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End Taft-Hartley, Lewis Demands; Hits Amendments Democrats and Civil Liberties

Taking a clear stand for repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers Union, told the Senate Labor Committee on April 24 that the law should be repealed "in O

toto, lock, stock and barrel; hoof, considering amendments to Tafthorn and hide, and horse, foot and Hartley because "there is no dragoon." Lewis said the law virtue in it. There's nothing there "should be forgotten . . . as an to save."

evil political mental aberration, Lewis proposed that the Taft-born of hysteria and fanned into Hartley act be repealed and that evil political mental aberration, being by the selfish and short- no other act be passed to supsighted professional antagonists plant it, thus leaving the Norrisof labor. LaGuardia anti-injunction act of

Lewis remains one of the few 1932 and the Clayton act of 1914 national labor leaders who stand as the only laws on the Federal uncompromisingly for the full statute books regulating labor. repeal of the law. Most of the "This would give the country, its others in the CIO and AFL have employers and employees an opmade extensive compromises, en- portunity (in light of our joint tered into the amendment process, experiences under both Wagner and Taft-Hartley) to practice for

Lewis, by contrast, noting the a season true, free and genuine "myriad" proposals for amend- collective bargaining without Govments, says the Taft-Hartley law ernment interference, free from would still "remain a thorn and a the brooding shadows which spear in the side of American presently hover over all bargainlabor . . . even if clothed in amend- ing tables," he said. ments as varied as the colors of Lewis, in his 21/2 hours of

Joseph's coat. A liberal applica- testimony before the Senate comtion of cologne or a generous mittee, had sharp words for both sprinkling of Chanel No. 5 cannot the Taft-Hartley law and its chief and will not deodorize an other- author, Senator Robert A. Taft wise odorous creature or make it a more decent or useful animal." "damnable and despicable," "a fiat This being the case, it is useless

## **Twin Cities Keep** Lead; Sub Drive **Nears Conclusion**

By Dorothy Johnson Campaign Manager

Reports received so far of the lems of the working man. He's a results of the sixth and last week son of privilege. He was born in of the Militant Subscription Cam- luxury. He believes in the inpaign indicate successful con- junction. So did his father (Presiclusion of the drive. A total of 641 dent William Howard Taft). He subs have been received with a inherited the tendency that the number of subs still to come. In rich have to oppress and exploit addition, more subs are expected he poor. Milwaukee, New York, from Then Lewis pounded heavily on Philadelphia, San Francisco, Los the hearing-room table: "There is Angeles and other cities which no virtue in the Taft-Hartley law. are extending their local sub There are a few lines that say drives another week or two weeks labor has the right to organize the final scoreboard will appear labor organizations and fattens in next week's Militant. lawyers.' Special honors go to the Twin Returning to Taft, Lewis went Cities, who have set the pace and inspired the work of the cam- on: "I resent the Tafts of this paign, and to Twin Cities pace-setters Milt, Evic and Paul, in they would fix a collar around the national scoreboard. Un- nomic thrall." questionably the winner, the Twin The hearing was held in a Cities in a final burst of speed packed hall, filled in anticipation 3,980 points this week bringing performance by the Mine Worktheir score to 9,380. This rep- ers head. Other witnesses before dent George Meany, were more single copies. Literature Agent Helen Sher- "cooperative," discussing proposiman writes, "The enclosed check tions for keeping the Taft-Hartley

(Rep., O.). He called the law from the throne of the predatory interests of this nation." and "a crime and atrocity on free Amer-icans." The law is "discriminatory, punitive, restrictive, repressive, compulsive and oppressive." Lewis further remarked that "The American citizen working in the coal mines retches at the thought of

this oppressive act." Lewis reserved some of his harsher characterizations for Taft "Taft can't understand the prob-

after the close of the national campaign. A complete report with that dare you to try. It bleeds 22 moved to implement Eisenhower's first, second and third places on my neck and make me an eco- dwelling units, an infinitesimal number down the homestretch, piled up of another explosive and dramatic billion being handed out annually to the resents sales of 213 subs and 280 the committee, such as AFL Presi, chose to eliminate completely the picayune



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# "LOYALTY" CASE APPEAL OF LEGLESS VET DENIED Widens

NEWARK, April 27 — James Kutcher, legless veteran, today learned that he had been unsuccessful in his ninth appeal to recover the clerical job with the Veterans Administration from which he was fired

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under the government's "loyalty" | the previous "loyalty" procedure program more than four and one shall be "reviewed" and "readjudicated" in the light of the new half years ago. Summoned to the VA regional and more stringent regulations office today, Kutcher was handed which give the government the a letter from the VA office in right to fire anyone as "undesir-Washington, notifying him that able." (The former regulations his latest appeal had been re- required a finding of "reasonable

jected. The letter stated: "The doubt as to loyalty.") Loyalty Board of Appeals has recommended, and it is the LONG RUNAROUND decision of the Administrator that, on all the evidence, there is in Italy ten years ago, Kutcher After losing both legs in battle

a reasonable doubt as to your learned how to use artificial limbs loyalty to the Government of (Continued on page 4) the United States. ..." The letter also informed the

legless veteran that he had the right to appeal this decision to the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission within 20 days.

But an hour or two later, President Eisenhower in Washington issued his new "loyalty" purge order which announced the coming abolition of the Loyalty Review Board, among other things.

NEXT STEP UNDECIDED

Questioned by The Militant on his next step in the fight to recover his job, Kutcher said he would have to consult first with his lawyer and the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, a non-partisan group formed to help him.

He pointed out that under Eisenhower's new executive order, the Loyalty Review Board is barred from accepting any new apeals after 30 days, and must clean up all pending cases and go out of existence in an additional 120 days. Kutcher would not get his job back automatically even if the Loyalty Review Board should hear his appeal and even if it should rule in his favor. The Eisenhower order specifically directs that the cases of all gov-JAMES KUTCHER ernment employees cleared under

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By George Breitman

The civil liberties of the American people suffered a new grievous blow on April 27 when President Eisenhower issued an executive order making drastic changes in the government "loyalty" purge program originally started by the Truman administration six years ago.

Eisenhower's order included a few phrases about respecting the rights of government employees, but its hypocrisy was clearly shown by the fact that before he issued the order, Eisenhower "cleared it with McCarthy" and got an "enthusiastic" endorsement from the nation's number one witch hunter and persecutor of federal employees.

McCarthy had every reason to be happy. Truman's "loyalty" parge of government workers set the pattern for a witch hunt that extended into all other fields of American life and created the atmosphere that made it possible for McCarthy to become one of the most powerful and menacing figures on the political stage. Eisenhower's extension of Trunan's purge, making it easier han before to fire anybody that McCarthy disapproves of, will serve to further intimidate the American people and strengthen McCarthyism.

### PATRONAGE PLUM

(Continued on page 4) ican people. law in some amended form.

promise to cut "waste" in federal spending by voting to wipe out the low-rent public-housing program. Eisenhower had asked authorization to start 35,000 new compared to the need for millions of housing units. Instead of reducing the \$53 militarists and war corporations, the House sums being spent to alleviate the vile housing conditions of tens of millions of Amer-

The 1949 Housing Act originally author ized the start of 135,000 housing units annually for six years. A few weeks after he launched his "police action" in Korea Truman ordered the housing program slashed to less than 50,000 starts in 1951 this low level. His Republican colleagues of Democrats, voted to kill public housing altogether. Meanwhile, in New York City, for example, the Housing Authority reported 15 applications for each apartment that became available.

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Concern over the possibility that a lessening of war production following a truce in Korea might lead to a large administrators' "standards" of number of unemployed was indicated by CIO President Walter Reuther in an exchange of P-

letters with Eisenhower. The measures, is not made clear by union leader's letter, dated April Reuther. 6, spoke of a "recent change" in Even a minimum program to

the Kremlin's foreign policy and alleviate the immediate suffering voiced fear of heavy lay-offs of mass unemployment, such as unless steps were taken by the large-scale public works at union government to ensure full em-pay, unemployment insurance ployment under conditions of equal to union wages, the thirtyhour week a 40-hours pay and a neace.

guaranteed annual wage, etc., is He therefore urged the Presihound to confront the violent opdent to call "a broadly repreposition of Big Business and its sentative conference at the eargovernment agents. To achieve liest possible date to draft a such a minimum program the worksheet for full production and mobilization of the labor movement in action around its own Eisenhower replied to Reuther

economic and political program that he intends to carry out the s required. principles of the Employment Act Instead of appealing to the

eactionary Republican president, - yet they cite different dates, stupidity of mass unemployment Reuther would serve the workers never again visits this land." The far better by calling on the labor novement for united action to put nto effect labor's own program. A Congress of Labor, including rank-and-file delegates of all abor bodies, could draft a round ed and effective program to safeguard workers from unemployment and its deprivations. Such a Congress of Labor could

launch the movement for an independent Labor Party that would fight for the political power in Washington and place labor in a position where it could put into effect, without leave of capitalist politicians, any program that the

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The Republican Party as a whole also had good reason to be satisfied with the new purge program. Since they won the last election, they have been hungrily eyeing that big juicy patronage plum — the two million federal jobs, most of which are filled by appointees of the Democratic administrations of the last 20

The hitch is that these jobs are upposed to be protected by civil service regulations. Now Eisenower's order provides a handy nethod for getting around those regulations. It gives the administrators of all 60 government lepartments and agencies (practically all Republicans) broad powers to fire any employee who doesn't measure up to the morality, mental capacity, honesty, sobriety, reliability, sex habits, etc. — to say nothing of their "standards" of loyalty and patriotism.

