

(See Page 3)

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1952

Workers of the World, Unite!

Vol. XVI - No. 35

Shady Means to In Chicago **Sell Democrats** 11,000 Signatures For SWP Candidate

By Myra T. Weiss SWP Vice-Presidential Candidate

I think the CIQ national leaders are using very shady means to sell the Democrat ticket of Stevenson and Sparkman to their members and American labor generally. I was District last week. Although

astounded when I read the Aug. 18 CIO News to find a crude fraud the Senate appeared to be picked record of all members of the cord against Negro rights. Senate and House.

Best Week Yet Recorded for **Election Fund** By Reba Aubrey

Fund Campaign Manager

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party sent in \$1,653 this week on their pledges to help finance the Presidential Election and carry on the challenge to the constitutionality of the reactionary Trucks Law in Michigan. This amount, the biggest weekly since the campaign was launched, boosts the national total paid through Aug. 25 to \$12,098, and puts the campaign pretty much on schedule with 71%. Another week like this and that 6% gap will be closed.

Allentown stepped forward to Connecticut. In addition to these two branches, nine others are ahead of schedule: Cleveland, Philadelphia, Akron, St. Louis, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis-St Paul, New York and Buffalo.

Philadelphia doubled its score, winning fourth place on the scoreboard. Alma Seton says: "I know you will cheer when you get this \$147 on our pledge, leaving us a Sparkman. balance of \$52 to be paid. Maybe

e increased

more than 11,000 signatures for Congress in the 2nd Congressional technically an independent, Beinin will campaign on the full program attempted in the special section with an eye to concealing Senator advocated by the S.W.P. Presithat presented a selected voting Sparkman's ultra-reactionary re- dential candidates, Farrell Dobbs and Myra Tanner Weiss.

The CIO political "brain- In the opening speech of his Particularly, the listed votes of trusters" carefully selected 17 campaign at the S.W.P. annual

By Frank Roberts

CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 24 Irving Beinin, State Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, filed

287

THE

votes in the Senate and 16 in picnic, Beinin gave full support the House which would put the to the striking farm equipment Democrats in a more favorable workers and to the demands of light than the Republicans, so the packinghouse workers whose far as voting "right" in terms unions are in negotiations with of the CIO stand on various bills the meat trust.

He pointed out that workers is concerned. I observed that all a measure would be in a far stronger posiseemed to need to make it tion on the picket line and in the "right" for Philip Murray and negotiations with the bosses if his colleagues was for it to be they had their own party dedicatbacked by Truman. ed to the interests of the work-The votes listed did not go ing people instead of the bosses. back farther than 1951, so it was Beinin spoke out sharply possible, for instance, to evade against the coming visit of the Sparkman's two votes to continue House Un-American Committee the anti-FEPC filibuster in 1950, and pledged full support of the or the nine other times he has S.W.P. to any victim of this

voted for Jim Crow and segrega- union-busting committee. tion since 1948. Leave out Spark-His opponents in this election man's white-supremacist record will be Republican Congressman and you leave out the most Vail, head of the anti-union significant part of his political Illinois Manufacturers Associaprogram and policies. tion and leading red-baiter in this There was one Senate vote area. The Democrats are running. listed by the CIO News that is B. O'Hara, a Truman "liberal."

more telling than all the others | Because of restrictive election put together. That was on the laws, the SWP will not be on the share over-the-top honors with McCarran Immigration Bill. This Presidential ballot in Illinois, but bill, which "fosters the concept in the Congressional campaign, of second class citizenship," was Beinin will push for withdrawal supported by a majority of of American troops from Korea. Democrats in the House and and for a strong FEPC law. He Senate. A majority of House will speak out, in Stevenson's Democrats also voted for an home state, against the Demoamendment to instruct Truman to cratic Party's bloc with the crats are hot for Stevenson and Sparkman. No total use the Taft-Hatley Act on the white supremacist South against

No matter how you select, gressional district and the whole we'll go over the top after all! weight and distort the voting city the opportunity to hear and records, you can't get around the support an anti-war Socialist can truth that the Democrats and didate. By George Clarke Irving Beinin is a sheet-metal their candidates are just as anti-In appearance the major-party labor and Jim Crow as the worker by trade who has been an 1952 campaign is the deadest, Republicans. active union fighter for many years. In 1951 he was the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Alderman of the 5th Ward.

CIO Leaders Use Beinin Files For Congress Eisenhower Hurls New Threat of World War

MILITANT

FUTURE OF 2-PARTY SYSTEM FORESHADOWED BY MCCORMICK BOLT

less to their personalities than to

Running on Truman's Record

Gov. Stevenson Echoes NOREA WAY BREAKING STRIKE BREAKING HIGH PRICES HIGH TIM CROW th CORRESTION **Provocative Policy of Gun-Waving General**

By Farrell Dobbs SWP Presidential Candidate

I have repeatedly warned, since I was chosen to head the Presidential ticket of the Socialist Workers Party, that the election of either a Republican or Democrat in November will lead to atomic war.

Now the bristling imperialistic speech made by Eisenhower at the American Legion convention Aug. 25 and

the "me-too" speech made by Stevenson to the same audience Aug. 27, has posed the issue of war or peace squarely before the

American people. Eisenhower chose the gathering of jingoistic Legionaires at which to declare his belligerent policy of "pushing back Communist influence," to the borders of the Soviet Union.

Basically, this is not a new policy. It was implicit in the Truman Doctrine of "containment." What is new is the open declaration of aggressive aims against established governments. Eisenhower listed all of Eastern Europe, China, Tibet, Inner Mongolia, Northern Korea, Northern Japan and the northern half of Indo-China as countries whose overnments must be destroyed. It must be assumed that he would automatically add to the list any nation, such as Iran or Egypt, which refuses to follow U.S.

MEANS NEW KOREAS What does such a policy mean?

lictates.

FARRELL DOBBS

Raps War Parties

PRICE: FIVE CENTS



their pledges." Akron made a big leap and now holds fifth place. "We hope," (Continued on page 2)



By George Clarke SWP Campaign Manager

Formally speaking, our 1952 presidential campaign will be kicked off this week by our two valiant candidates. Farrell Dobbs begins his coast-to-coast tour on September 3 in Cleveland. And Myra Tanner,"

Weiss begins her trek for social- witch hunt and in favor of equal ism and labor on the west coast rights for all races for many a year. in Portland, Oregon.

Dobbs will spend all of You are aware of the response September coming east from from the many letters published Cleveland covering important on these pages. They show that cities in Ohio, Pennsylvania, under the cover of seeming Massachusets and New York. He unanimity there is opposition, will begin his October schedule protest, critical voices. We plan in Los Angeles working his way to stir up that discontent as up the coast and then east to much as possible during this cam-Minnesota's twin cities, to Mil- paign. And that's not because waukee, Chicago and St. Louis we're professional "agitators." and winding up in the week be- It's the only way to put a crimp fore election in Michigan. in the plans of the bi-partisan 'Myra's schedule, just as busy, militarists, witch-hunters, laboris a little less complicated to haters and race-supremacists. Its read as she will come directly the way to start the ball rolling east from Seattle speaking in key for the great Labor Party which cities in Minnesota, Wisconsin, will one day give the working Illinois. Ohio, New York, Mas- people the rights and representasachusetts, Pennsylvania and New tion they properly deserve. Jersey. She will wind up her tour

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING? Sleeping Car Porters, AFL, is back in California. That's a mite of speaking, as I hope no one has the idea that unique among most of the labor maxim that freedom is never recognized a liberal unless he is Stevenson is aware of these facts

for "equal time" and "equal op-

portunity" for all candidates.

your campaign manager knows the radio and TV time our can- and liberal press: So far, at given by any government to any unequivocally in favor of civil of political history.") from personal experience. It in- didates had is some sign of least, it has not tried to falsify, group or class, voluntarily. cludes not only addresses at "democratic rights for all." Not whitewash or cover up the SWP public meetings - which on your tintype! For every 15 Stevenson-Sparkman ticket. we hope you'll all come to - but minutes Dobbs and Weiss receivpress and radio interviews, ed, the capitalist party candidates Worker has a full two-page speeches at symposiums, uni- received from two to five hours. editorial on "The Negroes' Battle versities, at factory gates and And that doesn't include the for Civil Rights in the U.S.A." outdoors in workers' neighbor- week-long coverage on radio and which reflects the thinking of hoods. But don't worry. They've TV given to the Republican con- many politically - conscious workgot the stamina - because they ventions. We have submitted our ers and Negroes today. It begins have, the conviction that comes complaints to the Federal Com- by demonstrating the importance from being right in the biggest munications Commission. All we of civil rights, not as a political fight in the world today — the wanted was our rights according football, but as a test for to the law supposedly providing democracy: fight to change it.

RESPONSE TO RADIO BROADCASTS

Thus far the only answer we cially, Negroes, the democracy of I said the campaign "formally have had from them is the the United States is a limited speaking" started this week be- threadbare alibi upholding "un- democracy." cause we really began with the equal time and opportunity." They nation-wide television and radio upheld the right of the networks broadcasts of the candidates dur- to give time galore to the caning and after our convention in didates of the old parties before mid-July. They were the biggest the conventions because they fighting for it: blow in favor of the socialist were "nominees" - and precause and in the struggle against sumably Dobbs and Weiss weren't. unceasing and uncompromising he is not considered a liberal so action of Southern states on all the imperialist war and the Figure that one out if you can. fight for civil rights, they will far as Negroes are concerned if issues of civil rights." (A little

cratic and Republican candidates for openly revealing the fundamental unity that exists in fact between the capitalist parties. Eisenhower nods his "me too" assent for the retention - at change the managers of thingsas-they-are. Stevenson "me toos" Eisenhower's "crusade" to clean up the "mess" in Washington, but he wants the new "faces" to be Democrats - naturally! instead of Republicans.

man

paper of the Brotherhood of States federal government.

IRVING BEININ

The August issue of The Black

"Until civil rights becomes a

reality to minorities and, espe-

"FREEDOM MUST BE WON"

way to get civil rights is by change it....

