). This concept of the relationship between the

Negro struggle for equality and the struggle for socialism in America was developed and elaborated in a resolution adopted by the Socialist Workers Party two years ago after considerable discussion. W refer to it to indicate why the 'Negro question" is important to us all the time, paign, a television broadcast, not only during election campaigns.

Workers all over the world are familiar with the more general formulation of the idea by Karl war and economic depression; Marx: "Labor with a white skin cannot emanci- and for an end of the witch hunt, pate itself where labor with a black skin is branded.'

Obviously, a party which bases itself on such concepts does not raise the issues of Negro struggle for equality (not merely FEPC, or amendment of Senate rules on filibustering, etc.) in groups to break with the two the same way that the capitalist and reformist parties do.

Our candidates, Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss, do not have to be "put on the spot." There is no question about which side of the upon strangling all opposition to fence they are on. The spectacle at the Democratic and Republican conventions of attempts to reconcile the demands of the Negro people with conciliation of the Southern racists would have been so inconceivable at the recent convention of the Socialist Workers Party.

That is why Negroes and other workers repelled by the election-year oratory on civil rights by Democrats and Republicans should seriously investigate the ideas of the Socialist Workers Party.

suck these chlorophyll mints, keep chewing this

chlorophyll gum and put your cigarette butt in

slipped over on me the other night made me feel

like one of these green Martians they blame the

ordinary case of mouth and body halitosis easy,'

Bill said, changing to the tone a scientist uses

in the movies when he's prepared to go any

lengths to be a benefactor to humanity. "But you

don't want to be half-safe. Take the full treat-

ment. We've got chlorophyll skin ointments, chlo-

rophyll douches, chlorophyll suppositories, chloro

"I haven't got a dog," I started to say, but

when Bill held up the can of dog food, looking

like an eminent scientist in his drugstore jacket,

I felt like trying out a can myself. If it will

knock canine B.O., think what it will do for hu-

phyll sales have been phenomenal since the mira-

cle pills hit the market two summers ago. This

million. The advertising budget is \$20 million.

The latest issue of The Nation says that chloro-

phyll toilet paper, chlorophyll dog food-"

"That prescription ought to fix up a common

"Wait," I said. "Just that tooth paste you

this chlorophyll ashtray -

flying saucers on to."

Scents **Dollars** and

mans!

By Jack Bustelo

I have just thought of a wonderful idea that may be worth millions. It's a surefire way to cash in on the anti-odor movement that's sweeping the country. All you need, to run a few bucks into big-time dough, is a good chemist and a man who knows advertising. Here's how I got the idea:

Brushing my teeth the other morning, I noticed in the mirror I was foaming a vivid, poisonivy green. It startled me; all these years I have been foaming an ordinary sudsy white.

When I walked out of the bathroom, pointing to the disaster, Phyllis immediately grabbed hold of her girdle so it wouldn't split in case she got to laughing too hard. I always take that as a sign the joke's on me. "If you could only see that look on your face! That's the new tooth paste you bought, dear. Chlorophyll."

That how the latest thing against human smells caught up with me. I'd still been thinking in terms of Sen Sen, Listerine and the Lifebuoy of the pre-new-odor era.

It goes to show how if you worry too much about problems of civilization like the atom bomb you miss up on the latest ways science is benefiting mankind.

After being sensitized this way on the subject, I began to see how chlorophyll is moving in on us from every side even in Manhattan where

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LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10 -Milton Snipper, active in the trade union and socialist movement for the past 17 years, last week was selected as the candidate of the Socialist Workers Party for Congress from the 19th California district.

In the first speech of his cam-Snipper called for a socialist solution of the twin scourges of and police state laws.

### WAR PARTIES

He appealed to workers, farmers and members of minority capitalist parties, both of which are rushing toward unleashing the most terrible war in history;

both of which are equally bent their war lust.

allot.

Myra Tanner Weiss.

Party in 1935.

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ing for the welfare of the people instead of the profits of the war promoters.

Snipper, a member of the Los Angeles SWP executive committee and for many years organizer paigning as an independent be-SWP from appearing on the the Smith "Gag" Law.