A man who couldn't be framed and fired previously for "disloyalty" can now be kicked out (and replaced by a Republican faithful) on the ground that he is "immoral" (maybe his wife sued him for divorce with sensational charges) or that he is "mentally unbalanced" (maybe he was overheard saving that Negro and white children should be allowed to go to school together in the South) or that he is "not reliable" (maybe he was spotted nodding his head in agreement at a meeting where a speaker warned that ending the cold war would bring on a depression).

It is not likely that the new Eisenhower program will start off with such a purge on a mass scale. But it is a means of getting around civil service protection; it is a crack in the door, and it would be coolish not to expect the Republican bosses to widen it, and make use of it for patronage purposes. Many a Democrat in Washington must be quaking in his shoes, at the prospect right now. (It is ironical, but the purge started by the Democratic administration against anyone with "left of center" opinions is now being directed against the Democrats themselves - just as The Militant predicted six years ago).

### MCCARTHY GLOATS

McCarthy and everybody else who benefits from the destruction of the Bill of Rights have cause (Continued on page 4)

**Truce-Stallers Spread Big Atrocity Lies** By Art Preis revived atrocities propaganda 1951 figures on GI's "massacred," | marized the facts more caut- | would be gross exaggeration for

The latest Korea atrocities actually provide conclusive con- the April 22 N. Y. Times noted iously: "The prisoners generally the American public and constories handed out by the U.S. firmation of my charges that the that of nearly 11,000 U.S. soldiers agreed that treatment had im- gressional officials to receive the military propagandists are design- campaign from the start was a listed on the Eighth Army rolls proved after the truce talks impression that anything aped to provide a pretext for stalling deliberate fake. as "missing," it "has been ofa truce or demanding further concessions from the Chinese and currently for Americans in Korea these probably were killed in the ed . . . told of terrible atrocities in World War II occurred." He North Koreans as the price for who allegedly have died from all swift-moving fighting of the early in the winter of 1950-51 - of

e cease-fire. But these stories also causes while prisoners of war is days and their bodies not recoverserve one purpose not intended little more than 3,000 and this is ed. The Communists have re- of men dropping of hunger and appear to have been speaking by their authors. They inadver- merely a guess. ported 3,100 in their hands now, It is generally conceded even leaving nearly 3,000 others whose cause of duplications, there was tently expose the fakery of the similar previous propaganda cam- in the daily press that the number fate still is in doubt." Thus, the paign in Nov. 1951, shortly be- of U.S. prisoners who have died maximum number who could cumbed, but the figure was be-bers of men involved and dif- Employment Act, however, profore truce discussions began over as a result of "atrocities," based possibly have been "massacred"

the issue of prisoner exchange. | on statements of returned POWs, is less than 3,000. Gen. Ridgway, then U.S. Far has been grossly exaggerated. East commander, claimed on Nov. 13. 1951 that 8,000 American have been due to wounds sustain- up accounts of so-called "death disease, hunger and exposure; premature." POWs had been murdered by the ed in battle, disease, exposure or Chinese and North Koreans. The under-nourishment and not from ed instances of prisoners who were was not 8,000, as Gen. Ridgway respondents, even for the most any brutality. next day, Col. James M. Hanley, Judge Advocate General of the

U.S. captives had been "mas- and suffered principally because in such a way as to give the Times' figure. sacred." The day after, he upped of the primitive conditions under impression that thousands of GIs this figure to 6,270 "wantonly which the latter themselves were have died of deliberate cruelties. Eastern Correspondent of The murdered" and the Associated forced to live. Press captioned its dispatch: Compared to the continuous ad- respondent, Ernest Hoberecht, plained in his April 22 Munsan

than Fell in '76.'

Nov. 26, 1951). The claims now nist captors.

began (June 1951). But man proaching the ill-famed Bataan The highest official figure given ficially estimated that 5,000 of after man who had been captur- 'death march' in the Philippines reports further:

forced marches in zero weather, "In many cases the returnees dysentery and left to die. Be- about the same marching incident of 1946 "to see to it that the no telling how many men suc- different places, different numlieved certain to be over 1,000." ferent numbers of casualties. Thus vides only for "studies" of eco-

This tells us two things: (1) to add up the totals and arrive nomic conditions and an Advisory The daily papers, in reporting American POWs did not die in at a conclusion that mass fatalities Council to the President, but Most deaths of American POWs statements of released GIs, played deliberate massacres, but of occurred is, to say the least, offers no means to directly combat

unemployment. marches" and two or three isolat- (2), the number that succumbed Over and over again, U.S. cor-Eisenhower also said he would 'consult actively with private abused in the very early stages charged two years ago, and not reactionary newspapers, have had citizens and groups ... to draw Generally, the American prison- of the war. They lumped stories 7,000, as implied in some recent to affirm that deaths when they on the accumulated experience Eighth Army in Korea, issued a ers have been treated as well as of American prisoners and "UN" press accounts, but merely "over did occur were due to conditions and knowledge of our people as statement claiming that "5,500" Chinese and North Korean soldiers and "allied" prisoners together 1 000," if we can even believe the beyond the control of the Chinese well as their good will."

> Henry S. Hayward, Chief Far LUCAS' ADMISSION

Thus, one United Press cor- Christian Science Monitor, com-Laicas, who generally plays and Truman. That's the way the "Reds Butchered More Americans mitted massacres of Chinese and wrote on April 25 from Pan- dispatch that there has been atrocity stories for all they are capitalist system itself operates.

North Korean prisoners in the munjom that "according to the "too much emphasis on alleged worth, conceded not only that "un-At that time I disclosed glar- American prison camps, the U.S. accounts of returned prisoners so 'death marches' for Allied prison- doubtedly there have been duplica- between union officials and ing discrepancies in the original prisoners have been treated in far, nearly 7,000 prisoners died ers captured by Communists dur- tions in these stories" but "in capitalists and their government evaluating the stories, you should agents will produce an effective atrocities stories (The Militant, lenient fashion by the Commu- in Communist hands due to ing the Korean war's early days" neglect, mistreatment or murder." and that "it is the considered bear in mind: (1) Most of this program against unemployment made in connection with the Re-appraising Col. Hanley's Nov. The April 26 N. Y. Times sum- opinion here [Korea] that it (Cont. from page 3) other than through continued was

and North Korean Communists. Of course, Eisenhower has no more of a program to ensure full

employment without war preparations and war than did Roosevelt

full employment.

workers find to their benefit. So, just how another conference

Scripps-Howard writer Jim G.

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## PARTY "MERELY A **MATTER OF TIME**"

(In last week's issue of The Militant we commented editorially on an interesting series of articles appearing currently in Labor's Daily, America's only daily labor newspaper, about the need for organizing an independent Labor Party. Since then, the final article of the series appeared in the April 18 number. As an example of the thinking on roadblock to unionizing the South all about?" this problem that is going on in some circles of the labor would be removed. But it is unmovement, we believe our readers will appreciate having the full text. We are therefore printing it below. We take sharp exception to one point in the article — the idea of the coming Labor Party acting as a " 'balance of power' by throwing its support to deserving major-party candidates. In our opinion no candidate of a major party is "deserving" of labor's political support - that's from the viewpoint of principle. And from a practical standpoint, we believe that an independent Labor Party in America, once organized, would swiftly shoulder both the Republicans and Democrats aside and become the major party, easily able to rally the support of the vast majority of the popula- Reports Comments tion in putting a Workers and Farmers Government in power in Washington. - Ed.)

In our peering into the murky future of Labor w have intimated that we see the possibility of the formation of a Labor Party. We do. It could come about as members of organized Labor get more and more tired of listening to campaign promises which are never redeemed, and dications that St. Louis workers as the workers see the logic of putting men from their are not as much for the Korean own ranks into the political arena.

by the fear of the old-time political hacks of the two mapeace," a fellow told me. jor parties that such a development will come to pass. Previously he always seemed to Their fear is demonstrated by the difficulties which have go along with the thinking of been placed in the way of the formation of such a party, should be exterminated. that is, the legal impedimenta involved in getting a "third" party on the ballot. There is no excuse in the world, no reason which will stand up under slightest scrutiny, for these not trust the "Reds," was talking road-blocks which have been thrown up against the formation of any parties. They exist simply because both Republicans and Democrats like things the way they are, and they don't want any third parties around putting their hands in the pot.

There will be many who will point to the exceedingly the way we treat them.' poor showing of third parties in American political history, and thus pooh-pooh the idea of a Labor Party having any thing you read in The Militant, kind of success. But let's hold down just a minute. We has surprised me by cracks about didn't say that a Labor Party on a national basis was go- statements of radio commentators. ing to come into existence day after tomorrow, not the kind we have in mind. There is right now, the American have been too quick to give out Labor Party, and it has in the past been a potent force our prisoners," my wife laughed in the politics of the Empire State. But we are not familiar and said. "Sure, he is afraid that enough with its make-up or basis to discuss it intelligently. the Chinese will tell how we

We do not know just how soon the formation of an treated their men." independent Labor Party in the United States will occur, munists, when they were released but we do believe it to be merely a matter of time. Essen- from captivity, tore their clothes tial to its formation is some kind of unity of Labor on the and made themselves look like economic front, and even that precondition is yet to be met. But complete economic unity of all segments of Labor blame them. They are getting back at us. You kill my dog and will not be necessary at the beginning. The formation of |I'll kill your cat. an independent political party for all members of organized labor may in itself be a tremendous unifying move. It might furnish the spark of fire which at the moment **'Limelight' Draws** 

## FORMATION OF LABOR The Modern World Closes In on the Deep South

By Fred Perry (Continued from last week) would constitute a danger for the support the Korean war!

whole American capitalist class. The Gallup poll for the country It could be catastrophic for as a whole has consistently invote, and if their vote were to be know whether this held true for most liberal Southerner on the moving South. added to that of a liberalized the South as well. It does. Let me white working class, this would quote a few opinions I heard. be the most radical electorate in A student asked me: "Will you America. In addition, the major kindly tell me what that war is the war is to defend democracy.