SAME POSITIONS

"Freedom must be won from

their identity of position on the dullest, most mediocre contest for plans and preparations for U.S. the Presidency since the days of Harding and Coolidge. Its dominant note is not bitter conflict, but bipartisan agreement between the major parties on all important. determining its direction. If the Democratic Party for "beissues. We can thank the Demo-

need is there to bother about representatives of the two most Negro rights, Taft-Hartley, taxes divergent and mutually antagonand the high cost of living? But everyone does not agree --least for the time being - of the contrary to appearances and to

Democratic status quo. His only the performance of the biamendment - obviously! - is to partisan rivals for the Presidency. The conflict between America's working millions and the reigning monopoly oligarchy has not been obliterated. The striving of the Negro people for full equality continues. The discontent of a substantial section of the popula-

Colonel McCormick cannot be tion with the Korean war and brushed aside as a midwest its effects remains. Behind the isolationist "screwball" who has The candidates may be more facade of unity a great social spent most of his life fighting Ave.,

amicable, gentlemanly types than storm is gathering that will King George and the Redcoats. those who have sought the eventually sweep away the (Continued on page 4) Porters Hit Both arties

presidency in the last two decades. | fictions and lies of the present

But their affable conduct is due two-party system.

Colonel McCormick's dramatic Soviet Union. imperialism's counter-revolution- break with the Republican Party Such is the plan of the brass ary war: This is the overriding foreshadows this eventuality from hat candidate Eisenhower. Does issue before America today, the right, as Congressman Stevenson differ with him? dominating domestic politics and Powell's bitter denunciation of Stevenson did not mention Eisen-

703 - TPEU

everyone agrees that war is traval" does from the left. The America's . big enterprise, 'what similarity of approach between istic interests on the American scene is of more than passing

McCORMICK'S BREAK

interest. Neither McCormick nor Powell has an alternative to the old parties' presidential candidates. Both propose a boycott although Powell only tentatively. But both are convinced that the present alignment cannot last and are seeking an alternative for the future.

intervention in Korea and its general program of military bloody consequences on a global aggression and war against the scale. It means war with China, anti-capitalist sector of the world, stating: "We must press and ultimately war with the forward to improve our position

and not hesitate or waver." In the double talk of capitalist politics, this means step up the war preparations.

Stevenson' knew what Eisenhower's speech when he followed bower's speech meant. He knew it the Republican candidate on the rostrum of the Legion. He did was a "violent" warmongering not take issue with the aggressive speech. But Stevenson did not policy advocated by the general. warn the people against the con-(Continued on page 4) On the contrary, he echoed the

DOBBS NATIONAL TOUR **BEGIN IN CLEVELAND**

Farrell Dobbs, Presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, begins his national campaign tour with a speech at the Cleveland SWP headquarters, 10609 Superior

Ave., on Thursday, Sept. 4, 8 parties and independent can-

be Akron where he will address a meeting at the Portage Hotel, support legal action by the So-Main and Market Sts., Saturday, cialist Labor Party and the Sept. 6, at 8:30 P.M. speak Sunday, Sept. 7, 8:30 P.M., Secretary Ted W. Brown against at 234 E. Federal St. The Black Worker, official never get them from the United heris not for civil rights. Nor later the editorial seems to rule should any aspirant for public out the second possibility when i SWP candidate will be in Buffalo, Party member who is challeging "It is well nigh an historical office in the U.S.A. today be says: "We are sure Governor where his meeting will be held the constitutionality of election

in the Orchard Room of Hotel law restrictions aimed at denying Lafayette Saturday, Sept. 13, ballot rights to minority parties. P.M.

"It is a matter of common fact tions in favor of "state's rights" governments, even though they that any person in public life who on civil rights and his refusal to of the SWP, held in Cleveland on the number of nominating petition Aug. 23, called for a write-in signatures required from 1% of vote for Dobbs and Myra Tanner the last preceding gubernatorial Weiss, SWP candidate for U.S. vote to 7%. Vice President.

The conference vigorously pro-

Myra T. Weiss Speaks in Seattle

Myra T. Weiss, SWP candidate for Vice President, starts her national campaign tour with a speech in Seattle, Sun-

The next leg of his tour will didates from the ballot in Ohio. The state SWP group voted to American Civil Liberties Union In Youngstown, Dobbs will to reverse the ruling of State counting write-in votes. It also The following week-end the endorsed a suit by a Progressive New provisions went into A conference of Ohio branches effect Jan. 1, 1952, which raise

TOUR SCHEDULE The first stage of Farrell

Dobbs' national presidential campaign tour is: Sept. 3-4 Cleveland 5-6 Akron 7 Youngstown 10 Pittsburgh

12-15 Buffalo Myra Tanner Weiss will speak in the following areas

during the first week of her coast-to-coast tour: Sept. 6 Portland 7.9 Seattle 12-17 Chicago

son's position on civil rights weak anti-civil rights record of Senator and indefensible. . . ? Sparkman, they would be traitors hower-Nixon ticket as "definitely ment" of all voters opposed to

Alabama and consistent foe of as Vice-President . . . we are

folded and let the nomination of "But, while Sparkman is defi-John J. Sparkman, Senator from nitely unacceptable to Negroes

form:

(Continued on page 3).

is against civil rights is also condemn the filibuster, the edibe labelled democratic." torial says: Then comes an indictment of against democracy. . . . "We consider Governor Steven-Sparkman that few labor and "Were Negroes to fail to challiberal papers would print today lenge, expose and condemn the (although most of them would to themselves and democracy."

Negroes to stand by with arms the editorial continues:

civil rights, for Vice - President, far from considering Governor propaganda to deceive the peo-

"While Senator Sparkman may seeks to appease the South or he turns to the Democratic plat-"... unless Negroes wage an be classified as a Southern liberal, is ignorant of the facts of the

go without protest, even though Stevenson as an ideal candidate Then it warns that the only they be without the power to for the Presidency.

"Either Governor Stevenson attempt to woo the Dixiecrats, it

have before he was nominated at the Democratic convention): impossible," and then takes up While not placing Stevenson in the question of the party plat- because of state election law CONDEMN SPARKMAN "In the light of the foregoing quite the same category as Spark-forms, on which most of the labor restrictions which bar minority principles, it would be a bad man (although Stevenson picked and liberal press is placing so blunder and moral retreat, were Sparkman as his running mate), much stress.

rights.

PLATFORMS DECEIVE

"Party platforms have been consistently used for political

ple," it warns. Dismissing the Republican platform as an

Hitting at Stevenson's declara-

day, Sept. 7, 8 P.M., at the

"While the plank on civil rights Frye Hotel, Parlor A, Third Avenue S. and Yesler.

THE MILITANT

Monday, September 1, 1952

Our Tasks in the American Labor Movement

Trade Union Report At SWP Convention

The following is a condensation of the trade union report delivered at the 15th National Convention of the port delivered at the 15th National Convention of the gram and the present has proven and we must conduct ourselves in of the war, with its power still American working class will find far slower than we had anticipate the unions today, primarily as tanspent; and the ensuing units expression inside and out of Chairman of the Trade Union Committee:

Since the formation of our party in 1938, and even before, with the sounding of the Workers Party in 1935, our aim in the trade unions was to help organize a left wing based on a radical program

of transitional demands. We had Northwest, the results were minor in mind, to duplicate, in the and our influence feeble.

changed circumstances of the veritable power in the new CIO period, the achievement of the early Communist Party, when under the leadership of Foster and others, the Trade Union adherents, or broad influence. We Educational League was formed were, moreover, tardy-distinctly and played a considerable role in the labor movement of the strength into the factories and tardy - in throwing our effective early Nineteen Twenties. unions in the period of the great

Page Two

The Trotskyist movement had rise in 1986 and 1987. We paid a made innumerable attempts to It was, as a matter of fact, only organize left wing groupings and beginning with 1940 and the in winning people to our party ensuing war years that we sucin many unions throughout the ceeded in consolidating a solid country.

cadre in a number of key in-The fact is that outside of our dustries and unions, notably in continuing leadership of the Auto, Steel, and to some extent, Truckdrivers movement in the Rubber and elsewhere.

Our Tactical Course

In the pre-war period, the CIO | The war period was one in leadership was shared by the which our work in the labor move-Stalinists on one hand, and the ment prospered exceedingly. Our newly arisen and rapidly con- tactical approach of caution notgealing American labor bureau- withstanding, we were winning cracy, on the other. They were in new members, we were gaining a alliance against the ranks, and broader sympathy for our agitaboth bound by a common platform tion and slogans, we were dealing of Rooseveltianism and People's blows to the Stalinists, who were Frontism. Our effectives were then in their jingo period; and too weak and scattered to make we were making strong headway, possible the formation of a going especially in the Auto union, in third power, or grouping; or for regrouping the progressives in that matter, to even pursue a a third group, under the slogan uniform, straight-line tactical of "Breaking the No-Strike course. Occasionally, we would Pledge."

bloc with the Stalinists for given | It is now clear, in retrospect, ends. Occasionally, we would try that this period of progress and to form, or at least we would growth came to a halt shortly advocate the formation of, a third after the war. The trade union group. But in the main, we officials seized the leadership in tended to bloc with the so-called the great strike wave of 1945-'46 progressive bureaucracy against and restored their moral authority with the membership. The counthe Stalinist sector.

