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# Spirit of Revolt Is Still Aflame In East Germany Beria Purge Reveals Gravest Soviet Crisis Since Thirties

#### By Art Preis

Although the heroic East German workers were forced to slow down their revolutionary offensive against the Stalinist regime in the face of overwhelming Soviet military force, their spirit of O

resistance continues to flame. support of demands for release Reports persist of sit-down of the workers arrested in the strikes and slow-downs in East June 17 great uprising of more Berlin and other industrial cities than two million workers. In a further effort to quiet and towns.

On July 8 as many as 100,000 the workers and cover up the oppressive nature of his despotic East Berlin workers were reported engaged in an organized regime, East German Premier Grotewohl claimed on July 9 "slow-down" that virtually paralyzed industry there. New strikes through his press office that the broke out also in the coal fields, "overwhelming majority" of pership yards, steel plants and many sons arrested had been released. factories in Jena, Goelitz, Zwic-The government had previously given official figures of more kau, Borna and other cities. These struggles were waged largely in than 50,000 arrested. It is esimated that some 10,000 are still

being held.

The Stalinist press itself con-

tinues to publish accounts of se-

vere penalties meted out to al-

leged leaders of the strikes in many parts of Germany. On July

4, for instance, the East German papers told of Herman Thieme,

## **Milwaukee Beer Strikers Display Firm Will to Win**

of Halle, sentenced to six years By James Boulton in prison for "armed participa-MILWA UKEE, July 13 --Strikebreaking "merger" raids against the embattled CIO Brew-Unit of the monstrations; Erich Mathes, of Chemnitz, got eight years for "inciting riots"; and cry Workers Union by AFL two men in Halle drew five and Teamsters' boss, Dave Beck, drew three years for helping to storm a heated blast from Walter Reu- the jail and free political pristher, CIO President, as the 35-hour-work-week strike of 7,100 ther to confirm previous reports workers at six Milwaukee brew- of the scope and nature of the eries entered its ninth week. uprising, as well as the severity Reuther made it clear that the of the suppression. double-dealing raiding moves of

Beck "seriously jeopardizes" the BITTERFELD REVOLT moves toward CIO-AFL unity. Further evidence of the revo.

Simultaneously the entire State lutionary nature of the struggle CIO of Wisconsin prepared for aimed in essence at the overall-out support to the brewery throw of the regime is contained workers who have thus far de- in Stewart Alsop's dispatch from monstrated magnificent solidarity Berlin in the July 10 N.Y. Herald and staying power on their own Tribune. He gives the details of in tackling the nation's major an interview with the leaders "of beer barons. It has become clear a revolt which actually seized and that the life of the CIO.Brewery for a time exercized power in the Union and the hour and wage city of Bitterfeld." onditions established in the e workers in the

**Overcome by Emotion** 

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Mrs. Mary Proscia, 51, collapses on pier in Staten Island, N.Y., after greeting her son, Sgt. Frank Proscia, home from Korea. She is helped by her son and two relatives. She managed to sob, "Frankie it's been so long." That's what mothers of a half million U.S. personnel still in Korea also feel.



#### By Joseph Keller

Even if a truce or cease-fire is signed in Korea, this four to three vote of his commitdoes not mean pace. Far from it. It must be emphasized that two giant armies will be arrayed against each other still and that a mere pistol shot.

could be the signal for immediate refusal of South Korea's dictator renewal of violent full-scale war- Syngman Rhee to accede to the fare.Moreover, none of the poli-tical preconditions for peace in agreed upon by the U. S. and ing powers have been seriously of the gradualist theory on the personal power. Another sees the tce against the repetition of blood

# Liberal Clergy Still Face Witch Hunt

Senator Joseph McCarthy, No. One witch hunter, momentarily appears to have come out second best in the controversy that arose over his appointment of J. B. Matthews as executive staff director of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. A tremendous furore was evoked by Matthews' article in the July American Mercury which declared that "the largest single group supporting the Communist ap-paratus in the United States to-day is composed of Protestant clergymen."

grouping in America, that Mat. thews offered his resignation and McCarthy "very reluctantly" and with "deep regret" accepted it. Previously McCarthy had defied a majority of his own committeé and refused to dismiss Matthews. Eisenhower himself scored the attack on the Protestant clergy af-Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference on Christians and Jews which denounced the Matthews

article as "unjustifiable and deplorable." Subsequently, McCarthy won a ten-year plan aimed at the comtee granting him the sole right to hire and fire its employees

anniversary of Lincoln's Emanand assistants. In protest, the three Democrats on the commit- cipation Proclamation. tee \_esigned. It must not be assumed, how-



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#### By John G. Wright

The purge of secret police chief Beria discloses that Stalin's successors are gripped by an even graver crisis of their regime than was signalized by the frame-up trials of the Thrirties.

For the first four months, Malenkov's directorate sought to consolidate itself by

making concessions, or promises basic antagonism in Soviet life of them, to the people while - the antagonism between the strengthening the repressive ap- privileged, arbitrary bureaucratic paratus inherited from Stalin. By caste, whose interests the regime alternating and combining these defends, and the mass of the Soviet people, fermenting with distwo methods they hoped to rehabilitate the dictatorship and content and opposition. This dismake their way through the content and growing opposition mounting difficulties assailing constitute the basic factor in the he regime from so many direc. unfolding crisis facing the Mal. enkov regime. ions

The drastic move against Beria The opposition of the workers and his associates signifies that is primary. The regime prefers their new course has only com- to pass this over in silence in pounded the difficulties facing its official declarations. But it the post-Stalin leadership. These has acknowledged (1) the oppohave driven them to fall back sitional moods and tendencies upon the typical Stalinist method within the national minorities for coping with internal crises who actually constitute the ma-- a sweeping purge from top to jority of the Soviet population; The 44th annual convention of bottom. and (2) similar tendencies among

the National Association for the The seriousness of the situa- the peasants as reflected in the Advancement of Colored People, tion stands out in the public "difficulties" and "shortcomings" meeting in St. Louis, Mo., the acknowledgment by the new re- affecting the collective farms. last week in June, adopted a gime that such a mainstay as

#### "NO PANIC'

the secret police is unreliable. plete emancipation of colored Beria himself, who nominated Over Stalin's corpse, Malenkov. Americans by 1963, the 100th Malenkov, must be sacrificed. Beria-Molotov pledged collective The capitalist press is filled leadership, close-knit ranks, and with speculations about the monolithism. Calling for confi-

This setting of a deadline for causes of Beria's downfall. One dence and "no panic" or "dis-the ending of second-class status school of prognosticators sees array," the short-lived triumtee agai

So great was the outcry at this attack on the largest religious **NAACP** Adopts **Ten-Year Plan To End Jim Crow** 

receiving a telegram from the

brewing industry depend upon feld electro-magnetic combine had Korea and the Far East have Chinese-North Korean negotiathe outcome of the strike begun "organized an elaborate cell sys- been achieved. As Joseph Alsop tors, show how precarious any tant clergy are now safe from tem" in their plant and on June points out in the conservative N. truce will be. on May 14.

On June 26 the strikers in mass 10 — a week before the East Y. Herald Tribune, "a Korean Even before the truce could go have retreated, but it has been a rallies and secret ballot demon-Berlin upsurge — had closed the truce, whatever its merits, will into effect, Rhee was able to up- "cool and accomplished retreat," stratively rejected a management whole plant down in protest not solve anything either in the set the conditions for prisoner- as William S. White puts it in surely be achieved. offer of a \$6 weekly pay increase against the increase in produc- Far East or elsewhere." and fringe bait. By a vote of tion norms with no raise in pay. 6,274 to 348 they voted to fight The next day, to the workers' it out for their original demand astonishment, their first meager for a 35-hour week and a 25- demands were met in full and cents hourly wage hike to bring they went back to work. Milwaukee workers into line with patterns won by brewery workers son of the regime's uncertainty slaughter. The American troops Rhee's own armed forces) gave ing continued by the House Un- achieve such a goal, the NAACP elsewhere in the nation.

At present Newark Brewery on June 15 with increased de- military analyst Hanson W. Bal- new armistice terms from the headed by Rep. Harold H. Velde. Union workers earn an average mands. Again their demands were dwin as "eager for peace and Chinese and North Koreans after of \$20 more weekly than Mil- met. When on June 17 word ar- unwilling to die to unify Korea." agreement was already reached. preliminary closed hearings in 44th convention outlined. waukee employees. Elsewhere rived of the Berlin general strike. But it has become increasingly working 35 or 371/2 hours. and the workers filled the streets. After seven weeks on the picket

understanding of the significance Strike Committee" and "the com- East. (Continued on Page 2) Certain facts surrounding the (Continued on page 4)

red-baiting attack. McCarthy may

Complete elimination of Jim of-war exchange, the issue over the July 11 N.Y. Times. He is Naturally, few people - par- which a full agreement was stal- preparing to switch to a new and Crow, one of the most wideticularly the kin of GIs in Korea |led for a year and a half of ne- formidable line of attack design- spread and deeply-rooted capitalist institutions in the United and the soldiers themselves - gotiations. His release of North ed to bring the "communist" would oppose a truce or anything Korean war prisoners whose sta- smear close to the White House States, in ten years, would reelse that would bring even a tus was in question (most likely itself. The offensive against the quire revolutionary changes The workers absorbed the les nomentary halt to the useless they are being impressed into Liberal Protestant clergy is be our "American way of life." To and weakness and struck again are described by N. Y. Times the U.S. a pretext for demanding American Activities Committee

When the other side accepted New York City at which Resolutions adopted by the delbrewery workers are already every factory in Bitterfeld struck clear that the only way this these new terms, Rhee then re- a crew of well-known profession- egates set up a "Fighting Fund country can be extricated from fused to go along anyway and al ex-Stalinist informers vied for Freedom" aimed at raising They immediately held a city- the unpopular "police action" into still threatened to "drive North," with each other for publicity \$10,000,000 in ten years; establines at four national giants in wide mass meeting, elected a which the American people were continuing military hostilities by their lurid testimony about al- lished a national youth commit the brewing industry - Schlitz, man named Fiebelkorn, known as dragooned against their will is by even after a truce between the leged "Communists" or "fellow tee; set up procedures for legal Blatz, Pabst and Miller - the a "militant intellecutal," as chair- the prompt withdrawal of all U.S. and Chinese-North Koreans. travellers" among the liberal action; called for expansion of Local 9 strikers show a clear man of a "Bitterfeld District troops from Korea and the Far We then witnessed the spectacle Protestant clergy. On July 21, public relations facilities and apof Eisenhower's special envoy the full committee hearings will proved the calling of a special (Continued on page 2) (Continued on page 4)

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The Basis for Sound Unity of the CIO and AFL

The secession of ten locals of lion members was fast approach- sions and are impairing the po- for power, based on no real dif- ocratic Party machine. With ditions and set in motion a CIO the CIO Brewery Workers to ing the numerical strength of the sition of the CIO. Dave Beck's AFL Teamsters and AFL. By virtue of its strategic Within the CIO there are evi- ened the danger of CIO disin- the auto union, the CIO officials which have a gravely debilitat- of \$150. the angry complaint by CIO Pres- position in basic industries, the dences of division. The power tegration. ident Walter Reuther that this CEO played the dominant role. struggle between the cliques might damage the merger nego- It reached its zenith in the 1945- headed by Reuther and by David the CIO's internal crisis is the yellow-dog, non-Communist oath. of the future with a loss of tiations between the CIO and 46 strike wave when CIO steel, J. McDonald, who inherited the false policies of its whole leader- And they turned the energies of strength, cohesion and perspec AFL, have focused attention on auto, electrical and other indus- Steelworkers' presidency follow- ship under Philip Murray in the the CIO into support of the State tive. the whole question of AFL-CIO trial workers to the number of ing the death of Philip Murray, entire period following the 1945- Department's cold war and witch unity.