A worker: "If the government likely that the trend will have has got to spend up a bunch of in the South to his promise to go time to run its full course before money to keep the country run- to Korea. the eruption of cataclysmic in- ning, why can't they spend it to INDUSTRIALIZATION

ternational events. fix this goddam road we're riding One of these events, the Korean on?"

war, has already produced a reac-<sup>1</sup> A salesman with a little better

## **Letters from Readers**

In St. Louis on **POW Exchange** 

succeeded in getting a front-row 14 metro ulc view of audiences breaking at-Editor: tendance records to see 'this Since the Korean prisoner exmovie. change began I have seen in-

Patrons have come from as far away as Dayton, Battle Creek and Charlevoix to see "Limelight' var as it has appeared. and write comment cards with

"Stocks sure have gone down That a Labor Party could be a good thing is shown since the big man is afraid of remarks such as these: "Thank you for showing 'Lime light,' allowing the public to view and judge for themselves the our union staff that the "Reds" merits of this splendid picture." "As a member of the American Another fellow; who has had Legion, I think they did the much to say about how we should picture and Charles Chaplin more good than harm by their boycott.' "Who are the American Legion to censor and decide what is good I told him. "You cannot believe for us?'

everything our papers say." The majority of these patron's He thought a minute and said. comment cards commend the management of the theater for having Yeah, I would like to be able to read what their papers say abou the courage to face threats, boy otts, pickets and leaflets and still

My wife, who says I am insist on showing the movie. sucker because "you believe every-"Limelight" has been held over veek after week due to the public interest in it and the record smashing attendance. Most thea-When one said, "Maybe we ter-goers gave the picture a favorable review although there stories about what they did to were a share of "PUs" and 'Chaplin should have quit while he was winning." As usual the unfavorable cards were rarely signed.

She enjoyed hearing how Com-

Charles Brooks St. Louis

Q Patricia Stall Detroit

have once again posed the most

tion in the traditionally pro- grasp of the real aims of the war than they are in the North. In unionism, and race-baiting will capitalist relationship. Some of military South which shows pro- cynically calculated: "I don't know 1947 in the North they were spend- have less effect in stalling organ- these small independent farmers these small independent farmers A real improvement of the posi- gress and gives hope for better what that real estate over there ing 430% more than in 1939, izational efforts than in the past. and sharecroppers, who are losing tion of the Negro in the South things to come. Southerners don't is worth, but I don't think it's while in the South in 1947 they their land, go back to work as wage laborers for the new owner.

worth fighting for.' were spending 543% more than Urbanization is proceeding more But since mechanized methods Practically nobody wants to go. in 1939. Most of these plants were Only one person I talked to defend- big ones, larger in most cases Southern businessmen and land-dicated that the war is unpopular. ed U.S. intervention in Korea, and more modern than the parent owners. If all Negroes were to Before my trip home L didn't Strange to say he was also the plants in the North. Industry is 10 largest population centers in there.

It went down looking for cheap tween 1940 and 1950, while in the race question that I met. He had swallowed the propaganda in the labor - and the wage scale there South the 10 largest population "liberal" magazines which say remains lower than in the North centers increased by 44.9%, about - nevertheless, you can go into three times the Northern rate of backwoods towns like Camden, growth. The smaller centers are At least a dozen people I spoke to attributed Eisenhower's victory Arkansas, where a \$100 million in proportion.

plant is under construction and see a solid-looking building opposite the court house' labelled 'Camden Labor Temple.'

The other bright spot in the The propertyless working class Southern sky is the one lit by the has increased both absolutely and with over, a quarter-million. For fires of industry. Factories are relatively. The census figures show going up all over the place. Cound that between 1930 and 1950 the proletarian concentration which try folk are moving to town. number of industrial workers has is a pre-condition for the forma-Small farmers and sharecroppers grown 22% faster than in the tion of a working-class political are becoming wage workers. North. I think that it is safe to party. Unions are gradually coming in. predict a moderate amount of You can see this just by driv- union organization in the period we have an almost classic example

ng through the country and talk, ahead despite the fact that the of Marxist law of the concentration dollar help Charlie Chaplin to help ing to people. But to check my CIO's "Operation Dixie" wasn't of capital. The big farmer is communist causes?" They also own observations I spent several very successful. Most of the in- swallowing the small. Marginal stationed pickets around the days in the library reading the dustry moving South is on gov- farmers are losing out to their heater showing Chaplin's latest exact figures.

movie "Limelight." But they only The U.S. Statistical Abstract mit Northern labor, by political businessmen. As this land be hows that corporations are build- pressure, to assist Southern labor comes grouped into larger hold ing new plant and equipment in in gaining recognition. Also, ings owned by fewer men with the South faster in proportion Southern workers now believe in

SHIFT TO THE CITY

apidly than in the North now. call for less labor many of them The 1950 census shows that the drift into the cities to find work he North increased by 15.6% be-

These economic trends, progressive by themselves, profoundly aid and accelerate the change of attitude of the whites toward the Negroes. If these two developments were allowed to run their full course for another genera-In 1930 there was only one city tion, and to merge, the effect

in the South with as much as a would be to call into question the quarter - million population. By whole political structure of Amer-1950 there were seven cities with ican capitalism. The Southern over a half-million and 13 more working class would develop in class consciousness and political the first time we have urban understanding to the point where perhaps, because of its large per-

centage of Negroes and other super-exploited people, even go In Southern agriculture today beyond its Northern counterpart. It is likely that World War III will interrupt this evolutionary development with international events of tremendous revolutionary significance. What we ernment contract. This will per- larger neighbors or to banks and need to understand is that these trends today are preparing the Southern working class, the intellectuals and the Negro people more capital, the process of to receive, analyze and act upon

mechanization is tremendously acthese revolutionary events in a elerated. more progressive fashion than Where the sharecropper-land we ever dared hope before. lord relationship exists, it is being

supplanted by the wageworker-

(The end)

In other words, the Kremlin is

asked to make concessions which

it would catch up with and,

### SCOREBOARD MILITANT Cities Pace-Setters

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	Points			Points	
Twin Cities	9,380	Milt	Twin Cities	1,000	
Chicago	2,672	Evie	Twin Cities	962	
Los Angeles	2,549	Paul	Twin Cities	831	
New York	2,525	Bob	Twin Cities	584	
Seattle	2,036	Helen	Twin Cities	445	
Detroit	1,665	Ray	Twin Cities	394	
Buffalo	1,520	Harry	Twin Cities	393	
Milwaukee	891	Larry	Twin Cities	390	
Youngstown	676	Frank	Buffalo	364	
Newark	654	Charlie	Twin Cities	341	
Flint	650	Perry	Flint	338	
Philadelphia	530	Sam S.	Los Angeles	317	
Cleveland	524	Eud	Seattle	316	
San Francisco	485	Dave L.	Detroit	312	
Boston	446	Bob H.	Chicago	306	
Akron	279	Clara	Seattle	299	
St. Louis	133	Howard A	. Chicago	286	
Oakland	95 -	Dave	Twin Cities	276	
General	286	Charlie	Seattle	261	
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Burned up over drastic cuts in proposed New York City budget that would cut jobs of city workers and deny needed wage raises, thousands of members of the Uniformed Firemen's Association encircled city hall in a demonstration for more pay and a shorter workweek



By Harry Frankel For example, in Korea, the tional tension. A few years of dustry in the capitalist countries, West Germany in the imperialist The recent international events Pentagon negotiators have, at this time, to be of any benefit what going at full capacity, there is in counter - revolutionary writing, once again threatened to ever



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seems lacking in a strangely lethargic American Labor movement.

As to the lack of success of third parties in the past, Despite Legion we shall merely note the truth of this generalization. Many such parties claimed with more or less accuracy to favor Editor:

the workingman and proclaimed that they were revolting against the "bosses," but they invariably received little can't seem to make ends meet mass support. In other words all past "third" parties failed nowadays - the ends of a rope unilateral and have elicited no of great influence because they lacked precisely what a Labor Party could have: a backbone consisting of from a lot of trouble printing leaflets 16 to 25 million members of organized labor, men and wo- asking, men who could quite easily adapt their trade-union experience to political ends.

Such a Labor Party might either run its own candidates or act as a mighty "balance of power" by throwing its support to deserving major-party candidates.

Is this really such dream-stuff, something which may happen in the unforeseen future, but is of no real concern Marxist and author of a famous to us? We contend that it is not too early to think about biography of Rosa Luxemburg, it. As long ago as 1829 there was formed the Working died March 16. Men's Party, supported by the infant American trade-union Kienthal Socialist Conference in cess at a mid-point. This process movement. It won important victories before it joined World War I, he was one of the which has been going on for more forces with Andrew Jackson. What could such a party do founders of the German Commutoday, or tomorrow?