This policy was well motivated try, after a brief phase of readand well justified at the time. We justment, went into, not a might have, and probably did, at depression, but a period of untimes, paint up the progressive precedented boom. Meanwhile, in bureaucrats, and endow them with firm alliance with imperialism, virtues they did not possess. But the bloated and sated American

suffered shattering defeats, and rise of the labor bureaucracy, and expect continued growth and sights and draw our perspectives were disintegrating. There was no the isolation of the radical ever-widening influence in the in accordance with it. Or else we immediate possibility for the for- parties. course of rising social struggles. will place ourselves in a decidedly

Thèse considerations dictated to mation of new sizable oppositions, When the war came, we knew unpleasant position. Because, as and America generally, and the us a tactical retreat in the unions, that the class struggle would be the Bible states: "Where there is unions particularly, were haunted in the interests of self-preserva- slowed down, but we anticipated no vision, the people perish. . . . by the spirit of fear, the witch tion. We decided to pursue again that after an interval, the "In the day of prosperity be a cautious tactical course, and to groundswell would be more ample joyful, but in the day of adhunt and political reaction. The tempo of development in concentrate on propaganda tasks and on a more generous scale. versity, consider."

the decade or better between our and propaganda aims in the broad But the new world power of this We begin with the conviction adoption of the Transitional Pro- labor movement. We are acting, colossus, emerging as the victor that the big radicalization of the ed and counted upon. The un- political propagandists; and not as precedented boom in the midst of this broad labor movement; and precedented boom and America's trade union leaders, or contenders world economic dislocation and very possibly, very probably, in world supremacy had slowed the for leadership. Our forces are crisis, disintegration and revolu- one variety or another of a labor process of social demarcation and scattered and reduced. Obviously, tion, has upset our old timetable, party emanation. This nails down struggle. Full employment and we cannot have a uniform tactical to our disadvantage. The per- for us, as our Resolution emthe high standard of living slowed line in all situations, except to spective remains valid,-but the phasizes, the arch importance of the development of class con- the extent that it must fall time interval for its realization the labor party slogan as a means sciousness, set forces in motion within the purview of this gen- is considerably prolonged, and the of rallying masses towards a which resulted in the triumphal eral approach....

In Retrospect

It is interesting to consider union work, except when taken in whether in the light of the past the context of our general party ten-fifteen year development, we activity and perspective. We have were prudent and wise in making to project ourselves back, for a moment, to 1938, when a new such an effort - and such an social crisis was brewing in the energetic effort, at times - to country, when millions were again help in the organization of a unemployed, and when it was bealready distinguished itself in stiff penalty for that tardiness left wing in the unions, and to coming clear to very many that 1934 with its leadership of the Minneapolis strike, and role in the Auto-Lite strike of Toledo. And in the intervening years we peak of militancy and struggle. matic basis was often unclear, Radicalism was making headway; and almost invariably not too our party was revealing itself as

satisfactory. a leader in the struggles against It is really impossible to under- the incipient Fascist formations stand, to comprehend our trade - and we had every right to



stage.

Propaganda Tasks

There is more to this question the unions by a rich and comof propaganda than some may prehensive labor of analysis and imagine. For a whole period to propaganda.

Branch Connecticut Allentown Cleveland Philadelphia	Pledge \$ 125 40	Paid \$ 137	Percent
Allentown Cleveland		\$ 137	
Cleveland	40		110
		43	108
Philadolphia	300	264	88
1 madelpma	350	298	85
Akron	150	120	80
St. Louis	50	40	80
Boston	500	397	79
Chićago	1,500	1,189	79
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,500	1,144	76
New York	4,500	3,323	74
Buffalo	1,500	1,081	72
San Francisco	900	526	58
Detroit	2,113	1,194	57
Seattle	400	216	54
Newark	1.000	528	53
Milwaukee	325	130	40
Flint	300	118	39
Pittsburgh	. 40	15	38
Youngstown	400	150	38
Los Angeles	2,200	800	36
Oakland	300	92	31
General	150	293	196

GOOD WEEK RAISES SWP ELECTION FUND TO 65%

(Continued from page 1) 28. So we're sure to meet it in writes Kay Kean, "to collect a full." few dollars from friends and go Other branches, slow in getting

over our pledge slightly." started because of strike unem-Boston chalked up an 8-point ployment, now feel certain of gain with \$41; Chicago a 9-point making their pledge in full by gain with \$139, New York 12 the new Sept. 30 deadline. G. points with \$534; Minneapolis- Holly mailed in \$50 for Mil-St. Paul 7 points with \$108. waukee, stating: "We intend to, Even though the closing date complete our pledge by the new of the campaign has been moved end-of-September deadline."

up to Sept. 30, some of the The Youngstown comrades sent branches hope to complete their this assurance with \$50: "With pledges by the end of Aug. the extension we should now be Richard Boerner, for instance, able to meet our quota IN FULL sent this note with \$152 for San AND ON TIME.'

Francisco: "We have very high Los Angeles made a 13% gain hopes of fulfilling our pledge by with \$300 and Oakland sent \$10 the end of the current month." with this promise: "There will be Frank Powers writes for Seattle: "Enclosed is another \$40. This puts us over the half-W.C.C. of Stratford, Canada, who way mark and the rest of the contributed \$5 to help in "the money will be coming in by Aug. election campaign."



Minneapolis Literature Agent in an Eastside housing project Helen Sherman writes to con- which she began before our sub gratulate the Militant staff on campaign and has been con-

recent issues of the tinuing since. She sells from six paper and to report to 18 single copies a week plus a very good sale of a couple of trial subscriptions. As the Aug. 11 issue, a result of her weekly visits "Everyone is eager Joyce has been able to add some to buy The Militant regular subscribers to our list. these days!" she I think this is a wonderful way writes. "The front to spread our ideas and help build he narty

Detroit is continuing

renewal campaign begun several

weeks ago with a first return of

back to work. So within a few

weeks we should see some

Three letters recently from

Kay Kean report the good results

of a week's activity selling The

Militant in Akron. In the first

she writes, "Enclosed is a sub-

scription obtained from a person

who wrote in after one of our

recent TV broadcasts. Sally and

I spent last evening introducing

the SWP program to this rubber

worker and listening to his first-

hand tales of Jim Crow terror in

Georgia." The next day: "I ob-

the

B.P.Goodelch Company GINERAL OFFICES VISITE POSTING

CIO United Rubber Workers pickets block entrance to B.F.

by mere mechanical effort. But ing class movement. But between to really maintain and integrate that dramatic event and the trade union groups in these dif- present, there lies an interval of ficult days, the mechanical aspect time of more or less considerable is the least of the problem. The duration; and we have to devise party must believe in it. Young for that extended interval a people, to sacrifice, to stay in proper activity for ourselves, to plants year after year, braving maintain our cadre, our fresh-

the speedup and the isolation, ness of outlook, and our appeal have to be inspired with the con- to the most advanced workers viction that their sacrifice is not and young intellectuals, groping in vain, that it is appreciated by for an answer and a solution. the party, that what they are This is a life-and-death question doing is important, that they are for us, because there is no autolaying the groundwork for great matic assurance of our success. deeds and achievements at a later | There is nothing written in the

Many things have changed, and organization is the instrumenmany things are new, unexpected tality of the social overturn of and different. But I cling firmly the future. That has to be estab to the idea that the explosive lished, and earned, and conquered. developments of the future will come first of all in this country be barren, and worst than barren. from the workers in the factories. were it limited to the negative and if we have an effective cadre prescription not to engage in the there, that cadre will help shape clique factional battles that conevents more tellingly than any vulse local unions from time to other group or aggregation of time, or get out in front leading

From the necessity of an effort of the membership. Our tactic, to strengthen our forces in the to mean something and be produclabor movement, I proceed to the tive of benefit to the movement next proposition, in an attempt to must enrich, make more profound sketch a perspective for the and real our role as left wing American labor scene. The big radical wave will come, movement.



stars which guarantees that this

Our tactic in the unions would

propagandists in the broad labor

it and reckon with it, and set our the labor movement. . . . In the present period our trade | and it will be powered first of all union forces are often augmented from inside the organized work-

raken in the main, this sector of labor bureaucracy that emerged the bureaucracy was more dis- from the fat war years, conposed to cooperate with us, at solidated its grip on the unions, that period; was more respectful wiped out the democracy of the of the democratic rights of the halcyon days, set into motion the membership, and more accessible frenzied red-baiting inside the to progressive slogans and ideas, labor movement, which finally saw The alliance afforded us more the whole country at the mercy The alliance afforded us more the whole country at the mercy of the witch hunt, the expulsion of the witch hunt, the expulsion of the Stalinist-led unions, the strengthened our ability to re- of the Stalinist-led unions, the cruit, and provided us with a shattering of Stalinst power greater audience for our ideas inside the broad labor movement, and program. And that is its suf- and the enthronement of reaction ficient justification. on a national scale.

The New Situation

Our party leadership had quite | istic control of the Auto union. a debate over the exact meaning All of us finally had to recognize of this new set of circumstances in the Amagican line and the labor movement, that in the American labor scene, we were confronting a new, arising directly out of our potent labor bureaucracy in the attitude towards the Reuther ma- service of imperialism, that it chine, which in the summer of was fastening itself upon the 1947 began fighting for monopol- union ranks as a strangling force, and squeezing the old life.

Newark Fri. Night **Socialist Forum** presents a talk on Civil Rights in the 1952 Campaign

Speaker: George Breitman (Candidate for Senator) Friday, Sept. 5, at 8:30

52 Market St., corner Plane

Name

Street

City

democracy, progressivism and free play out of the unions. Therefore, the old policy of blocking with so-called progressives against the Stalinist bureaucrats could no longer be operative; that a new opposition could only be built on the foundation of antagonism, of hostility to the newly emerged and consolidated

spective all up and down the line. The oppositions in the Auto,

Subscribe!

in today. Send \$1 for six months subscription or \$2 for a full

year to The Militant, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

S1 Six months S2 Full year New Renewal

Goodrich general offices in Akron after union headquarters instituted a "let no one pass" policy. Thirty thousand Goodrich workers responded to strike call in fight for wage and condition improvements in new contract.