Unity discussions have been the picket lines at one time. So sense with Reuther's election as sents a continuation of these taking place under increasingly mighty in action was the CIO president of the CIO. Recently polices. unfavorable conditions for the that the corporations and their it was revealed that McDonald CIO. These make for pressure on government didn't dare try to had been conferring with John L. the CIO leadership to yield max- smash picket lines. The CIO stood Lewis of the independent United imum concessions to the more firmly united as a power in the conservative and craft - minded land. AFL top bureaucracy in any AFL HAS RECOUPED

of the open shop in the hitherto over the CIO and has greater

In the mid-Thirties the CIO Today, the AFL has more than

industrial union movement spear- recouped its position in relation headed the struggles of American to the CIO. It has gained subworkers. It smashed the power stantial numerical superiority

CIO.

that brought millions of unorg- of the CIO, specifically the pack- that have aroused deep resent- Congress.

ized workers into the union fold, inghouse, brewery and utilities ment among CIO affiliates. Ar

**REUTHER'S ROLE** 

But the fundamental cause of Taft-Hartley by agreeing to its

more than two million were on was settled only in a formal 46 strike wave. Reuther repre- hunt against "communism."

GOVERNMENT BLOWS

CLO through fighting actions on of ten Stalinist-influenced affil- election of Eisenhower and the Mine Workers. It is generally

believed the subject of their talks was labor unity and it is opened the way for tremendous workers off the CIO rolls. doubtful that McDonald repreinflation when he vielded to the sented the official views of the

packinghouse bosses. The work- Combined with the red-baiting

in the past to reestablish labor A major blow was struck at unity. They got nowhere because CIO unity and strength, when, at the objective conditions were not

the behest of the State Depart- altogether favorable. The present ment, the Murray-Reuther lead- move toward AFL - CIO unity The great victories won by the ership engineered the expulsion gets its basic impulse from the the picket lines were snatched lated unions. This lopped hun- Republican sweep last November.

> labor alliance of 20 years and promised intensification of antiunion reaction all down the line.

Direct control of the govern. ers' wage gains were speedily witch - hunt policy, which was ment is now vested in Big Busi-Reuther's own conduct as head wiped out by price rises. In June quickly turned against all milit-ness and High Finance, signified impregnable mass industries, like cohesiveness. It is even threaten- of the CIO has served to deepen 1947 the infamous Taft-Hartley ant workers and any who dis- by Eisenhower's cabinet of milsteel, auto and rubber. It un- ing to pull the CIO apart a piece its internal crisis. He has com- Act was passed with the support agreed with the top leadership's lionaires and one labor lieutenant leashed a tremendous dynamism at a time. Individual affiliates mitted dictatorial provocations of a majority of Democrats in policies, went an increasingly of capitalism who is permitted conservative approach to the occasionally to have his picture The growing reactionary tide economic problems of the work- taken with the other cabinet The aggressive, militant march workers, have engaged in their example is his threat to place a cried out for a bold new course ers and their shop conditions. members. The most sinister antiof the industrial CIO thrust the own separate merger talks with dictator-receivership over the CIO of independent political action This was symbolized by the no- labor elements have been pushed backward, craft-ridden AFL into AFL national unions. Whatever Packinghouse Workers because through the launching of a Labor torious five-year auto contracts to the forefront; the influence of signed by Reuther which have the McCarthys and Tafts looms (Continued on page 4)

curbed or that the liberal Protes-tent alergy are new safe from Negro struggle, which holds that clash of conflicting policies be burges that had been heralded of the gradualist theory on the personal power. Another sees the through education and the work- hind the walls of the Kremlin. by Stalin's anti-Semitic campaign A third, seeking to probe deep- just before the dictator's death. With the agreement of his equality for all will slowly but er, singles out the conflict becolleagues. Beria "assured" the tween the secret police, the rul Soviet people their civil rights ino party and the armed forces (Continued on page 3) But none of them point to the



#### By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Manager

Branches of the Socialist Workers Party collected \$401 during the week on their quotas in the three-months \$18,000 Party Building and Publication Fund. The scoreboard (see page two) shows a

national total of \$3,337 contribut- checks now total \$556 or 37% ed - 18%. That's 13% short of of their \$1,500 quota. "We sinbeing on schedule at the end of cerely hope," writes Carcl Houston, "that we can continue sendthe first month.

Eight branches, however, set a ing in checks over \$100 every week. fast pace and are on schedule, The Chicago Branch understands or ahead of schedule. Newark is the need for the Fund and everyleading the way with 49% of one is making a sincere effort to arrange their finances to meet ts \$500 quota already in. Akron's initial contribution of the need. We are more than cer-\$70 places this branch second on tain of going over the top!" the scoreboard with 47%. The Boston, ahead of schedule with

comrades there hope they will 35% of its \$550, "hopes to conferences of program, have height Reuther taking the lead through trend to long-term contracts be able to go over their quota tinue as well throughout the campaign." Cleveland, high on the score-

The Chicago crew didn't let any grass grow under their feet board with 34% of its \$350 quota either. Chicago's regular weekly already fulfilled, comments: "As always, we'll try to beat it."



very likely that we will go over "What Socialist America || the 100% mark, but we hesitate Will Look Like," a stirring to predict how much." Having forecast by James P. Cannon, already sent in \$135 - 34% of their \$400 quota - she says, "I National Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, will be featured in the next issue of The Militant.

What will happen to people when they are no longer haunted by insecurity? What kind of lives will they live? What will be the lot of women and the youth and all those who find life difficult today? What are the possibilities in' store for America under socialism? You won't want to miss Cannon's inspiring answers to these and many related questions about the future. Write to The Militant for extra copies to give your, friends.

am confident we'll be picking up steam shortly." Your prediction, Comrade Seton, sounds to us like a sure bet. Buffalo's steady pace has piled up a total of \$493 toward their \$1,500 goal. They are ahead of schedule with 33%.

Comrade Seton made this pre-

diction early in the campaign for

the Philadelphia comrades: "It is

Comrades Jean and Chester, in charge of the Minneapolis - St. Paul fund campaign, have been shooting in enough money each week to keep the Twin Cities ahead of schedule. They have completed 32% of their \$1,200 quota.

Some of those branches behind schedule have expressed their de-(Continued on page 2)

the immediate outcome of these its leaders, Reuther falsely al- Party. a relatively minor role. By the end of World War II, talks, they are cutting across the leged, hold "communist" views. the CIO with well over six mil- formal AFL-CIO unity discus- The unprincipled clique fight the corrupt and reactionary Dem- speed-up and other bad shop con- (Contin

away by the government. Truman dreds of thouasnds of good union This destroyed the Democratic

price demands of the steel and LONG-TERM CONTRACTS

The CIO is facing the hazards There have been several moves

capitulated in the fight against ing effect on unions.

#### Page Two

THE MICITANT

Monday, July 20, 1953

# Letters to a Stalinist -WHAT DO YOU THINK Malenkov Regime Rocked by East German Upsurge **OF GERMAN REVOLT?**

#### Dear Phil,

the general strike uprising of the East German workers? the USSR resulting from the mas- reprinted by Pravda, strike-breaking and betrayal of the Negro struggle for rising of the East German work- ple as well as of all other peo-civil rights civil rights.

war. It took you a long time to get over that betrayal, but in the end you swallowed it.

You always came back to one point: Despite all these insurrectionary movement. On oversights." crimes and mistakes, events showed that the policy of June 18, it published a Tass dis-Stalin was getting results, the Communist Parties were patch from Berlin, headlined: leading socialist revolutions and gaining victories all over in Berlin Crashes." It contained venturists." These dispatches afthe world.

Now what about East Germany? Knowing you as I do, I expect your reaction was, "Yes those East German workers have their grievances and misery all right, and it's a shame the Red Army had to be used against them, but appealing, to the population to including government and muniweren't these workers playing into the hands of western maintain law and order, and cipal institutions, have resumed imperialism by their revolt?"

To bolster your argument, you will probably refer me to such sources as the editorial in the June 24 Daily Worker which says, "The facts about the 'riots' and 'revolution' are that with very few exceptions the persons arrested by the authorities were from West Berlin, or were criminal elements who came out of hiding during workers' demonstrations for unity and tried to turn these demonstrations into anti-Soviet demonstrations. And the guilt of these elements cannot be buried by the fact that some East Germans were sucked into these provocations and participated in the rioting."

As you no doubt know, this is lifted from the Stalin-prises, an increase, however, lin." Another item reported the ers is embittered. They think the ist International newspaper For a Lasting Peace, etc., which describes the leaders of the general strike as "Nazi killers," "American gangsters" and "fascist cutthroats." This paper says that the movement failed "because the broad sections of the population in the democratic sector of Berlin and in the German Democratic Republic did not support it."

