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Eisenhower Aims General Strike of 4 Million For Asia Won't Win GI Support Rocks France to Foundations

By Joseph Keller

The "morale of troops will be quite a problem" during The "morale of troops will be quite a problem" during the truce period in Korea, said Gen. Mark Clark last week. **East German** The Far East commander was expressing the chief anxiety of the U.S. military brass. They have repeatedly stated concern about a "bring us home" movement among the

GIs once the fighting ended, as Dhappened at the close of World reasons far removed from the reasons far removed from the professed ideals for which the New Uprising War II.

This time the troops have an American people have been forced added sense of the fulility of the to suffer more than 141,000 war, of bewilderment about its casualties in the past three purposes. Most GIs have been years.

unable to see any good reason for In an "off-the-cuff" talk bethe U.S. to invade Korea and fore the Governors' Conference in blow it to pieces. They did not Seattle on Aug. 4, Eisenhower believe in this war from the start spilled some of the beans on the and could see no good coming reason "really why we are so from it. And they have been concerned with the far-off southeast corner of Asia." proved right. "Now let us assume that we

Some candid admissions about the state of mind of the Korean lose Indo-China," said Eisenhower, GIs and veterans are made by speaking of that country and peo-N. Y. Times correspondent George Barrett in the Times Magazine of Aug. 9. Barrett, who covered the Korean front lines for a year and eral things happen right away. a half, acknowledges that "if The peninsula, the last little bit you gave them (Korean veterans) of land hanging on down there, a discharge pin for their part in would be scarcely defensible. The that three-year nightmare they tin and tungsten that we so probably wouldn't wear it." And greatly value would cease, coming. . ." (My emphasis.) Barrett further confesses:

books could be made up of the AND RICHES OF INDONESIA. tons of paper used by generals and admirals and public informa- off southeast corner of Asia" to use alternate erratically with tion specialists and visiting Con- the southwest corner, Iran. He gressmen trying to explain the referred hostilely to the Mosreasons for the Korean war to sadegh regime in Iran which has the guy fighting At. But he didn't relieved the British imperialists of the oil lands they looted. "All _get it. And he still doesn't." He got it, all right. He just of that position around there is didn't believe it. He heard the very ominous to the United Everything else demonstrates

vinced — and his experiences in the rich empire of Indonesia?" Korea have only deepened his (My emphasis.) suspicions about the lofty aims of America's rulers in the war.

Govt. Fears

The East German workers have won a resounding victory in their "food war" with the Stalinist regime. A few days before the scheduled temporary closing of the U.S. food distribution centers, an estimated 70% of the East Berlin population had ob-

tained food parcels in defiance of Stalinist repressions. This is striking evidence that the tenacious revolutionary struggle waged by the East German workers since June 16 has not subsided. The working-class power which was unleashed with such unprecedented force in the generalstrike uprising of June 17, is unbroken. The question posed is: Will there he a new June 17?

The Stalinists in East Germany are caught up in feverish tactical vacillations. From day to day they blow hot and cold. Fierce He moved then from the "fardeclarations of repressive measpromises of concessions.

But the main direction of Stalinist policy is clear. In trying to put down a revolutionary uprising, the bureaucrats count principally on iron repressions. explanations about this being a States," opined Eisenhower, "be-war of "liberation" to "halt ag-gression." But he wasn't con-wined and his wasn't congrips with the insurgent work-ing class or desperate demagogy. Fritz Selbmann, Stalinist Minister of Steel and Coal, voiced

He stressed further that if "we" "lost" these countries, that don't belong to us to begin with it to the Henningsdorf steel belong to us to begin with, it workers on Aug. 7: "The con-EISENHOWER'S ADMISSION | would be "of a most terrible tinued disturbances in the fur-

Now he gets a striking revela-tion from the lips of Eisenhower our power and ability to get ccidental..." In reply to demands