In his campaign, however, he the 14 not a single shred of actual bases himself upon the same pro- evidence was produced by the gram advocated nationally by the prosecution to prove the govern-Socialist Workers Party, and its ment charges.

The Smith Act makes it a crime presidential and vice-presidential candidates, Farrell Dobbs and to conspire to "teach or advocate" overthrow of the govern-Snipper is challenging the can- ment by force and violence. On its didacy of Chet Holifield, darling face this violates free speech,

of the labor bureaucrats, servant since it punishes mere expression of the capitalist bosses, and sup- of opinion. porter of the war in Korea. FRAME-UP Milton Snipper, a native son

of Los Angeles, graduated from school in the midst of the great depression, in 1930. At the age of 23, he became convinced that the only solution of the misery and poverty that gripped the country was the establishment of a socialist society. He joined the Socialist based on these books.

But he was one of the large number of workers in the SP year they are expected to get up around \$100 who left in 1937 to form the According to The Nation, the cheapest source of the failure of the SP to come ments.

of chlorophyll is alfalfa and it really is deodo- to grips with the basic problems Of far greater effect than

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New Wage "Stabilizer"



At Washington news conference, Economic Stabilizer Roger L. Putnam (1.) introduces Archibald Cox, Harvard law professor named as chairman of new Wage Stabilization Board by Pres. Truman. Old board was scuttled when it granted reduced concessions to Steel Workers and steel bosses rejected them. The concessions were still further cut and a new board without less powers set up.

# He called instead for the formation of an independent FRAME FOURTEEN MORE workers' party dedicated to work-UNDER SMITH 'GAG' ACT

By Fred Hart

of one of its branches, is cam- the limit of the law in the Los not only were Socialist Workers for the establishment of a cause of the state's discriminatory munist Party leaders, bring to 49 and file members of the truck Americans and Puerto Ricans to election laws which prevent the the total number of victims of drivers union. In this case the law investigate the vicious attack on

But even on the basis of the evidence produced was a collection of books available in any arouse public opinion against the until the end of 1961. While the 14 Stalinist leaders were involved.

were convicted of "conspiracy,"

**Bartell Demands** Anti-Puerto Rican Juage Be Ousted

By Harry Ring

NEW YORK, August 10 - In a statement issued today, Michael Bartell, Socialist Workers Party nominee for the U.S. Senate from New York, joined in the demand for the immediate removal of Brooklyn Magistrate Abner Surpless because of his poisonous

attacks from the bench against the Puerto Rican people. Surpless' latest race-hating outburst was directed against Heribert Sanchez Martinez, a 24 year old Puerto Rican worker, who brought suit against his boss. for back wages due him. Presiding in the case, this fascistminded representative of "American justice" ranted at Martinez, "What a shame it is that these people are American citizens. Behave like true Americans and not

like people who live on the island who are constantly fomenting illwill and irritating people!"

### CITIZENS COMMITTEE

In letters to Mayor Impellitteri Commissioner Murtagh and spokesmen for the Kings County facts. In the Minneapolise case, American Labor Party have called Party leaders indicted, but rank citizens committee of North was used not only to imprison Martinez by Judge Surpless. On Party leaders, but to intervene several previous occasions his through a frame-up in a union ouster has been demanded for his

many insulting statements against Puerto Ricans. Appeals have also been made to the Lawyers Guild Surpless is a Republican ward used not only to block freedom of heeler who was appointed Magispolitical expression, but also to trate by the man who the Repubstrike blows against organized lican Democratic and American Labor parties are still claiming

The failure of the leaders of was a "true friend of labor and gle against the enemies of labor the labor movement to fight the Puerto Rican people" ---against the Smith Act prosecu- Fiorello H. LaGuardia. He was tion of Stalinists has strengthen- reappointed in 1951 by that unconstitutional Smith Act, a ed the hand of the anti-labor equally good "friend of the peocase was not built against the 14 forces of government. The CIO ple," Mayor Impellitteri. Unless victims in Los Angeles. The only has spoken out against the "Gag" removed he will continue to pour law, but did not lift a finger to out his venom from the bench

library, on public sale at book Los Angeles frame-up or against In demanding Surpless' re stores, and speeches or lectures any of the other prosecutions moval, Bartell warned Impellitteri under this law, where Stalinists that the Puerto Rican workers will not sit back and take the The Socialist Workers Party, degrading abuse hurled at them government testimony based the although in fundamental opposi- by members of his administraalleged plot upon publicly dis- tion to the political program and tion. "The Puerto Rican people,"