I disagree. The Stalinist leaders are carrying on a world-wide campaign of slander against the East German workers. Crushing the East German general strike was a direct blow at the world anti-capitalist revolution. You can't be for the world revolution and the Stalinist counterrevolutionary repressions in East Germany at the same time

**They Feared Spread of Uprising** Who participated in the movement? Is it true that "broad sections" of the East German people opposed the general strike? In a country of 18 million people, 2,000,000 workers in every branch of industry joined the general strike. The movement involved over 40 major cities in Washington and Bonn have Y. Times from Bonn. Certain the fact that during the night datura." East Germany. Piecing together numerous admissions tried to make what propaganda right-wing critics of both the of June 16-17 the American-conof the Stalinists, the fact emerges - the whole of the capital they can out of the work- western capitalist allies and the trolled RIAS radio station did not ers' uprising in East Germany. Bonn government bitterly assert- receive any directives on how to East German working class rallied to the struggle. Even Deputy premier Otto Nuchke had to admit that the "bitter But their efforts are noticeably ed that the uprising "produced play the news." lacking in any attempts to en- only a series of overly cautious events of June 17" had grown out of "considerable discontent in many sections of the working classes in Berlin same type of revolutionary strug- Germans to be prudent and half- When Mayor Reuter did hastily

By John G. Wright lemployed to crush the insurgent The Malenkov regime was German workers; and that the caught by surprise and rocked to Stalinist German regime admit-

its heels by the East German ted "serious oversights." What do you think about the Daily Worker line on fearful of repercussions inside Deutschland's leading editorial "It is shameful," stated Neues "that Ber-In all our past discussions you told me that you knew the sive reappearance of the German lin workers did not themselves party leaders had committed many mistakes and even force on the political arena. This only the occupying power by decrimes. You even felt that they were guilty of organizing is clearly shown by Pravda, chief claring martial law with necesframe-up trials in Moscow. You disagreed with the war- mouthpiece of the post-Stalin re- sary resoluteness defended the livtime policy of the American Communist Party, with its gime. Within six days of the up- ing interests of the German peo-

Union propaganda campaign to "... A certain section of the I remember how disgusted you were when the Com- hide the truth about East Ger- Berlin working class, indubitably munist Party used its influence in the Longshoremen's many from the Soviet workers, honest people and of good will, Union to break the Montgomery Ward strike during the a campaign still going on by were seized by a mood of disearly July. trust" toward the German Stalin-On June 17, Pravda carried ist party, the USPG, which had

nothing about the East German committed "indubitably serious

The same issue of Pravda car- its first editorial comment, takried other brief items headlined: ing up half of the front page, 'Adventure of Foreign Hirelings "Berlin Population Condemns'Ad- entitled: "The Crash of the Adventure of Foreign Hirelings in

brief extracts from two state- firmed that "foreign provocat- Berlin." Its central theme is the ments issued by the East Ger- eurs" had no support among linking of the "provocationist acts in Berlin" with the "provman government on June 17, "broad layers of the population" blaming "fascists and other reac- and that everything was back to ocationist acts of the Syngman tionary elements of West Berlin," normal. "All Berlin enterprises, Rhee clique in South Korea." At the same time, most of page three of the same issue was declaiming that the "adventure" normal work." voted to the text of the resolution adopted by the USPG Cenhad crashed because it "ran up

STEP UP LIES against the resistance of large

sections of the population and The following day, June 20, plenum. This resolution, while hewing of the organs of state power." Pravda stepped up its lies, in-A brief explanatory paragraph forming its readers that "All of to the main Stalinist line of "fasread as follows: "Yesterday (i.e. German Society Is Indignant over cist provocation," contains sev June 16) there took place stop- Adventure of Foreign Hirelings eral admissions to the effect pages in certain enterprises, par- in Berlin." A Tass dispatch stat- (1) that "the tranquility [in East ticularly among construction ed: "Broad layers of society in Germany] is still by no means workers, in the democratic sector the German Democratic Republic final. The enemy continues his of East Berlin. The pretext for express their indignation over the undermining work"; (2) that "in work stoppages was the 10% in-adventure of foreign fascist many enterprises, in which strikes crease in labor norms introduced agents, the threads of which lead took place and which are now in recent days in some enter- to the American sector of Ber- working, a section of the work- party.

which had been revoked by the execution of the West German party and the government have Pravda devoted half of page three government on June 16. How- unemployed worker Willi Goett- deserted them"; and (3) "The to reports from East Germany It will be a hard job, but we ever, the higher norm served ling, the only killing, incidentally, present moment demands deeds, where the "party and governmerely as a pretext for provoc- admitted on Pravda's pages. ateurs among foreign agents planted in West Berlin to stage half of page four to East Ger- waste its forces in debates over stoppages in the enterprises and many, featuring the "confessions" sallies on the streets of Berlin." of the "West Berlin Provocateur such misunderstanding among a

The next day, June 19, under (Werner) Kalski." On June 22, half of page four the headline: "Newspaper Neues Deutschland Exposes Foreign was again devoted to Germany, Hirelings," Pravda involuntarily with the same central theme: informed the Soviet workers that "Population of German Democnot only Berlin but the whole of ratic Republic Condemns Fascist workers do not understand the West Berlin and West Germany DEAL WEILED arty, then the party is to blame, and from the countries of "Peo-East Germany was involved; that Provocateurs. Soviet troops and tanks had been The next day Pravda printed and not the workers."



MALENKOV

To this is appended a list of concessions made by the East German regime to the insurgent German workers. Such damaging admissions have never before appeared in the Moscow press. What their effect has been upon the Soviet workers, we can only guess. But there is no question about the fears of the Malenkov regime.

A big propaganda campaign was opened inside the Soviet Union. In every large factory through out the country meetings hav been held. Thus, on June 26 Pravda's entire second page was devoted to a report of such meet ngs held in Moscow, under the banner headings: Soviet People Express Angry Indignation Against the Adventure of Foreign Hirelings in Berlin — Raise Higher the Vigilance of the Peoples - In the Struggle for Peace!"

APPEALS MADE TO ORDER Other issues of Pravda have featured similar meetings in Le-

ningrad, Kiev, Minsk, Stalingrad, Sverdlovsk and other cities. A typical meeting is that of the 'unanimously" sent an appeal to tral Committee at its June 21 the Berlin workers, denouncing

"foreign hirelings," and "fascist rovocateurs." greeting "with joy that the toilers of the German

Democratic Republic, despite the sallies of foreign hirelings" are "actively supporting the actions of their government and the USPG," and appealing to them to "rally still more firmly" around this government and this

In short, the first official reac-

tion of the U. S.-British-French

a ban on workers' meetings in-

REVEALING COMPLAINTS

The same June 26 issue of and the party will not play into ment leaders" came "before the On June 21, Pravda devoted the enemy's hands: it will not toilers" at meetings which "are. as a rule, demonstrations of the unity of the government and the how matters could have reached people." There was, in addition special dispatch headlined section of the toilers. The need is now to act. For this reason

the Central Committee declares in this decisive moment only one meetings and denunciations from thing, namely: If the masses of party, then the party is to blame, and from the countries of " People's Democracy."



Branch	Quota	Paid	Percen
Newark	\$ 500	\$ 245	49
Akron	150	70	47
Chicago	1,500	556	37
Boston	550	193	35
Cleveland	350	120	34
Philadelphia	400	135	34
Buffalo	1,500	493	- 33 .
Minneapolis - St. Paul	1,200	380	32
Flint	250	65	24
Youngstown	450	105	23
Pittsburgh	30	5	17
San Francisco	1,000	150	15
New York	4,500	608	14
St. Louis	75	5 .	7
Los Angeles	2,500	92	4
Detroit	1,500	- 33	<b>2</b>
Allentown	60 .	0	0
Milwaukee .	400	0	Ø 0
Oakland	250	0	0
Seattle	450	0	0
General	385	82	21
Total through July 13	\$18,000	\$3,337	18

# Moscow, Automobile Plant, nam-ed after V. I. Stalin, which "unanimously" sent an appeal to **CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS**

(Continued from page 1) termination to complete their pay their pladges sooner and by

quotas in full and on time. Ralph Martin writes from San Francisco: "This \$150 is a down-payment on our \$1,000 pledge to pledged \$100 to the fund. Their the Party Building and Publica-

tion Fund. We now have only 12 this note: "Our friend, R. D., more installments to go. We hope to be on time all the way through. \$5, with a promise of more. will do our best."

readers of The Militant who have Louise Manning, Acting Or- joined with us to help make this ganizer of Los Angeles Local, campaign a 100% success: West says: "We were slow in getting Virginia \$12; New York \$22, started, but we plan to speed it Ohio \$3. Massachusetts \$5.



(Continued from page 1) he chief ally of Washington. Like all imperialist diplomacy, Walter S. Robertson, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs were conducted in strict secrecy command in West Berlin to the East Berlin uprising was to put

them. First they issue a joint hastening to Seoul to "pacify" statement that did not say a word about Phee accepting the truce terms. Then Robertson told the erences between Rhee and press that he had assurances that President Rhee was going to "collaborate" in an armistice. Immediately, Rhee told reporters "that he would not accept an arbehind the backs of both the mistice with the Communists, but American and Korean peoples. that he would not obstruct it for We have not the slightest means three months." Later Rhee ex. of knowing the full facts of what plained that he meant three Rhee and Robertson cooked up months after the beginning of

|up by getting the comrades to

other activities, such as rummage

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courage a continuation of the statements and appeals to the East CONSIDERED IT DANGEROUS West Berlin. The U.S. spokesmen have con- between them. But the fate of the political conference that will put a wet blanket on hundreds of millions of people start three months after the ar open mass struggle by the workmay rest upon their secret ac- mistice is signed, or a total of ers in East Berlin. On July 8. coro six months This much is known, however three weeks after the big street The next day the Associated battles, when there was talk Rhee gave no binding assurance Press in Tokyo issued a dispatch again of a call for a general of any kind that he will abide quoting the usual "competent strike in East Berlin, "RIAS, of- by an armistice for more than source" to the effect that Roficial United States radio station six months - if that long. There bertson had actually "won sweep. in Berlin, broadcast a special is no indication that Rhee will do ing concessions" from Rhee, b commentary several times during more than tolerate a truce didn't want to publish the fact the night advising the workers which he may not sign, however in order not to "embarrass not to demonstrate on the streets - until he feels it opportune to Rhee after the dictator's big . . " (Walter Sullivan, N. Y. renew military activities, which campaign of opposition to a truce. Times, July 9.)

and industrial areas of East Germany."