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The Show Must Go On

GET THESE DAMN STRINGS UNTANGLED

Wall Street Gripped By Consternation at **Blow to War Schemes**

By Murry Weiss

AUG. 13 - Four million French workers are on general strike in a solid united front action of every section of the labor movement against the anti-labor decrees of the Wall Street-backed Laniel government. In a mounting movement that surged forward during all last week, the unions have halted rail, air, mari-

New York SWP Names Slate for City Elections

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 - The tight. Socialist Workers Party today an- eral strike has France witnessed nounced completion of its slate such a massive and united action tor the municipal election in of the working class. The move-November. Named as running ment, which began as a protest mates for David L. Weiss, the over Laniel's proposed "economy" decrees, quickly turned into a party's mayoralty candidate, are Harold Robbins for President of power between the workers orthe Borough of Manhattan Joyce ganizations and the capitalist re-Cowley for Comptroller, and Catherine Gratta for President of

the City Council.

Harold Robbins, an SWP candidate in previous elections, is well are reeling at this body blow to known in the socialist and labor their "cold war" schemes. This is movement. Joyce Cowley, long the answer to their gloating over active as a unionist, is known to "troubles behind the iron curreaders of The Militant as a tain." The malicious chuckles are writer on problems of women and silenced. There is no joy in Wall children. Catherine Gratta is a Street. American capitalism now factory worker active in the confronts in France the same revolutionary class force that trade-union movement.

The working-class candidates erupted against the Stalinists in East Germany last June 17. stand out in marked contrast to

gime.

- from the President himself - certain things we need from the capitalism in the Far East. He and from Southeast Asia." (My said, learns from the brazen admission emphasis.)

of Eisenhower that this country is embroiled in Asia for sordid

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SWP Branches Urged To Step Up Fund Drive

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Manager

The campaign of the Socialist Workers Party for an \$18,000 Party-Building and Publications Fund reached the two-thirds mark this week. Contributions from the branch- isolated and despised. The "food Obrera that the peasants will uncultivated areas. Lucha Obrera es for the week totaled \$1,240 -9

an increase of \$427 over the effort to send in more later this previous week. The scoreboard week so we'll top the half-way the masses toward it. through Aug. 10 shows \$7,176 mark by then. Even if we are paid, or 40% of the national slightly behind schedule, we are behind schedule - 22% at this on time - and not short either. point. With only five weeks to Boston chalked up a \$38 gain go, we look for a step-up in con- this week and Comrade Jeanne tributions between now and Sept. rushed in \$193.50 for Los Angeles. She writes: "This gives us 15.

St. Louis tops the scoreboard a total of \$878.50 paid to date, again this week with its 73%, but according to my books. Our Fund Chicago is moving up fast. Two Director, Dave C., and I are checks totaling \$187 shot Chi- hoping we can send in several cago into second place with \$1,030 hundred dollars in tone lump or 69% of its \$1,500 quota. Com-rade Hilda Smith proudly states - and justifiably so — "That keens us ahead of schedule!" or 69% of its \$1,500 quota. Com- soon, but it seems large amounts keeps us ahead of schedule!" seems that debt is the permanent Newark in third place with condition of the working class,

67% and Buffalo in fourth with but the comrades make the best 63% are the other two branches possible pledges in spite of all Republican administration. The ahead of schedule. Buffalo added their other obligations and, as one comrade here said, 'It is a real \$134 to its score this week.

why Philadelphia is behind ment." New York added \$152 to its schedule: "Some comrades are away on vacations, but we score and Detroit took a \$350 leap managed to collect \$79 to send in. closer to its \$1.500 goal. -I think in a week or two, when Our correspondent in San Franeveryone is back, there will be a cisco says: "The \$26 is to be apbig spurt forward. Here in Philly, plied to our fund quota. The colwe're all concerned with speed- lections are coming in rather the White House that Eisenhower THE "VILLAIN" making that dead line, but will pick up soon. They had better mainly because we know how or we will be way behind." much the money is needed to A comrade in the Allentown ahead."

from Minneapolis and \$330 from Allentown zoomed out of the zero document. St. Paul for a total of \$590, or column to hit 17%.

