# Weiss Nominated **SWP** Candidate For N.Y. Mayor

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 - The Socialist Workers Party today announced its entry into the municipal election campaign with David L. Weiss, veteran socialist leader, as its

# **Frank Lovell Files for Mayor** In Detroit Election

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 1 -Frank Lovell, State Chairman of David L. Weiss fired the opencity elections.

Although the elections are held richest city of the world." on an ostensibly "non-partisan" small home owners and unions.

enter the 1953 mayoralty camfuture trend in this city."

In addition to unemployment, vermin-infested fire trap shared the working people of Detroit with rats. The blame for this face the problem of continued rests on the front steps of City price and rent rises, Lovell Hall.

declared. "To top it off, labor is City Hall, he continued, "fosters confronted by an industry-Pen- brutality among its police force. tagon - inspired attack against If you are a Negro or a Puerto their living conditions and their Rican you walk the streets perunions. Speed-up and union-bust- petually in fear of trigger-happy ing threaten in many shops." cops.

To help meet these problems, "The Negro and Puerto Rican the Socialist Workers candidate people, first in number among said that as mayor he would "in- those condemned to a slum exstitute a large-scale program of istence, are among the last to be public works" and "increase considered for a decent job and wages of city employees." advancement in employment. New

He would also cut the work York needs a new administration week of city employees to 30 that will put an effective FEPC hours but at no reduction in pay. law on the books - and not leave In addition, he would "whole- it there, but enforce it. heartedly cooperate with the

anteed annual wage." FOR COMPULSORY FEPC

A strong advocate of equal corporations.

rights, Lovell announced that one "In this election the people can of the major planks in his platdeal a blow to the capitalist poliform is passage of compulsory tical machines by casting their FEPC legislation. votes for the Socialist Workers

The SWP choice for mayor Party. Every vote for the SWP scored "all McCarthyite witch- is also a vote against Wall hunting committees and liberty- Street's war preparations and for burning investigations." He at-tacked the Trucks Law in Michi- plenty."

candidate for Mayor. Other Socialist Workers candidates for major offices will be designated shortly.

The SWP plans a hard-hitting campaign to reach the New York working class, women, youth, Negro and Puerto Rican people and other oppressed minorities with its message of socialism.

ing gun in the campaign with an the Socialist Workers Party, filed today for mayor in the coming ditions under which the millions of under-privileged live in the

"Subway riders, packed like basis, Lovell made clear that in rolling stock," he said, "have office he would be highly par- been hit with outrageous fare tisan, opposing the monopolies increases, tripling the toll from and big corporations and favoring a nickel to 15c. in five years, while the workers, minority and con- the Democrats and Republicans who joined forces in putting over sumer organizations, tenants; this turnstile robbery, cynically play the political shell game of "The working people of Detroit righteously blaming one another."

Scoring inadequate housing, he paign in the face of widespread declared: "New York slums, long layoffs and unemployment," he a nation-wide scandal, are rapidly said. "The cessation of the shoot- going from bad to worse. The ing war in Korea will bring more worker's home, which should be unemployment. The shut-down at modern, airy and sunny, a place Kaiser - Frazer foreshadows the for children and a good life, is for millions a crowded, dingy,

**EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION MOVES** 

THE

Gov. Lausche Battle Police Blockade Vetoes Ohio 'Thought' Bill CLEVELAND, O., July 31 – Right to Cross Border

CLEVELAND, O., July 31 Gov. Frank J. Lausche yesterday vetoed House Bill 308, unpopular

Ohio witch-hunters' all-inclusive measure for outlawing "subversive" groups and continuing investigation of so-called un-Amerbasis by the attorney general's gan distributing July 26. office.

all-embracing criminal legisla- itself to publishing long lists of fought the Stalinist terror. They tion is passed," Lausche's veto names of those who defied the displayed the same discipline, message said, "we, in effect, edicts against taking food for create a government of men in- their hungry families. The Stal- skill as in the days of the June stead of a government of law." | inist papers charged these were general strike. Protest strikes His chief objection to the pro- "American spies and fascists." posed law was that "we already But the lists kept growing. The have on the state and, especially, Stalinists countered by announcing the national level the means to names every hour on radio broaddetect and prosecute persons bent casts. on overthrowing our government." These measures couldn't stop The governor revealed that at the tide.

conference of governors with J. Next they began to harass Edgar Hoover lasts pring, the of- people who returned with pack- the form of battles to break icials concluded unanimously that ages. They confiscated the food the problem of combatting sub- and imposed heavy fines. versives "should be left com-Finally on Sunday, August 2 pletely and fully in the hands of they resorted to a ban on rail the Federal Bureau of Investi- and bus travel to West Germany. gation. The Stalinist East German news-

The legislature was scheduled to paper, Neues Deutschland, deneet today to act on the gov- clared that the travel blockade themselves. The foreign departernor's vetoes before adjourning had crushed the American at ment of the American Stalinist for the summer, but only a brief tempts to organize "mass attacks paper, the Daily Worker, for exmemorial session for the late on our government and our ample, writes Aug. 5: "Project Senator Taft was held. Then a police." (Continued on page 2) recess was called until next Friday, when an attempt will be

made to pass H.B. 308 and several other biils over the veto. Since it takes 82 votes in the

here is little doubt that it will

pass the House, where the vote

House and 20 in the Senate to over-ride the governor's veto,

### By Murry Weiss

Defying Stalinist edicts and terror, hundreds of thousands of East Germans fought last week for their right to cross the East-West boundary and secure meager parcan activities on a permanent cels of food that American agencies in West Germany be-

Throughout the week of July In the early part of the week, "Whenever vague, cloudy and the Stalinist regime confined 26, the East German workers class independence and political were reported in the Leuna refinery at Mersburg, the electrochemical works at Bitterfeld, and plants at Jena, Halle, Magdeburg, and Erfurt.

Other manifestations of workers resistance to the Stalinist terror against the hungry took through the travel blockade and to protect the victims of Stalinist

gangster attacks, The mass nature of the turnout from the eastern zone is irrefutably established by every source, including the Stalinists

Know When to Smile<sup>\*</sup>



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Workers of the World, Unite!

MILITANT

MAKE BELIEVE HE ISN'T THERE!

"City Hall's crimes against the United Auto Workers union in weople will continue as long as its campaign to win the guar- City Hall is monopolized by poli-

### tical representatives of the rent sharks, profit gougers, Wall Street bankers and anti-union

gan as "a standing threat to all liberal, labor and minority organ-000 signatures to put the party MORE AMERICAN TROOPS INTO KOREA izations and individuals." on the ballot will begin August

Lowell said he was opposed to 18. The SWP appeals to all who Wall Street's preparations for want a socialist ticket on the another world war. As a step to- ballot to help in this work. SWP reality "that they will not see until peace is assured." ward peace, he demanded the campaign headquarters are at 116 immediate withdrawal of all University Place near Union American troops from Korea. Square.

# St. Louis Takes Lead **In National Fund Drive**

### By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Manager

Contributions to the \$18,000 Party Building and Publications Fund took another drop this week, enough to irresistible cry this time to bring N. Y. Times that the equivalent the people and lodged in Con- ton Daily News and Cincinnati throw the campaign 21% behind schedule as compared to 18% last week. The scoreboard. D-

compiled on the basis of receipts ing of the campaign. Their \$89 through Aug. 3, shows \$5,936 sent payment this week keeps them on in by the Socialist Workers Party schedule with 54%. branches on their quotas for the

3-months campaign. Six branches are on schedule their scores during the week. with 54%, or better. Those below 54% have only six weeks in which in \$125 for the Twin Cities, exto catch up and complete their plaining: "This will leave us a quotas 100% by the campaign little short of 50% at the halfdeadline - Sept. 15. way point."

St. Louis took first place with a \$50 check and a promise that "more will follow soon." This gain guring the week - 5.6 "We branch is just a quick jump from have been slow so far in sending the goal with 73% of it quota.

Newark's steady pace assures an in-full, on-time performance. Their \$17 payment this week Their \$17 payment this week keeps them ahead of schedule hing to look better for us. We with 67% — and in second place. have a picnic scheduled, the pro-

pulled them into fourth place to the fund. Money order for \$93 with 59% of their \$350 quota. In enclosed. I think that from here addition the comrades, on and with this start Milwaukee L. G., a friend who understands will begin to climb. the need for the Party Building and Publications Fund, contributed score. \$10 with the request that it be

credited to Cleveland Branch. This explanation accompanied for Los Angeles, informing us Chicage's \$40 check: "Sorry it is that "In addition to regular fund so small this week — just about pledges from the comrades, we so small this week — just about are holding a Theatre Party next and fanatic devotion to the inso payments are slim." Chicago weekend as a means of upping our terests of the class of wealthy set such a fast pace from the very percentage."

beginning that even though this their \$100 weekly goal, they are below 54% will have to do some organized labor. still ahead of schedule with fast stepping in the last half to

56% Buffalo hasn't missed sending campaign deadline, Sept. 15. a weekly check since the launch-(See Scoreboard: Page 3)

The above are the on-schedule branches, but others added to

Comrade Jean of St. Paul sent

Milwaukee chalked up a big gain during the week - 6% to The capitalist newspapers and politicians are sincere in the grief they voice at the death of Senator in our contributions. This is due

in part to a number of our comheadlines like "Nation Mourns rades being unemployed due to Taft" are, of course, obviously fantastic exaggerations. But the capitalists really mean it when Cleveland's determination has fits from which will be allocated they bewail Taft's death as the

loss of "our greatest statesman." This bespeaks not so much Taft's historic merit as the low level of American capitalism's moral and

political standards. New York added \$218.50 to its If we judge by such standards,

then Taft did embody "greatness." Comrade Jeanne sent in \$130 His whole political career, particularly his activities in the U.S. Senate since 1938, was marked by parasites and by an equally in-

By Art Preis

to be relieved, there is general far is an increase in emphasis simply calling it a "police action." Civil Liberties Union and the agreement that they must be upon the Pacific." replaced by others, and that we The continued build - up of that the power to plunge America tives to protest the measure at shall stay for a long time not American armed forces in Korea into war rests with him.

it's time to get out of Korea. back home.

on the measure was 119 to 2. In the Senate, however, where the final vote was 21 to 11, there "Parents of men now in Korea only in Korea but also in all our is an indication of how unstable is a possibility that the governor's must and will face up to the harsh other far-flung defense posts the truce is estimated to be in the veto will be upheld. opinion of Eisenhower and his