Who led the movement? The Stalinists claim that it was "provocateurs" in the pay of Washington. They atfew exceptions" those arrested were such provocateurs. | lords "short of open revolution." But according to Max Fechner, East Germany's Minister

What were the aims of the movement? Despite all the Kremlin and its East German Stalinist slanders, the East German workers were fighting | tion of the workers. Indeed, the to rid themselves of the bureaucratic stranglehold of the "liberation idea, talked about for this. End the speed-up! Free elections! Remove the troops of the Kremlin! These were the demands of the East Ger- ture. Officials froze into silence man workers and they are in complete harmony with the inaction." march of the world revolution against capitalism.

The most astute capitalist commentators are fully aware of this anti-capitalist character of the East Ger- ance to the insurrection was conman workers' revolt. Walter Sullivan of the N.Y. Times wrote on June 19, "The Western powers themselves indicated they considered the Berlin situation to have dangerous potentialities." He tells how meetings in West Germany were called off because "the present situation was greatly tempered by their (is) too explosive to allow such meetings now."

The Kremlin hurled 300,000 troops at the East German workers. Tanks, machine guns and firing squads were the weapons of the Stalinist counter-revolutionaries. Neues count in the pro-imperialist New Deutschland, East German Stalinist newspaper "explained" | Leader, the officials in West Berwhy the Red Army was used. "Of course, it would have lin - "German and Allied" been better if the German workers had repelled the provocations themselves in time. The workers did not have paper and no radio station [in the high sense of responsibility."

crats, placed in power by the Kremlin over the workers, a rew newspapers even mentioned isare momentarily saved from the workers' wrath by the sued a call for a general strike." Kremlin's "blood and iron" repressions, and then, they The battle, complains the Social deliver pious sermons about the workers' lack of "responsibility."

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portad gle. As the July 1 Wall Street return Soviet command] by the Western powers themselves indicated the Journal noted, the American cacommandants in Berlin.' considered the Berlin situation to pitalist leaders want the East These same critics "pointed have dangerous potentialities," German and East European peotempt to prove this by the further claim that "with very ples to resist their Kremlin over- also to the action of the Western reported Berlin correspondent commandants restraining West Walter Sullivan in the June 20 The reaction of the political Berliners from demonstrating N.Y. Times. And, in a move that of Justice, 50,000 people were arrested. Were these 50,000 spokesmen of Wall Street and near the border and the six-hour incidentally revealed just how workers provocateurs and Nazi killers? Isn't it obvious their puper rulers of West Ger-that this is the kind of "evaluation" value of their puper rulers of West Ger-Reuter [West Berlin Socialist] Berlin and who runs the show that this is the kind of "explanation" police-minded strike- mixed elation at the terrible blow back from Munich to help or there, "they advised Dr. Ernst breakers always give to smear a genuine workers' action? dealt the oppressive rule of the ganize a countermove to Soviet Reuter that no public meetings attempts to supress the uprising. were to be held without the au-

gauleiters by the independent ac-Report, "was forgotten when revolt opened the way to some ges-

**By Art Preis** 

That is true up to a point. They were silent and inactive only insofar as giving any aid or guidcity." cerned. But they did speak and act, actually, to dampen the revolutionary fire. Their enjoyment at seeing the apartment of a detested neighbor upstairs on fire realization that they live in the

same inflammable building. At the start of the uprising, according to an eye-witness acwere "completely nonplussed" and West Berlin] was capable of giv-

Democratic New Leader, was launched "without a single signal

URGED "CALM"

manage to speak, it was to urge It even included space for a pre-"caution" and prudence on the paid reply, a mark of respect revolutionary proletariat of East which did not prevent Soviet Germany. A Paris report revealed tanks from shortly entering Bitthat one of the very first mes- terfeld, crushing its workers' sages broadcast by the Adenauer government and forcing its leadregime was an address by the er Fiebelkorn to flee into exile. Undoubtedly there were other West German Chancellor's Minister Kayser to the insurgent workers to maintain "calm." throughout East Germany at the The fearful attitude of Ade- height of the uprising. But it ted their actions to become a tool many was a class battle conduct. nauer, "described as passive, has may be a while before the inforstruck a serious blow to the unity mation breaks through the cenof Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's sorship on both sides of the East ist spirit shown deserves our sal- render it mortally dangerous in coalition as the general election German border.

(Continued from page 1) We are indebted to the June mittee set about organizing the 26 Socialist Outlook, publication

nears," reported the June 28 N. The Germans were also aware of thority of the Allied Komman-

of the British Labor Party left wing, for the first available full critics have to keep up the pre-According to Alsop, "the Comlist of demands of the East Bermunist [Stalinist] mayor was lin workers which the capitalist is interested only in "liberating" quietly evicted from his office. press failed to print. They are the people under "communism" The workers took over the headquarters of the Communist party. patch from Berlin by Wilhelm Wall Street profits. Therefore the secret police, and all public Sprenger. They express, as he like N. Y. Post columnist and buildings. Eighty-six political states, "the high degree of so- history-book writer Arthur Schprisoners were freed from jail,

cialist consciousness of the strik- lesinger Jr., they profess great while six criminals were firmly ers of East Germany." concern that Washington doesn' re-locked in their cells. the work aid and encourage a working-These demands presented to ers took over the telegraph office, where Fiebelkorn drafted the first big demonstration in class struggle against Kremlin

Berlin, were: (1) Immediate re- rule. and dispatched two remarkable Schlesinger, for instance, berduction by 10% of the productelegrams." tion guota of each worker. (2) ates the Republicans for talking The first telegram was addres-Immediate reduction of food about "liberation" and doing sed to the Grotewohl government it. Then prices and other consumers goods nothing about with headquarters in East Berlin. h

It contained a list of "eight curt by 40% in the free-market govcharges: ernment shops. (3) Dismissal of "There is a particular reason.. demands" that included free elections, release of all political all government officials responfor the Republican paralysis now prisoners, dissolution of the "so- sible for errors admitted by gov- that their liberationist dreams called people's army" and of the ernment spokesmen. (4) Democ | might be coming true. The unrisratization of the party and the ings thus far have been workinggovernment itself.

trade unions (in Magdesburg the class affairs. About the last thing The second was sent to the workers demanded legalization of the Eisenhower administration is Soviet General Semyenov. It the Social Democratic Party.) (5) capable of doing is to release "respectfully" requested him to "lift the siege in Berlin and pro- A campaign to be initiated by the energy of the workers of

claim your solidarity with the the East German Government Eastern Europe. When the "western side" did workers in the Eastern zone." | for the unification of Germany The last thing any capitalist -without waiting for the initia- government wants to do is to tive of the Bonn government. (6) encourage independent mass ac

"The East German Government tion by the working class anyto call for general, free and se- where. The capitalists are against cret elections and prepare a any political struggle they canworkers' victory for them!" not control, any struggle waged We can express only accord in the interests of the workers with Sprenger's comment: "From themselves. All the evidence manifestations of this type these demands it is clear that points to the fact that the antithe strikers never once permit- Stalinist uprising in East Gerof the reactionary government of ed by socialist-minded, anti-capi-Adenauer. The wonderful social- talist workers. That is enough to utations!" all capitalist eyes.

he would do, naturally, under the The July 13 N. Y. Times carried guise of "resisting Communist in one and the same issue the aggression." reports of "sweeping concessions

At any rate, Rhee could sign won in writing from Dr. Syng-The real attitude of the capi talist leaders in Washington and a thousand statements that he man Rhee" and of "important Bonn toward the revolutionary will unqualifiedly accept a truce concessions made to South Ko upsurge in East Germany is in- and they still wouldn't be worth rea.

licated indirectly in the com- the paper they are written on. All that emerges clearly is the plaintsof certain liberal and So- The July 14 Christian Science fact that there is lying and cial Democratic elements about the Monitor pats Robertson on the double-dealing all around and failure of the "west" to take ad-back for "coming to agreement this is being done to deceive the vantage" of the situation. These with President Ehee," but adds people.

that "we are also frank to admit We have to cut through this tense that American imperialism that we still wonder how the ravel of lies and deception. W agreement can be enforced in the must finish once and for all with event of a change of mood by the Korean mess by getting out contained in an on-the-spot dis- and not in exploiting them for Dr. Rhee in the weeks that lie of there. The sentiment is grow. ahead." ng every day to "bring the boys

We have grounds for the ut- home." Let's get this sentiment most suspicion about what Rhee organized and make Eisenhower and Robertson contrived between listen to reason.

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# Kremlin without making the slightest concessions to capi-talism. All the slogans raised by the demonstrators prove. July 17 U. S. News and World Spirit of Revolt Continues To Flame Inside E. Germany





Monday, July 20, 1953

# The "Crimes" of Dr. Bergman

On April 23 in Copenhagen, Denmark, a Detroit educator and his wife who were studying in Europe were called to the American Embassy and asked to hand over their passports. The State Department's action was presumably taken because the names of the couple had been found listed in some black book of the witch hunters.

Dr. Walter G. Bergman and his wife searched their memories but came up with little. Dr. Bergman had been active in the Socialist Party since 1931 and ran as its candidate for mayor in Detroit. He had twice served as president of the Michigan Federation and once as vice-president of the American' Federation of Teachers. After being investigated and cleared by the Counter-Intelligence Corps, he served in the Allied Military Government in Germany and in UNNRA.

"Entering the third week of our incarceration in Denmark," the educator wrote on May 7, "neither we nor our attorney nor any of our friends have been able to get a single specific definite charge of any action, any speech, any letter, any membership in any way with the Communist Party or any of its affiliates, either in the period under question, 1942-1952, or at any other time."

After vigorous protests, Mr. and Mrs. Bergman were granted a limited passport confining them to certain countries in Europe. Last week they were back in Detroit where they were interviewed by the press.

"It was the most harrowing experience of my life," Dr. Bergman said. And his wife added, "An experience I would wish only on my worst enemy."

They still did not know definitely why their passports were taken away. Dr. Bergman could think of only two possibilities:

(1) Some 20 years ago he "spoke at a meeting against Fascim and Hitlerism."

(2) Recently he "helped in a fight to re

peal the Trucks Act. along with some 200 other professors, labor leaders and liberals." Like Dr. Bergman, we do not know the

mysterious charges. Under the McCarthy-Mc-Carran criminal code which holds the accused guilty until proved innocent and which re- tens of millions of copies, he ratfuses to disclose either the identity of the ed in the hierarchy as one of accuser, the alleged evidence or even the charges, it is not easy to discover what prompt- of the great Moscow Frame-up ed the State Department to act.