DEFEND UNION SECURITY

AKRON. Aug. 22 - After nine | with surprise speed-up demands. weeks of futile negotiations for Recently L. S. Buckmaster, International President of the a contract, CIO Rubber Workers Rubber Workers, made a well-Local No. 5, Akron, and six other publicized statement denouncing Goodrich locals throughout the wildcat strikes. This was the cue nation struck last Sunday at mid- that the rubber corporations were waiting for: night in defense of elementary

union security. Carrying the ball for the Big Four rubber monopolists, the Goodrich corporation had demanded that a new clause be inserted in the contract making the union liable for wildcat strikes. Echoing the sentiment of all the men and women in the plants, Kenneth Oldman. President of Local 5, vears. stated at the last local meeting: "We can't live with this proposed clause,"

WANT FREE HAND

For many years the rubber Social Reformist, Social Imperialist - not Social Democratic cabal. st — not Social Democratic cabal. corporations of Akron have By the time of our National sought to "outlaw" wildcat strikes. Committee gathering in February and the threat of such strikes. 1950, we felt the necessity of This would allow them a free revising even further our trade hand to lord it over the workers union tactic and immediate peer-

Rubber and Maritime unions had The **Jim Crow Murder** of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore Start your subscription now. Clip the coupon and mail it

By GEORGE BREITMAN

10¢ PIONEER PUBLISHERS 116 University Pl., N. Y. 3

Latest Catalogue on Request

we have to work in There is another conside imited milieu, we have to direct involved here. The specific situaour efforts and literature toward tions of the recent past that those people who are most in- enabled radicals to play big roles terested in our ideas, and who in the labor movement will never will give us a hearing. We cannot reappear again in quite the same before. Our comrades here made McGregor writes, "All of our just shout promiscuously at the way. The labor movement is general mass, for that would be superbly, tightly organized, huge ike hurling seeds into a storm, in numbers, and terribly inhoping that by good fortune a noculated against radicals, left few would find their way into wingers, progressives. It is productive soil. doubtful that there will ever Propagandizing in this period again be a vacuum of leadership

concrete individuals and group- such as existed in the NRA ings has great compensations. period, and which we took ad The results tend to be more vantage of to step into the leadersatisfactory. Then, there is a ship of the Minneapolis Drivers, pressure on you to get your or that the Stalinists utilized to propaganda more suitable, more assume the leadership of the concrete, more sharply attuned to West Coast longshoremen.

Neither is it probable that the needs of a concrete audience. You answer not those questions small groups of radicals will be that somebody thinks are bother- able to play the role that they

One month ago a wildcat strike ing people; you answer those did in the upsurge of the CIO. broke out at the Anderson Rubber questions that are actually being The day is gone - probably Corp. in protest against the put to you, and you answer them forever - when you could lowering of piece-work rates. in a manner best calculated to skyrocket into positions of im-Immediately, Mr. Anderson Jr. elicit a response from your portance and influence, and dazzle "fired" half his employees (80). prospective friends, or interested a membership, because of su-This was something new for acquaintances. perior speaking ability, or special Akron, for suspension had been

In some respects our press has knowledge how to organize going the severest punishment handed retrogressed from the high point picket lines, or set up strike maout to "wildcatters" in recent of past years in its attention, in chinery, or how to issue leaflets a close study of the moods, the or a local newspaper. Those trends, the concrete developments abilities were of special moment

FORCE REINSTATEMENT of the labor movement. It would in the rise of a virgin movement, Buckmaster wouldn't touch the be good if we made a special and in the organization of a class Anderson case and only the ineffort to rectify this aspect of hitherto unorganized, without extervention of Goodrich Local of- our work, if we made an effort perience, and without established ficials, Acting President Lesieur to fructify our tactical policy in leaders.

and Secretary Lowe, forced the reinstatement of the men. At a Marxism -- a Guide to Action conference in the Mayor's office,

Mr. Anderson was prevailed upon Charles Darwin in his epochal But now the American labor "out of the goodness of his heart" movement is a very well organiz- work, The Origin of Species. to rehire the 80 men. However, ed one; from a mechanical point relates how the question of sur-Anderson indicated that he of view, possibly the best organiz- vival and duration of a species wouldn't be so magnanimous ed labor movement in the world. often hinges on the ability to in-It would be sheer adventurism to troduce and accumulate .the

Knowing full well that Local project a perspective of influenc- smallest modifications which 5, and for that matter even ing this broad labor movement enable it to conquer the peculiar Buckmaster, would never agree except on the basis of winning environmental obstacles that to the proposed wildcat clause, support of considerable numbers arise. In contrast, the great Goodrich corporation probably for our ideas. And that again museums exhibit many of the hopes to effect a "compromise" underlines why the question of species now extinct that lacked whereby they have the right to propaganda work is so decisive, the elasticity to adapt themselves fire wildcatters. A rejection also and why our ideas must be kept to new circumstances, and thereof this vicious concept is implicit fresh and alive, and our literature fore perished. in the strike bulletins of Local 5,

remain alert to the moods and We are the proud possessors of trends in the working class, and a great heritage, and a great exto the developments in the social perience. Let us so use these that structure that we live in. Long the future generations will say:

Other issues are at stake in the ago Marx said, Marxism is not "In the most trying days, they strike such as existing seniority a dogma, but a guide to action. saw the problem clearly, they and vacation provisions. In ad- Marxism remains an abstraction understood the tasks of their day, - and a useless abstraction, at and met them; and they later dition to an "improved" contract, the union is seeking 10-cents an that - except as each generation emerged strong and triumphant, hour increase such as was translates it in line with the new recently granted rubber workers developments, the new problems, because they deserved to be strong and to triumph." the new needs. . . . at Goodvear.

page is so attractive and so lively with current 'election news' that the paper sells itself like never 21 subs. Literature Agent Janet a special request that the Militant names have been given out now, staff be commended for the fine and most of the workers who appearance and contents of the were laid off are getting calls paper.

"Harry, Pauline, Donald, Dave, Helen, Larry, and Ralph sold 68 results." copies of the August 11 Militant and 20 copies of the Harry T. Moore pamphlet in the Negro neighborhood last week. We found the Negro people well informed on politics. At least they know the Democrat and Republican parties are no good and they expressed a great deal of interest in The Militant and in the Socialist Workers Party. Now is really the time to get out with our literature."

tained the enclosed renewal to-New York Literature Agent day during my sale of 15 copies Ethel Swanson also reports a of the Militant with the Powell good response to the Aug. 11 headline. This subscriber is an Militant. "We had a good sale of old time unionist from the mines the Militant containing Dobbs' whose sub I originally obtained Open Letter to Congressman during the summer campaign of Powell on 125th Street in Harlem 1951, and who has renewed since. Saturday afternoon. For some He plans to come to our public reason the street was not as meeting with Farrell Dobbs crowded as it usually is, but our speaking." And a few days later: small crew (New York has been "In preparation for the Dobbs busy with work involved in public meeting I carried out angetting our party on the ballot), other sale of 12 Militants and Lenny, Earl, Johnny, and I sold met a young couple who are 36 papers and two copies of the definitely interested in attending Moore pamphlet in an hour. Just the meeting. Their views on about everyone we talked to said Korea as a useless war coincided they'd like to see Congressman with that of our candidate. I'm Powell speak out for a new including Militant sales as part. party.

of the preparatory publicity for "In our week-to-week work our meeting. New interested special credit goes to Comrade readers of the paper will be glad Joyce of the Downtown branch, to follow up their first reading one of our most consistent and by attending a talk by our presienthusiastic Militant salesmen. dential and vice-presidential can-She has her own Militant route didates."



Truman administration, demonstrating from authoritative sources how the "Fair Deal" has become a War Deal and the "Welfare State" a Warfare State.

An analysis of the role of the labor leaders and a program for militant workers.

Order from PIONEER PUBLISHERS 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y.

which lays the onus of "illegal work stoppages" on "company provocations."

"next time."

THE MILITANT THE MILITANT PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

116 University Pl., N. Y. 3, N. Y. Phone: AL 5-746 Business Manager: JOSEPH HANSEN Editor: GEORGE BREITMAN Subscription: \$2 per year; \$1 for 6 months. Foreign: \$3.50 per year; for 6 months. Bundle Orders (5 or more copies): 3c each in U.S., for 6 months. Bundle each in foreign countries.

Signed articles by contributors do, not necessarily represent The Mili-tant's policies. These are expressed in its editorials. "Entered as second class matter March 7, 1944 at the Post Office at New York, N. Y., under the act of March 3, 1879."

Monday, September 1, 1952

Vol. XVI - No. 35

Two More Salesmen

The American Legion convention in New York's Madison Square Garden offered an instructive example of how a witch hunt works.

The reactionary officials that manipulate the Legion leveled their guns with deliberate, malicious intent upon the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU is, of course, nothing but a liberal organization composed of and supported by devoted and non-partisan defenders of civil liberties. In its thirty-two years' history, it has never taken a stand for or against the politics of any particular grouping.

The ACLU defends the civil liberties of Communist and Socialist Workers Party members, conscientious objectors, and even of fascists, with a thorough and scrupulous impartiality. It has only one motto: freedom of expression for all, and we socialists are for that slogan as far as it goes. We respect the ACLU for remaining true to the too-often desecrated central idea of liberalism.

However the ACLU cannot, by even the wildest stretch of the imagination, be called a "Communist" or "Communist-front" organization. Here the Legion Convention trained its guns nevertheless, in a resolution which called on the government to "investigate (and expose) the questionable record of subversive activities" of the ACLU and for the indictment of the organization under the Smith and McCarran Acts if the findings "warrant."

It must not be imagined that this resolution is the product entirely of ignorant minds who are unaware of what the ACLU is. The men who inspired it were undoubtedly in possession of full knowledge about the ACLU, and know the ridiculousness of their charge. The resolution has a purpose in line with the inherent logic of the witch hunt. The Legion leaders deliberately singled out the ACLU for smear and persecution because their object is to make it "subversive" to defend free speech for radicals.

In its present stage, the terror strikes primarily against leftists: Communist Party, Socialist Workers Party and other radicals. The next stage of the witch hunt will be an attack against liberals and against all who defend civil liberties. The reasoning behind this is simple. The witch hunters will say and are already saying: It is "subversive" to advocate social change; therefore it is also subversive to defend the free speech of people who advocate social change. It is this next stage in the witch hunt out by the Korean Affairs Inthat the Legion is now driving for.

The Militant has warned repeatedly that the present objects of the witch hunt are only targets for today. The real targets are the labor movement, the Negro organiza- for Feb. 21, 1951, the Institute Koreans." tions, the liberals, and in the last analysis the whole writes: American people.

This latest instance of how the witch hunt, once it has begun, spreads implacably in ever widening circles, should arouse all those who are not already concerned and active in the fight for preservation of freedom of expression for all political viewpoints.