The widespread opposition to their sons for some time." This it determined there is "general know. The solution it determined there is the solution is determined the solution i

editorial statement by the in-fluential Cleveland Plain Dealer for a long time" in foreign mili-fluential Cleveland Plain Dealer for a long time" in foreign mili-for a long time" in foreign mili-for a long time in foreign mili-(July 28) condenses into one tary beach heads. Certainly it was Syngman Rhee, who blandly an- against the McCarthyite drive sentence the political line adopt- not through consultation with the nounced July 29 that it was "in- against traditional civil liberties. sentence the political line adopt-intervention whether administra-tion toward the universal senti-ment in American homes that in American homes that in American homes that in American in Korea or come in Kor agree to unification of the coun- Devine bill appeared in the past The N. Y. Times, whose edi- The fact is that instead of with- try on his reactionary terms. two weeks in the following leadtorials shape policy for a good drawing troops, the Eisenhower Rhee's positon follows logically ing newspapers across the state: section sof the American press, administration is sending more from the whole shift that has the Cleveland Press, Youngstown

gave the pitch in the folowing troops into Korea. Hanson W. taken place in the war-making Vindicator, Akron Beacon Journal, words (July 28): "There is no Baldwin reports in the Aug. 2 powers. These were taken from Toledo Times, Toledo Blade, Daythe boys home,' as there was in of "more than one division was gress. Then Congress abdicated Post. 1945, and though the men who shifted from Japan to Korea. . and permitted Truman to plunge Earliest opposition to H.B.

fought the war have every right The net result of the armistice so America into the Korean war by 308 came from the Cleveland Now Rhee thinks it is self-evident State CIO, which sent representalegislative hearings.

Dictator Syngman Rhee and State Department representative Walter S. Robertson in talks over Korean truce, take time out to smile for photographers. The U.S. Senate, chilled at Rhee's declaration of intent to reopen the war in a few months, hastily approved \$200,000,000 to be put at disposal of Rhee's corrupt regime for rehabilitation work in Korea and talked of another \$2 billion to come.

workers and poor farmers - a

that he became an absolute

# Anti-Labor Profiteers Mourn Sen. Taft's Death

teeth in a mechanical smile mother was the capitalist two- Senate, he was able to keep him, the union leaders especially. whenever a camera was pointed party Congress; and Taft was the the McCarthy-Knowland "Pacific- They let him win, you might say, mid-wife. Firsters" wing in check and put almost by default. Instead of at him.

Ask any man on the street just Taft was born in no log cabin over such legislation as the Eisen- fighting Taft with a party and what was "great" about Taft — or even in the modest comforts of hower administration considered candidates that could inspire the what he did of benefit to the over- the standard two-story frame indispensable.

whelming majority of the people house of his time. He was a scion No small part of the sense of Labor Party and labor candi-- and you will have a hard time of one of the 60 wealthiest multi- loss felt by the Republicans at dates - the union leaders offered getting any kind of an answer. millionaire families in America. his passing is their concern over only the discredited, corrupt The truth is, he did nothing. In His political road had been clear- the conflicts in their own party Democratic machine. In the last all his years in the Senate there ed and paved for him by his that may come to a head with- Senate race in Ohio, the union was scarcely a bill even slightly father, William Howard Taft, who out the stabilizing and conciliat- officials backed a Democratic favorable to the wage-earners ruled the White House from ing hand of the shrewd machine- wheel-horse of such low calibre that he did not bitterly oppose 1908-1912. To emulate his father politician Taft. or seek to water down; or hardly as President for the Morgans, The question that arises when embarrassment to his own spon-

a bill of advantage to the corpora- Rockefellers, Mellons, DuPonts we take into account Taft's entire sors and an insult to the voters. tions and special interests that and Tafts was the one ambition career, his background and the Taft got in by sheer default. class he so openly served, is how The speculation that a Demohe failed to uphold. denied Robert Alphonso. He enshrined himself per- But he attained a position of he ever came to be elected to the mocrat may now be appointed by manently in capitalism's "Hall of tremendous political power, second Senate, particularly after the Ohio's governor to replace Taft

Fame" by a single measure that only to the President himself. As passage of the Taft-Hartley Slave in the Senate is no cause for joy. he co-authored and spearheaded head of the Republican majority Labor Law. How did he win re- There are a lot of Tafts, in outthrough Congress, the notorious in the Senate, Taft wielded im- election in the State of Ohio where look and class loyalties, in the Taft-Hartley Labor Relations mense influence in the Senate the wage workers constitute the Democratic as well as Republican

The campaign has passed the tense hatred of the working peo- interests or fighting their enemies, Law. This law, enacted in June and in the Republican machine. overwhelming majority and the party. His class interests will week's contribution fell short of half-way mark. Those branches ple, especially the millions of he had no soft spot. He never 1947, was a composite of every Following the inauguration of unions are a real power? How continue to dominate in Congress displayed a spark of humanity. apti-labor, union-busting bill that Eisenhower, he played a decisive could a man with so little to until labor undertakes a com-In Taft, the profiteers and His typically sour expression, his had been submitted to Congress part in keeping the various con- commend him to workers get pletely new political course to catch up and finish 100% by the monopolists had a champion they eyes cold and hard as flint up to that time. They say of it flicting factions in the Repub- where he did? defeat Taft's class and put felt they could trust under all reflected his inner character. He that its father was the National lican Party welded together. As The answer lay not in Taft, but labor's own spokesmen in the circumstances. In protecting their had to be trained to bare his Association of Manufacturers; its long as Taft was active in the in those who purported to oppose House and Senate.

SENATOR TAFT

Robert Alphonso Taft. Eulogistic

### Page Two

### THE MICITANT

Monday, August 10, 1953

Next week we shall deal with

of the Supreme Council's project-

By Murry Weiss

Question: Have the East German workers a right to take food from the American imperialists? Won't this play into the hands of Wall Street's plan to recapture all of Germany for forgery, as of all the previous capitalism?

Answer: A revolutionary people have the right and duty to take food, or other material means from any source. We are 100% on the side of the East German workers in this fight build up of Malenkov by the for their right to move freely from the East to the West and get food for their starving families. We are 100% against the violent interference of the Stalinist police and military. The East Ger- to inherit Stalin's mantle as man workers have started a revolution. Given the violent repres- Purger-Arbiter-in-Chief. Second, sions of the Kremlin and their East German henchmen, it becomes a civil war. In war, food can be as decisive as arms. Napoleon — who should know — said that an army marches on its stomach. In 1918, after the Russian revolution, when German capitalism was waging war on the young Soviet State, French and British imperialism offered to help the Soviet: against Germany. Lenin made a characteristically blunt and simple motion in the Bolshevik Central Committee "That Com- History of the Communist Party rade Trotsky be authorized to accept the assistance of the of the Soviet Union, personally brigands of the French imperialism against the German edited by Stalin. That "history" did mention the names of Molotov, brigands."

The East German workers haven't made the slightest concession to the capitalist "brigands" of Wall Street by taking their food. Together with the West German workers they want no part of Washington's war plans and counter-revolutionary plots of the birth of Bolshevism has It is the duty of the American workers to demand the withdrawal been taken as the occasion to exof American troops from Germany and Europe so that the designs of the capitalists in Germany can be defeated by a united German working class free to decide their own fate without the counter-revolutionary interference of the capitalists or the it, but distinctly subordinate, ap- ference by Malenkov, his first leadership's signifies the "cour-Stalinist bureaucrats.

Question: Wasn't it necessary for the Soviet Union to insist anonymous "party Central Comon a temporary lowering of the standard of living of the East mittee," the repository of all in which Malenkov served as one mission is demanded today. It is watchmen seemed to think that German workers in the interests of the industrialization of China? Isn't it true that the East German workers are living on a higher standard than the Chinese people and shouldn't they sacrifice something in the interests of the general welfare of the Soviet bloc?

Answer: There isn't a grain of truth in this slander against the East German workers cooked up in the Stalinist lie-factory In the first place the Kremlin hasn't taken from the East German workers in order to give to the Chinese people. The Chinese revolutionary government is paying for every ounce of material coming from the Soviet Union. And the only reason the Kremlin figures in the text. Two conis no longer looting in China, as they did at the end of World War II, is because they can't get away with it. The fact is that the Kremlin has reduced the East European people to the status text of vassals of their regime. Their policy is not socialist collabora- quoted. For example, the necessity tion in one common industrial effort to the advantage of all, but the military-bureaucratic pillage of East Europe. The Kremlin has sought to foist on the East European people an exact replica of their repressive rule within the Soviet Union.

That is why a political revolution is erupting against them, a revolution which will start on the foundation of planned economy. The liberation of the workers from Stalinist tyranny spells the release of their productive and political energy on behalf of the world-wide socialist upsurge. This political revolution has one of its major starting points in East Germany, but it is simmering and boiling up in many sectors of Eastern Europe and there are marked signs of its approach within the Soviet

# SHOULD GERMAN REBELS TAKE EISENHOWER FOOD? By John G. Wright Statutes under Stalin. What does the new "history" had "become terms in terms

On July 26 the Kremlin issued

a condensed falsification, a brand new one, of the history of the Russian Communist Party. The major aims of this post-Stalin ones in Stalin's lifetime, are

crudely practical. First and fore most, the new 7.500-word version is intended as the start of the Kremlin propaganda machine. In this way Malenkov, after purging Beria, hopes to consolidate his bid it is intended as an official state ment of domestic and foreign policy.

Malenkov urgently needs a falsified version of Stalin's historical

falsifications for a number of reasons; chiefly because his name was not even mentioned in the original 1939 version entitled.

Khruschev, even Shvernik and Andreyev, all of them still alive. To make good this glaring disrepancy, the Fiftieth Anniversary punge all living names from the record of the last 50 years. The name of Lenin figures most

pears the name of Stalin. Most

prominent of all, however, is the authority, "collective" and "collective" experience. To be sure Malenkov's name is not mentioned in the "27 theses" party history, personally

ointly by the "Propaganda and

trivances are used. To begin with, pronouncements without being formally 'to eliminate the Talmudic, dogmatic approach" is a catchphrase notoriously associated with Malenkov. It is made the nub of accorded to Malenkov's recent

petition of the two systems."