For Senator

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the evidence against Surpless is so clear and strong that little investigation is needed, such a committee could be an important move towards the alliance of the Puerto Rican people, the Negro people, and the organized labor movement for an effective strugand the minority people in this

**Bartell to Speak** 

In New York

U.S. Senator from New York,

will speak Friday, August 22,

8 p.m., at Adelphi Hall, 74

Fifth Avenue, on issues con-

fronting the people in the 1952

He will deal with the follow-

Should the Negro People

Who are the Friends of

The Four National Conven-

Michael Bartell, Socialist

city, state and nation. "The men of Wall Street who rule this country through the twin agencies of their Republican and Democratic parties are hell bent on reducing all of the working people to the status of second class citizenship," Bartell declared. So long as they keep these parties in power, so long will the danger exist. A united, fighting political movement of the workers is needed to drive out of power not only a vile imitation Socialist Workers Party, because seminated publications and state- methods of the Stalinists, has ad- Bartell said, "have been brought of a man like Surpless, but even vocated a broad united front to here to man the sweatshops of more important, the Republican defend all victims of the Smith the city at starvation wages. party that They are forced to live in the the Demcratic party that reapcriminal fire traps that you refuse pointed him."

This is a falsification of the The conviction and penalty to Angeles prosecution of 14 Com-

In the Los Angeles case against struggle.

### A PRECEDENT

The precedent set in the Smith to have him disbarred. Act convictions can and will be labor.

the island is practically solid concrete. At a restaurant a waitress in a white nylon plunge-line blouse asked what would I like. And while I was concentrating on the problem, she touched her pencil to her tongue. It was an amazing cactus green. I couldn't keep my eyes off her.

A cigar store advertises chlorophyll tobacco, no odor. If you don't believe it, they challenge you to try a sample package for 50 cents. That opens up the possibility of transforming good old King Cabbage specials into a combination Corona-Corona and Air-Wick. But I'm getting ahead of , myself.

"Does the stuff really work?" I asked Bill, a friend who works behind a drugstore counter. "Look." he said. "Goats have been eating chlorophyll for years. Look how it's worked on them." I hadn't thought of that.

"Do your feet attract attention?" said Bill, putting on that super-polite, silent-suffering look you get when not even your best friend will tell you. He's real professional at it. "Here's a chlorophyll pad you wear inside your shoes to regain your popularity. But to really win friends and influence people, use this chlorophyll shampoo, rinse your mouth with this chlorophyll wash,

rant if concentrated sufficiently as used in hospitals on certain wounds; but its cost is prohibitive for ordinary use - around \$90 a pound for a 90% solution. Many of the products displayed beside the drug store cash register seem to have only enough chlorophyll "for coloring and advertising purposes."

"An air purifier," explains the author of The Nation's expose, "ends kitchen odors not because of its chlorophyll but because of its formaldehyde, which anesthetizes the sense of smell."

That's what got me thinking. The trouble with America is people are afraid, if not of the witch hunt, a third world war and the atom bomb, then of B.O. But in an age of scientific wonders like this why should we have to spend 24 hours a day de-odorizing ourselves a dozen different ways Wouldn't it be simpler to win freedom from fear

if we could, for example, simply light a formaldehyde cigarette after eating a slice of Bermuda onion or tooth of fresh, crisp garlic and anesthetize the sense of smell of everyone else around? It looks like a natural to me, with the whole population already psychologized and waiting for the new product. There's real green in it - the folding kind.

### of the workers.

A cutter by trade, Snipper the jury, was the loud and lurid joined the Cutters local No. 84 campaign in the Los Angeles of the International Ladies Gar- daily press. The Los Angeles ment Workers Union in 1935, and Mirror during the trial, for exis still a member of the union, ample, carried a headline that

active in its organizational drives. read, "FBI Reports Reds Seek to 'Kill' U.S."