It is quite likely, however, that Dr. Bergman's suspicions are well founded. By the canons of McCarthyism, he is damned on land. Stalin named him director either charge, bell, book and candle.

First of all, he committed sacrilege in at- vived in that hated and dangertacking the European models of government breathed his last. held in reverence by the Wisconsin and Nevaida senators

Secondly, he associated himself prominently with the protest movement in Michigan against the GPU. These became known the unconstitutional Trucks Act — one of the of Stalin's murder machine, Benumerous laws fostered by the witch hunters ria was in charge of countless to take away our civil liberties and democ- frame-ups, arrests, killings and ratic rights. Clearly, that makes the Detroit purges. The assassination of educator guilty of actively defending the Bill of Rights. What could be more crimnal than that?

The witch hunt, as we have pointed out that assumed power. Now this sion in Mexico in 1937, Trotsky many times, tends to widen to ever new cir- former head of the slave-labor proved that the Moscow trials cles besides the members of the politically unpopular tendencies who are first selected as the frame-up is himself in a of Beria is in the same familiar victims. It also increasingly tends to convert GPU dungeon — if he has not pattern. The Kremlin frame-up the every of civil liberties and democratic already received a bullet at the system has survived its author, rights into crimes. We hope that the case of the Bergmans will help bring this fact home to new layers of people concerned about de-fonding freedom

When you can't speak against fascism or protest enactment of a fascist-like measure without becoming a victim of the witch hunters through government reprisal, we say it's high time to wake up. Don't let it happen in America!

## Six Plumbers, One Millionaire

"Six plumbers and one millionaire" would make a better cabinet than "six millionaires and one plumber." This idea was advanced by James A. Brownlow, President of the AFL Metal Trades Council, in a speech at the Cleveland convention of the Office Employees International Union. "Such a cabinet," he said, "would better understand the needs of the people.'

The main theme of Brownlow's speech was that the Taft-Hartley law will be repealed "not by begging Congress to do so" but by

him?

the question arises, when and how do we get going on some of these militant proposals we hear from the labor officials nowadays?

elections, if there is to be an end to the ruinous policy in the political field that led to the election of the Eisenhower regime, if the menace of McCarthyism is to be met, if Taft-Hartley is to be repealed — then the time to act is now.

We agree with Brownlow that begging Congress won't help. But neither will it help to beg the Republican and Democratic parties of any "wing" of these parties. When Brownlow says that only "good strong militant unions" can bargain successfully with the employers, reveal that China is peopled by we must agree. However, we must add: A good close to 500 million. Yet, with strong militant labor party based on the unions and independent of the employers on the political as well as the economic field is two percent as much industrial needed to win labors' political demands.

The career of Lavrenti Pavlovich Beria compresses in the life of one man the biography of the ruling caste of the Soviet bureaucracy. He gained his first prominence in the bureaucracy as a "historian" and "biographer" in Stalin's school of falsification. He was one of the principal architects of the Stalin mythology Author of an official biography of Stalin that was spread by the the closest personal henchmen of the "Chief" himself. At the peak Trials in 1938. Stalin summoned him from Georgia, where he had

By Murry Weiss

served as the ruthless local head of the GPU in Stalin's own homesome conservatives defended and of all secret police, and he surswallowed the frame-ups. Even taking into consideration the al-

For 15 years, under the closest period in contrast to the cold war

upervision of Stalin, Beria directed the ten security divisions of between the two world reactions "Beria's Butchers." As head Trotsky in Mexico on August 20, sky's exposure of the whole Stal-1940 took place under Beria. After Stalin's death he became a member of the triumvirate hearings of the Dewey Commis-

camps, this pitiless killer and were a structure of miserable lies foul practitioner of the lie and from beginning to end. The purge base of the brain. He is accused Stalin, and has caught up with by his two co-disciples of Stalin.

the party. Not a single current of world public opinion gives the slight-

est credence to the accusations against Beria. If we exclude the too, it is necessary to go to kept Stalinist press, which has Trotsky. confined itself moreover primarly to reprints of the Pravda denun-

ciations, the question asked everywhere was not "is Beria guilty?" but "what is the polivolution destroyed the whole potical meaning of the lies about litical structure of workers de- Yezhov. Yezhov in turn was purgmocracy ushered in by the soed by Beria. Now Beria's head

This reaction of world public ppinion is in sharp contrast to and meplaced it with the dicta- The only thread that ties toge the reception given the announ- torial rule of the bureaucracy. ther this fantastic series of If labor is going to prepare for the 1954 cements of the great purge trials But this bureaucracy, represent- purges is the struggle of the

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overthrow of capitalism there. industry. In 1952, however, this But the similarity ends almost picture had been greatly altered

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The plenitude of raw materials.

is capable of producing large

# Beria -- Victim of System He Helped Create

ing a privileged oligarchy, has bureaucratic caste to survive, tions of the new Soviet bureaunot as yet destroyed the new maintain its power, defend its cracy itself. property relations and anti-ca- material possessions and destroy The victims of each purge pitalist social foundations achiev- all potential opposition. served as the scapegoats for the

d by the revolution. The Stalinist purges can be crimes of Stalin's regime, for the In its rise to power and in its roughly divided into three main ruinous consequences of the entire subsequent history, the periods. First, was the purge of Kremlin's policies at home and pureaucracy expressed in the the revolutionary working-class abroad. No matter who occupied most violent form one of the left opposition headed by Leon the center of the stage in the Trotsky. Second, came the trials show trials, behind the scenes basic contradictions of Soviet society, the contradiction between of former revolutionary leaders the bureaucreacy victimized hun-the narrow, selfish interests of who had capitulated to Stalin but greds of thousands in great mass privileged bureaucratic caste whose identification with the tra- purges. The purge of Beria may and the democratic needs of so- ditions of the October revolution well be the signal for a new blood ialist development. The effort and Lenin's leadership constituted bath on the model of the Thirties, of the caste to suppress this an intolerable danger to Stalin, aimed at strengthening the rule contradiction is at the bottom of Third, came the purges of sec-lof the bureaucracy. all the lies, frame-ups and purges in the Soviet Union.

Trotsky in his great closing

Soviet Union: "The more preciall social falsehood — to the liance of the Soviet Union and present situation, in which a

'democratic imperialism" of that caste of upstarts is forced to cover up its social ulcers, the of this period - the distinction cruder the Thermidorian lies. It

Beria, the frame-up artist, is being framed himself. The unanimity and speed with which this conclusion was reached is whom lying has become a vital "frame-up perpetrators." one of the consequences of Trotpolitical necessity." (Stalin's inist frame-up system. Before the eyes of the entire world, at the lescribed how the bureaucracy geries. literary calumnies. How, ever, these methods lost their efficacy. "All possibilities along this road were soon exhausted. The theoretical and historical falsifications no longer attained

their aims — people grew acone of its principal organizers, customed to them. It was necesary to give the bureaucratic No one believes the accusations repression a more massive foun-

against Beria but none of the dation. To bolster up literary falcapitalist analysts offer an adesifications, accusations of a crimquate explanation for either his inal character were brought in." downfall or the repulsive methods Trotsky's analysis of the underby which it occurred. For this lving social basis of the purge trials and frame-ups in the Thirties offers the only basis for Trotsky showed how the Stalin understanding the Beria purge.

regime usurped power through a Beria is the third of the chief counter-revolution in the first purgers to lose his head. Yagoda, workers state. This counter-re- the organizer of the first series of Moscow trials was purged by

cialist revolution of October 1917, follows the others in the gutter.



In the sphere of foreign trade,

three great accomplishments have

been recorded in the three and

A shift of trade to the Soviet

perialist blockade, has been suc-

cessfully worked out, mainly be-

cause China has sufficient

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ter and now concentrate heavily on

machinery and other aids to in-

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reflects what was aptly put by

one of the Chinese leaders as fol-

lows: "The key to China's front

door is in our own pockets instead

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ists and their running dogs, as was formerly the case." Finally,

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The pace of industrialization is

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nicians. educational and literacy

campaigns that reach down into

the mass of the people, great

soil-conservation and power pro-

jects, etc. One of the reasons why

this rapid rate is possible is that

China starts from so low a level

that, by adding only a few per-

cent of China's huge population

to the industrial proletariat, the

industrial output can be doubled.

side of the transformation. The

But this is only the technical

speech before the Dewey Com-mission explained the social ba-sis of lies and frame-ups in the Beria Purge Reveals pitate the jump from the Oc-tober overturn — which laid bare all social falsehood — to the

> (Continued from page 1) | of the bureaucracy before the would be safeguarded. The Krem- masses.

lin physicians, accused of mur-The explosion of mass diss, consequently, a question not dering high government officials content and unrest in the Buffer imply of the individual deprav- and plotting against the lives of Zone, above all in East Germany, ity of this or that person, but of others, were rehabilitated by Be- undoubtedly alarmed the bureauthe corruption lodged in the po- ria; their jailers and indicters cracy profoundly. Such explosions sition of a whole social group for were arrested and punished as tend to set off chain reactions. The independent movement of In one republic after another the workers must have looked Frame-Up System and the Mos- of the Soviet Union, including like the handwriting on the wall

cow Trials, Pioneer Publishers.) the key Ukraine area, top party to the bureaucracy - a reminder In this same speech Trotsky and government officials were that its time is growing short. removed on charges of violating Hence the brutal resort to naked began with falsification, lies, for- the 'party's nationalities policy force in the affected areas and substituting a policy of Rus- one more of the abominable besification. This "concession" was trayals of the working class sealintended to mollify the national ed in blood by the Kremlin desiiscontent. pots. The concessions that were

hastily granted at the same time At the same time, the purged do not mitigate this fresh crime officials were charged with failsince they had the same aim as ure "to strengthen the collective the repressions - to bolster the farm system." This was intended shaken position of the Kremlin. to spur the lower ranks of the The Chinese revolution too has bureaucracy to step up produchad its repercussions inside the tion as well as offer scapegoats Soviet Union and the prospect for the consequences of the Krem. of its further development must lin's own policies and methods weigh heavily on the minds of of management.