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## **Big Detroit Crowds**

systems that exist in the world 14 metro ulc a final showdown between them? Seems as if a poor reactionary The peace overtures, despite the fact that they have been entirely

of slander, that is. corresponding response from the The American Legion went to side of imperialism, have once again set bells ringing in some "What about Charlie people's heads. The Stalinists Chaplin? Before you pay your

now press the thesis of their dollar at the box office consider Kremlin mentors that the world these facts: Will part of your can be preserved as it is today,

thus forestalling the revolutionary tide which will dispose of the **Froelich Dies** Kremlin bureaucracy as a byproduct of its destruction of im-

Paul Froelich, veteran German perialism.

Such an end to the clash of worlds, would be unprecedented

down?

THREAT, OF COLLAPSE in history; it would freeze a tension can threaten the collapse than a half-century, is governed nist Party. He served as member by the decay and decomposition of the Reichstag and was editor of the capitalist system, and by Rote Fahne from 1919 to 1923, the struggles of the world's masses who have been awakened

inists expelled him to the possibility of a better life. Communist Party in There is no sign that the trend

to be very great to compensate lutionary temper and movement toward a new society can be for this dire, perhaps fatal risk. of the colonial people continues halted by any event short of the destruction of civilization as we imperialism in all ways but one. be concluded in this world, not now know it. It is impossible for the two Only in the field of military in some other. We have already preparations has the imperialist seen that neither imperialism nor social systems to "co-exist" because it is impossible for capital- bloc, basing itself upon its the Kremlin, nor both acting in ism to continue to "exist." That still great industrial superiority, concert, can halt the revolutionary

is the fundamental law of our benefitted from the passage of tide. That is essentially why im modern social life. But, since we time. However, it has been able perialism has decided upon total live in a world in transition, the to benefit only by insuring that war instead of a deal. two systems do "co-exist." They international tensions are main- TRADE RELATIONS are doing it right now. The im- tained and increased. Even then portant question that remains for Wall Street has had great dif-

us to decide, if we are to get any ficulties in dragging unwilling idea of our prospects in the allies and resisting masses along coming years, is this: What kind on its war drive. of world shall we see in the in-If a deal were now consummat.

terval of time that still separates ed which included some form of is from the final world show- settlement of those issues which

ions are still possible and may

be forced on the imperialists, in

which case they would have to

look elsewhere for means of heat-

Will there be any more serious

settlements in Asia or Europe?

Can a "deal" be concluded which

will seriously alter the world

situation and the conditions of the

examine this question first of all

from the point of view of im-

mperialist war drive? We can

ing up the "cold war."

perialism.

Washington has used to keep the trade, and there are absolutely Imperialism, headed by Wall pot boiling, such as Germany no barriers to it other than those Street, is driving towards World Formosa, Korea, China, Austria, erected by the imperialists. But these betrayals in a deal would War III. No one can say, how-East-West trade, etc.. then imthis "concession" has practically have to have some object. Eisenperialism would find itself in the ever, that the imperialists will no value to American imperial- hower, for example, has offered not receive some setbacks in their position of trying to push its ism and a great deal of disad- to permit the unification of Gerwar drive and thus be forced to fundamental war-course in an invantage to it. make some limited accommoda- comparably more difficult situa-

Soviet Premier Malenkov, in his the unified Germany be attached tions that are dictated by the tion. Thus it is at once apparent to the Atlantic pact. He does not weakness of their allies, the anti- that even if imperialism is able report to the 19th Congress of the war sentiment of the world's to wait a number of years before CPSU last October, said: "While promise in return to stop Euromasses, and the quite obvious launching its war, it would not American and British bellicose pean armament, or to dissolve the desire of the Soviet bloc to avert want to pass those years in an rircles keep reiterating that only Atlantic alliance. All he promises a war.

to imperialism must be actual fact another prospect: the and even makes crucial question of our time. Are break off the truce talks. But if years ir which Wall Street's prospect of developing and ex- of the unification!

we heading towards some kind of tomorrow the Chinese - Korean aggressive policy can unfold tending trade relations between co-existence of the two social governments were to come to further, and not years in which all countries, irrespective of the Panmunjom and say "All right, the present sea of troubles is per- differences in their social systems, it would have great difficulty in today, or are we heading toward have it your way on the prisoner mitted to become a flood which which could keep the factories and delivering, at a great cost to mills in the industrially developed | itself in security, and is offered issue," then it is hard to see how could overwhelm them.

### Washington could continue to block COLONIAL REVOLUTION a cease-fire. Such accommoda-

in return nothing but the guarcountries working to capacity for vears. . . antee that these concessions will A deal must be made in the be used to strengthen the war If this were true there might real world, which contains two be some basis for a deal, but it is drive. From such a betrayal the billion people outside of those all wrong. Imperialism cannot Kremlin would gain nothing that who live in the U.S. and the sustain the economy of the adds to its own safety, and would USSR. Even if the U.S. and the in fact worsen its own position canitalist nation by exchanging USSR could be frozen in their immeasurably. As a matter of equal values (i.e. a dollar's worth present relations. what about the of shoes for a dollar's worth of fact, Eisenhower's "offer" was rest of the world? The vigorous oil). It must gain from the exnot seriously meant to initiate prosecution of the Indo-Chinese change. The entire history of the discussions leading to a deal; it revolutionary war, coming in the was intended precisely to prevent imperialism which succeeded in very midst of all the "deal" talk, buoying up the capitalist system such an eventuality.

should be a reminder of this all-While limited accommodations for a period after 1870 proves mportant consideration. with the Soviet bloc may still be this. The terms of trade, through

forced upon imperialism so long We do not, of course, know the a complex of investment, "incircumstances surrounding the visible" charges, political and as open war has not broken out, the perspective is not one of any present military drive of the other factors are loaded in favor important deal that can alter the Any serious lessening of world revolutionary forces in Indo- of the imperialist country. Im-China. We cannot say whether perialist trade is a relation of ex- general world picture in any of the world capitalist economy they initiated it on their own, or ploitation, but such a trade with serious way. As a matter of fact (see The Militant, April 27. "The with the agreement of the Chinese the Soviet bloc is hardly possible the present Soviet peace moves. by demonstrating to Wall Street Economic Consequences of World Communist Party, or even with on any significant scale unless the its extreme vulnerablity, may even Peace"). The imperialists thus the consent of the Kremlin. But new economic systems are destroy. hasten the imperialist drive toask themselves in what way a whatever facts eventually emerge, ed. Otherwise it becomes merely wards war. At the same time deal which slows the pace towards one thing is certain. The present a matter of an exchange of com Washington's panic before any war would be of aid to them. Indo-China events are a token of modities in which the decisive ad and all proposals for reducing Their gains would certainly have the great fact that the revovantage is gained by the Soviet international tension has already bloc inasmuch as it can use this demonstrated anew to millions of trade to build up its industrial Time has been working against unabated. A deal would have to capacity. That is why the Wall people just where the war danger comes from. Street imperialists have even sub

trade from developing.

The mine explosion was caused any deal is that the Kremlin by a short circuit in a high tension cannot deliver what Washington cable "known to be defective," wants. The Asian revolution, for the union declared.

worst betrayals, but in any case

many, but only on conditions that

important deal would have to be But even if the men of the Kremthe renewal of trade between the lin could deliver important contwo world areas. Trade with the cessions in a deal, the further Soviet bloc is a "concession" question arises: Why should they

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which the USSR, China and when they can get nothing in Eastern Europe have long ago return? made. They have begged for such It is quite well known that the





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## You May Be Next!

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Eisenhower's new "lovalty" purge order. described in our lead article on Page 1, is aimed at YOU. Don't think because you work in a factory, or as a store clerk, or in the office of some private firm, or in some local municipal job that the order has at most only a remote bearing on your way of life. Formally, the order immediately affects two million government workers. Actually, it marks a new stage in the witch hunt against every form of freedom of thought and expression in this country. Recall, first of all, what has happened to YOUR rights since Truman initiated the purge system through his Loyalty Executive Order of March 1947.

Within three months, a reactionary Congress, inflamed and emboldened by Truman's action, passed the savagely anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act.

Then, in line with Truman's purge, state and local governments instituted "loyalty" purges affecting millions of state and municipal employees, including teachers, firemen, street-cleaners, etc. The Attorney General's list of so-called "subversive" organizations became the basis for a blacklist used against radio and TV performers, movie actors, and others whose work takes them before the public. Channels of information and education have been clogged, the flow of free thought and ideas choked off, by the fears generated by the witch hunt.

Private employers, patterning themselves on the government's "loyalty" purge, began demanding that unions conceed them the right to fire any employee on the grounds of "subversion"; and contracts along these lines have been signed in a number of instances. The government has already ordered quite a few active unionists in private industry fired as "poor security risks" where government contracts are being filled.

If millions of public employees can be intimidated, harassed, snooped upon, their privacy invaded, their motives questioned and their reputations threatened; if they the Viet-Minh began their march, Laos and Cambodia, having grant- kind of "independence" granted port among the thinking masses can be pressured into trembling con- only 15,000 French soldiers were formity; what will prevent the same thing stationed in Laos. from hapening to the rest of the population?