ACTIVE UNIONIST Despite this press campaign to During the war, he worked in influence public opinion and the

the San Pedro shipyards as an jury, the jury was out 51/2 days, electrician, when he joined local and took 14 polls before reaching B-11 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, leaving there to work at General BIGGEST WEAPON

Motors. As a member of the Since 1949, 31 Stalinists have United Automobile Workers local been convicted under the Smith 217. he participated in the long Act. In 1941, 18 leaders of the GM strike in the winter of 1945- Socialist Workers Party and members of Teamsters Local 544, Milton Snipper has spent his were convicted under the same

entire adult life in the labor and law. socialist movement. He speaks Thus, the 1940 Smith Act has from first-hand experience. In a become the government's prime statement on his candidacy he thought control weapon.

declared that he welcomes the The N. Y. Times, August 7, election as an opportunity to stated that the Smith Act tell the truth as he knows it to be prosecutions had been limited to to the people of the 19th district, Stalinist leaders, in order to avoid and to urge them to support the the constitutional question of socialist program of the SWP proof of membership which would by voting for him at the Nov. 4 arise in prosecution against rank

so-called evidence, in influencing | Act, including the Stalinists.

to condemn so that your rentgouging friends can grow even fatter at their expense. And then to add insult to injury they are subjected to the abuse of a cheap politician in a judge's robe who means. 'They can't even speak English. Why do they come Workers Party candidate for

### DIRTY DEAL

here?''

"The Puerto Rican people are fighters," Bartell continued. "They are not going to take the dirty deal that is being dished out to them. They have a stirring record of militant opposition to the fierce exploitation visited upon them in their homeland by American imperialism. They will continue that fight right here and as far as we of the Socialist Workers Party are concerned, we're in their corner all the way and will do everything in our power to help them win." Voicing his support to the

War and the Witch Hunt. Everyone is invited to attend Admission is 35c. and refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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Labor?

tions.

ing questions:

**Boycott the Election?** 

proposal for the creation of an Rep. Howard Smith (Dem., investigating committee composed Va), author of witch - hunting of North Americans and Puerto Smith "Gag" Law of 1940. Ricans, Bartell asserted, "While

and file members. election.

# Notes from the News

A PROFESSOR HAS ANNOUNCED that American girls are marrying younger and younger because they're too lazy to work. Prof. Lowell S. Trowbridge is his name. He says average marriage age is now 20.4 for girls. With 20,000,-000 women working, maybe men are grabbing these girls to get the added income of a working wife.

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JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS, according to a Reuters dispatch, and speaking out for the first time against foreigners in Japan. With the removal of occupation censorship the papers speak about "sharp practises" of foreign business men, and brutalities of occupation troops.

THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION has intervened in the case of Ruth Reynolds, convieted in September, 1951 under the Smith Act of Puerto Rico, for advocating overthrow of the government. Her case is being appealed to the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico. The ACLU has filed a brief in that court on her behalf, stating that the conviction "establishes a dangerous precedent which threatens free speech."

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CHARGED WITH ASSAULT. Miss Joyce Haberstraw, a 25-year old resident of Rye, New York, has been arrested for driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct and assault. Complainant is Policeman Walter Ferris. Ferris charges that when he stopped Joyce's car she jumped out, beat him over the head with a flashlight, knocked him down and kicked him. We report this item in keeping with the time-honored principle of journalism which holds that "When a man bites a dog — that's news."

FEDERAL JUDGE JOSEPH SMITH on July 31 in New Haven ruled that two conscientious objectors indicted and convicted under draft evasion charges, were not guilty, on grounds that their constitutional rights were violated by the FBI. The FBI reports on the two objectors were the usual secret testimony, not available for apthe usual secret testimony, not available for appeal or for open hearings. The judge ruled such evidence violates the due process of law.

\* \* \* SPARKMAN, DEMOCRATIC VICE Presidential candidate, gave the following reply to a telegram from Rep. A. Clayton Powell on his stand on FEPC: "As an experienced legislator you will understand, I am sure, that no one can properly give assurance in advance as to his action on any and every measure." As every experienced voter knows, these guys usually do opposite to what they say, when they say anything.