just a little under 50%. Both branches will make a decided

In short, to grab rich territories sure from the workers will

succeed in freeing them." expressing the hysterical panic version out regard to the shrew provi- peasant masses with the land Aug. 2 and sions in behalf of proprietors who conquest of the land Aug. 2 and TROTSKY MEETING ed: "The fascist putsch attempt received by The Militant. has failed. . . Anyone who dreams second day . . . may be told by the peasants, the government pay a cent for it." in his heart there will be a

by the following developments: (1) The Stalinist regime is

(2) The workers movement in a new upsurge. the factories continues to smol-(Continued on page 3)

wo opposing classes — the land- Lucha Obrera. "Aug. 2 will see Lucha Obrera declares that the - from the President himself - certain things we need from the to release workers arrested for about the real aims of American riches of the Indonesian territory getting food in West Berlin, he ed proprietors, allied to finance direct seizure of lands, mansions, double their efforts in these dif-"Provocateurs already in capital, and the peasant masses harvests, cattle, farm equipment, ficult times, pregnant with enor- chine politicans and parasites put jail will stay there, and no pres-allied to the workers — according etc. The sharecroppers, squatters mous promise. The perspectives up by the capitalist parties ness, the N. Y. Times, reacted to to the August issue of Lucha and serfs will take possession of of the revolution are opening up under the various labels of the first wave of strikes as if to Expressing the hysterical panic Obrera, official newspaper of the out regard to the shrewd movie becaust measure will be be the provide the providet the

new general uprising he declar- Party) which has just been thought fast enough to organize depend on the revolutionary co-operatives, etc. The peasants vanguard coming through in its The SWP candidate for mayor a wide field of the working clas-In response to pressure from will take the land, and will not task as leaders. It is the duty will make his first election-cam ses." And the Times voices its an-The government decree would initiative in the peasant unions meeting commemorating the death worry about . . . me, there will not be a second decreed re-division of the land leave the land owners with hold to bring them boldly to the actual day." day." Determine the decreed re-division of the land the leave the land owners with hold to bring them boldly to the actual held at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth were really worried: "What was lownched as a mowhall to bring the landed estates." But a "second day" is inevitable. It is dictated by the whole holders, it provided that the left over after this division, the found at their posts," continues 26, at 8 p.m. Main speaker of the been turned into an avalanche ... course of struggle and indicated peasants must pay for the pieces peasants must be satisfied with the socialist paper, ready "to give evening will be Murry Weiss who Premier Laniel made an extraof ground parcelled out to them. farms of about one and a quarter all their will and experience to will discuss the recent stirring ordinary tactical error . . . blun-It is the opinion of Lucha acres or take pieces in outlying, help their exploited brothers." "A persistent campaign of sup- Soviet Union and France. war" revealed the scope of give little heed to the government thinks that the peasants will port for the peasants," it says,

popular hatred and defiance of strictures, utilizing the reform answer with a resounding "no" "must be unfolded in the trade invited to help put the SWP on instead as the starting point for to this arrangement, take all the unions and ways and means must the ballot in the petition camarable land on the big estates be found for the city organizations paign beginning Tues., Aug. 18. "Many, of the governmental and tell any proprietor who to send trained people to give Campaign headquarters are at goal. The campaign still lags completely confident of finishing der. A report from the official measures designed to defend the doesn't like it that "he is free to orientation to the exploited on the 116 University Place near Union prerogatives and interests of the go to the colonizing regions and farms." Square.

That staid, conservative and authoritative voice of Big Busimatic of a profound unrest among

time, bus and subway transporta-

tion paralyzed telephone, postal

and telegrah service, shut off

electric power, gas and other

utilities; and brought mines, metal

works and construction building

to standstill. All government of-

fices, banks, insurance agencies,

and municipal services are closed

Not since the June 1936 gen-

NO JOY IN WALL ST.

Wall Street and Washington

task as leaders. It is the duty will make his first electron-can of all militants to take the paign appearance at a public xiety: "disturbing . . . plenty to events in East Germany, the ders . . . miscalculations . . serious situation . . . alarming.