Korea in Flames -- The Napalm Atrocities

A Documented Answer to Secretary Lovett on Fire-Bombing of Civilians

A "Military" Target

By Art Preis

"Fire - not explosives or bullets - is the most horible and devastating weapon in Korea," said The Militant of Feb. 19, 1951, in describing the massacre of Korean civilians by the U.S. air forces. This type of warfare, we wrote, has "added a new word to the common speech "napalm" — flaming jellied gaso-

line. "The U.S. command's fa- and termed the Chinese and vorite method of warfare is burn-viously unjustified" and a "tireing people alive," we charged. some form of propaganda."

I cite what we wrote more than This "tiresome form of propaa year and a half ago about ganda" is not a product of the napalm bombings, because the Kremlin or the Daily Worker. If Pentagon and U.S. Air Force of- anything, the Stalinists have been ficials are trying to represent the rather slow in bringing attention recent official complaints of the to this obvious and provable Chinese and North Korean gov- atrocity by U.S. imperialism. ernments about U.S. napalming Revulsion to the use of napalm of civilian centers as nothing but | in Korea, for instance, was ex-"new concerted Communist pressed months ago in England propaganda line." (N. Y. Times, by leading Church officials and Aug. 19.) by both conservative and laborit

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, acting members of Parliament. Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air The conservative Archbishop of Force, claims the U.S. Air Forces York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, on April in Korea "have never employed 27 denounced the use of the napalm against civilians." Sec- napalm bomb in Korea as "a retary of Defense Robert A. weapon which inflicts terrible and Lovett goes further to cynically indiscriminate loss and sufferdescribe napalm as a "weapon ing. It burns up all life and

like a bullet, a bomb or a shell." buildings over a wide area, and He opined that fire had been used there is little possibility of escape in warfare since "Biblical days" for man or animals."

MORE "TIRESOME PROPAGANDA"

Questions criticizing the use of the patient is now dying from napalm in Korea were raised the savage blows of modern warthree times in the House of Com- fare. The conflagration is exmons during last May. A former terminating the Korean nation. Labor minister, Richard Stokes, Cities have been destroyed beyond demanded that the government repair. Straw-thatched villages take steps to halt the dropping are wiped out. . . . Already 1,000. of napalm bombs in "areas which 000 civilian deaths have been are predominantly civilian." reported. If this cruel war con-Emrys Hughes, another Laborite, tinues, the United Nations might

lenounced a napalm raid on a win a victory over a lifeless land two square mile area on March of ashes." . Viscount Hinchingbrooke, a On June 25, 1951, Yongjeung

Conservative, advised the government to reconsider the use of weapons like napalm "whose propaganda counterblast greatly

effects.' I have before me a piece of firm supporter of the U.S.-UN in-

tervention in Korea. In its official organ, The Voice of Korea, degrees the lives of 30,000,000

How did three million helpless "Although the United Nations civilians come to die under besides those treated on the "This correspondent cam entered the war last June with strafing and bombing, including Jutlandia - were injured by the across one old woman, the only the high purpose of making the napalming, if U.S. bombing was bombs of their protectors, the country 'safe from aggression,' directed only at military targets? Americans." some clothes in a blackene

courtyard filled with the bodies U.S. Air Force used napalm on of four members of her family. "military" targets:

"The inhabitants throughout the village and in the fields were caught and killed and kept the every town and village ... along exact postures they had held when the mockingly empty roads the napalm struck - a man about coming down from Manchuria." to get on his bicycle, fifty boys and girls playing in an orphan- always empty? age, a housewife strangely un- Koreans must stay in concealmarked, holding in her hand a ment in the hills because of the page torn from a Sears-Roebuck UN air power, . . . Nor do they catalogue crayoned at mail order dare seek shelter in peasant huts number 3,811,294, for a \$2.98 or villages. These are constantly 'bewitching bed jacket - coral.' under air attack in areas near

There must be almost 200 dead in where Red troops are known to the tiny hamlet." Homer Bigart, Pulitzer Prize- many civilian casualties. But air winnning reporter of the N. Y. vilians are Red sympathizers." Herald-Tribune, in his description Any civilians who get in the

Secretary of Defense Lovett's atomic bomb are taking an awful

attempt to minimize the awful- toll of human lives." ess of napalm as a weapon, does not jibe with reports of other qualified observers. The N. Y. World-Telegram of Feb. 15, 1951 reported a statement by Hugh that napalm "is a horrible Baillie, president of the United Press, who had visited Korea: Baillie said, has been able to duds among napalm bombs. When Feb. 8, 1951, by David McConnell: compensate for the enemy's a tank (container) hits, fire superior number by the use of starts. The temperature is 1500 napalm, 'which can burn Chinese to 2000 degrees. In seconds, the troops by the acre and asphyxiate flame burns everything within its of the flames.' As a killer, Mr. all oxygen in the immediate area, Likewise, the editor of U.S. "Nam

Lawrence, wrote:

of civilians in the fighting areas ed." are being caught in the trap as

"This armored column today

war goes on all around them.

"YIPING ABOUT USE OF FIRE"

description of a napalm victim of the British Broadcasting Com-

be. The attacks have resulted in

"Finally, in blind desperation,

Were these towns and villages

"The North

we tried to burn with napalm

of Gen. MacArthur's retreat from way of our napalm or bomb must North Korea for Look magazine, just naturally be Reds - includ-Jan. 30, 1951, also tells how the ing the toddlers and infants.

Charles Corddry, United Press Aviation Writer, after four months of flying missions in Korea, wrote on Feb. 10, 1951, weapon. There is practically no escaping a napalm attack. What it does to its victim defies "The American Air Force, Mr. description. There are no suffocates as well as burns its

"Napalm, being jellied, clings upon. Its victims usually are "Napalm bombs dropped by our killed in the positions they were Air Forces are literally burning in when hit. Sometimes they are enemy soldiers alive. Thousands suffocated without being burn-

And sometimes, they are burned without being suffocated or Weapons of death as bad as, if killed. This is the ghasthest fate

I quote from the Manchester but a crustlike crackling which Guardian of March 1, 1952, a broke easily. ... I thought of the hundreds of villages reduced to from the book, Korea Reporter, seen and realized the sort of by Rene Cutforth, correspondent casualty list which must be

mounting along the Korean

pany (BBC): front." When I read the cold-blooded "In front of us a curious figure vas standing, a little crouched, comment of Secretary of Defense legs straddled, arms held out Lovett on "the yiping about the from his sides. He had no eyes, use of fire" in Korea, I get a and the whole of his body, nearly feeling that Nero has been much all of which was visible through abused. He is said to have sung; atters of burnt rags, was covered while half of Rome burned: but with a hard black crust speckled he was called insane. What shall with yellow pus. A Korean woman we say of men like Lovett. who by his side began to speak, and are absolutely sane, yet burn up the interpreter said: 'He has to a land and its people and call it stand, sir, he cannot sit or lie.' "liberation"? I think they have He had to stand because he was read themselves out of the no longer covered with a skin, human race. TANII S . P. P.

of bombings against so-called "military targets." SOME "MILITARY" TARGETS

A little Korean girl, one of millions of refugees driven to

wander hungry and helpless on the roadsides by U.S. terror bombings, assists in pushing a heavily-laden cart. More than three million Korean civilians have died in the war, many as a result

Let us look at some of these | What "their protectors, the Americans" did to another group "Some of the most tragic of Korean civilians was described in one dispatch from Korea on

"Alongside the fighting were NEA Special Writer, from Korea, and forth on the road. . . . No rated next to the atom bomb."

on Feb. 2, 1952. harm came to him. . . . On the "Most pitiful of all, though, are other side of the road was a field News and World Report, David to whatever it hits or splashes the fire (napalm) bomb victims. cluttered with the bodies of One of them is Young-Nam Ham. refugees who apparently had been He had no treatment at all for a caught in a napalm fire bomb-

fairs Institute, wrote: "But where struck his village. . . . When he are the voices that heed the cry came to the Jutlandia his eyes The following description by George Barrett, appeared in the

exceeds their initial military her child incinerated by a drawn scar tissue above and bomb? . . . One year of war's below the lids. Scar tissue under took a litle hamlet north of not worse than, a blast from an of all. hideous see-saw has destroyed his chin draws his lower lip down. Anyang that will go down as a

that "tiresome propaganda" put more than 70 percent of the His hands are scarred stumps macabre tribute to the totality homes and factories of an entire with protrusions (what remains of modern war. A napalm raid stitute, in Washington, D. C., a nation. It has taken the lives of his fingers). All the other hit the village three or four days of more than 10 percent of the members of Yong-Nam Ham's ago when the Chinese were holdpeople and blighted to varying family died in the bombing. . . . ing up the advance and nowhere "Finally, there is the terrible in the village have they buried irony that these children - and the dead because there is nobody

there are thousands of them left to do so. one alive, dazedly, hanging up

'military" targets. victims of this war - Korean

children wounded by American bombs - are being treated two scenes pointing up the ridiculaboard the famous Danish hos- ous and horrible in battle. During pital ship Jutlandia in Pusan Har- the hardest going, with enemy many who are outside the range reach and, because, it consumes bor," reported Geraldine Fitch, area, a small tot wandered back Baillie said, napalm should be

Kim, President of the Korean Af- long time after the fire bombs ing. . . .'

of a Korean mother who has seen were held constantly open by Feb. 8, 1951, N. Y. Times:



Page Three



A Deliberate Slander

Two more top union officials joined the Stevenson-Sparkman sales forces last week. W. P. Kennedy, President of the largest of the Railroad Brotherhoods (Trainmen) and Walter Reuther, head of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) are the latest additions to the Democratic ing Car Porters, has earned the Party cheerleaders.

Of course, it doesn't disturb their consciences in the least that Stevenson and Sparkman are the candidates of a capitalist party committed to imperialist world war. But it is plain that both Kennedy and Reuther are bothered by the conservative record of Stevenson and the downright reactionary record of Sparkman.

Stevenson opposes Federal Fair Employment legislation because he favors state action, he says, but his state has not taken any action for civil rights to speak of. On the contrary, Illinois, scene of the Cicero anti-Negro terror, is a breeding ground for some of the worst lynch-type gangs of the nation. Nor does Stevenson want repeal of the Taft-Hartley "slave labor" law. Sparkman, a poll tax Senator, is in no better case. He has actually been a leader of to deny, the anti-democratic filibusters of the Southern Senators and is certainly not the man that the labor movement wants as Vice-President and presiding officer of the Senate.