The concessions granted the the Kremlin clique. Hence the urgent plea to the Mao regime vorkers took the shape of price reductions, cutting in half of the for public support in the frameup and purge of Beria, a plea latest forced loan, and promises of more consumer goods, better that met with quick response from Mao. Malenkov hopes by housing, improved working conditions and relaxation of the this official support to forestall lraconic labor laws. In addition further pressure from the mighty revolutionary uprising in the mnesty was accorded certain ca-East. tegories of workers jailed under

#### he existing labor laws. MILITANT" PREDICTION

Evidently these moves did not On the death of Stalin. The chieve their aim. The regime Militant predicted that the poststill faces the same acute probtalin regime would prove neilems after four months of "libe her stable nor lasting .. It is a ralization" under Beria. The regime, we said, of acute crisis, charges against Beria substanabove all because of the rising tiate this conclusion. tide of Soviet mass opposition to it and intensified demands

THE ACCUSATIONS

(1) Beria stands accused of upon it having failed to strengthen the In the first 120 days of its "Soviet legal system and liquid- rule, this regime found itself ate some cases of lawlessness compelled to carry out und and arbitrariness Beria a



is marked.

electing people to Congress who will repeal the law. He also warned that "You cannot depend on the government to do your collective bargaining. Only one thing can do that -good strong militant unions."

Now all these ideas are very good (although we think that a cabinet of six plumbers wouldn't have any use for a millionaire) but

The other day in New York, biggest and richest city of the capitalist world, a 74-yearold worker got in trouble. Someone, perhaps a "disgruntled" relative or stoolpigeon on the job turned in his name to the Municipal Civil Service Commission. Confronted by the charges of the unknown informer, Nicholas Lana admitted his guilt. For 45 years he had been working for the city under the name of "Joseph Porgie."

He explained that he had no intention of defrauding anyone. For almost a half century he had faithfully performed his duties. In fact, using that name had not been his intention in the first place.

'Way back in 1908 he was laid off from a candy factory. He appealed to Tammany Hall for help. Alfred E. Smith, later governor of New York, gave him his personal card and wrote on it "Joseph Porgie." This worked like magic in landing a job in the water works department.

At first Lana thought the job would be temporary. So when the pay checks came, he simply endorsed them "Joseph Pongie" and cashed them. But the job stretched out, the way jobs sometimes will, and Lana found himself burdened with the unsought name bestowed on him by Gov. Smith.

"Later," he said, "I thought if I did anything about it, I'd get fired. And sure enough - 45 years later - that's what happened."

Yes, that is precisely what happened. The 74-year-old man had been thinking of retiring on the \$1,200-a-year pension to which he is entitled. The City officials thought otherwise. Wasn't the man an obvious miscreant? They gave him the axe in accordance with the precepts of justice, fair play and decency as applied according to the capitalist code of ethics.

# Joseph Porgie's Secret

Lana is now petitioning the State Supreme the nationalization of large por-Court for reinstatement to his \$67.50-a-week tions of industry, the possibility job. Up to now there is no indication as to has opened up for China to transwhether the robed magistrates, representing tion, the pre-condition for planthe justice of the ruling class, will decide to ning and industrialization would dispense mercy.

We thought this life story of some interest. No matter how loyally Lana may have performed his duties and perhaps publicly thank- achieved in full (and there is no ed Tammany Hall, in his heart he seems to guarantee of this since the state have had little trust in his employers. "I has no real direction and conthought if I did anything about it, I'd get tion will increase no more than fired." And so for 45 years he endured the barely enough to keep up with embarrassment with family and friends of liv- the population growth in the ing under two names.

The accuracy of his judgment is also worth only, designed to counteract the noting. It took his bosses 45 years to discover great impact of Chinese progress the error —and only then through the help of upon the Indian people. a stoolpigeon - but once they found it out, they acted precisely as Lana had feared. This worker knew in his bones the outlook of his is about 20% per year. At this bosses.

Finally, the cause of Lana's downfall is not without interest. Here we see the influence of the McCarthy code that is spreading like a possible, in view of the fact that blight over America. The hero in the eyes of the new China has been able to the City officials is obviously the anonymous more than double production in informer who sought revenge or profit by sink- Revolution in spite of the bur ing the knife into this elderly worker's back. den of war in Korea. They acted on the informer's report. They carried out the informer's will. They gave the informer the evil satisfaction he sought.

Such incidents as this, occasionally reported in the daily papers, remind us that the capi- dustrial production and the re- industry. talist system is not likely to recover from the rot in its heart. It must be replaced by socialism — the new system that brings moderr science to bear in economic relations, thereby making possible a return in personal relations to the old values that put humanity and decency and kindness first.

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before it begins. The Eastern Heavy industry was putting out The census of Chinese popul-European zone is not provided 43.8% of the total, and light ation now being undertaken will with the resources for the de- industry was down to 56.2%. velopment of a heavy industry, while China is. China is richly more than three times the U.S. endowed with almost all the population. China probably does basic industrial raw materials, one-half years since the overturn. not produce more than one or both forms. Even oil, which the im- sphere, necessitated by the imgoods as the U.S. This is cerperialist oil companies made out tainly a striking commentary on century of imperialist rule. developed in great quantity. With the overthrow of Chiang

the scope and amplitude of the perialist regime in 1949, and with economy giving a possibility of a power. Secondly, imports, which economic independence, the great agricultural underpinning which food stocks for the population, the great revolutionary spirit deriv-

Kai-shek and his capitalist-im

ing from the Chinese nationalistbe absent. In India, for example, socialist upheaval — all of these a five-year "plan" has been anfactors and many more distinnounced. But its goals are so guish China from Eastern Eurmeager that even if they are ope. Thus there is very little reason to expect that the process of industrialization will lead to a crisis in the same form as trol over economic life) produchas occurred in Eastern Europe. As a matter of fact, the situation in China up to now has been sharply different from Eastern trade balance is slightly favorsame period. This is only an Europe in that the standard of able. ersatz plan, a "plan" in name

living of the people has apparently been rising since 1949. Kao Kang, chairman of the re-

gime in northeast China (Man-The increase in production churia) a region which produces provided for by the Chinese five well over half of the total inyear plan which opened this year dustrial output of the nation expressed the desire to concenrate, Chinese production can be trate on heavy industry in the

expected to far more than double following words: "We must conwithin five years. This achieve centrate our strength in develment can be counted as fully oping our heavy industry and national defense industry. We are opposed to the theory of socalled 'balanced development' the first three years after the which argues from a partial viewpoint." These words, which onvey the flavor of disputes or

China today is roughly in the at least discussions within the socio-political side is the transproportional industrial position of regime over tempo, express the formation of economic forms and the U.S. or Germany in 1800; outlook which today causes foursocial institutions in such a way

that is, only about 10% of nafifths of basic industrial conas to make possible what could tional income is derived from in-struction to be assigned to heavy not be done under the old forms. The process of industrialization

was preceded by a revolutionary mainder chiefly from agricul-This concentration is already tural. In order to alter this picto be seen in the proportion beoverturn, and has since been acture rapidly, great stress is laid tween light and heavy industry companied by a systematic by the governmental planning as it has developed in the three growth of a new social organizabodies upon the development of years before the first five-year tion and a decline in the social weight of capitalist forms of proheavy industry. plan. The share of heavy indus-In this there is a similarity try in total industrial production duction. We must reserve this with the planning in the East- in 1949 was 32.5%, with 67.5 for a later article.

ern European countries since the of total output supplied by light (Next: The Social Change)

'by impedin and in a number of cases dis-tion of its secret police apparatorting direct orders of the Cen- tus. Today, minus Beria, this retral Committee of the party and gime is in the throes of purging of the Soviet government." Be- the entire secret police ria's purgers are stealing the center and in the localities." It program originally enunciated by has issued orders for all party Beria which they know meets organizations "to place under with favorable response from the systematic and unremitting con-Soviet masses. But this is also trol the activity of the organs an acknowledgment that these of the MVD (secret police)."

'liberal" promises have not al-This means that in each localayed unrest, discontent and op- ity the party heads are ordered position. The masses want deeds directly to carry out the purge. not words. But this also means that the

(2) Beria stands accused of whole party and government apasing "the struggle against vio- paratus is involved. As far back lations of the party's nationalities as the early Twenties, when policy" as a "false pretext" for Stalin's faction waged war to the trying "to sow disunity and hos- death against the Trotskyist Left tility among the USISR peoples, Opposition, the secret police aland to activize bourgeois nation- ready played the dominant role alist elements in the union re- in internal party life. For more publics." Here again we have than two decades since then this evidence that the "liberalized" secret police has permeated the policy toward the nationalities entire government apparatus and will continue under the post- pervaded the fabric of Soviet live. Beria regime. At the same time, At the height of Stalin's blood it is an admission that the prior purges only sections of the secret attempts have been a fiasco, for police were involved. This time which Beria is now the scapeall of it is under fire. roat

(3) The opposition among the MUST BE ROOTED OUT

The official communiques and peasants has not decreased in the past four months. This is proved Pravda's leading editorial leave by the charge against Beria that no room for doubt on this score. he "in every way impeded the It is flatly charged that Beria solution of the most important, "attempted to use the MVD orunpostponable questions concern- gans in the center and in the ng the strengthening and devel- localities against the party and opment of agriculture." Addi- its leadership, against the Soviet ional evidence is the stress government, and handpicked and placed at mass meetings on "the promoted MVD workers on the unbreakable friendship of the basis of personal loyalty to himpeoples of the USSR;" and on the self."

'practical measures" adopted in These personal agents of Be-Moscow, Kiev (Ukraine), Minsk ria must therefore be rooted out (Byelo-Russia), etc.; "aimed at "in the center and in the localliminating inadequacies" in agri- ities." A purge of this scope and culture. intensity cannot fail to be a mass

(4) At these meetings as well blood purge in the pattern that as in the press, the promises gained world notoriety under made months ago of improve- Stalin.

ments in living and working con-Within five days of the anditions have been stridently re- nouncement of Beria's downfall, peated. the purge hit the Ministry of

From the above it is clear that Transport Machinery and Heavy the burning problems facing Mal- Machinery. Malyshev, the purged enkov-Beria-Molotov when Stalin minister, is one of the few carrydied still face Malenkov-Molotov overs from the 1940 Peoples' today. If the suddenness of Be- Commissariat. He lasted through ria's fall and the ferocity of the the war, the post-war convulunfolding purge campaign are sions, and under Malenkov was any criteria, the mass unrest and made the head of four major inopposition have sharply grown dustries after Stalin's death. In in the past four months. In any the post-Stalin regime, this imcase, one does not have to be a portant figure lasted only a few seer to discern the growing panic weeks.