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utors do not necessarily rep-rerent The Militant's policies. These are expressed in its

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The AFL and CIO, who together form the most powerful organized force in Amer- inhabitants) and the airstrip near ica, assailed the "loyalty" purge at its start the Plaine des Jarres region and and demanded the rescinding of Truman's are pushing through jungle and Executive Order 9853. But the union leaders made no serious attempt to mobilize a real fight against the Truman-instituted witch hunt and "loyalty" purge. Indeed, 27 after occupying half of the some of them even carried out purges of country. Soup Vong was named their own against critics within the

unions. Eisenhower's "lovalty" program is more 24 that New China had tripled which has had such evil consequences. It would be folly for the unions now to close their eyes to the new order or keep their mouths shut. Unless it is opposed and defeated, it will lay the basis for still sylvania near the frontier of harsher measures against civil liberties and labor's rights, until the police state and thought control will reign supreme.

Organized labor, ultimately the chief target of repression, is duty-bound to defend the American people by launching a program of bold struggle against the witch hunt, in unity with all groups prepared to fight to preserve the Bill of Rights. The unions must defend every victim of the witch-hunt. And they must begin to develop a political program - to be carried into action by labor's own political party — to take the rule of this country away from the capitalist political machines responsible for both the Truman and Eisenhower purges and the trend toward a police state.

### Lunacy at Valley Forge

The Defense Department has announced that a group of war prisoners returned from the Korean peninsula along with the sick and wounded have been influenced by "communist propaganda" in the Korean prison camps and would be segregated for "special" handling. These former prisoners are to receive mental treatment.

It is a safe bet that many American soldiers, both those who have been prisoners of war and those who have never been captured and remain under arms in Korea, have come to doubt the Pentagon's story about U.S. war aims in Korea. The group which the Army has seized and holds for "special treatment" represents only those who are dauntless enough to speak their minds. Many correspondents have reported from the Far East that, when asked what they are fighting for in Korea, American soldiers say they don't know. What this really means is that they question the accuracy of U.S. propaganda, which tells them they are fighting to "liberate" the Korean people. Once they have placed this question mark over the Pentagon excuse

for the Korean invasion, it is natural that many U.S. soldiers, like millions of Americans here at home, come to feel that we have no business in Korea.

The Army now tells us that such a feeling on the part of soldiers implies a mental derangement, for which psychiatric care is required. In fact, the soldiers that oppose the continuation of the Korean war are the soldiers who have come to their senses.

It is symbolic that Valley Forge hospital should be chosen as the place to which this group of ex-prisoners are to be sent.

## **Viet-Minh Freedom Fight Moves Into Laos**

By Charles Hanley

capital of Laos.

Government.

Gen. Raoul Salan claimed April

tion to the Viet-Minh since the

Laos campaign began.

one of the three states that form Uf the population of a minion critics were shelled by the type will say that the French are and a half inhabitants . . . not a of reasoning common throughout will say that the French are the French - dominated part of single one is in rebellion against Indo-China today: The French encircled and that their end has Indo-China (the other two being either his sovereign (King Sisa- must be driven out at all costs. come. . . I am the man respon-Viet-Nam and Cambodia), ob- vang Vong) or the legitimate If we have to become Commu- sible for joining the French viously took the French by sur- government."

prise, for they had expected Pres. thought they could count upon Ho-Chi-Minh's forces to invade the friendship of the peoples of the rice-rich Tonkin delta. When states with three different rulers.

The move up to now has pro-Mr. Letourneau will undoubtedly status. gressed smoothly. The Viet-Minh e surprised to see the rapid forces have captured the fortress

development of the "Free Laos town of Xiengkhouang (85,000 Movement" which the French had ignored during the past seven oppressive rule. mountain toward Luangprabang.

FREE LAOS MOVEMENT

The Viet-Minh radio proclaim-"There have been developments invaded after Laos, made the ed a new regime for Laos April n Laos recently which should situation quite clear when he have disturbed French composure talked to a N. Y. Times cor about the state's security," Frank respondent in New York, April 18. President of the "Resistance Robertson, special correspondent

of The Christian Science Monitor

Prince Souphana Vong, a young people more independence 'within

movement was never strongly in- real danger that they would rebel The Kingdom of Laos is fluenced by Communists, but in against the present regime and remote, mountainous country February 1951 when the whole become a part of the Communistabout twice the size of Pennstructure of the Viet-Minh was led Viet-Minh movement." Thailand (Siam), a neighbor of reorganized - presumably at the the Kingdom of Cambodia. Jean suggestion of the Chinese -

Indo-China, asserted April 22 that with the Communists."

Victims of Imperialism



Showing the typical racial contempt displayed by all white imperialists toward the colonial peoples they oppress, British handcuff and number 26 African men arrested in Nairobi, Kenya, as part of the savage attempt to suppress the movement for nat'l independence against British rule.



taxation." Of the population of a million critics were silenced by the type If there is a menace, the people U.S. GUNS AND DOLLARS

The French imperialists, in fact, shall become Communists." The independence movement continued after 1949 because the ed them "independence" in 1949 by the French was no genuine disguise for the old colonial

This is why a new government set up by the Viet-Minh may find and help them stay here." widespread support, despite Mr Letourneau's bold affirmations years of conflict against their and despite a certain popular attachment to the reigning dynasties. King Norodom of Cambodia, who is afraid his country will be

FEARS REBELLION

The King, ruler of more tha wrote April 25. "The Free Laos Movement was initiated during three million people, "warned sweeping and repressive than Truman's, its supply of guns and ammuni- the war years under leadership of that unless the French gave hi

> French-educated engineer. This the next few months' there was King Norodom was genuinely alarmed, declaring: "If we have

Letourneau, French Minister to Prince Souphana joined forces an invasion of the sort that Lao has suffered recently, I am not at

In order to maintain the rule of the French colonial despots, Washington has backed them with nists to achieve this, then we Union. If my people do not get billions of dollars in aid since what was promised to them I 1945. All this has proved inadequate in face of the powerful deserve punishment. . . freedom movement of the Indo-"There has been growing sup-Chinese people. Confronted with of the people of Cambodia to the the drive into Laos, which has by dividing Indo-China into three independence but only a thin theory that the Communist - led brought fresh alarm to the Viet-Minh is fighting for the inde- French militarists, Eisenhower has promised to step up aid in pendence of the country. They do

> the form of troop-carrying planes. not want to die for the French It is doubtful, however, that The King also complained about this new consignment of Amerthe French encroachments upon ican military aid will avail against Cambodian sovereignty: "Cam- the partisan army of the revolubodian justice does not apply to tion which is enthusiastic, supthe French and our police cannot ported by popular sentiment, and touch them. In economic matters unorthodox in its military methods they have our hands and feet tied; as revolutionary armies always we cannot export and import are.

## **Truce-Stallers Spread Big** Lies About Korea Atrocities

for themselves. Many deaths (Continued from page 1) appened in 1951, when the Reds among prisoners were the result of exposure, starvation, infection were in serious trouble. They had or disease. no medicine and little food.

Then Harsch recalls a fact that Chinese and North Korean soldiers went days and weeks without fixes responsibility for much sufadequate food. There is no fering of the captured GIs evidence yet that the Reds con- squarely on the U.S. Army comspired systematically to mistreat mand itself: "Many of the boys, prisoners. They simply were in that first winter particularly, unable to take care of them. . . had not received proper issue of After that, treatment improv- cold weather clothing from the Army, and had to face the long ed. . .

But Joseph C. Harsch, chief journey to prison camps poorly clad." It is sufficient to recall the political columnist for The Chrismore than 5,000 tian Science Monitor, on April 23 hospitalized recalled the actual massacres of cases of frost-bite that winter risoners, military and civilian, by among the U.S. troops (not yngman Rhee's South Korean captured), including 600 amputaroops and how "Western forces tation cases.

serving in Korea in that period NO EYE-WITNESSES before Chinese entry in the war) vere horrified by South Korean

Reports by returned GIs of actual brutalities or physical reatment of their prisoners." assaults by Chinese or North The Chinese, who captured most Korean guards have been very of the American prisoners, went through terrible suffering themscarce - not a single direct eyeselves in the 1950-51 winter, witness account of any deaths. observes Harsch. "The Chinese One screaming headline, "Reds themselves were not equipped for Bayoneted PWs!", was run across its rigors. It is known that thou- the top of Page 1 in the April 22 sands of Chinese troops perished N. Y. World - Telegram over a that winter from insufficient story containing the paragraph: "Cpl. Donald K. Legay, Leoclothing, insufficient food and minster, Mass., said 'jumpy' facilities totally inhospital Chinese Communist guards jabbed capable of handling their own combination of battle casualties two or three American prisoners and victims of plagues that swept with bayonets when they refused North Korea. Under these conto cooperate and walked out of a

ditions western troops captured Communist movie theater." Had they been "uncooperative" in the United Nations retreat from the Yalu suffered high Korean or Chinese prisoners in U.S. hands, they might have been proportional losses when they were marched from the front back killed on the spot and many others with them. There is not a single to prison compounds. . ." authenticated report of massacres

MUNSAN REPORT Greg MacGregor, N. Y. Times North Koreans such as those that

of prisoners by the Chinese or

It should remind us that Valley Forge was the place where thousands of Americans. who were called in their day "subversive" and "lunatics," assembled to suffer through a long winter as they prepared to renew the struggle against the invading of cities over the countryside reality huge agricultural fac- cracy has been torn by a tussle died were victims of wounds. They armies of King George III.

Shall Americans once more suffer at their courage in proclaiming them? We protest against this mockery of American tied with the wealthy collectives, unquestionably dominate the stood with the concessionists and the equipment and supplies of the releases. PW should suffer for his political views!

### Proof of Wall Street's War Plot

In his recent foreign-policy speech, Eisenhower again sought to place blame for a future world war on the Soviet Union. He pointed to "the amassing of Soviet power" and claimed that "the Soviet system . . . born of one world war . . . has lived to threaten a third.'