How do Kennedy and Reuther get around these obstacles? Each has his own way. Kennedy refrains from press. mentioning political issues, but talks instead about the "outstanding character, integrity and ability" of the Democratic candidates. "I know them both to be splendid and outstanding men," he adds, apparently under the impression that if he repeats the word "outstanding" often enough, all other faults will be atoned for.

Reuther's scheme is different: more daring and imaginative, you might say. Stevenson and Sparkman are conservative and even reactionary. That doesn't stop terests of the workers, farmers, Reuther, whose slogan is: Turn a neecessity into a virtue. professionals, liberals and small He said Stevenson is "independent"; "perhaps the most shopkeepers.' independent candidate" ever to run for President. "The thing that makes Governor Stevenson's candidacy attractive is that he is not a candidate of labor, not a candidate of industry, and not a candidate of the political bosses."

This sophistry may be translated as follows: "I (Reuther) can't recommend any part of Stevenson's labor views. I can't commend his civil rights stand, his views are in general conservative and nothing for me to brag about. Therefore, as a last resort, I'praise his independence. He may not be much good, but at least he is original."

There is another way to interpret Reuther's remarks and this is perhaps more accurate: "I was ready to support then they will admit reluctantly pression of free speech, press and from voting for the candidates the Democratic nominees, no matter who they might be, that the Democrats aren't all they long before the election. Therefore, don't take anything I say too seriously. I am not giving you reasons, only excuses.'

The 1952 "Lesser Evil" Theory

By George Breitman In our daily lives we are con-l New Jersey Candidate for **U.S.** Senator accepting the lesser

The Black Worker, published by the AFL Brotherhood of Sleepall evils. For example, let us supright to be listened to. As the I know I need one paying \$60 a article on page one reports, The week in order to take care of Black Worker has told some plain

myself and my family. But the truths about the two capitalist parties, their candidates and week and \$55 a week. Under the platforms. Unlike 99% of the circumstances, the \$55 a week labor and liberal press, it doesn't ob is the lesser evil, and I take rig voting records in order to "good" one for the produce a Democrats. It doesn't pretend can survive by skimping and that Stevenson is a fighter for scraping. civil rights. It doesn't twist logic.

But suppose the only jobs to facts and words to paint Sparkbe found pay \$30 and \$35 a week. man as a "liberal" of any kind. A \$35 job is not as bad as a \$30 And it frankly admits that Neob but I wouldn't be able to get groes and workers face a dilemma by on \$35 a week, no matter how in this election — something that conomical I tried to be. So I most labor and liberal papers try think I would refuse both jobs, preferring to take a chance on

But while it is more honest getting unemployment insurance, The Black Worker's advice on or even going on relief, in the what to do in the 1952 election hope of holding out that way turns out not much different or until the job situation changed. better than the rest of the labor In other words, you don't solve

"TWO POLITICAL EVILS" you will choose a lesser evil. It not only must be actually lesser, "... study the records of the

candidates and platforms of the but it also has to be enough "lesser" to make a real difference. two parties and vote for the lesser of two political evils," it If both evils are intolerable, or if the difference between them is says. "This is the only possible trifling, then there is no advan- liberal movements as a whole): strategy minorities, and, especitage in choosing between them, ally, Negroes and labor can take and you might as well reject until labor builds and maintains both a party which reflects the in-

That's how it is with the present political situation. There are concerned. 2. They try to are differences between the two

This is an application of the major parties, but not enough to famous "lesser evil" theory. It is justify supporting either of them. ties. Both parties support the prepimportant to understand it and see through it because, at arations for World War III, both bottom, it is shared by the rest parties bear responsibility for of the AFL, the CIO and the the Korean war. Both share the ADA. The only difference is that blame for high profits and high the others don't admit it, but prices. Both helped to pass the pretend that the Democrats, far Taft-Hartley Act and the Mcfrom being an evil, are a positive Carran concentration camp law, good, real champions of labor and and neither Stevenson nor Eisencivil rights, etc. When you corner hower proposes to repeal them. them, and hit them with the facts Both are guilty of promoting the witch hunt and the growing supthat The Black Worker prints, assembly. Whichever party is of the Socialist Workers Party. elected, we will still have war should be, but still and all they are "better" than the Republicans, preparations, inflation, anti-labor or "not as bad," and therefore legislation and attempts to institute though-control. should be supported.

The essential similarity be- Negro and liberal leaders. "You tinually making a choice among tween the two capitalist parties will be wasting your vote because evils - rejecting the greater and becomes even more striking when there is little or no possibility - whenever we compare their records and of the Socialist Workers Party we are not in position to reject probable actions on civil rights candidates being elected." which, we agree with The Black

Which is better - to give your pose I am looking for a job, and Worker, is a decisive test for vote to a party that fights FOR every party and every candidate. abor and civil rights, even though No civil rights laws were passit may not be elected, or to give ed in 1947 and 1948, when the t to a party that fights only ones I can find pay \$50 a Republicans controlled Congress, AGAINST labor and civil rights and no civil rights laws were merely because it may be elected passed in 1949, 1950, 1951 and Which is wasted - a vote vor 1952, when the Democrats concast for a party that expresses t. knowing that I will have to trolled Washington. What reason your protest against war and cut my living standards, but that has anybody to think that either high prices and Jim Crow and party will pass civil rights laws

witch hunts, or a vote you cast next year, especially since both for a party that is going to keep of them are appeasing the Dixieon trying to cut your throat? crats in this year's election cam-**'PRACTICAL'' POLITICS** paign?

Even in terms of "practical" Elect the Democrats, and you politics, the "don't waste your will have a President who stands vote" policy of the union and for "states' rights" on FEPC and liberal leaders is all wet. In 1948 is opposed to abolishing the filibuster, a Vice President who the labor and Negro movements voted for the Democrats, while has publicly sworn to use every the Dixiecrats walked out and parliamentary device to block the passage of civil rights laws, and voted for a ticket that had no chance of being elected. a Congress that will again be Result: In 1952 the Democrats controlled by Southern commit-

anything by telling yourself that tee chairmen. What's "lesser about such an evil? TWO FALLACIES

There are two basic fallacies

in the position of The Black Worker (and of the labor and 1. They won't admit the truth

that both capitalist party evils are approximately equal, so far as workers and minority groups capitalist parties is by voting against them.

make it appear that "the only possible strategy" is a choice PROTEST BOTH EVILS between the two capitalist par

But there is no law forcing workers and Negroes to vote Democratic or Republican. They don't have to wrack their brains trying to figure out which capitalist party is one per cent rottener than the other. There's nothing to stop them from voting against both capitalist party evils. No one will be standing there in the

polling booth to prevent them

DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE "If you do that, you will be

wasting your vote," cry the labor, vour children

PULLMAN PORTERS UNION HITS BOTH CAPITALIST PARTIES

(Continued from Page 1) is more extensive and, perhaps,

relatively better on FEPC and the filibuster (than the Republican plank), no one would be able to find it out by reading it, except someone familiar with the Instead, its editorial finishes by fine points of the struggle for saying:

civil rights. verbiage. . . .

wooed the Dixiecrats and gave "As an evidence of the fact them all kinds of concessions, while they gave a kick in the Democratic Convention, the platteeth to the labor and Negro form conveniently by-passed such

movements because they felt they important questions as a jimhad them in the bag anyhow and crow army, and a jim-crow didn't have to offer them any nation's capital, Washington, concessions.

D. C. . . .' Conclusion: "Both parties are If the history of the Dixiecrats

proves anything, it is this: The as entirely devoid of principles way to get concessions from the and ideals as a chicken is of

teeth." HOW TO GET RESULTS

cusses how to get this program

After listing the civil rights Vote for the Democrats again program that Negroes, and you'll get another kick in their liberal and labor allies, the teeth should fight for, the editorial dis-

Help to rally a strong vote for passed: the Socialist Workers Party -"The achievement of the foreand you will be voicing your

going civil rights measures will protest against both of the "two never be secured by appealing to political evils" and helping to the so-called sense of justice of mobilize , the forces for the politicians in either the Democreation of a Labor Party that cratic or Republican party. will act in your interests. "Only two forms of action wil Don't waste your vote by giving

get results: to your proven enemies. Use it "One: Mass action and pressure to show that you want a world which will enlist and mobilize free of exploitation and oppresthe masses of the Negroes in

your future, and the future of voting of Negroes to maximum strength, North, South. East and West.'

A WEAK CONCLUSION But HOW they should vote,

The Black Worker does not say.

"It is obvious from the fore-"In an obvious attempt to lean going analysis that under our two over backwards to appease the party system, Negroes face a Dixiecrats, the platform does not dilemma in the coming election. mention FEPC by name or the Thus their responsibility is to filibuster, but, with a bit of in- study the records of the canexcusable semantics, winds up didates and platforms of the two adroitly to conceal the whole parties and vote for the lesser issue of civil rights in mere of two political evils. This is the only possible strategy minorities.

and, especially. Negroes and labor that the Dixiecrats captured the can take until labor builds and maintains a party which reflects the interest of the workers, farmers, professionals, liberals and small shopkeepers.'

(See George Breitman's analysis of the Black Worker's editorial on this page.)



The July - August issue o Fourth International, now on sale, features a detailed analysis of recent economic de velopments in Eastern Europe by Ernest Germain. Also in cluded are an article on the new Brookings Institution study of share ownership in the United States by Harry Frankel, and the conclusion of G. Lora's discussion of the Bolivian class struggles leading to the recent revolution. Copies of the magazine at 25c. each may be ordered from Fourth International, 116 University Pl., New York 3, N. Y.

"Two: The registration and their

"with

sion. Use it for yourself. and demonstrations.



THE MILITANT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1. 1952

NUMBER 35

socialist party in America. "Leon

Trotsky spent only two months

un-American than the indebted-

Dobbs to Speak in

Newark on Sept. 21

NEWARK, Aug. 29.- The

Socialist Workers Party an-

nounced today that Farrell

Dobbs, its Presidential candi-

date, will speak in Newark on

Sunday, Sept. 21, at 8 P.M., at

52 Market St., corner of Plane.

plants here in 1937-38, she work.

ed for the regional offices of the

UAW. She also was a member

of the Office Workers Union for

a lengthy period; and played an

Some times we have to view a thing from a distance to get the proper perspective on it. Perhaps that is why many people in the United States who read of the current struggle against segregation in South Africa are sympathetic to the democratic demands of the colored movement there, but fail to support similar struggles right here at home.