MALENKOV

Then, too, the main dates of Malenkov's rise to prominence are singled out. Thus, the "new hisassigns a special place to the Kaganovich, Mikoyan, Voroshilov,

Stalin. The date that follows im- party courage. Without such

prominently, as an ikon. Next to the February 1941 party Conmajor address.

Stalin Institute Attached to the unity and oneness of the party." Central Committee, CPSU." Malenkov, needless to recall, was editorials, feature articles, com-Nonetheless Malenkov prominently the main reporter at this Congress. against the "cult of the in- one million; first Ukrainian by Malenkov are written into the dividual" and its praises of the edition, 200,000. 'principle of collective leadercounter to Malenkov's bid for and village, in every factory, Stalin's mantle. But such a con- state farm and collective farm, clusion would be superficial, in every party and government

Nothing more is involved here institution, schools and public "Thesis 24." Similar treatment is than Bonapartist masquerade. gatherings, these new falsifica- These watchmen have been misin-accorded to Malenkov's recent Malenkov extolled "the prin- tions have been the subject of formed, but they have some of concerning, in particular, "long the Nineteenth Congress. As a etc.



"The principle of collectivity," name beneath, has been regularly them in return. the July 13 Pravda explains, front-paged. The device is an ex-"demands that leaders of party change of congratulatory tele- Malenkov is scheduled to have decisions. bodies consult members of party committees, consult the active party membership, the Communists, listen to their opinions, take into account their critical

remarks and proposals. . ." "Con-"take into acsult." "listen," count" — and nothing more. As A Conversation tor the decisions, the underlings have no say at all. That was the That Ended Up With "principle" under Stalin; that The Right Answers remains the "principle" in the post-Stalin era.

To dispel any doubts on this score, the same editorial adduces a Eighteenth Party Congress in Pravda, "pointed out that the men, who have low-paying jobs 1939. It was at this Congress that sbility to act collectively, the as night watchmen because they Malenkov was first elected to the readiness of individual comrades can get nothing else. We were Central Committee and named as to submit their will to the col- talking about the "police action" one of three secretaries under lective will — this is precisely in Korea.

One said, "We should use the what is known among us as atomic bomb."

nediately is early 1941. A stereo- courage, without the ability to typed quotation of Stalin is in- submit one's will to the collec- Russians will use it. Why should Editor: roduced concerning "the greatness tive will - without these quali- millions of working people be of Lenin and the significance of ties — there is no collective, atom-bombed? Who will gain by his behests." The implied refer- there is no collective leadership." it except the rich? American ence is to the key speech made at What could be plainer?

Next the "new history" passes before the "Chief." Pravda em- bomb. "That would show them to the "the Great Patriotic War," phasizes that the same sub that we means business." The who were shouting to everyone, wisdom of the original five members of the duty of every Soviet citizen the atom bomb was the solution employees on strike." the "Defense Cabinet." Finally, to get down on all fours before to the war problem.

the concluding one-third of the "the collective leadership," document is devoted to last year's pseudonym for Malenkov. How much importance is at- said, "We have lost more casual-Nineteenth Congress which is edited by Malenkov and drafted characterized as summing up "the tached to all this is testified to ties in this police action than we tell us anything which might be magnificent results of the strug- by the nationwide campaign lost in the Second World War." Agitation Department of the gle and victories of the Soviet around the Malenkov version of Then he talked about the huge money cost. "Do you know who Central Committee, CPSU" and people," and as the clearest proof Russian party history. Every by the "Marx - Engels - Lenin- of "the unbreakable monolithic daily in the Soviet Union has published it, with corresponding

I answered, "Who?"

mentaries, "responses," and the "We are going to pay for it, like. It has been issued as a we working people." His fellow The "new history's" strictures pamphlet; first Russian edition, watchmen all agreed to that. "Before long the government will take our checks and we will From one end of the country have to ask for part of our money

ship" appear at first glance to run to the other, in every city, town back to live on." Again there was general agreement. "That's right.

foreign policy pronouncements ciple of collective leadership" at "readings," "talks," "lectures," the right answers. co-existence and peaceful com- matter of fact this same "prin- On July 31 Pravda solemnly ciple" was included in the party announced that the appearance of



**Letters from Readers** 

Editor:

Recently, I had what began as have all the answers. But at least very depressing conversation it doesn't decide on the answers ory," which supersedes all others, the authority of none other than with three St. Louis workers. I first, and then go out and look for Stalin. "J. V. Stalin," explains was talking with three elderly the questions to fit them.

R. D. Chicago, Ill

Finds Morale High **On Picket Line** 

**At Hearns Store** I answered, "If we use it, the

I would like to report the experiences I had giving out sample workers don't have anything at Hearns' Department Store. The "principle of collective against the Russian workers." The first picket I spoke to was My argument ran up against in front of the main entrance on age" to get down on all fours their insistence to use the atom 14th Street. The picket line had about 10 people, mostly women

> late thirties, gave her a Militant point of union solidarity. Then the discussion drifted into the cost of the war. One man and told her we support this printed in The Militant. She told me how empty the store was and

is going to pay for it?" he asked

pany.

I didn't feel depressed then These watchmen have been misin.

> **Charles Brooks** St. Louis, Missour

Your recent articles on the their strike

**Criticizes Demand** For 30-Hour Week At 40-Hours Pay Editor:

use long since. The Labor Party Asks Auto Workers is a visionary scheme for controlling capitalism; workers' con- To End Rivalry trol is a practical scheme for **Of Skill Groupings** supplanting capitalism. Syndicalism, certainly, doesn't Editor:

This first campaign to build up ed unanimous "deliberations" and

Here are my impressions of the controversies around the skilled trades issues in the UAW-CIO: Skilled workers have been getting substantial pay increases in recent negotiations in the CIO United Automobile Workers Union while the production workers have been

lagging behind. Reuther was able to open the agreement on the basis that the auto industry had to make some wage concessions because of the demands of the skilled workers. And he also was compelled to do copies of The Militant to strikers so because of their well organized machine. The skilled trades group has been a real base for him.

The production workers felt that if the skilled group won a raise it would make it possible for them to receive one. They "Pass them by - 800 Hearns also felt that they should back up the demands of any sections I approached a woman in her of the workers from the stand-

The auto manufacturers were strike. I asked her if she could not reluctant to give the skilled workers a raise. The question for them was how much and how best to proceed without opening how the sales people inside were the door for the production work-

taking merchandise out of the ers. On the question of how much. window to sell because the com-Reuther had to go through the pany could not get enough scab motions of making a fight. The truckers to bring in more merdemand of the skilled workers chandise. She was very proud of the fact that not one of the 800 was 28 cents per hour. He was organized Hearns employees had forced to ask the local unions to gone over to the company. All take strike votes all over the the salespeople and scabs inside country around individual plant issues such as seniority and were newly recruited by the comspeed-up. But at no time did he

make it clear or known to these Next I talked to a picket captain locals that it was in behalf of who was covering the back demands of the skilled workers. entrances where the merchandise The skilled workers are very s shipped in. He told how the organized in all plants AFL Drivers were not crossing Reuther was unable to do away the picket line — only non-union with their councils at the last trucks were scabbing. convention, although he has been I gave out about 50 papers to pickets at three different en- successful in scuttling broad protrances to Hearns. I received a duction workers councils such as the Auto and Aircraft Council warm and friendly welcome from



Question: Do the concessions to the workers indicate a change in the nature of the Stalinist bureaucracy? Aren't the concessions proof that a reform wing of the bureaucracy is developing?

Answer: We are the last to ignore the concessions the workers have wrested from the Stalinists in East Germany. They are and desperate rebellion that can be quelled with a few tanks and ment as it manifested itself on aroused by the brutal repression moving their commercial ven- believe is peculiarly and uniquely firing squads. They indicate that a broad revolutionary workingclass movement announced itself in the person of the East German worker to challenge the "omnipotent" bureaucrats. This spells the beginning of the end of the Stalinist police regime. Their concessions, the real ones and the promises, far from ining week. dicating a reform of Stalinism," reveal rather the weakening of the real power of Stalinism.

As the bureaucracy feels the impact of the resurgent mass movement of the workers, its reflexes become more violent and a complex process of convulsions and disintegration within the bureaucratic caste sets in. The bureaucracy, trying to get the situation under control, shifts from brutal repressions to concessions and back again. The workers movement, correctly sensing "This fact is made to appear" the crisis in the regime, seizes on each concession to reinforce its he says, "as conclusive proof of central demand of the German one day against us. Thus to ruin. position. It combines its struggle for basic demands with tactical hunger in the East, which is plain maneuvers to consolidate each minor concession in the form of real gains, and demands "less talk and more action" from the bureaucratic promisers.

The same mass pressure induces a process of fragmentation in the bureaucracy. The purges in the highest echelons of Stalinism in Germany are ample proof. Whether this fragmentation don, or New York for that results in the development of a "reform" wing in the bureaucracy matter." The American Stalinist is not a basic question. Even the smallest rifts create openings. through which the workers can press their own independent interests. The essential direction and goal is the smash-up of the bureaucracy through a political revolution and its replacement by the rule of workers democracy. The program of Trotskyism indicated the main line of this many-sided process; now life is confirming this program to the hilt in the crucible of the revolutionary struggle of the East German workers.

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to the latest outbreak. The or- of the West German capitalists (Continued from page 1) sponsors announced that they ganized and disciplined cadres of to the events of June 17 in the excellent. As a member of the

gave out only 40,000 parcels on the East German workers, accord- east zone as follows: ing to all indications, gave full

Sunday (Aug. 2) as compared support to the efforts of the with over a million for the six hungry masses to secure food. preceding days." Thus in their They rejected the Stalinist slander

cedes the mass scope of the gle of great importance.

1 defense of the most elementary FOSTER'S NONSENSE The American Stalinist chief,

William Z. Foster, also grants They pressed their demand for that "Large numbers of people, political freedom and mobilized in it appears, have come over from great masses around the broadest spectre of workers rising in mass rational system of production" Aug. 4). But Foster isn't deceived: Most important of all, they uonsense."

Why is it nonsense? Because many. 'The same sized, or even bigger, crowds would appear if the food

was being handed out free to West Berliners, or to the people of Rome, Madrid, Paris, or Lonchief doesn't stop to think. The fact that there is hunger throughhunger in East Germany is a laughing matter.