This is a lie and we can prove it.

Long before the end of the last war, we predicted that a third world war was inevitable and charged that the Wall Street rulers of America were even then planning the destruction of the Soviet Union. We stated this when a third of the Soviet Union lay in ruins and its army was still locked in death struggle with the Nazis.

Just after Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin at their Yalta conference had agreed to suppress any socialist uprisings, The Militant of Feb. 24, 1945, said in an article by William F. Warde that: "The Yalta conference did not and could not eradicate ... their (U.S.-British) underlying class hostility to the USSR. . . Above all . . . there remains the irreconcilable antagonism between the capitalist powers and the Soviet Union which flows from the existence of nationalized property in the USSR . . . defeat of the coming revolutions in Europe by the Anglo-American imperialists aided by the Stalinists can only plow the ground for a new . . . reaction. This would in turn inevitably culminate in a third world war."

The Militant of Oct. 20, 1945, headlined

Joseph Hansen's exposure of U.S. militarist plans for a third world war in General Marshall's Biennial Report to the Secretary | been consolidated. Nevertheless, of War. "The Third World War is already in the blue-print stage," Hansen revealed. considerable increase" of their Against whom was the coming war aimed? | crop areas compared with prewar he asked. "Can it be the Soviet Union? levels. This increase is offset by The colonial lands? The whole world?" The Militant declared editorially the fol- grain, meat, milk and other lowing week:

"... Wall Street is already preparing for agement, inefficiency, waste, an eventual showdown struggle with the "pillage," etc., make themselves Soviet Union in an unimaginably frightful felt rather acutely in Soviet slaughter which would be listed in his-agriculture. tory — if history books were left at the finish — as the Third World War."

evidence confirming to the hilt what we comings," the following: "Some said then. Joseph C. Grew, Roosevelt's workers in party and Soviet and Under-Secretary of State during the war selves engage in pilfering colyears, has published his memoirs and lective farm property, flagrantly papers in a book, "Turbulent Era." Grew, privy to the innermost views of the Washington rulers, wrote on May 19, 1945:

"A future war with Soviet Russia is as certain as anything in this world can be... As soon as the San Francisco Conference is Minister N. A. Skvortsov, came over our policy towards Soviet Russia should immediately stiffen, all along the line."

Even while the capitalist hypocrites were proclaiming "peace on earth" at San Francisco before the war was over, they were planning to annihilate the Soviet Union in farms, where private - property a third world war. And they will inevitably forms are combined with state bring the world down in ruins if the workers let them have their way.

Clash with the Kestorationists

By John G. Wright

and the resulting preponderance amalgamated collectives are in ascendancy, the Soviet bureau- of such cases. Most of those who reinforced that wing of Soviet tories.

– Trotsky's Fight Against Stalinism –

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dominant as against the restora- field of operations into the con- other, in the diametrically opposite have been widespread." the differentiation between in-

dustry and agriculture has been of this type. It compares in unquestionably mitigated to a certain respects not unfavorably in other respects there has been in fact outstripped the U.S.A.

a deepening of this antagonism. in total wheat production and The state farms, sovkhozi, have other food and feed crops. In cotton production the progress in the East Soviet republics has been Mechanization by October 1952 the regime was unable to claim more than "a remarkable. Ironically enough, the bureaucracy never had to cope before with the new agricultural prob-"the high production cost of lems confronting it today. For the Kremlin oligarchs now must Last year mechanical cottondeal not merely with the tradi-

Bureaucratic methods of mantional Russian kulak but also with the richest agricultural neobourgeoisie in Russia's history. **OBSTACLES TO PLENTY** 

Malenkov, in his October 1952 The reserves of Soviet agriculture as a whole have grown so report, in addition to high statemighty that given the new farm production costs, singled

property relations plus an ade-And now we have some long-buried out among the "grave shortquate degree of mechanization. violate Soviet law, engage in arbitrary practices and commit lawless acts. . ." A congenital bureaucratic "shortcoming." Before Stalin died, the Ministry of State Farms, then headed by private - property forms, super-

imposed on which is the bur eaucratic method of administra under fire for sloppiness, neglect, failure to prepare for spring sowtion. There is nothing abstract about ing, winking at "pilfering," etc. (Pravda, Feb. 27, 1953).

these obstacles. They are per sonified by multi-millionaire col-COLLECTIVE FARMS lectives and their agents. These

In contrast to the relative lag restorationists stand alongside of the state farms, the collective the bureaucracy, which in its crushing majority, as Trotsky explained, is "by the nature of ownership, have been amalgamatits new mode of life, its coned from a quarter of a million in servatism, its political sym-January 1950 to less than 100,000 pathies" drawn to their side.

correspondent. wrote from Mun-have continuously occurred in san on April 24 that "no one who U.S. prison camps. The latest was was interviewed here this morn- the killing of four prisoners and ing said he had ever seen a wounding of 45 on April 18 on captive killed in cold blood, al- Yongcho Island by U.S. guards Soviet industry's stormy growth | by October 1952. Most of these | From the earliest days of its though some said they had heard firing shot guns into the prison

barracks. (N. Y. Times, April 20). In previous articles, I have The "millionaire collec-between rival bureaucratic cliques had little or no medical care durlisted the murder of more than bureaucrats whose economic in- tives" of yesteryear have become over agricultural policy. One side ing the early period. ..." On April 400 Chinese and Korean captives Valley Forge because of their opinions and terests are largely in state-owned converted into multi-millionaire pulled toward concessions to the 25, MacGregor wrote that "de- and the wounding of over a thouenterprises. Today they are enterprises. They extend their estorationist tendencies; the liberate brutality seems not to sand in U.S. prison camps - and that is just the number admitted should all raise our voices in a powerful dominant as against the state sumer-producer cooperatives; they direction. Stalin, prior to 1929, He observes further that in the official Army press

democracy. Let the prisoners go free! No free traders, free industrialists. private sectors in agriculture as then sharply swung over to the North Koreans and Chinese armies There is no question that the In this as in certain other respects well as free industry and trade. anti-kulak policy. In the post-war "during the early days were more GIs in Korea - not only those in years he sought to occupy an in- primitive and scantier than those Europe never saw agriculture capitivity but all the soldiers termediate position, i.e., favoring of any enemy met by this coun- have suffered much. The respona status-quo in agriculture. He was try since the days of the Indian siblity for this rests, however, degree previously unknown. But with American agriculture. It has adamant against drastic changes wars. The Communists seem to with those who sent them to in the existing rural property have had no means of transport Korea, who have sacrificed them relations.

for removing large numbers of in a war of intervention against prisoners from the battle zone a colonial independence revolu-to rear area prisons. Their troops from that this country had no often lacked sufficient rations right to enter in the first place.

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### The Negro Struggle -White Supremacy Law

### By Jean Blake

The theory that Jim Crow can be and is being wiped out slowly but surely by peaceful, orderly protest within the framework of democratic capitalist legal procedures received sharp refutation this month - in South Africa and in Washington, D. C.

In South Africa the openly white-supremacist dictatorship of Premier Daniel Malan utilized the farce of an election to strengthen the legal grip of his brutal regime on the oppressed masses - and I mean oppressed.

But the "Free World" didn't offer a word of official criticism. The democratic capitalists are much too preoccupied with liberating the Korean, Chinese, Burmese and Kenyan masses — at the point of a gun.

Only the American Negro press expressed the bitterness and indignation which all people feel whose vision is not clouded by primary concern for the defense of the status quo.

Even the pro-capitalist leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is being driven to cynicism. In an editorial in the April issue of Crisis, the NAACP magazine, they said:

"Wherever these Africans and Asians happen to be subjects, they live under a European domination which they deeply resent. They want self-rule and independence as eagerly as any Czech or Pole, yet the 'Free World' thwarts their aspirations with doubletalk (the time is not ripe), broken promises, repression, and even vio-

lence. Last winter when the Tunisians tried to get the question of self-rule on the UN agenda, France and England objected. And the United States, the great advocate of Democratic freedom, took the lead in upholding the imperialist viewpoint."

But either through ignorance or even less valid motives this same NAACP leadership acts as though the U.S. government can be expected to oppose democracy elsewhere in the world and defend it at home.

The decision handed down last week in the Federal District Court in Washington, D.C., should make it clear that when the chips are down — and the crisis of world capitalism is calling the hand of all players - the "democratic" part of democratic capitalism goes out the window like so much excess baggage, and white supremacy is defended.

Thus, Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff ruled that the federal or state government has the right to segregate the white and colored race.

The NAACP reacts as though this decision is contrary to government policy as established in recent Supreme Court decisions. A look around should make it clear this decision does represent government policy. The Eisenhower administration is cutting out race relations agencies right and left. A "liberal" policy in such matters is one of the "expendable" luxuries capitalism can no longer afford.

The sooner leaders in the Negro move-ment recognize this and re-orient them-CITIZENS COMMITTEE selves, the sooner the struggle will advance.



**Death Strikes in Chicago** 

Matthe Strauss (l.), his wife and their son, grief-stricken as they view bodies in Chicago morgue, seek to identify their 17-year-old daughter Rozina, missing in factory explosion and fire. At least 18 workers were killed, 16 others reported missing, and 35 injured.