It's easy to be an arm-chair hero, to read about the thousands going to jail in the mass defiance of racial segregation laws in Johannesburg, Orlando, Cape Town and other cities, and to admire their heroism. But to walk into a Westside restaurant in Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. - "the best location in the nation" - in mixed company is another matter.

One of the most blatant expressions of the fact that the white supremacists have the political power in South Africa is the restrictions on voting. Colored voters, when they are allowed to vote at all, are limited to voting for white candidates for the legislature.

Here at home we also have undemocratic voting restrictions, but many "liberal" Democrats and Republicans — "labor" and Negro supporters of Eisenhower and Stevenson who can be very smug about our superior democracy - can't or won't see the deadly parallel.

Workers are free to vote, but with restrictions. The Trucks Act in Michigan and the recently. enacted election restrictions in Illinois and Ohio are only extreme examples of the widespread discriminatory election laws of states throughout the country which virtually bar workers' parties from the ballot.

In the South, Negro workers have the additional barrier of naked force to face. Just this month the Louisiana Weekly (August 9), reported the following incident in Greensburg, La .:

"Fear gripped this small farming town last week as an unidentified pistol-packing white man waving a blue-steel revolver terrorized some 12 Negroes from the second Ward polling booth" where they had presented themselves to register.

"Eye-witnesses to the incident told the Louisiana Weekly the white man warned the Negroes: "'Get out all of you n-s before all of you get killed. Nobody is going to let you vote. If

you don't run, there'll be plenty more to shoo

you down.' The would-be voters were prevented from casting ballots in the Democratic primary election of a federal judge and a member of the school board. Earlier, in January, they had been prevented from voting in the gubernatorial election. "No action was initiated," the paper reported, "despite reports to the then Gov. Earl K. Long." While such incidents are not common in the

North, at least not in industrial centers, both Negro and white workers in most centers will not be able to vote unless they cast their ballots for anti-Negro, anti-labor, anti-democratic Stevenson and Sparkman or Eisenhower and Nixon. In Michigan and Illinois the Socialist Workers

Party candidates will be on the ballot only after fighting expensive and difficult legal battles and after having met signature-gathering requirements for petitions the capitalist politicians do not have to meet.

In Ohio it is impossible for any but Democrats or Republican candidates to get on the ballot. The SWP would have had to gather 15% of the total vote for governor in the last election, or almost half a million signatures of qualified voters. But the law specifically excludes the Democratic and Republican parties from having to meet this requirement.

Workers can do one of two things. They can quietly submit to this dictatorship by the class that rules them both on the job and through the government; or, without even having to match the courage and heroism of the South African workers, they can fight for their political free-

American workers can refuse to vote for candidates imposed on them by their bosses. All they have to do is summon up the nerve to enter the voting booth, draw the curtain, and mark an "X" next to the names of Farrell Dobbs for President and Myra Tanner Weiss for Vice President, or, where they do not appear on the ballot, write in their names as candidates and mark an "X" in front of them.

This is one way of protesting the restrictions on our democratic rights which, if they continue to increase, can make America look like South

To explain why the U.S. vote is so small, Tru-

Groan Act Grunt By Harry Frankel

A recent Wall Street Journal cartoon showed a wife saying to her husband: "Okay, I'll compromise, you switch over to my candidate and I'll switch over to yours." True words, though spoken in jest! This remark catches the spirit of the 1952 major-party campaign better than reams of ponderous editorial analysis that have appeared in the press. Any voter who is supporting either of the two major candidates could just as well switch and never know the difference.

As the campaign opens, Stevenson and Eisenhower are circling each other like a couple of grunt-and-groan artists trying to look vicious. To date, despite many strenuous efforts, they haven't found a thing to fight about. As a matter of fact, each of the candidates has had more battles with people in his own party than with the opposing party. Stevenson has been getting crossways with Truman, and Eisenhower has been incurring the wrath of the Taft-MacArthur wing of the Republican Party. Both candidates have been catching a bawling-out from advisers who tell them to "get in there and fight," but the sideline critics haven't explaned how Eisenhower and Stevenson are going to fight when they haven't got a thing to fight about.

man charged "laziness and indifference" against the American people. The "laziness" part of this with all due respect to a President of the U.S. who gets up at six o'clock every morning to take a walk, must be disregarded. But Truman is right about the "indifference" of the people to the elections. He fails, however, to explain why the people of this country are so indifferent, while just across the border in Canada the situation is otherwise; why half the people of this country fail to vote while in Belgium only 10% stay away from the polls. He also fails to explain why the people of this country have become in-

different. Fifty or 75 years ago far larger percentages of the electorate voted: in 1880 78.4% and in 1900 73%.

The answer is to be found in a so-called twoparty system which has become nothing but a one-party regime that puts up two slates of candidates. In almost every other capitalist nation of the globe, the capitalist monopoly of national politics has been smashed, and strong Labor, Socialist or Communist parties contest the elections with one or more capitalist parties. These McCormick sees it - and corare campaigns involving genuine issues and pre- rectly! - is the natural unificasenting the voters with a choice. That's why tion of the forces of Northern people of these countries, unlike Truman's Americans, are neither "lazy" nor "indifferent." This brings us back to the pundits who fear in fact for some time in Washthat the "two-party system" is in danger. What ington. Only the war drive, comthey really mean is that the two-party facade bined with the slow development for one-party rule is in danger. When it will definitely crack depends upon when U.S. labor comes forward. As everywhere else, the sham battles of U.S. politics will be replaced by genuine election fights only when labor steps upon the political scene in its own name. Whether the Democratic Party will fade away before labor's onslaught, as its British counterpart the Liberal Party did, or whether the Republican Party will fall in ruins, or whether both parties will combine against a new working class force, the result will be the same: a class political alignment reflecting the class forces in American society. We shall most likely have to wait until then to see vital political campaigning by the major parties revived in the U.S. Meanwhile. Stevenson and Eisenhower are running. But, 'as the Eisenhower-supporting N.Y. World Telegram complains: "Ike is running like a dry creek." And Stevenson is running like a dead horse. That's the Democratic-Republican exploit middle class grumbling **EISENHOWER HURLS THREAT** campaign this year, and that's why the vote will probably fall lower than ever.

others suffered lost-time injuries in 1951. In-

juries were declining in the four years before

trend changed, partly or mainly because of in-

FEDERAL HOUSING OFFICIALS are work-

ing out a plan to make applicants for all hous-

* * *

"loyalty" was being investigated by the Army's

Counter-Intelligence Corps. Not even a Republican

VOLUME XVI

Egyptian Strike Leader Gets Death

Some of the 6,000 striking Egyp-

men. Khamis was later sentenced and crevices of society. to be hanged. Strike at Kafr El Dawar, called for pay rise, represents increased participation and leadership of Egyptian workers in revolutionary upsurge.

SWP Candidate Labels Sparkman "Polished Bilbo"

By Harry Ring

NEW YORK, Aug. 22 - Assailing both major party candidates as supporters of rampant reaction, Michael Bartell, candidate for the U.S. Senate on the Socialist

Workers ticket, characterized Bartell was folowed by David Adlai Stevenson as a "Taft-Lewis, chairman of the party's Hartley, States Rights Democrat," and Stevenson's running local Speakers Bureau, who spoke mate, John Sparkman, as "a in commemoration of the 12th anniversary of the assassination polished Bilbo." Eisenhower is a of Leon Trotsky by a Stalinist 'dyed-in-the-wool reactionary," agent in Mexico. Lewis outlined he said, "and Nixon is a 99% Trotsky's enormous contribution McCarthyite." to the building of a revolutionary

Speaking at the SWP's opening election rally in New York, tian textile workers sit outside Bartell said of both Eisenhower courtroom in Alexandria (top) and Stevenson: 'They are helping of his life in our country," he awaiting verdict of military court to further the kind of oppressive said, "yet the Socialist Workers in trial of their leaders. At left, atmosphere where all the human Party owes more to him than to Mustafa Khamis, 21-year-old rodents sense a clear field and any other single individual of our strike leader, talks with police- come crawling out of the holes time. This is, of course, no more "The social and religious bigots, ness of Edison to the Italian,

the company stiffs, the stool Volta; of American radio enpigeons with their twisted little gineers to the Englishman, minds, inflamed with blind hate Faraday; or for that matter of and prejudice, with prying eyes the American milk industry to and loose mouths, are preaching the Frenchman, Pasteur. These

their gospel of hate and in- great men belong more to the tolerance. They chant: 'Hate the world than to their own country," reds. Hate those who tolerate he concluded. reds. Hate those who refuse to join the pogrom against the reds. The Negroes,' they say, 'are too uppity. The Chinese are monkeys and the Koreans are gooks. The unions are getting too strong.

Keep out the non-aryan aliens, throw out those that are here. Jail the dissenter and glorify the stool pigeon." Bartell called for a determined stand against the wo old parties and the atmosphere they are creating.



By Lois Saunders

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 24 - The Los Angeles Local of The Socialist Workers Party suffered a loss this week, a loss that has made us feel sad and depressed. Minna Bergstrom, a faithful

party member and local leader for breaking with the Proletarian 18 years, died early Thursday Party because it opposed defense morning after a serious illness of the Soviet Union.

which kept her hospitalized for She immediately plunged into the last seven weeks of her life. party activity, aiding the strikers Funeral services were held in the agricultural fields in this area in 1935-'36. During the rise



(Continued from page 1) Along with Hoover and Taft and MacArthur, he speaks for a powerful segment of the capitalist class. For them the settlement of accounts with American labor and "New Deal Communism" is the primary task, taking precedence over finance-capital's imperialist ambitions abroad.