When hundreds of thousands of people travel long distances to obtain two pounds of lard, two

pounds of flour, two pounds of dried peas and four small cans of condensed milk, they do so out of extreme hunger and distress. Thousands stood in line for 12hour stretches. Many who came lost days of work, risked severe penalties of unemployment and imprisonment, and had to run the gauntlet of Stalinist terror.

Clearly, people do not submit to cible power. such hardships and hazards to obtain food they do not need. Since June 17, official Stalinist born struggle of the East Ger- the East German people, had ing can be done about what we reports of arrests and rearrests, man workers against the Stalin- better consult their history books. produce. While a Labor Party purges. repressions, concessions ist regime. As a matter of fact, The American relief missions in would still be yammering for alternating with new repressions, they are concerned about the the Soviet Union back in 1917 maintenance of war production and the outbreak of new strike

Kremlin

movements and demonstrations, Germany. Seymour Freidin and recapturing Russia for capitalism control on the job could have have been continuous. This constitutes the background 4 N. Y. Post report the reaction Archangel.

"PERSPICACIOUS PEOPLE" my own experiences. But your "West German business men, analyses of these data, and the East German Revolt perspicacious people with an eye program which purports to be attempt to disparage the move- that these masses are American always peeled for a fast no-risk based on them, exhibit a docspies and fascists. Indignant and profit, were canceling orders and trinairism which I have come to

Sunday (the day a travel ban of workers who ran the police tures as well. This was their Trotskyist. was imposed by the Stalinist blockade, they turned the whole reaction to the demonstrations of Reuther's program is frankly regime), the Daily Worker con- food battle into a political strug- East Berliners. . . Why? The inflationary, with the hope of demonstrations in East Berlin saving capitalism. But your procedes the mass scope of the The salient features of this and in virtually all the large gram is even more inflationary hunger trek in the entire preced-struggle are clear. The East Ger-Soviet-held communities in East (e.g., 30-hours work for 40-hours man workers fought this week in Germany were carried out by pay) and with the aim of ruining revolt. I have always found every working men and women and by capitalism. As I gather from your demand — food — against callous their banned trade union organ- editorial of July 13, your object bad, is retarded by everybody bureaucratic violence and tyranny. izations. . . These were workers in is to "teach the working class wanting to hold the limelight and rebellion against authority. The the fundamental lesson — capital- be the leader. Most of this kind men with investments . . . see the ism is incapable of running a could look back after say ten

East Berlin to get the free pack-ages of food." (Daily Worker, political strength. some of these business men may be one of "boom or doom," struck a blow in behalf of the argued . . . might be translated but yours is one of "rack and

working class of both East and eliminate business risk and to The SWP program has in com-West - the unification of Ger- show their disaffection for upris- mon with that of Reuther the ings they have begun to take their cherishing of a single pat formulation of the situation and one ousiness elsewhere. There are already a quarter of accompanying panacea. It is in-

THE BROADER ISSUE The East German workers laid a million unemployed in West teresting to note that in the series lown in action a path of strug- Berlin alone. The flight of capital of articles on the UAW by gle for this demand. The im- from the oncoming "revolutionary Emmatt Moore, the most recent mediate issue was the right to plague" will impose severe hard installment was headlined "United secure food wherever available, ships on the workers of the west Action Can Stop Speedup." (Milibut the broader underlying issue zone and spur their movement tant, July 6.) The article desis the right of the German people forward. At the same time the cribed how workers' action at the point of production in the UAW and threatened both through the out the world doesn't prove that to decide their own destiny with- reaction of the German capitalout interference from the armies ists is the truest indicator of the plants could achieve their goals. and agents of Wall Street or the anti-capitalist social nature of the East German workers move-

It is this issue of unification ment. that promises to become the The pocketbook nervousness of tical or programmatic level of against the workers on both conrallying point of a united move- the German capitalists is the SWP affairs, had quite another tinents. There are always inment of the German working sensitive reflex of the ruling class slant. In discussing the Willow dividuals and people who weaken class. Such a movement would to the revolutionary hast German Run shutdown, he ended his under such strain and crack up. analysis your interests must coinfocus around the need to create a workers movement. It is far more article (as, indeed, most of your socialist government for all of indicative of the true nature of articles these days are ended) Germany and free the nation from the East German events than the with a stirring call for a Labor the occupation forces of both the counter - revolutionary maneuvers Party to march forth on the fields allied powers and the Kremlin of Wall Street's State Depart- of parliamentarianism to the vanbureaucrats. A socialist Germany ment strategists, who think that quishing of capitalism. I personally agree with the ler of Indiana said "the right to

would invest the world anti- they can exploit the revolutionary capitalist revolution with invin- crisis in East Germany. Those who think that a pitiful refusal to work in war industries The Government does not segre The German capitalists can ration of food will buy Wall can accomplish little. But this is

draw no comfort from the stub- Street a share in the hearts of no reason to conclude that nothpossible repercussions in West didn't succeed any better in (witness your editorial), workers'

William Richardson in the Aug. than did the American troops in stouded production for war and incomes of less than \$1,000, a profit and started production for year.

UAW have been, on the whole, Manuel Starr/ New York HAW. I can testify that those accounts accord substantially with Not Convinced Editor:

movement, big or little, good or

years and see how incapable they

The Russian nation being in the middle is trying to appease the backward starving millions of Asians. Perhaps they thought it. not fatal to reduce the European comrades to near their own forced standard of living until they could consolidate India and China, arm and indoctrinate them against imperialism. They have a mighty difficult task I am sure. We all hope to see them make

good. You know, ever since the Archangel fiasco after World War the imperialists have slandered

press and underworld propaganda But in your issue of July 13, of the European, Roman and Frank Lovell, speaking on what I Russian Orthodox Church, to

I say to the men of skilled trades: You have certain rights as a group, but in the final union. It is my opinion that Flint, Michigan Reuther has shown favoritism to the skilled trades and jeopardized the interests of the UAW by In a ruling against housing dividing the union into separate segregation Judge William Steck-

groups, skilled and unskilled. SWP position that individual lease property is a civil right. More power to you in your fight for higher wages! But help the production workers fight for the ame standard of living you wish

During the last 15 years to enjoy. population in the U.S. has in- Our fight is together, for if we creased 18%, while the number of are divided we cannot win against neople over 65 has jumped 60%. those who would have us working Two-thirds of today's aged have for starvation wages.

Auto Worker Los Angeles, Calif.

guess could be termed the poli- prosecute their deadly schemes W. D.

gate its tax receipts."



I have just received two copies of The Militant and could hardly comprehend that such progressive work was being done in spite of all opposition. But I was somewhat shocked at your attitude toward the recent East German

at the signing of the five-year agreement. Now they find it is a trap. But they continue to support the most conservative policies and leaders in the union. The production workers out

igher or lower level.

However we must recognize

that at present the skilled groups

are by and large very con-

servative. They did not hesitate

here resent the way Reuther has been pitting the skilled workers against the production workers, and I think this is the case throughout the country. This is the third time the skilled workers have been increased more than

the production workers. The rivalry which exists between skilled and unskilled workers was not born today. This struggle has been nursed along over a period of years.

The CIO was founded in 1937 on the basis of bringing the lowerpaid workers somewhere near par with skilled workers. The slogan then was, "One for all and all for one. No craft union setup or special privileges for any group! Today we are drifting far apart and are on the road to craft unionism if this trend is allowed to continue. A union based upon craft unionism can defeat our main objective. And that objective is to better our standard of living or at least hold what we have

today.

Although skilled workers to. day are riding high as a minority group due to the stortage of manpower in their fields, the idea that only they should be considered is ruinous to the union as a whole



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## The Small Men Tinker with Cancer

A chilling little drama was enacted in Congress the other day when the political representatives of Big Business took up the question of an appropriation for cancer research. The Senators, moved by Taft's death, the fourth victim of cancer from their ranks in three years, quarrelled with Eisenhower's Secretary of Health Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby. She wanted to cut the appropriation by \$5,000,000. The Senators overruled her objections and restored Truman's \$20,000,000 budget.

What a piddling, palsied, mouselike tinkering with a giant challenge to the human race! What a commentary on the constricted horizon of the minds of these "rulers of destiny." Here is the powerful Senate, which voted \$2 billion for research to produce the first atomic bomb, a bomb that was used to cremate hundreds of thousands of human beings, and all they can do for cancer research is make a token gesture of one percent of the amount it took to invent the atomic bomb. And how many billions have they appropriated since Hiroshima and Nagasaki for atomic bombs and other horror weapons?

When news of the invention of an atomic. bomb at the cost of \$2 billion was released, medical research authorities estimated that a similar appropriation could guarantee science the means to unlock the secret of cancer and thereby the secret of destroying it. Think of it! The amount spent by capitalist America to invent a horror bomb could erase cancer.

This fact alone shows how imperative it has become to the human race to speed the elimination of the capitalist system which is incapable of taking such measures - how imperative it has become to replace capitalism by the rational system of socialism.

A socialist system won't nibble at the problem of cancer. It will launch total war against the disease and defeat it. And cancer would be only one of the targets of the socialist ion of imperialism in the Nile war against disease. Tuberculosis, heart disease, infantile paralysis - all the great killers would fall under the blockbuster attack of socialist it, for it contains a wealth of banning democratic freedoms, ers has been forged under the mankind. nformation

Where's the hitch? Is it an intrinsic characteristic of the human race to deliberately limit the possibilities of triumphing over blind natural forces? On the contrary, man is rightfully proud of his long ascent from the lemagogy.' primitive technique of the stone age to the industrial wizardry that has now unlocked the secret of the atom. But man's great upward climb has come only by revolutionary struggles to overcome the obstacles of outworn social

systems. We are living in the epoch of one of these great changes today - the change from capitalism to socialism, the most crucial change of all in man's history. It will usher in the stage where man will become the ruler of his own social destiny, and thereby the true ruler of nature

Long before socialist man opens up vistas of progress we cannot even dream of today, the Workers and Farmers Government of the very first stage of the socialist reorganization of society will claim undisputed victory over cancer.