### The Negro Struggle -**"Subversive"** Protestants

#### By Jean Blake

The current uproar over the attack on Protestant clergymen by McCarthy's boy, J. B. Matthews, may modify the Senator's mad drive toward a police state, but it won't stop him. It will take a broader and more firmly grounded alliance than one based on religious affiliation to do that.

As long as the power-mad Senator directed his witch hunt against radicals, only the most courageous and principled defenders of democratic rights protested. When he began to include liberals - educators, writers and others — a few more voices were raised against him. His attacks on Democratic opponents in the State Department and other government employees turned another segment of the population against him.

When he approved Matthews' statement that 7,000 Protestant ministers had served "The Kremlin's conspiracy" in the last 17 years as members, fellow travelers or dupes — that was going too far in a country where the majority of the people, including the ruling class, who have any church affiliation are Protestants.

But the Protestants who have suddenly discovered the evils of McCarthyism don't have a very strong case so long as they maintain the inconsistent position that every other group but theirs is legitimate territory for the Senator's witch-hunting expeditions. As long as they grant McCarthy the right to brand anyone as subversive, as long as they permit the President's "loyalty order," the Smith Act, and the

various state anti-subversive acts to stand they can claim no special immunity for themselves.

Are there "subversives" among the Protestant clergy? By McCarthy's definitions and guilty - by - association principles, of course. What's more, since he condemns those who held positions similar to those of the Communist Party on many issues, Negro ministers are particularly vulnerable. Many of them, particularly those with large followings, have been militant protesters against some of America's most undemocratic practices. By McCarthy's standards, that would make not only them but all their supporters suspect, liable to inquisition and persecution.

As a matter of fact, however, McCarthy would not insist on making his attack along religious lines, because some of his staunchest supporters may be found in Protestant circles.

We are willing to bet, for example, that one recently licensed minister who will not be labeled a subversive by the Senator is Bill Hendrix, of Florida. Hendrix, you see, is a former grand dragon and currently imperial emperor of a new Ku Klux Klan.

It will take a broad alliance that disregards religious lines and bases itself on a conscious recognition that McCarthyism and all anti-democratic forces aim to deprive the working people, including its lot, to organize an effective counter-offensive to the drive toward a police state.

Why Penalize Mothers?

#### By Joyce Cowley

this headline in the N.Y. Times announced the results of a survey made by the National Foremen's Institute. According to their report, women in industry today have less reason to fear loss of job because of pregnancy than ever before. More and more companies are granting maternity leaves as fringe benefits.

This is good news for 10,000,000 working wives in this country who probably feel that it's about time. In the past, women have been penalized for bearing children by loss of employment or loss of seniority. But a woman still gets maternity leave only on a "voluntary" basis — "voluntary" for the boss, that is. There is no law which requires the employer to hire her again. In most cases, she receives no benefits of any kind while she is on leave.

A bulletin issued by the Women's Bureau, Maternity Protection of Employed Women, gives an interesting summary of protective legislation throughout the world. The United States is supposed to have ratified the Maternity Protection Convention and enacted laws to carry out its provisions. Many countries that have not ratified, in Asia as well as Europe, have adopted national legislation equalling many of the requirements of the ILO Convention.

Most countries which have passed such legislation include cash benefits for employees on maternity leave as part of their social-security system. One-third of the countries give allowances equal to the full wage; benefits in other countries range from one-third to two-thirds of the wo- adopted by Congress a year ago man's pay. Many countries pay additional tenants in federal housing pro benefits in the form of medical care, lay- | jects are required to file a cer ettes, nursing allowances which range from tificate which affirms, not their 10% to 25% of basic pay, and milk for children not nursed by mothers. Countries longs to any organization on the which give nursing allowances also give Attorney General's "subversive time off to nurse in government-sponsored | list. plant nurseries. These benefits are generally available to all mothers, married or ACLU on behalf of three New-

not. Now let's take a look at the United legless veteran and member of the Socialist Workers Party, one

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#### Striking Garb for a Strike



Four employees of Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York are literally and figuratively striking in costumes that stress their need for more pay. The pickets are dressed as (l. to r.) a Colonial soldier, a toga-clad Roman, a caveman and a knight. They belong to the Independent Museum Guardians Union

# most oppressed sections and most militant fighters, from struggling to improve their lat to organize an affective counter offer HOUSING OATH CASE

NEWARK, July 13 - The General's finding of "subversive-Newark Housing Authority still ness" was "ex parte" — that is, ident George Meany and CIO intends to try to evict federal one-sided - and could not prophousing tenants who refuse to erly be applied until "after a sign the so-called "loyalty oath," hearing granting all the safeperiod, attempted to adapt themdespite a New York court ruling guards of due process as underselves to the Republican regime last Wednesday that the "loyal- stood by our courts since the and offered no perspective for ty" measure is unconstitutional. time of the adoption of the Fed- labor other than continuing to This means that the Kutcher- eral Constitution. No such hear- play the tail to the kite of the

Lawrence case, being handled by ing is provided by Executive Orthe American Civil Liberties Un- der 9835 nor by the Gwinn Republican. ion here, wil continue to be amendment." Of primary concern in any un fought out in the New Jersey

He called attention to the fact ity negotiations is the preservacourts. New briefs are scheduled that the U.S. Supreme Court had tion and protection of the full to be filed with Superior Court questioned the Attorney General's industrial union strength of the Judge Freund by ACLU and Newmethod in compiling his list. He CIO. This requires a strong CIO ark Housing Authority attorneys said the Gwinn amendment was united front in dealing with the later this month. an "unconstitutional requirement," AFL leaders. This means a fight The issue in dispute is not called the Housing Authority's for the full restoration of interreally a "loyalty oath" at all. action "arbitrary, capricious and nal union democracy inside the Under the Gwinn amendment, unreasonable," and concluded that CIO and the defeat of Reuther's both "depart radically from our dictatorial provocations that enprevailing concepts of fairness danger CIO unity. The ranks and do not afford due process must get a genuine voice in shapng union policy. of law.' The ultimate value of labor "loyalty," but the fact that no The Newark Housing Authoroccupant of their apartment be ty's attempt to get a different unity will be determined by the decision in the New Jersey courts program on which it is based. is evidence that the Eisenhower This program must have as one

administration will fight to get of its foundation stones indepen-This requirement was chal the Gwinn amendment upheld by dent labor political action lenged as unconstitutional by the the federal courts, who will even- Labor Party that will make the workers get but nine months ark tenants - James Kutcher

ity.

# Phila. Garment Workers Seek Union Democracy

By Art Sharon PHILADELPHIA, July 12 -Workers Union. The accumulated hatred and resentment of the hard-pressed vomen garment workers here ers' description of the Dubinsky to hold their rank and file meetexploded this week in a power- machine — some 3,000 women ings in a nearby hotel. At these ful demonstration against the Dubinsky machine in the AFL end of the week, Dubinsky and sion.

International Ladies Garment | The door was barred by the In a week-long strike against "union dictatorship" - the work-

Philadelphia police department. Panicky union officials had cal-

workers paralyzed the dress in- meetings accumulated grievances dustry of Philadelphia. At the and resentments found expres-

the General Executive Board of the ILGWU had to retreat somewhat in the face of their little 'East Berlin.'

The immediate issue that pretempt by the local Dubinsky garment workers here have lieutenant, William Ross, to learned the hard way - through transfer 42 of the 55 shops serviced by Miss Josephine Spica, the elected Business Agent of It is increasingly recognized, Local 15, to two appointed Busiven among the most conservaness Agents. Dubinsky backed up ive union leaders, that labor Ross with the demand that Miss must unite its forces to combat Spica resign if she didn't like it. the formidable power arrayed

against the unions. But merger DIDN'T LIKE IT of the AFL and CIO in and of

itself will not provide adequate abor defense. An army marching unitedly in the wrong direcher from the obviously impendwon't fight or refuses to grasp the proper weapons is inviting

disaster. Taft-Hartleyism and McCarthyism can be defeated only by a combination of militant economic action and independent la-

bor political action.. AFL Pres- fiance of the contract. President Walter Reuther have floundered around in the recent

old age assistance, unemployment

tion programs, public recreation-

al, hospital and medical facilities,

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(Continued from page 1) of their strike as the "battle of

men versus machines." They are protecting their liveprofits plowed back into vast reports on Beck's progress. None mechanization programs designed to put the men out on the streets. The "Beer That Made Milwaukee Famous." Schlitz, nets the Uihlein banking family upsuperbottling machines serve up tough all over." All were aware 500 filled ones a minute. Labor that they had to rely primarily costs in the profit-soaked beer upon their own strength and soltotal production costs! While an organizing public support through a increasing number of brewery

tually rule on its constitutional- working people of America the work a year, plant expansion is BECK'S ROLE real political power in the land. unprecedented; and the beer

In the third question put to the pickets, The Militant pollsters asked who was supporting the strike, since the boss press of the workers felt that they had friends in the Republican camp. Their sentiments can be summed up in the idea that "we have a Republican administration now wards of \$30,000,000 annually as and the companies are getting industry have fallen to 11% of idarity. The CIO has now begun all-union motorcades and raise funds

Chief aid and comfort to manbosses demand unlimited employagement has come from Dave

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led the cops! The workers had

SIX YEARS OF RETREAT Behind this revolt lie six years

of capitulation and retreat before the threat of the garment cipitated the strike was the at- bosses to move out of town. The wage losses - how expensive this Dubinsky gang has become. While the threat of the garment bosses to move into the

> unorganized south is a real one. all too often the workers have found themselves facing a common front between the boss and his union officials in piece-rate

Miss Spica didn't like it, but disputes. This is the basis of the she didn't resign. She turned to explosive hatred among these the only force that could save garment workers.

This latest meaningful action An army that stands still and ing ouster from her post. She of the garment-workers section appealed to the workers in the of the Philadelphia working class shops for support, and to her follows a similar explosion a few surprise and to the consternation months ago in the Transport of the Dubinsky gang in Phila- Workers Union against CIOdelphia and New York, an over- TWU head, Mike Quill, and his whelming majority of the mem- local lieutenants, who utilized bership of Local 15 responded by every civic propaganda and presshutting down their shops in desure device to beat down a rebellion of the rank and file They came to their union hall against a contract signed by

and learned their first lesson. Quill.

MILWAUKEE BEER STRIKE capitalist parties, Democrat and **SHOWS FIRM SOLIDARITY** 

lihood against the ravages of in Milwaukee is carrying floods technological progress and super- of anti-strike letters and daily

be a progressive, democratic country and it's reasonable to assume that conditions here compare favorably with those in other countries. So I was startled to find the United States listed, along with Afghanistan. Syria. Ethiopia and a few others, as one of the countries that has no legislation guaranteeing maternity leave, cash benefits or medical care.