ACCORDING TO THE OHIO CIO the important issues in the 1952 campaign take the following order in the minds of the workers polled in that state: First, cost of living; second taxation; third, the TaftHartley law; and last, foreign policy. Lowest on the list and not considered important at all are corruption and the doubt have been matched in the daily press has rung down a of the earth at one time or an- its kowtowing contemporaries is victims of the oil kings. threat of "socialism".

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CAPITALISM AT WORK - While government | barities of the Venezuelan dicta- government would do or say security to do so.

tens of millions of jobless peasants and workers cratic oil unions in Venezuela. are starving to death in several provinces. The "These union leaders have been borders. starving millions can't find jobs so they have tortured in bestial fashion in the "We think our government to private enterprise.

dictatorship - a government which is on a disease - ridden protect American capital south when we think of the fact that government will move to save the wholly subservient to U.S. oil jungle island in the delta of the of the border. We merely suggest American oil companies are in union victims of the oil barons. billionaires, were exposed in the Orinoco River. This island has no that the government do some the midst of the act in Venezuela. The capitalist - controlled adfollowing article printed in the shelter for its 800 political quiet but effective arm-twisting August International Oil Worker, prisoners. Food is insufficient. down in Venezuela. And we sug- free trade unions to Venezuela mits similar atrocities in Bolivia, organ of the CIO Oil Workers Despite the extremely unhealthy gest that the U.S. loudly call might result in higher labor Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Philip-International Union. (All em- nature of the place there is not attention of the United Nations

phases are ours: Editor). a single doctor. "Right on the doorstep of the United States a vicious military CLOSE TO U.S.

"These things are happening in dictatorship is persecuting and torturing our brother oil work- a country which in today's air ers. We think the U.S. govern- age, is quite close to our shores. ment should do something about Yet there seems to be in America

"We refer to Venezuela, where this western hemisphere toehold a military junta is carrying on of dictatorship. brutalities and tortures which we "We are not surprised that the

20th Century except by Hitler. | curtain of silence, but we have other when it has served the in- doubtful. We cling to the hope

grain houses are bulging with food in India, torship are the leaders of demo- something about this outcropping

of despotism so near to our

"In interfering with the ternational Union, along with our Venezuelan dictatorship the U.S. brothers to the south, are listenno money to buy the food — which can't be given prisons of Caracas. A few of should do something about it. We would probably be running into ing intently for that word." to them outright, because that would ot be "fair" them have escaped to live in exile do not suggest that gunboats a head-on clash with American The Militant is happy to rein other nations. Most of them should be dispatched nor that capitalism. Venezuela is one of print this article, but we must

point out that it is an illusion to Anti-labor atrocities commit- are now rotting to death in the Marines should be landed, as was | Wall Street's richest colonies. "We become sick at the stomach hope that the U.S. imperialist

"Restoration of democracy and ministration in Washington comcosts for the U.S. oil campanies. pines, and everywhere and any-A fraction of a penny might be where in the world where they

But the powerful Oil Workers Venezuelan unionists, by means "Whether the U.S. government of its own independent power

is strong enough to do anything right here in the United States.

**Campaign** for Socialism Sell 'The Militant!'

stuck its nose into the affairs of "Principal victims of the bar- clung to the hope that the U.S. terests of this nation or its however, that somewhere in Washington there is a man who will say something.

AMERICAN CAPITALISM

ted by the Venezuelan military concentration camp of Guasima done in previous decades to

to the Venezuelan situation.

"Some people may reply that shaved from each profit dollar. can get a grip. it is none of the United States' Obviously the U.S. oil companies business what goes on in Vene- don't relish that idea. They had International Union, which so corzuela. That's a nice thought from rather see human beings killed rectly has spoken out in defense a naively idealistic point of by slow torture than to see the of its Venezuelan brothers, could

view, but in the light of 1952 Holy Dollar of Profits slightly force the oil dictators to free the a conspiracy of silence concerning practical politics it is pure nicked. hypocrisy. Our government has nearly every nation on the face disapproved by Standard Oil and That is the only way to save the

"We of the Oil Workers In-