# A People Rising in the Valley of the Nile

By Charles Hanley New York 3, N. Y. 42 pp. 25 sentiments. cents

Marxist analysis of a pseudo-nationalist, dictatorial cellent

very clearly describes the mechanism of the class struggle and the China, South Korea, etc.) political and economic intervenvalley. Every worker interested The Egyptian dictator has already in the struggle of the colonial dealt severe blows to the masses

fascist danger in Syria and Egypt is real. The capitalists, he points out, seek to win over "a part of class by graft, bribery and China, even if he has to conceal Because of the particular social and economic forces in the East, this and engage in certain nathis "military fascism" will be tionalist actions for a time.



Truce in Korea was signed July 27 at Panmunjom by Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., (left) chief negotiator for the U.S., and Lt. Gen. Nam II (right), representing North Korea.

European counterparts, not per-1 d'etat, the leadership of the army EGYPT - A PEOPLE RISING. manently connected with active received unqualified support from By Abu Hashim. New Park nationalism, but serving foreign some of the progressive groups Publications, Ltd., London. Dis- mperialism as well, aligning itself in Egypt and abroad. Aby Hashim tributed in the U.S. by Pioneer with all the enemies of the peo- says about this: "What has been Publishers, 116 University Pl., ple after exploiting nationalist wrong is their failure to realize the vital importance of urging the

Basically, this is the same masses to take the initiative in structure the imperialists are their own hands, if any hope of Abu Hashim, an Egyptian trying to bolster or establish directing this movement into evolutionist, has written an ex- throughout the colonial world - progressive channels is to be entertained. . . Instead of leading Egypt's evolution in the 19th and and reactionary government sub- the masses, they try to follow them, and are rarely successful 20th centuries. In this booklet he missive to orders from abroad. (Formosa, the Philippines, Indoeven at that.

The Egyptians are undoubtedly In Egypt, Naguib may well be. "a people rising." Over the past 10 years the masses have learned come another Chiang Kai-shek, a great deal, paying for the lessons "with their own blood." peoples for freedom should read by outlawing political dissent, Unity among the industrial workrepressing trade unions, conblows of savage repression. They The author warns that the tinuing Farouk's martial law and "believe in this unity as the censorship, and granting economic supreme source of their strength." and other concessions to foreign They "depend upon nothing but capital. His policy is aimed at their own heads, hearts and the growing forces of the middle betraying the national struggle | hands... They march persistently one of the main forces that raised and unshakeably on their way. him to power, as Chiang did in They have raised the torch of freedom and progress in the dark continent of Africa and in the Middle East. . .

The agrarian reform proclaimed ov Naguib is insufficient to solve Egypt's agrarian problem. But it is to some extent an anti-feudal measure, and if the poor peasants are mobilized and employ all the possibilities at hand, it could be

stepping-stone to greater conquests by the masses. In order to peri's Christian - Democratic caachieve this, a united front of binet was ousted July 28 when it in American war expenditures in poor peasants and agricultural failed to obtain a vote of conand industrial workers - a united fidence in the Chamber of been signed in Korea, are anxious front which Naguib is trying to Deputies. The vote was 263 to to open up trade with the New revent - will have to be created. 282. The Social-Democrats, the China. This has been prohibited Such a united front would Republicans, and the Liberals, up to now by the American attract sections of the middle who had been his allies in the class, a "potentially progressive previous government, voted Japan's House of Representatives" force, fighting against the exist- against him, thus precipitating unanimously approved a resoluing state of affairs" but unable the political crisis. to end them without the aid and

eadership of the working class. The Egyptian working class Czechoslovakia conceded Aug. 1 eeds organization and revolutionary leadership "from their own hardened sons" if it is to admitted that "we have not done win through to victory. "The enough to secure the supply of forces are there, ready to move the people with food." This did on to the long-awaited goal. not prevent the Stalinist bur-But who will give the WORD?" eaucrat from insisting in the The creation of cadres and the same breath that the hungry construction of a revolutionary workers speed up still more to party are at present the decisive 'increase production.' tasks facing vanguard militants in the Middle East.

AN INTERNAL struggle is There are two main groups, one of which, led by Kerensky, con- capital. sists primarily of Russians, while the other, led by Boris I. Nikolayevsky, a historian, consists of non-Russian nationals. 10 as election day, a time when portunism has led it in recent juestion. The American committee many are away from their con- years to ditch the nationalization financing these reactionary poli-

## By Charles Hanley ITALIAN PREMIER De Gas- JAPANESE CAPITALISTS worried over a projected decline their land now that a truce has

occupation forces. On July 29, tion calling for more trade with China. "Significantly, many mem-PRESIDENT ZAPOTOCKY of bers of (Prime Minister) Yoshida's own Liberal Party were there had been "mistakes in the in the vanguard of those who construction of socialism." He urged passage of the resolution,' says the N. Y. Times.

Page Three

THE GUATEMALAN peasant movement is pressing for a broadening of the agrarian reform. In response, Jose Manuel, a Stalinist leader, has proclaimed the necessity of "throwing Amer-

ican monopolists out of Guatemala." These include the United going on among pro-capitalist Fruit Company, the International exiles from the Soviet Union, the Railways of Central America, and Aug. 2 N. Y. Times reveals. the Electric Company of Guatemala, all owned by American

THE SOCIALISTS won a sweeping victory July 26 in Costa Rica's elections. Jose Figueres. They split over the nationalities leader of the victorious 1948 112,000 votes uprising, won against 61,000 for Castros Cerstituencies on holidays, in order program of the party, this elec- ticians warned them to end the vantes, candidate of the capitalists. Figueres is expected to introduce a soak-the-rich ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, re- gram to finance educational turning from a round-the-world reforms and to raise the living tour, declared Aug. 2 that the standard of the populace. The "intellectual leaders" of the Stalinists, seeking to defeat the predicting a depression, attacked istic Marxism" and fear the vantes.

# Defend the New Smith Act Victims

The shooting war in Korea may be at a standstill, but the witch-hunt in America is going strong. And the witch-hunt is part of the preparation for World War III.

That is the meaning of the recent indictment of eight alleged leaders of the Communist Party in Pennsylvania. The eight are accused under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act of "conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States government by forcers and violence."

The Smith Act was first used to imprison 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and the Minneapolis Teamsters Union, during World War II for their socialist opposition to Wall Street's War. Since July 1948 when the cold war got underway, ten groups of Communist Party leaders have been arrested under the

elementary duty of every working class organization, of every liberal and minority group to wage a struggle in defense of all victims of the Smith "Gag" Act. The fact that we are bitter political opponents of the Stalinists within the labor movement, in no way alters the case. Nor does the fact that when the Minneapolis trial took place, the Stalinists called for the stiffest penalties against the first victims of the Smith Act. We repeat — it is necessary to give full support to the defense of the civil rights of all, no matter what the political differences may be. The facts of life under the Eisenhower-McCarthy administration and every called for the stiffest penalties against the first tion show that every organization, and every individual however remotely regarded as a dissenter, is placed under fire when one organization is attacked.

If this wasn't clear in 1948 to the labor Voting is August 10 and th predicted will be a human and the predicted will

somewhat different from its . Immediately following the coup **Top Negotiators Sign Truce** 



Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
St. Louis	\$ 75	\$ 55	73
Newark	500	334	/ 67
Akron	150	90	60
Cleveland	350	205	59
Chicago	1,500	843	56
Buffalo	1,500	812	54
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,200	520	43
Philadelphia	400	152	38
Boston	550	193	35
Milwaukee	400	118	80
New York	4,500	1,297	29
Los Angeles	2,500	685	27
Flint	250	65	24
San Francisco	1,000	225	23
Youngstown	450	105	23
Pittsburgh	30	5	17
Oakland	250	40	16
Seattle	450	72	16
Detroit	1,500	. 33	2
Allentown	60	0	0
General	385	87	23
Total through Aug. 3	\$18,000	\$5,936	33

World Events

Smith Act — a total of 87 people.

The bail for the Pennsylvania victims was set at the outrageous figure of \$225,000. This continues the policy practiced in recent thought control trials of defacto elimination of the right to bail. It is part and parcel of the attack, on the right to belong to legal organizations, the right to refuse to testify against yourself, the right to refuse to become an FBI stool-pigeon and the right to think critically of Wall Street's government.

We are unconditionally opposed to these witch-hunt trials of the Stalinists. It is the

Wanted--Plain Talk on Labor Party

Every now and then a labor official issues a statement about the need for effective political action by the labor movement. All these statements have one point in common - they implicitly admit the ineffectiveness and even bankruptcy of labor's official political policy. Another common feature of these "militant" declarations is the hint that a labor party would be a good thing, but like a world which would have Christmas every day it isn't practical.

This can be said about the statement by A. J. Hayes, President of the International Association of Machinists, in his column in the August issue of the Machinists Monthly Journal. Nevertheless. he did come up with some sound comments. For example, he says that "political inactivity spells out economic suicide for all of us. . . If your enemies make the laws we are fools to expect a fair share and we are more than fools if we believe that we have no enemies.'

This is a slap at the policy the labor officials have been following, isn't it? Hayes points out that the enemies of labor have obtained a monopoly on political power so that it has become "difficult, if not impossible, for us to function in the political field at all." He goes so far as to say: "Already they have tied our hands so that we are prohibited from engaging in politics except in a straitjacket designed by them when we neglected our job in 1946."

This description of the state of affairs is by no means an exaggeration. It is well known to one and all in the labor movement. But what we look for when we read the articles and speeches of labor officials is even a small suggestion of action to correct this outrageous situation. Hayes makes only one proposal that

officials who played the witch-hunt game, it should be clear now.

McCarthy has the formula. Even New Deal Party, is campaigning on its past Democrats are included in the charge of "conspiring to advocate." He will broaden his formula. Anyone associated with those who ism, the Progressive Conservative doing mediate by the U.S. more "conspire to advocate" will come under attack. Party (Tories), hungry for the dairy products by the U.S., the

Once again we propose: a broad independent united front of all labor, minority and civil solidate in the federal field the liberties organizations to defend all victims of gains that it has scored in the the Smith "Gag" Act. To delay the launching of such a genuine united front is to court disaster.

is worth noting. He recommends that union lodges and locals shouldn't depend on the daily papers to gather their political information or they "will be sadly disappointed." He urges that "there should be a committee in each out of a possible 265 around the strators the "Iron Heel" and now local lodge charged with the duty of studying" slogan "Put Canada First." It is under the leadership of George been declared in Korea. The the Congressional Record. This is an excellent campaigning against U.S. capital. Drew who when premier of suggestion. (Subscription, \$1.50 a month. Printing Office, Washington, D. C.)