## **Oakland SWP Anti-War Campaign Scores Gains**

OAKLAND, April 25 — Lillian Kiezel, Socialist Workers Party candidate for mayor, received 2,203 votes out of 77.950 cast at the primaries April 21. The SWP was the only working - class party that

candidate to come out firmly for entered a candidate. Rishell, the incumbent, who was an FEPC with powers of enforceendorsed by the AFL, won in ment by minority and labor or vhat turned out to be apathetic ganizations, she struck out against - only 35% of those discrimination in all its forms. voting

She explained that discriminaegistered turned out. The Committee for the Election tion is only one of the evils of Mrs. Kiezel wound up the cam- stemming from capitalism. The aign last week end in a whirl- war-drive of Big Business, she said, is part of a frenzied effort vind of activity. Concentrated door-bell ringing was conducted to save an economic system that n the working-class sections of has become outmoded. The "peace he city in the final days. The jitters" of Wall Street prove just entire city was covered with a who profits from war. Capitalism oud-speaker car during the last alternates between war and deweek, winding up with three pression. She called for all secsuccessful street-corner meetings. tions of the working class to unite On Sunday, two days before the in setting up a Labor Party to election, Mrs. Kiezel spoke before give organized expression to the an audience of 600 at the Star political aspirations of the work Bethel Baptist church. As the only ing people.



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LILLIAN KIEZEL

'The only answer to the war-

depression economy imposed on us makers Local 378; Millwrights by the profit system," Mrs. Kiezel Local 102; Ladies Auxiliaries of said, "is to put an end to it by the Carpenters, Furniture Workinstituting the planned economy ers and Boilermakers

of socialism. This new system Other groups who heard her would produce for everyone's use included the Women Defenders of and not just for those who can America; Young Republicans: afford to buy. This would put an Highland Improvement Club: end to the economic drives that California Federation of Republican Women. Oakland unit: push us into war or depression." Her speech was warmly re-League of Women Voters; Laayette Club; Democrats; Harbor

ceived During the campaign, Mrs. Homes Kiezel spoke to 20 union and civic Baptist Church. She also spoke organizations and over radio sta- at a Sather Gate Rally at the tion KROW, twice.

University of California under She appeared before 10 unions, the sponsorship of the Eugene

Project; Star Bethel

including CIO-UAW Local 1031; V. Debs Socialist Club. In all, it is estimated that she chinist Local 1304; and the follow-presented the anti-war program list without getting a hearing ing AFL bodies: Millmen Local of the SWP before 100,000 peo-

## In October 1948, the VA Branch Loyalty Board in Philadelphia, after a kangaroo "hearing," re-jected the veteran's first appeal for reinstatement. At the end of the same year Carl Gray, VA ad-ministrator turned down his

(Continued from page 1) | can be shown that his employo gloat. But not the government ment or retention of employment "is clearly consistent with the inemployees, whose job security is threatened in the name of protect- terests of the national security." ing "national security" and whose This so-called "standard" is so already limited rights are further much more broad and difficult to establish that almost anything curtailed in the name of defending the country against "totali- can happen under it.

(2) Under Truman, ten of the tarianism." Everything that was reac- government's 60 agencies (Detionary and repressive in Tru- partments of State, Defense, man's "loyalty" program has been Atomic Energy Commission, etc.) Eisenhower. For were designated as "sensitive retained by

### **Our Bulging Hospitals** By Joyce Cowley

Working mothers and their children threatened with the closing of child-care centers — are not the only victims of New York City's "austerity" budget. Care of the sick and injured seems to be another luxury that we can do without. The Hospitals Dept. took the biggest cut - \$13,-350,000 — of any municipal agency. Yet this department reports that the city hospitals are more crowded than ever, that beds are set up in halls and corridors and thousands of TB cases are walking the streets because there is no room.

Fordham Hospital, with a capacity of 414 beds, has 632 patients. Elevators and emergency exits have been blocked to set up cots. Beds are placed side by side in the wards with no room to get a stretcher through or wheel in a food cart. There are no chairs for visitors.

Fordham's Deputy Medical Superintendent. Dr. Antonia Sternliev, says: "We have dozens of TB cases but no place to isolate them.'

At Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx, Superintendent Dr. S. V. Smith reports: "Medical wards are always out in the corridors. From time to time, surgical cases must be put in the halls."

sioner Kogel admits that budget difficulties have postponed the opening of the TB unit in the Bronx Municipal Hospital.

Similar conditions exist in all 32 city hospitals and institutions. The cost of care in private hospitals is outrageously high. I know, I just got out of one - \$16 a day, four in a room. At these rates, a major illness or operation would put a worker's family in debt for years. But private hospitals are crowded. too.

No money for hospitals. No money for schools, parks, child-care centers or public housing. Sounds like we're living in an impoverished area or going through a period of severe financial depression. But this is the world's richest city and we're enjoying — or so I read in the newspapers and have ever known.

Something's wrong. If there's really so much money around — and I believe there welfare of the millions of ordinary people amendments he declared: who built this city and created its wealth.

Committees of the Michigan Legislature acted favorably on proposed amendments to "strengthen" the policestate Trucks Law despite the protests of representatives of the civil liberties and labor

"The provisions of the law movements. proposed amendments requiring registration, and finger-The would authorize the state At-printing by the state police and torney General to draw up his the proposed penalties for those own "subversive" list and to send persons who fail to do so or who out questionnaires to suspected should refuse to testify against "subversive" individuals and or- themselves or their associates ganizations. Another provision incorporates the worst features

dealt with punitive measures for of a police state. "Under the law a person can be forcing people to testify even. though they stood on their rights declared a member of an organguaranteed by the Fifth Amend- ization even though he does not pay dues or hold a membership ment to the Constitution. Rev. I. Paul Taylor of St. Mat- card.

thews Methodist Church in De-"The provisions on 'sabotage troit, who is the chairman of the are so broad and general they Citizens Committee Against the contain a threat of stiff prison magazines - the greatest prosperity we Trucks Law, testified before the terms for alleged acts of sabotage Judiciary Committees of both in labor disputes involving de Houses of the Michigan Legis- fense work. .

"We respectfully petition your lature. In his testimony against the committee to review this legislais - it certainly is not being used for the Trucks Law and the proposed tion in its entirety. We strongly arge that after such deliberation "This law, born of hysteria, is you will recommend that this Until they take over and run things them- in our opinion, one of the most legislation be repealed and Until they take over and run things them-selves, municipal services which benefit the bistory of our State The law of the State of Michigan" the history of our State. The law of the State of Michigan

### Legless Veteran's Appeal Denied HEAD ATTACKS TRUCKS In 'Loyalty' Case LAW AT MICH. HEARING (Continued from Page 1) and went to work for the VA in

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Newark as a clerk in 1946. Two years later, he was brought up on charges for dismissal because of his freely admitted membership in the Socialist Workers Party, one of the groups which

was included on the Attorney CIO-United Steel Workers Ma-General's so-called "subversive" or the right to defend itself 550; Bricklayers Local 8, Iron- ple. against the Attorney General's charges.

In October 1948, the VA Branch ministrator, turned down

second appeal. In April 1949 the top Loyalty Review Board upheld his dismissal, concluding the adninistrative appeal machinery. Kutcher's case then was taken

to the federal courts in a chalenge to the constitutionality of Fruman's "loyalty" program and the Attorney General's "subversive" list. The suit was filed in Washington in February 1950 but was not disposed of until

While there is a long list of TB cases waiting for admission, Hospitals Commis-

it's just wasteful spending.

## Notes from the News

ELECTRIC STOOL PIGEON has been installed by a forge plant in Erie, Penna. Attached to welding machines, it will record even how long a worker takes out to wipe the sweat off his brow. \* \* \*

REAL WAGES STATIONARY. Although payrolls went up 51/2 percent in 1952 above 1951, increased taxes and higher prices left the average worker at just about the same level of purchasing power as in 1951.

OLD SOLDIERS FADES AWAY a la Mac-Arthur. General James Van Fleet, former commander of U.S. forces in Korea, has joined the ranks of Big Business. He is now a member of the board of directors of 20th Century Fox Films Corporation. \* \* \*

POLITICAL BLACKMAIL on Supreme Court by white supremacists to prevent an anti-Jim-Crow decision in the school segregation case is well exemplified by the statement of Governor Hermann of Georgia, who declared that there might be "bloodshed, riots, strikes, murder and possibly lynching" if segregation were abolished in the public schools.

OIL MONOPOLISTS are beginning a propaganda campaign against the Coalition of Oil Unions, an informal grouping of CIO, AFL and independent unions in the oil industry. Portraying the working together of the different unions as a plot against the laws of God and man, Dr. W. J. McGill, general manager of industrial and public relations for Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, told the House Labor Committee: "Believing it (the Coalition) to be utterly and completely indefensible, our company is prepared to continue to resist it with all the appropriate means at its command."

JAMES L. WICK, conservative Ohio publisher, who led a group of U.S. editors on a recent tour of Moscow and vicinity, warned that "distortion of truth" by "American propagandists" may lead to serious setbacks for the capitalist system. Wick said: "When the free people of the world learn that they have been lied to concerning physical progress in Russia, they will come to believe they have been deceived concerning other phases of communism."

TIMKEN ROLLER BEARING CO., long famous for its attempts to break the CIO Steelworkers union in its plant, spent \$25,000 to produce a 14-volume, 3,100-page "study" purporting to show that the CIO and Communism are practically the same thing. The \$25,000, of course, is simply

crossed off to "public relations" by the company when it makes out its tax returns.

100 editors of the Associated Church Press "that it is only through religion that we can lick this thing called communism."