Hartley banner. The McCormick crowd was Yet the fact is there - even if ground under at the Republican the Negro people and some of convention by the Wall Street masters who put the world showdown first. But the forces they constituent elements of the Demorepresent are still very much alive cratic Party cannot hold together under the pressures and strains and will one day prove the undoing of the Republican Party. of the war drive, not to speak of the war itself. It is already ap-NEW REALIGNMENT

parent that there is no place for The new realignment, as Col. the Negro people in this coalition. If the labor movement can still ge along as a poor, ignored relation, it is only because the fullreaction and the Southern Bou scale corporation bons. This alignment has existed against the unions and their living standards is not immediately on the order of the day. of big class struggles, has prevented it from finding expression cratic Party, in office or out, up to now. McCormick sees the new political dispensation under the name of "the American Party." That too is not an inaccurate forecast in our opinion. The new party which will arise out of the disintegration of the Republican organization will definitely have strong fascist tendencies. It will capitalize on middle class discontent. To a limited extent, this is precisely what the McCormick-Taft-Macthe wind. Arthur combination have been doing up to now. In the absence of leadership from the labor movewith the Korean war and Atlantic Army aid, which they see as the cause for their present economic difficulties. These hardships, when they become intolerable, will produce the ranks for Mc-Cormick's reactionary crystallization. To them, the name 'American Party" will undoubtedly signify anti-Wall Street and only one thing - war with China, anti-war as well as anti-labor, 1950, but beginning with the Korean war the anti-Negro and anti-"ism" (whatnon-capitalist world. ever that means). McCormick's statement will THE DULLES' LINE robably cast a blacker pall over A RESOLUTION favoring the outlawing of the frightened liberals and Stalthe Canadian Stalinist party was rejected by the inist fellow-travellers. They are Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, representonly too prone to see the grim ing more than one-half million AFL members perspective of fascism as their fate. What they cannot yet understand is that the break-up of Buffalo, Aug. 27. "Either the the two-party system will be a two-sided development and will ing built with federal funds sign an affidavit witness the resurgence of a great that they do not belong to any organizations on political movement of the Amer-ican workers. That is the This the Attorney General's "subversive" list. It is not yet known what effect this will have on presultimate significance of Powell's verbal revolt against the Demo-

30,000 Harvester Workers in Strike

CHICAGO, Aug. 24 - Thirty company proposed the cuts under

The company has sent register-SSILES

With picketing good and morale high, Harvester is preparing to "red" scare through create a

By Frank Roberts candidate for Vice-President. But the significance of this turn is not so obviously apparent to the

> program, and the Farm Equipment Workers Union, labeling the proposed contract a "yellow dog agreement" has answered with a

both candidates have dropped the guise of a "re-classification" Truman's demagogic anti-Tafttheir representatives are still demand for a 15-cent hourly wage alone in recognizing it. The increase.

d letters to over 500 workers informing them of pay cuts. It is carrying on an expensive advertising campaign in the press, in an effort to hide the real strike

To Stop Pay Cut with the union leadership in favor of an alliance with the Southern Democrats. Its effects were felt directly and immediately by the Negro people who were presented with a Jim Crow Senator as the

thousand International Harvester workers, on the picket line since Aug. 14, are determined not to give an inch to company demands for a wage cut averaging 15 cents an hour per man. The labor movement even though

Political commentators are even going so far as to shout that the two-party system is in danger. Republican's particularly play upon this theme, calling upon voters to back Eisenhower in order to "preserve the two-party system." How have the mighty fallen! The once great party of Lincoln, born in revolution against slavocracy, can think of no argument to win votes other than "the country needs a second party, even if that party is no different from the first."

The Democrats not only admit that the Republican Party is the same; they charge it! They accuse their opponents of "me-tooism." That's the kind of powder-puffs the big guns are loaded with this year; nobody is excited and very few are even interested.

It is predicted that fewer than 50% of the eligible voters will go to the polls this November. In the 1948 elections, only 51% voted, and in the 1950 Congressional elections the vote was even lower. On Aug. 7, Truman compared these figures with the percentage of eligible voters in other countries voting in the most recent general elections. He said that in France, 75% of those eligible voted, in Italy' 89%, Canada 75%, Japan 71%, Israel 72%, Sweden 80%, England 83%, and in Belgium 90%.

> cratic Party leadership. all along. POLITICAL ROLE OF NEGRO PEOPLE

the preservation of our civil The Negro people are the most rights. His attempt to pose as sensitive segment of the working class movement. A few economic concessions do not assuage the pure hypocrisy. deep wounds of racial oppression. They are, even more than the organized workers themselves, the

because they were delivered befirst to divine and to be affected fore an audience of Legionaires. This was a deliberate and clever device to impress the liberals.

What happened at the Demo-SILENT ON TRUMAN cratic Party convention was a But Stevenson has not uttered weakening of the party's coalition one word of criticism of the drive

here next week. Prominent strike But when that day comes - as leaders have already been subit inevitably must - the Demo- poenaed by the committee.

A meeting of all unions in the must be one of the vehicles for Harvester plants of the Chicago the anti-labor offensive. And area has decided that if an that will sound the death knell attempt is made to start a backfor the Democratic Party. It will to-work movement, all mainannounce the arrival of inde- tenance men, engineers and pendent class politics for the boilermakers, regardless of union, American workers in alliance with will quit work. This meeting was the Negro people - and of the attended by representatives of the Labor Party which will sweep the Farm Equipment Workers (Ind.), fascist - like "American" parties the United Auto Workers (CIO), of the McCormicks out of their the International Association of way like so much chaff before Machinists (AFL) and the AFL

Engineers.

OF WAR; STEVENSON ECHOES (Continued from page 1)

| against civil rights initiated by the Truman administration. sequences of Eisenhower's policy, Stevenson is a supporter of the because he agrees with it. thought control" drive as part The policy of pushing the Soviet "influence" back to the of the preparations for all-out borders of the USSR can mean war.

The American people need the Soviet Union and all the new foreign policy: We need a policy that will bring us the friendship and not the bitter enmity of the oppressed peoples.

The Republican foreign policy We must withdraw all American expert John Foster Dulles protroops from foreign lands, stop claimed this program months ago, the Korean war, cease interand repeated it on the same day ference in the internal affairs of Stevenson made his Legion other countries, and fight to speech, when he stated in preserve our right to advocate such views.

Communist bloc can be disin-The American people must take tegrated from within" or be their fate into their own hands. destroyed by "a head-on col-Before the militarists plunge us into disaster, the people must This is the foreign policy of assert their right to make the both the Democrats and Republife-and-death decision on war or licans, and has been their policy peace themselves - by popular referendum. That is what the Stevenson chose the Legion Socialist Workers Party adaudience at which to advocate vocates.

the defender of the right of a MILITANT readers can help man to "think as he pleases" was to get radio and television appearances for SWP candidates His carefully guarded formulas by reporting to SWP Camon this subject sounded imposing paign Headquarters, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y. any programs on which other parties' candidates speak or are interviewed, whether it is a political appearance or not.

offensive hearings of the House Un- Friday, and a memorial meeting American Activities Committee, is being held by the Socialist of the CIO and the establishment conveniently scheduled to be held Workers Party Monday evening. of the United Auto Workers in Minna had been ill much longer than the period of her hospitalization, much more ill than most of us knew. For six years she had been suffering from lukemia, a blood disease for which there is

permitted.

important role in the Social no known cure. Workers strike. Up to the very last, Minna was Minna was active in civil not aware there was no hope for liberties work, especially in her. Valiantly she fought against efforts to free the 18 Trotskyists the disease which constantly and trade unionists arrested in sapped her strength. Minneapolis in 1941; and in the

Frequently she voiced her current case of James Kutcher, desire to again play an active the legless veteran fired from his role in the movement. One of her clerical job by the Veterans Adlast acts was to make certain ministration because of his that her pledge to the party's socialist views.

current fund drive would be paid. She was especially interested Her Marxist library she bein the educational work of the queathed to the party. party. She was at various times Even in the period just before branch organizer, and financial she was hospitalized, Minna consecretary and member of the extinued to participate in the ecutive committee of the local deliberations and discussions of organization, and was a delegate the party. Whenever she was to several of the national conable, she attended meetings, remaining as long as her strength

ventions of the party. Minna was a quiet person, a loyal comrade, a warm friend.

Minna joined the Socialist Her death is a loss to us all Workers Party in 1934, after We miss her.



Notes from the News

creased speedup.

in that country.

THE STALINISTS are not openly endorsing Democrats this year, but in many places they are giving them left-handed support. In New York, the Daily Worker reports, the Furriers Joint Council has endorsed all candidates of the American Labor Party - except three running against Democratic Congressmen Klein, Celler and Powell, In Michigan, the Progressive Party decided, after a sharp debate, not to run anybody against Democratic Governor G. Mennen Williams (who signed the Trucks police state law) and Senator Blair Moody. PP leaders argued that running candidates against Williams and Moody would "isolate" them "from the mainstream of labor and the Negro people."

* *

HAYWOOD PATTERSON died of cancer last week in the Jackson (Mich.) prison hospital. One of the nine victims in the Scottsboro frameup, he spent 19, years in Alabama's prison hellholes, before escaping north. Saved from extradition to Alabama by mass pressure, he was framed again in Michigan on a "manslaughter" charge and sentenced for six to 15 years. Although the prison authorities knew for some time that he was dying of a stomach cancer, they denied him a medical discharge.

FEW TEARS were shed when Rep. John E. Rankin of Mississippi lost the Democratic nomination to Congress after 32 years' of devoted services to the causes of white supremacy, anti-Semitism, labor baiting and witch hunting.

* * *

JOB INJURIES increased in 1950 and 1951, so that the 1951 figure was 12% higher than in 1949. About 16,000 lost their lives and 2,000,000

BRIG. GEN. E. R. THORPE, former intelligence chief for MacArthur, announced that he had withdrawn from a campaign for a Congressional seat in Rhode Island, after unanimous endorsement by the Republican executive committee of that state, because he learned that his

> general is immune to the witch hunt these days. * * *

ent tenants of federal housing projects.

THE NAACP BULLETTIN reports the formation of a KKK Confederate Army. The KKK by the direction of events and has taken the initiative to organize all racist and political forces. red-baiting groups under one leadership and one program. A conference held in Orlando, Florida,

included 97 organizations to fight attempts to end turn to the right and a serious segration.