But isn't it about time that unionists followsick and tired of the political monopoly of Big Business? On this point, Hayes takes the usual nose dive. He says, "I realize the impracticability at this time of a Labor Party due to the present reliance on a two-party system, that has come about through evolution in our 1933, is merely a party of country, and due also to the physical and depression. The inference is that psychological barricades to any present move in that direction."

The very weakness of the argument against 'the Labor Party and its "impracticability" is in itself a hint that Hayes may have a good word to say for the idea. But as usual the matter is confined to hints and half-thoughts. With inevitable major clashes between labor

and capital on the horizon, the time for this type of coy inference has passed. The 1954

elections, which will witness a fierce Mc-Carthyite offensive, require immediate consideration by labor. A national conference of labor should be summoned without delay to July 29 on the dropping of the housing, redistribution of taxes 18 months. map out the policy and plan of action for labor atom bomb in Japan, turned to onto the corporations and the in this crucial coming election year. We would like to extend to allowances and old age pensions, like to hear a little less hinting and a lot more plain talk from the labor officials on this score. The for what has happened." In the fact that the leadership's op-

campaign line of the principa parties is clearly defined. The St Laurent government, the Liberal

14 years in office.

By Peter Farnesworth

Canada's federal election cam

paign is now well underway

fruits of office, and the Social Credit Movement, anxious to con-Western provincial capitals, are

indulging in a fantastic fanfare tary orders which have been of demagogic promises. The CCF (Cooperative Common-

wealth Federation) with the aid the Montreal area. While employ of the growing Western farmers ment is still generally high, thou movement, the Canadian Congress sands of workers in Ontario farm of Labor (CIO) and important implement plants have been laid forces in the Trades and Labor off. Over 5,000 coal miners ar

Congress (AFL), is projecting a walking the streets in Sydney Nova Scotia. program of social reform.

The tiny, isolated, harassed, Labor Progressive Party (Stal- R. B. Bennett who boasted he inist) is running 100 candidates would give unemployed demonism and those Canadian capitalists Ontario had his own private destiny to the U.S.

War II.

Liberal campaigners charge that the Tory party, which held graft and waste and are attempt- from developing a principled posi office during the depths of the dissatisfaction over the crushing depression, is responsible for the capitalist crisis. They charge that tax burden.

Quebec.

the CCF, which was founded in ARCAND IN CONTEST

if they are returned to office, the depression which is already threatening will not take place.

SIGNS OF SLUMP

There are many signs that point to an end of the boom which had been tapering off just prior to the Korean war expenditures. The government probably set Augus

### SORRY

Nuclear scientist Robert J

and will only pile up on the al- for the nationalization of the Big eady monstrous unsold accumula- Three packinghouses and the tion of farm products. A serious country's basic steel industry. four-year record and its previous agricultural crisis is threatening In one speech which was given with the loss of the British wheat national prominence, Coldwell, Asiatic countries believe in "ideal- socialist candidate, voted for Cer-The other two parties of capital\_ contract, the raising of restric-

works" only in times of war and than that of the Soviet Union. possibility of further restrictions preparations for war. "If peace

on oats, and the threat that the abroad allows us to reduce our dumping of U.S. farm surpluses spending on arms at home," he has to world grain prices. said, "Let us keep on producing The cancellation of U.S. mili washing machines" and other essentials that so many are withpropping up the economy has al out

ready resulted in mass layoffs in But these speeches are the exception rather than the rule; the CCF campaign fails to project a socialist solution to the problems

confronting the Canadian work

### TAIL BEHIND OTTAWA

The Tories, led in the '30s by While on record for recognition of China, nothing has been done by the leadership to press the demand, even though a truce has

party's formal stand of opposition to the banning of the Stalinist whom it alleges have sold out Gestapo, are calling for the sup- Labor Progressive Party has Superintendent of Documents, Government their and the country's manifest pression of "communism" at the proved to be an embarrassment same time that they rake the gov- to the majority of the candidates. The Liberals, under the leader- ernment over the coals for the The leadership's support of ship of St. Laurent, claim credit police-state powers that it has Ottawa's tailing Wall Street in ing the procedures and debates in Congress for the period of lush profiteer. been assuming through the Emer the international arena, even with should have their own spokesmen there to ing and high, steady employment gency Powers Act, government their reservations on German represent labor's views? Aren't we all getting that has prevailed since World by orders in Council, etc. They armament and their resistance to scandals that reveal considerable NATO, has prevented the party

ing to cash in on the widespread tion on the colonial revolutions. The long period of adaptation The Militant and reports the on the part of the leadership to promise of another in a few days. the apathy that has developed in

Minneapolis Literature Agent the ranks of the workers in this Helen Sherman writes, Social Credit, which took over period of relative prosperity and vacation season in full swing, its capitulation to the anti-Soviet meetings at the union halls, on several years ago and now in policy of the government has un. the campus, etc., are in many British Columbia, is working hand dermined the fighting capacity of cases cancelled or at best poorly in glove with Drew in the East the large sections of the party's attended. However, Fannie sold She writes, "Yes, I for one want

are working through Duplessis' Canadian working class, as has Millie, who probably holds the stand up for his convictions, in been already conclusively proved. prises is the reappearance of To what extent this can be sales, is at the union hall every Friday night selling the paper

mobilized at the present juncture Canadian fascist movement in the will be seen on August 10. '30s, who is contesting a seat in

"Bad check losses are a grow ing headache for merchants," reports the July 30 Wall Street

rago, speaking in Switzerland a national labor code, subsidized has risen at least 25% in the past Millie reports a very gratifying Some merchants think this to make clearer many of the mentally right." in this crucial coming election year. We would the Japanese ambassador and wealthy, increases in family trend "indicates consumers have ideas of The Militant."

**GERMAN NAZI** General Remer

and another former German of-IN STALINIST-DOMINATED ficer, suspected of trying to set Albania, Dr. Omer Nishani was up fascist governments in Egypt removed from his post as Presi- and other Arab countries, were dent of the People's Assembly. put under house arrest in Cairo Hadje Lechi, a former Minister July 31. They entered Egypt with without portfoglio, was named forged passports. Remer is one President in his place. No reason of the leaders of Germany's neofor Nishani's ouster was given. 'Nazis.



St. Paul reports continued suc- | "Our biggest activity now cess in subgetting and Militant centered around the series of sales. Writing to increase their articles concerning the Chicago Militant bundle order, Literature slums. Last Saturday Elaine and

Agent Winifred Nel- Alice covered a small territory son reports, "Two of and sold 14 papers. We plan an our comrades have all-out sale this week end, and taken on the project expect continuing good response. of selling Militants Other activities have included a in a working class sale at a Harvester local at which neighborhood on a Elaine sold 10 papers, and a sale regular weekly basis. by Ines and Jacki at a Robeson They are going to do picnic. it for two or three

"Another project under way months at least. was begun last Sunday by Mary maybe longer if it Lou. Kenny, Carol. and George, proves successful." at a housing project where w Winifred enclosed a new sub to

met with success during the sub campaign. Both the slum project and the housing project sales are to go on consistently for some "With weeks."

Mrs. M. M. /of Minneapolis comments on the articles in the June 22 Militant on the Einstein letter. evening at the AFL Hall; and and anyone else who dares to record for consistent Militant spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.

"I have long been horrified at the shade of the American into AFL workers. Recently, one Militant reader stopped to ask tellectuals and other leaders who her a number of questions about let themselves be led by the socialism and the differences be- nose, surely back to physical and tween the C.P., the S.L.P., and spiritual 'slavery. Just let them but don't let us deny or betray discussion in which she was able that which we know is funda-

Our thanks to D. B. of Van-

National Union. One of the sur-Adrien Arcand, leader of the The CCF is advancing a rounded program of social reforms -Moon of the University of Chi for free hospital and dental care, Journal. Phoney check passing the Socialist Workers Party. call us names and put us in jail,

he Tory machine in Alberta

where it is running practically no cadre; but the CCF has wide- five copies of The Militant one to give a big hand to Dr. Einstein candidates. In Quebec the Tories spread and deep support in the

## The Negro Struggle -Negro Intellectual's Role

The current issue of The Crisis, official organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, contains an article which this columnist urges all readers concerned with the problem of the Negro struggle and its leadership to read.

The "Role of the Negro Intellectual," by Wilson Record is an interesting and thoughtprovoking analysis of the role of that group in the struggle for equality. The author, whose important book The Negro and the Communist Party was reviewed in this column some timeago, takes issue with the view of Gunnar Myrdal in his voluminous work An American Dilemma that there is a "deep cynicism" and "chronic defeatism" among Negro intellectuals.

Record observes that Myrdal arrives at the contradictory conclusions that (1) Negro intellectuals are cynical and defeatist and (2) they have been the founders, organizers and inspirers of movements for struggle against the subordinate position of the Negro people.

This position is contradictory because cynics and defeatists do not inspire others to struggle, Record points out. And the reason Myrdal arrives at this dilemma is that he tends to generalize about the Neglo intellectual instead of operating with a precise conception of what he is talking about.

Record indicates some of the differentiations that exist among Negro intellectuals, and proceeds to discuss those who concern themselves with combatting race prejudice. His treatment deserves more careful and detailed discussion than is possible in this brief column, but there is one idea he expresses which I should like to cite as an example of the freshness of his approach:

ica's white intellectuals the race-conscious Negro men of ideas and words present a contrast of optimism and aggressiveness." He gives a of optimism and aggressiveness." He gives a number of thoughtful reasons to back this thesis, including a study of the relationship of white and Negro intellectuals to their base in the U.S., the demands they voice, and the reinforcement Negro intellectuals receive from the achievements of colored men fighting for their rights all over the world.

Record's article provides no simple formula for characterizing and evaluating the role of the Negro intellectual. What it does do is challenge, very effectively, the stereotype conception of vulgar materialists that Negro intel lectuals are a homogeneous sub-species of American intellectual capable only of reflecting the pessimism and defeatism of a culture in decline.

He demonstrates that the Negro intellectual (1) has independent sources of strength and inspiration in the struggle of oppressed people for full equality, and (2) in a period of witchhunts, thought-control and McCarthyite antiintellectualism, he asserts the right and validity and necessity for men of ideas to play a role in the leadership of the Negro struggle.