"Visitors to the United States," says the bulletin, "ask time and again why the United States, almost alone among the industrial countries of the world, has no Federal law providing for a national system of maternity protection for its women workers."

An international standard for maternity protection for women workers was adopted by the International Labor Organization at its first session in 1919. Since then 18 European and Latin American countries

States. Rhode Island is the only state that of the groups on the Attorney allows benefits under the sickness-compen- General's list; his father, Hyman, sation law for disability attributable to who does not belong to any listed pregnancy. Only the Territory of Puerto Rico provides weekly cash benefits. In al-son; and Harry L. Lawrence, a most half the states, pregnancy disquali- disabled war veteran who has fies a woman for unemployment insurance! | signed "loyalty oaths" as a teach-You might think this was a backward, im- er but regards the Gwinn amendpoverished country unable to afford the ment as an infringement of his social security measures adopted by ment as an infringement of his civil liberties. Among other grounds they at-

social-security measures adopted by more prosperous neighbors.

To quote the Women's Bureau bulletin, a violation of due process of law skirted the fundamental prob-because the Attorney General's lems involved by simply decrywe have "less formal plans and standards" "subversive" list was drawn up ing "the tactics of Senator Joseph than most other countries. As a rule I arbitrarily, without giving the McCarthy and others who atdon't mind informality, but when it's a listed groups advance notice or tempt to deprive any person of question of the health and welfare of work-ing mothers. I'm in favor of normal proing mothers, I'm in favor of normal protection. I hope that 10,000,000 wives in were voiced by a Brooklyn pro-America's labor force will agree with me ject tenant, Mrs. Rebecka Peand fight for this kind of national legisla- ters. Her appeal against threat- hunting loyalty program of the tion.

#### **Ten-Year Program Adopted** To End Evils of Jim Crow |"belief in and support of" all (Continued from Page 1)

neeting to improve clergy-NAACP relations.

On McCarthyism and Comtacked the Gwinn amendment as munism, the resolutions adopted

slum clearance, and urban redenon-segregated basis." cent gatherings of the major labor less overtime. munism "as an anti-democratic organizations: They recognize

Meanwhile, similar objections way of life."

Instead of rejecting the witchgovernment, as NAACP convenened eviction for not filing the

certificate was heard by New York Supreme Court Justice M. eral years ago, when it was first steps to organize an effective coming thing." Henry Martuscello, who handed adopted, the St. Louis gathering counter-offensive. weakly called on President Eidown his decision on July 8. Judge Martuscello denounced senhower to "restrict the loyalty both the Gwinn amendment and and security program to securityefforts of the New York City sensitive departments of the gov- to their democratic aspirations that overtime work kills employerment, such as the State De- in the present reationary climate ment and complained about un-Housing Authority to enforce it

partment, Defense Department, is the enthusiasm with which the ionized labor tolerating overtime as unconstitutional. His main point was that the Attorney the Atomic Energy Commission, delegates greated the proposal work to meet rising living costs. and the Federal Bureau of Infor full emancipation in ten years.

vestigation.'

The leadership failed completey to draw the lessons of the ing purposes on the part of some know what they are fighting for. past year's experience on polit- of its advocates, or an expres- They are not seeking a mere ical action. Instead of recogniz- sion of their inability or unwil- wage adjustment. They are seek-

ing the complete failure of the lingness to face the facts of life ing a greater share of the value policy of limiting the organiza- today, is nevertheless the expres- of their product through reduced tion to campaigns for registra- sion of the objective needs of hours at increased pay.

to answer questions of today's "revision of Senate cloture Rule American working class, the Inquisition. 22" to modify the practice of Negro masses. filibustering civil rights legisla- To achieve the goal set by the

These inquisitors brush aside their victims' claims that they tion to death, they introduced re- 44th annual convention of the are "anti-Communist." The witch solutions to continue the same NAACP - completion in ten hunters demand that the clergy fruitless activities. years of the emancipation process

Equally mild resolutions were started a hundred years ago prove their "anti-Communism" duced in the Pennsylvania state legislature that by converting their pulpits into adopted "hopefully" calling on revolutionary leaders like Fredmere instruments of pro-war, the "new leadership of the Amer- erick Douglass are needed, men anti-"Communist" propaganda. ican Federation of Labor to take with historic vision and audacity, affirmative action to end the and a program equal to the tasks The attack on the liberal clergy various forms of racial discrim- of their epoch. is designed to compel them to

ination practiced by certain af-Today that means a program become servile mouthpieces of filiated international unions" and for strengthening the ties of the condemning "the continuation of Negro movement with the unions, McCarthyism is a natural prothese vicious practices by the and calling on both to cut loose duct of the whole political soil

Railway Brotherhoods." from the out-dated perspective of and climate in America today. It Toughness was reserved not reforming dying capitalism. It flourishes on the reactionary trend with its loyalty oaths, govfor Jim-Crow unions, but for means organizing the strength of "Communist - controlled unions the whole working class-sweepernment purges, anti-labor laws. Smith Act trials. It can be fought including the National Negro ing aside all "racial" and other

Labor Council," with which local divisions in the process - for successfully only by opposing every manifestation of this war- and state units of the NAACP the fundamental transformation borne reaction and defending the were warned not to cooperate. of our social order into a gen-In addition, other resolutions uinely rational, peaceful, democcivil liberties of all, including reaffirmed the organization's ratic socialist civilization. the Communists.

nent of student summer help at Beck, who began "merger" talks wages not governed by union contract.

POLL BY "THE MILITANT"

would be won!

shortly after the strike opened. Because the truck drivers control the greater share of beer trans-

A group of readers of The Mil- port, Beck's big approach has been: "You join with us and take itant. interviewed some 100 pickyour orders from me or we scab." ets on the lines of six breweries. The drivers themselves, particu-The consensus of opinion on the the customary reform measures: picket line was that the strike larly in Milwaukee, are not "Beck would be long, Beck would probmen" but they have been disinsurance, vocational rehabilita- ably scab, and that the strike ciplined by Beck's machine and reminded of the interstate com-In reply to the question: merce laws.

"Which is the best way to at-Workers in other Wisconsin velopment "for all citizens on a tack the threat of unemployment breweries sensed the real mean. ing of Beck's concern for demin the U.S. — more war produc-All in all, the convention res- tion or the shorter work week?" ocracy in the Brewerv Union and olutions were no better and no the strikers unfailingly spoke out pledge of united brewery-transworse than those adopted by re- for reduced hours, more pay, and port striking power. They have voted to stay in the CIO. Else-

Asked whether the shorter where, particularly in New York, implicitly or explicitly the dan- work week should be the fight Beck has grabbed some locals gers of the reactionary drive of all labor in America, they asled by ambitious machine politi. toward a police state at home serted that mounting productivcians organized into a dissident and counter - revolution abroad, ity and machine displacement of bloc. Beck's sell-out record makes tions and labor bodies did sev- but fail to take the necessary men makes it inevitable, "the it impossible for any serious progressive unionist to think of Strikers related department by progress under Beck.

The only reflection at the con- department tales of fantastic According to Karl Feller, Presvention of the greater sensitivity mansaving machine developments. dent of the CIO Brewery Workof the Negro masses to the threat They also argued in many cases ers, "The teamsters dangled before our Local 9 membership the shocking offer that they would respect the picket lines in Milwaukee instead of continuing to It was evident that the workviolate them as they have been What may have been only a ers were intelligently prepared doing, if Local 9 made a deal demagogic slogan for fund-rais- for the strike and that the men iwth them.'

> Meanwhile the 7,100 striking brewery workers in Milwuakee have shouted down the latest company offer by replying: "We want everything!"



Must reading for a fuller understanding of the background to the new frame-up in Moscow and Malenkov's purge of Beria.

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# Notes from the News

ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND MARK TWAIN were among the authors checked by the State Department's Security division for possible Communist connections. This was due to one of the employee's sending these and similar names through to Security during the height of the recent book-purge. After checking such names numerous times and replying: "No record on him," the officials began to suspect that someone was pulling a fast one. They uncovered the culprit and fired him. "Imagine what might have happened if the man checking the names had noted that Abraham Lincoln once corresponded with Karl Marx" one State Department official said.



A LANDLORD accused in 1936 of having improper toilet facilities in his New York lower East Side tenement, was brought to trial on July 9, 1953. Chief Inspector Samuel Browdy of the Housing and Building Dept. recommended a \$15 fine. "You bring this man to court after 17 years and then recommend only a \$15 fine?" asked the Judge. He was then informed by Mr. Browdy that there are "a couple of thousand such cases," going back 15 to 20 years. Magistrate William E. Ringel was very indignant. He fined the defendent \$250, and called for an investigation of "this whole mess."

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IRWIN EDELMAN, the man who raised the argument in the Rosenberg case that gained the last stay of execution, was arrested for vagrancy in Los Angeles. He was convicted on July 6 of violating a state law requiring vagrants to register. On July 7, he was released with the proviso that he must register within 48 hours or go to jail for 90 days. Edelman

announced that he will appeal the conviction Edelman is well known in Los Angeles as a fighter for civil liberties and free speech.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT. Senator McCarthy was quoted by the Washington Star of July 8: " feel I have no right of censorship over any one:

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A "NEWSLETTER" FOR BANKERS said, "The fact that the Eisenhower Administration is dominated by bankers is a source of pride to many in the financial world." The article in Banktrends went on to list 12 bankers who hold top posts in the government, and then said, "All the foregoing are what the critics call big bankers, synonomous with Big Business."

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A "RIGHT TO WORK" BILL is being introis typical of scores of anti-labor bills pending in various states. The Pennsylvania measure, introduced by John DuBois, a manufacturer, would outlaw the union shop and make any kind of effective picketing illegal. James Mcpolitical reaction. Devitt, President of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor called the bill "the most vicious ever introduced in the General Assembly.' A similar measure was recently stopped in California before it got out of committee.

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JOHN W. LOVE, who writes Today's Business column in the Cleveland Press declares, "unemployed are estimated to be no more than 1,300,000. This figure includes people who ... have handicaps like age, race or temperament."

Liberal Clergymen **Face Witch Hunt** 

begin at which the country's top Protestant churchmen will appear tion and voting and lobbying for the most exploited section of the