\* \* \* GIMBEL'S DEPARTMENT STORE in New week of the sub campaign is the windup of wonderfully successful York City advertised a "sale" of so-called coand inspiring efforts of all our operative apartments in a housing project not yet begun. Prices ranged from around \$1,000 to comrades for Militant subs and Classy Strugglers team who got \$1,500 plus a maintenance-rental charge of from sales. The Marching Militants them from fellow workers in their \$75 to \$125 per month. Next day 10,000 people marched to the fore to win a very shops; the other new sub was ton on March 9, 1953. showed up at Gimbel's. 150 bought, and hundreds close contest between the three made small option deposits. Twin Cities teams. The team

A STATE CIO COUNCIL has been organized in South Carolina. This makes 42 State CIO bodies now in existence in the U.S. There are Strugglers, 3,101. This makes a about 20,000 CIO members in South Carolina. \* \* \*

CLASS-CONSCIOUS WITCHCRAFT. A television star who mentioned on her program that she has trouble getting to sleep at night, received in the Twin Cities are very 5.000 cards and letters containing suggestions, One, from a stenographer, said: "Just before bed- We proved to ourselves once again time put a picture of your boss on the wall and that in this period of extreme stick pins in it."

\* \* \* DIDN'T LIKE "FREE ENTERPRISE." After at 40 subs or 1,200 points, and

making a speech before a national meeting of the ended up with 71 subs and 3,101 American Medical Association in which he points! extolled "free enterprise," President Eisenhower "Now, as to how our chama slipped away to the Burning Tree Golf Club. The Milt got his 1 000 points. Milt did White House photographers had been left behind. the bulk of his sub work with Just as Eisenhower was teeing off, a 13-year-old fellow workers in the plant, on caddy snapped his picture with a cheap camera. the job, or with workers in his Then the boy sold the picture to a Washington union from other plants. His total newspaper for \$20. Next day the youthful caddy for the campaign represents 19 was fired — for practising that good old "free one-year subs plus the sale of 12 enterprise" that Eisenhower praises so frequently. single copies, most of which he

sold to workers from whom he 79 LOCALS DESTROYED is the toll the In-later obtained subs. Nine of Milt's ternational Typographical Union reports on five subs were new subs he got in the years of Taft-Hartley law. plant.

"Paul, who totaled 831 points AFL SWITCHMEN'S PRESIDENT, Arthur J. in this campaign, you know from Glover, has had to resign his post as a result of before when he won the national his using non-union labor to remodel his home. pace-setter's prize of a vacation AFL Carpenters picketed the union president's in New York in the 1951 camhouse. paign. Paul sold a total of 13

ENTERTAINMENT PURGE. Oliver Pilat, New subs, and 25 single copies in this the perjury conviction of Harry York Post reporter specializing in the political campaign. Paul does year-around Bridges, West Coast longshore blacklisting in the radio and TV industries, told work for The Militant in his leader, because continual prosecuan ADA audience that so far about 500 enter- plant, and his score in the cam- tion of him is harassment government censors in Australia, In Eisenhower's program the tainers in those fields, many of them anti-commu-nists, have been affected by the witch hunters. Date for his sub work is in the of law.

working people will be an unimportant sets up a vague definition of a Others who spoke against the item at the bottom of the budget. To the 'communist front organization' Trucks Law and the proposed corrupt and greedy politicians in City Hall, that can be stretched to almost amendments included Thomas

any group. The vague definition Downs, representative of the of the original bill has been Michigan CIO, Arthur McPhaul broadened and made even more of the Michigan Civil Rights Condangerous in the proposed gress and William Allen, Detroit editor of the Daily Worker. amendments.

### TWIN CITIES STAY IN LEAD PRESIDENT EISENHOWER told more than AS SUB DRIVE NEARS FINISH

plant he works in, but he also (Continued from page 1) for \$159 for 64 Militant subs obtains subs from visiting and from Minneapolis during this last contact Work outside the plant.

"Paul and Milt sold 10 of our new subs. Two more were obtained by two workers in The sold by Dorothy to a woman in the PTA. So, you can see, our

scores are as follows: The Marching Militants, 3,154; The Coover roads for subs!" Scouts, 3,125; and The Classy

grand total for the Twin Cities of 9,380 points!" St. Paul Literature Agent Winifred Nelson comments, "We enthusiastic about this campaign. reaction and inflation we can still

that goal. Our 'socialist competisell subs. We had set our sights all five teams have reached the Ask Cut in Movie tion' among the teams is stiff -500 mark.

> "Response continues to be good. Two of our new subscribers were

According to the Hollywood so enthused with the paper, they Everything that Eisenhower brought it to work and showed correspondent of the New York it around the shop to other work- Times the State Department has ers. Their feeling was that every passed the word to U.S. movie one should read The Militant. makers to tone down scenes of Our door-to-door work has met with much success. People who become convinced that barbarity employee was that "reasonable never heard of The Militant be- is the order of the day in grounds exist for belief that the fore not only have heard of it America."

now, but are eager to continue friends.' sical force.

(See scoreboard page 2)

The American Civil Liberties Union states that it hopes the one-year subs, five six-months U.S. Supreme Court will reverse

M. Curran ruled against Kutcher and in favor of the government.

ALL OVER AGAIN

The next move was taken in

ast step before the Supreme Court. In October 1952, the Court of Appeals in Washington ruled that Kutcher's membership in the Socialist Workers Party was not by itself sufficient cause to fire him under the "loyalty" program. This was a slap in the government's face but it did not lead to Kutcher's reinstatement because the court returned the case for a

athetic association with, any of fire government employees - and new decision to the VA Ad- later workers in private industry the right to fire anyone. The ministrator (putting the whole as well. Eisenhower specifically Loyalty Review Board is abolished

example:

had been at the end of 1948). practice. The sixth appeal, to the VA Administrator and his Loyalty Board of Appeals, was made at a seven-hour hearing in Washing-

Kutcher also made direct bids for reinstatement to President Classy Strugglers traveled all Truman and Attorney General Clark in 1948, and to President

Chicago seems likely to finish Eisenhower shortly after his in second place nationally al- inauguration this year. But these though final results are not yet appeals produced no results. in. The last report from Literature

Agent Jacki Booth indicated that fight against the witch hunt has the comrades were still going attracted the support of almost strong. She writes, "As you can 800 national and local labor, his case into the courts, but it Bingham, chairman of the Loyalty original goal of 50 subs, and ty groups.

plan row to go even farther over

**Violence Scenes** 

gram. The legless veteran's valiant.

### WORSE THAN TRUMAN'S "LOYALTY" PURGE

favorable verdict.

changed or added to Truman's "loyalty" purge makes it worse and more arbitrary. For example: (1) In Truman's original 1947 physical violence "lest the world order the basis set for firing an person involved is disloyal." In This is the result of growing 1951, under the prodding of Mcreading it and pass it on to their criticism abroad of the Hollywood Carran and McCarthy, Truman habit of having almost all prob- amended this so that an employee could be discharged when "there lems settled in movies by phyis a reasonable doubt as to the

Foreigners like to see right loyalty of the person involved." triumph, but they don't under- This put the employees at a stand why the hero must beat his greater disadvantage; previously,

opponent to a pulp. Furthermore they object to (something positive); now, all scenes showing brutal treatment they needed were "doubts" (someof women. Such scenes are being thing negative, and therefore cut out or reduced to flashes by harder to satisfy).

and their administrators had the

power to fire anyone as "a poor (1) The most sinister feature security risk," with no right of of the Truman program was the appeal to any other body. In the unconstitutional power it conother 50 agencies the administratthe U.S. Court of Appeals, the ferred on one man, the Attorney other 50 agencies the administrat-last step before the Supreme General, to draw up a list of "subversive" organizations on his own say-so — without granting the Loyalty Review Board of the blacklisted organizations a hear-ing, or the right to know on what ing, or the right to know on what basis they were put on the list, or the opportunity to answer the government. If their appeal was upheld by the Loyalty Review charges. Membership in, or sym- Board, they got their jobs back. these groups was then used to tion between "sensitive" and other agencies. All administrators have proceedings back to where they directed his Attorney General to Loyalty Review Board is aboustned (after cleaning up pending cases). continue the same police-state In its place there will be "hearing boards" composed of three or (2) Truman's program authorized government officials to fire purged employee can appeal to accusations, denying them the not binding on the administrator traditional right to confront and who did the purging, and the emsame undemocratic procedure is the board rules in his favor. ployee can remain fired even if

sanctioned in Eisenhower's pro-Everybody who was cleared (3) There were no provisions probed and re-grilled under the for judicial review in Truman's new one. More than 15,000 who program; there are none in escaped Truman's axe face the Eisenhower's. This does not mean threat of being cut down by that it is altogether impossible Eisenhower's. Anything goes now. for a victimized employee to get This was confirmed by Hiram means that if after great dif- Review Board and a prominent ficulty, he does get it into the Republican himself. He said:

"I am sorry that there is no legless veteran, did) the odds are appeal allowed from the decisions heavily against his getting a of the heads of 60 departments. I have been in the program for 21/2 years and have found that people who make decisions in departments on firing do not always do so justly. . . I think it is a mistake to extend the character of 'sen-

sitive' to such agencies as the Department of Agriculture, the Post Office Department, the Interior Department, etc. There are hundreds of thousands of jobs in such agencies which are not sensitive and where employees should be allowed to appeal. Because of this extension people can be put out because somebody doesn't like them. There are 1,500 000 people who are in agencies which are not sensitive and their rights of appeal have been taken away."

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the purgers needed "grounds'