Mazey Hails "At a time when fear and confusion and **Einstein Civil** withdrawal shape the moods of many of Amer-

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(The following letter was sent to Malcolm W. Bingay, editorial director of The Detroit Free Press, with the request that it be printed. When the letter was refused publication, it was sent to the Michigan CIO News which published it in a recent isue. Ed.)

Malcolm W. Bingay **Editorial Director Detroit Free Press** 

### Dear Sir,

I write to protest your shame. ful, abusive treatment of Dr. Albert Einstein in connection with his recent letter calling for resistance and opposition to the witch-hunters.

Since he is a man of unimpeachable integrity and worldrenowned stature, you resort to the smear tactic of ridicule to minimize the wide effects of his courageous statement.

Virtually your entire column is science and physics, but, you questions of civil liberty and politics.

The fact is, however, that Dr.

I hail Dr. Einstein's letter in 95% of the food canned in the next February.

inquisitions and dark ages. forefathers who fought a grand of three cents on the package that fruit growers had telegraph-

back is slavery.

a victory for the rights and Oakland Tribune editorial July 29 The peach growers announced existence."

# THE MILITANT

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Welcome Truce at Front



A group of Marines at the front read the news that an armistice has been signed, ending the three-year Korean war.

## devoted to the theme that Dr. FRUIT CANNERS STRIKE imply, a fool and an imbecile in everything else, particularly in in IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA By Lillian Kiezel

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 1 - Some 25,000 members of the Cannery Workers Union, an affiliate of the AFL Hitlerism in Germany qualify him Teamsters, went on strike July 28 against the California

Processors and Growers, Inc., forces which menace intellectual shutting down 68 canneries in through the season and the worksouthing down os cameries in the ground start talking again report as "criticizing an arrange- ployees. This is retroactive to

While representatives of the was intended — a battle cry to The union demand for a 10-cent union and the canning association all our people to rise up in de- across-the-board incrase plus five met with government mediators Bureau of Investigation in civil ferentials were boosted two cents fense of our cherished liberties cents for a health and welfare July 30, the union charged that rights brutality cases involving an hour to seven cents on the before all is lost in a new era of fund was rejected by the associa- the canners stood to profit from New York policemen." New York second shift and 12 cents on the tion after five months of negotia- holding out on a strike settlement members of the subcommittee, third. His letter is in keeping with tions. Their counter-offer was a by putting a price "squeeze" on Kenneth B. Keating, William E. His letter is in keeping with tions. Their counter-otter was a by putting a price of President Miller and Emanuel Celler, had the very best of American tradi- 6-to-10-cents wage increase plus farmers. Teamsters President Miller and Emanuel Celler, had the very best of American tradi- 6-to-10-cents wage increase plus farmers. Dave Beck said from Washington the gall to whine about "The tions. It is in the spirit of our the welfare plan — a difference Dave Beck said from Washington

ed him that the big canners Conditions for unskilled can- "wished to short the crop for nery workers are among the worst their benefit."

in the state. Base pay ranges from \$1.24 an hour to \$1.96. Em- by Pete Andrade, director of the of workers are women. lines have expressed disappoint- ment were delayed more than a oath before the subcommittee that

are solidly behind the union in their ripening crops at a sacrifice So justified is the strike action this way the canners would try embarrassing to attack it. An any wage increase.

iberties upon which our country could bring forward only one that they would try to rent the was Police Commissioner Mon-was founded. Was Police Commissioner Mon-half-plausible contention: "There canning facilities in Fresno. They aghan lying and should he be

**House Probe Confirms Existence of FBI Deal Protecting N.Y. Cops** 

### By Manuel Rodriguez

Existence of a shocking agreement between the New York Police Department and the FBI, aimed at protecting sadistic cops who violate the civil rights of Negroes and other minority groups, has been

confirmed by a report now awaiting approval by the House Milwaukee Beer ington.

Last February, public indigna-tion at the brutality of the New Workers Win York police against the Negro and Puerto Rican minorities resulted in the revelation that the 76-Day Strike FBI had made a deal with the New York police department to refrain from investigating any charges of violation of civil rights officials denied there was any

such deal. background Against of numerous killings, beatings, ininvestigation and the report for the 35-hour week was met. which it has now submitted to

the full committee. The New York Times of July an additional 10 cents an hour for 31 describes the subcommittee maintenance and power house emment that would have allowed the March 1. Another general increase New York City Police Depart- of 71/2 cents an hour will become ment to bypass the Federal effective June 1, 1954. Shift dif-

degree to which the subcommittee and afternoon. Good Friday was draft criticized Police Commis- added to the list of paid holidays. sioner George P. Monaghan."

The charge was substantiated Constitution are being challenged ployed only at the height of the Western Cannery Conference of Police Commissioner Monaghan fruit-canning season, the majority the Teamsters, who said the can- of the deal made with former brew shop workers with both ners in his opinion stood to gain Assistant Attorney General Mc-Many workers on the picket enormously if the strike settle- Inerney. Monaghan swore under

ment at the low demands made week or two. By then, he told the he had never made such a deal. by the union in face of the needs San Francisco Chronicle, the Now the Times reports that of the membership, yet the ranks growers would be willing to sell "James P. McGranery, former Attorney General, told the subcomin order to salvage something. In mittee that he had ordered the agreement abrogated immediately that even the boss press finds it to force the growers to absorb after J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I. had told him of its this is to be paid for by the

CIO Brewery Workers Local 9 of Milwaukee brought its 76-day strike to a close July 28 when by the New York cops. Police Blatz offered to settle separately with the union, thereby forcing Schlitz, Pabst, Miller, Gettleman

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and Independent to fall in line. In the vote, 4,710 members cast vasion of homes, sadistic black- their ballot for acceptance of a jack and rubber hose "parties" company offer that in effect in police stations and crude granted a 371/2-hour week plus "resisting an officer" frame-ups, wage increases and other conexposure of the cynical deal had cessions. A minority of 1,573 a shocking effect. A grand jury unionists, despite 11 weeks on the probe was started and the sub- picket line, demonstrated their committee of the House Judiciary fighting spirit by voting to concommittee followed up with its tinue the strike until the demand

> The wage increase includes 20 cents an hour for everybody and

The settlement includes a paid 30-minute lunch period and 15 minutes "beer time" each morning

Workers are guaranteed a full Daniel H. Greenberg, assistant day's pay if called in on a Satur-U.S. District Attorney, testified day, Sunday or holiday. Managethat he had been informed by ment must furnish maintenance workers with work clothes and clothing and boots.

> Other gains in the contract. which runs to June 1, 1955, include checkoff of union dues. 70day comprehensive Blue Shield and Blue Cross coverage for employees and their dependents; \$3,000 worth of life insurance: sickness and accident payments of \$45/ a week for 13 weeks. All breweries.

Negotiations are still to be con-

Arizona "Insurrection" By Milton Alvin

While the truce was being signed in Korea, Gov. Pyle of Arizona was not letting anymesquite grow under his feet. For 26 months the governor has been engaged in a secret plot to put down an "insurrection" in that state.

Just before dawn July 26 a two-pronged motorized raiding party of 100, prepared these many months in advance, swooped down upon the community of Short Creek and arrested virtually all the men, women and children. Despite the secret military-type arrangements, the few hundred residents of the town were expecting the arrests and peacefully awaiting the officers, dressed in their Sunday best.

The community is composed of a historically polygamous sect and is located on the Arizona-Utah border. It is an offshoot of the Mormons.

The "insurrection" with which they are charged consists of conspiracy to commit adultery, statutory rape, bigamy, open and notorious cohabitation, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, marrying the spouse of another, income tax evasion, failure to comply with corporation laws, misappropriation of school funds, improper use of school facilities and falsification of public records.

Immediately after saving the state of Arizona from this "insurrectionary danger," the gov-

### ernor went on the radio over a three-state network to assure the citizenry of the southwest that the forces of law and order had

triumphed and everyone could relax. He said, "the State has substantially concluded a momentous police action against insurrection within her own borders.'

Newspaper correspondents were briefed by the leaders of the raiding party before the police action and accompanied them. They were followed by 12 liquor control agents, three Superior Court judges and a staff of welfare workers. This entire contingent hid out in the woods some miles away from the town all night before the raid. They did not know their plan was an open secret.

Information on the town's inhabitants had been secured over a period of more than two years by government spies disguised in various ways as well as by a group posing as a moving picture company.

A strong suspicion that the sect would have been left alone had it complied with the income tax and corporation laws remains, despite whatever it is that they were doing.

After all, the ruling class of capitalists is guilty of the same list of charges, more or less, but no governor has organized a police action against them as yet.

Einstein's personal experience with the rise and triumph of as an expert on the reactionary freedom

the spirit in which I am sure it state.

and glorious revolution at great deal. sacrifices to obtain the rights which Dr. Einstein urges that we cherish and defend today.

on every front by McCarthyite ordeals of slander, book-burning, nquisition, intimidation and fear, Truly, Dr. Einstein is right when he says the alternative to fighting

I am confident that his call will be answered by the American this struggle. people with a tremendous wave of organized protest and resistance to all the witch-hunters and

# Notes from the News

THE DEBT LOAD of the average working class family has risen steeply, according to a nationwide survey by the Northwestern Life Insurance Company. The company found that the typically indebted family has an income of \$3,000 to \$4,000, owes 15 or 20 creditors from \$1,200 to \$2,500, has a car and a TV set, but no savings. The report said "the situation of the average debtor is worsening."

DEBT SLAVERY in the U.S. was exposed by the CIO International Woodworkers of America in Jackson, Miss. Labor's Daily reports "Employees of Merrimac Veneer Co. who had obtained pay advances when they were sorely in need of funds . . . were being charged at the rate of .20% interest per week . . . some of the workers, a few weeks after getting the 'loans' were receiving nothing in their pay envelopes." The union won a complete victory in fighting this practice. Labor's Daily reports that "Union officials are wondering how many workers in the state and elsewhere, who lack the benefits of organization, are suffering from deep pay cuts - or no pay at all." \* \* \*

ATOMIC WORKERS ended a strike at Oak Ridge, Tenn., on July 29. The United Press reported that 10,000 members of the AFL Atomic Trades and Labor Courcil participated in the strike and "a presidential panel began a study of the first general strike in this atomic city's history." Some 3,500 research plant craftsmen threw picket lines around the project area and 6,500 construction workers refused to cross the lines. \* \* \*

WAS SHAKESPEARE LOYAL? A publisher in Texas may have to answer this question if he wants his books to be used as text in any public school. Under a recently passed Texas law the publisher must sign an oath that "to the best of his knowledge and belief the author of the textbook, if he were alive and available, could truthfully execute" the loyalty oath.

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WANTS TO BE LAUDED TOO. Norman Thomas, as we reported previously, has pleaded with the State Dept. to allow "socialists" to participate in policy-making bodies of Wall Street's. government. Last week, after his plea was rejected by Scott McLeod, head of the State Dept. Security System, Thomas protested that the Republican refusal to take him up on his offer "gravely injures American leadership for peace and freedom abroad. . . Here in Germany, on my way to Berlin, I find that statement particularly shocking and injurious to the American cause. The Mayor of West Berlin, Ernst Reuter, is a Socialist who has been lauded by our highest authorities."

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FACTORY MANAGEMENT MAGAZINE complains of difficulties in recruiting slave-drivers; "one of the really disturbing things that we hear from production men is that it is becoming difficult to interest rank-and-file workers in taking jobs as foremen if offered."

A PAPER-MILL WORKERS' STRIKE in Elizabeth, La., is now in its eleventh month. There have been more than 100 cases of violence since speech: there is a right of free ers." the strike began. Elizabeth is a town of about 1,100 persons, largely owned by the paper-mill interests. In trying to break the strike, the Calcasieu Paper Co. and the Southern Industries, Inc., have divided relatives, neighbors and even families into strikers and scabs. The companies dissent. . ." have rejected Governor Kennon's mediation

proposal. \* \* \*

"THE TELEPHONE AND THE FARMER," a film produced by the Rural Electrification Administration, has been banned by the administration "until further notice." All actors in the 25-minute color movie were members of the Winnebago Rural Telephone Association. The film was about the successful effort of the farmers of northern Iowa to form a telephone co-op and get reliable service. \* \* \*

OVERSIGHT. A statisticion for the Detroit Board of Commerce presents a novel solution for unemployment in Detroit resulting from cutbacks of Army orders. All that has to be done in his opinion, is eliminate overtime and throw working housewives out of the automobile plants. The statistician neglects to cite any figures showing how a worker's family could live on the reduced income. \* \* \*

THE DENVER SCHOOL BOARD has banned from the city schools any books whose author does not support ."the principles of American constitutional government." Shakespeare, it was pointed out by the ACLU, believed in the monarchical form of government.

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A SIXTH ATTEMPT to strip Harry Bridges, leader of the longshormen's union on the west coast, of his citizenship and deport him to Australia has been announced by the government. Democrats and Republicans in office are evidently trying to establish a new record in persecuting political opponents (even part-time opponents) in the American labor movement.

JIM CROW COCA COLA machines were attacked by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in a letter to former Postmaster General James A. Farley, who is now where to live. To mention a few a scholarship to the University and hot water is an almost of the 30 residences they possess, of Illinois. Chairman of the Coca Cola Export Co. Coca Cola vending machines are labeled "colored" on one there is Biltmore in North The American plutocracy should plenty of water when it rains; night "to keep the rats away." side and "white" on the other in many southern cities. Walter White, Secretary of the NAACP French architecture; the \$9-mil- Lundberg says that the possession and splashes down the stairs. said, "We have encountered Jim Crow in many lion summer home in Newport, of 100 bathrooms by one family forms, but this is the first time we have seen the New York City marble palaz- is not uncommon. Not ordinary have other facilities for bathing cago, does not have this comfort. Jim Crow mechanized." Farley gave assurances zo, hunting lodges in Canada and bathrooms, but exotically decorat- than their sumptious bathrooms. The toilet in the flat above overthat the Jim Crow vending machine would be the Adirondacks. The probable ed, huge vaulted chambers with Outdoor and indoor swimming flows continually and puts out her 116 University Pl. N. Y. 3, N. Y. withdrawn. Why not "withdraw" Jim Crow aggregate cost of all the Van- tubs large enough for swimming pools are standard equipment on lights. The light from the altogether?

By Hilda Smith

in this richest of all countries. tain.

These slum dwellers are workers

who do the useful labor which

toiling in thousands of factories,

mines, mills and plants. They also

killing pace, coming home to the

idle coupon clippers live?

slums.

mean workers, weary from the A DIFFERENT PROBLEM

their personal use. How do these apartment (\$195 a month) be-

Detroit

I feel sure that in years to come Dr. Einstein's timely defense of intellectual freedom will be procedure which can call such a equally honored with his scientific contributions to humanity. Ernest Mazey ready for processing. The appeal as scabs.

to President Eisenhower to in- According to the San Francisco should be called to court to losing retirement rights. voke the Taft-Hartley law, so the Chronicle, Frank Brewster, Presi- answer?

strike may be postponed for 90 dent of the Western Conference Judge Bok of Pennsylvania days is in line with the arguments of Teamsters and the Cannery York Police Department over the determination of the workers to workers and minorities in the stick it out until they won. said in a ruling on loyalty oaths: of those who object to the timing Union's top negotiator, said "the "There is not only a right of free of the action of the cannery work- union would be willing to break City has not been ended by this Sec. John Schmitt of Local 9

silence. . . It should be the right The fact is that the Cannery terms . . We'll man any plant erful capitalist interests continue port of the National CIO, State of free and stubborn men to leave Workers Union has been negotiat. the association agrees to lease to protect the thugs in uniform CIO Council and CIO local unions their knees unbent if they are ing with the association since last the growers provided the growers and will do everything conceivable in Wisconsin, Michigan and minded to. America was built on February! A 90-day injunction agree to pay whatever figure we to prevent bringing their official Illinois made the victory poslynching squads to justice. would take the packing bosses settle on in negotiations."

whole pack of officials and cops among the six employers without

The strike was won through The reign of terror of the New regular mass picketing and the

its own strike under the right legislative committee report. Pow- also declared that "the solid supsible."



than \$125 million - three of them | facturer, W. C. Grunow, owns "a | 000 one on the Henry H. Robers | so dim she is never free from The shocking story of living alone exceeding \$25 million. In tub from a single slab of Mexican estate at South Hampton. The cost fear that the rats will bite the conditions in the Chicago slums pre-inflation dollars. onyx marble, costing \$12,000, of this one pool would keep 5 children. Another problem of If the choice is too hard to equipped with fixtures of 24-carat Bieber families in comfort a Mrs. Lee's is that of all slum is duplicated in every large in- make, they can always turn to gold plate."

lifetime. mothers — a place for the childustrial city in the United States. one of the Vanderbilt yachts Mr and Mrs. Hernandez and The store-front flat of the dren to play. They are afraid of This too. is part of the "highest which cost only \$1,125,000 and their 10 children at 1100 Harrison Edgar Harris family at 169 W. the rats in the stinking, garbagestandard of living in the world" around \$175,000 a year to main- St., Chicago, find keeping clean Chicago has no windows. There choked alleys and on the crowded more difficult. The "bathroom" in is one electric outlet, but the streets bad company and jammed

The Stotesbury's live more their flat - a single room that entire apartment has been wired traffic is an ever present danger. who spend their lives in endless modestly. Their Philadelphia could once have been a saloon, with a maze of extension cords The main Marshall Field estate toil to produce fabulous riches, home, Whitemarsh Hall, contains consists of a toilet crowded into on the inflammable ceilings and at Lloyd's Neck, Long Island, only 145 rooms, 25 baths, 14 a small closet. The kitchen has partitions because, says Mr. Har- said to have cost \$15 million, keeps the gigantic industrial and elevators, 35 house servants and no sink. Mrs. Hernandez puts in ris, "I pay \$75 a month rent here should present no such problem. commercial machines in high 65 outside employees. The gardens long hours of back-breaking labor and I like to have things nice." Its landscaped gardens, special gear. The statistics of enormous are a replica of the gardens at with a tub and washboard to keep William Randolph Hearst liked plane and boat landings, indoor production, of which U.S. capital Versailles. For the summer they the children and the flat clean. to have things nice too. In his and outdoor tennis courts - every ism boasts, translated into human versames. For the summer they dress at 1001 No. famous San Simeon estate in conceivable facility for play and terms mean millions of workers Harbor and in winter escape the Wells, Chicago (rent \$65 a month) California, the estimated cost of entertainment - should be a cold at El Mirasol at Palm Beach. shares a bath with many other the furnishings alone is \$15 mil- children's paradise. These are just a few examples

lion. The Gobelin tapestries in tenants. It's her only source of the dining hall cost \$575,000. And of slum dwellings versus plutowater: vet she carries it from The Arthur Biebers at 1123 there every other day and also to make things nice for his guests cracy homes. They could be Argyle, Chicago, also have a with the tub - and - washboard he built a private railroad spur duplicated almost endlessly in this A great percentage of the knotty problem about where to method keeps the place and her to bring them in the luxury to land of "opportunity for all." which they are accustomed. But To paraphrase Jack London: -fruits of this grinding toil is ap- live. Their landlord is evicting children immaculate in the neverpropriated by absentee owners for them from the firetrap, sluw ending fight with cockroaches.

Hearst was just "keeping up with We cannot understand the worker, the Joneses" — private railroads steeped in the hopeless misery are "necessary" equipment on the and filth of the slums, unless we cause of their kicking about the RAIN ENDS THE DROUGHT In his book, America's 60 falling plaster, holes in the walls Water is also a problem at the many-thousand-acre estates such look at the idle billionaires, riot-

MRS. LEE'S HOME

tice to keep lights burning all unknown luxury. But they get

Carolina, a towering pile of have no trouble keeping clean. it pours through the leaky roof But Mrs. Standard Lee, who lives with her husband and 10 small

ing in the lavish idleness of splendid many - thousand - acred estates, and come to know that

the one must feed and clothe and house the other.

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derbilt dwelling places is not less pools. For instance, radie manu. their estates. Typical is the \$250,- kerosene lamp she must burn is

Families, Ferdinand Lundberg and doors, lack of ventilation and Roxbury apartments at Sangamon as the Rockefellers and their tells us. Judging from his account, a toilet undependable about flush- and Van Buren, Chicago, which social peers maintain. the Vanderbilt family must have ing. The Biebers have 11 children. houses around 1,000 people. Some a very knotty problem deciding Nelda, the oldest, has just won flats there have no running water,

In the slums it is common prac-