Readers of The Militant are, FIRST STAGE OF STRIKE

The strike was called last Friday, Aug. 7, at 12:01 a. m. on the initiative of the Socialistcontrolled Workers Force (one of the three federations of French

trade unions.) The strike call was immediately backed by the Catholic Trade Union Federation and the Stalinist - controlled General Confederation of Labor (CGT). The first call affected only workers in Government departments and Government-owned industries. The strike was initially limited to 24 or 48 hours in some sectors, and unlimited in others. Two million workers went out. The union leaders walked out of a government compulsory mediation meeting.

By Saturday, Aug. 8, the movement was spreading. It is clear ment had gathered such momenday, "that the non-communist the Democratic machine that is tiative, feared last night their or-

labor - and the Taft - Hartley Over Saturday and Sunday the Law can become a life-and-death movement continued to take

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Eisenhower Tips His Hat on Taft-Hartley

The Bolivian government is landed proprietors will be no settle down on his

under heavy fire at present from more than mere words," says quarter acres."

kind of modus vivendi — a way by the episode — or the im- Nixon's objections. of living together - with the pression it was intended to con-

vague than Truman's were. created most recently in labor to labor."

circles when it was "leaked" from

ing the progress of the fund cam- slow. However, our Fund Direc- had prepared for Congress, al- Nixon is made to appear as the paign, not only for the sake of tor tells me that he thinks they though too late for the last villain of the piece and Eisensession, a message proposing 19 hower is credited with a worthy MEANINGLESS PROPOSALS amendments to the Taft-Hartley sentiment even while he denies he . The specific proposals which union movement, 17-million strong of their own. Labor Relations Law of which 18 holds it. The day after the docu- Eisenhower allegedly intended to in America today? carry on the necessary work area sert in a \$10 contribution. were considered "favorable to ment appeared in the Wall Street make would be only a meaningless

It was subsequently "leaked" final stage."

Eisenhower has tipped his hat proposals lay with Vice Presi- pressing for some changes in tional emergency disputes and in can treat the union leaders like a couple of times in the direction dent Nixon, who is regarded as Taft-Hartley favorable to labor secondary boycotts," observes door-mats and they can't do any-

The general impression created short-lived defense against But, complains Labor's Daily, ist politician, reacts only to the even in the matter of pushing menace of a real political club.

The whole devious episode these "mild and relatively und But labor is so obviously weaponvey — was that Eisenhower is smacks of a small cheap gesture important" changes in Taft- less and defenseless in the General's politic gestures toward really "friendly" toward labor contemptuously offered to the Hartley, Eisenhower "bowed again political arena, it is an object of that the pressure from the maslabor differ little in kind from an even willing to make important labor leadership in the belief that to the anti-labor elements in Con- contempt and a target for every ses was enormous, sweeping the 134 to its score this week. Contraite here said, it is a real an even willing to make important labor leadership in the belief that to the anti-labor elements in Concessions. But, unfortunately, they would leap hungrily to gress." This somehow conveys the vicious element that comes down officials along. "The strike movenot politically beholden to the as the Wall Street Journal put it, receive it. Eisenhower does not idea that Eisenhower himself isn't the pike.

union officials and his gestures "the White House is under heavy have to offer anything; he has anti-labor, but that Congress All this could be speedily tum" wrote N. Y. Times corresare even more tentative and pressure either to hold up the only to indicate that he would twisted his arm so hard he just changed if labor had a political pondent Henry Giniger on Saturrecommendations or to tone down offer certain things if he were had to drop the proposals he weapon of its own, if it did not Something of a furor was the sections that cater so strongly permitted to ao so by his poli- denies he intended to make, but depend for its political defense on unions, which had taken the initical colleagues. Truman actually made sure got into the press. The question this episode raises itself fundamentally anti-labor, ders to resume work would not had to make a few official proposals, although he never put is why Eisenhower has the brass if the organized workers could be followed." The CGT nad ento make such sport with labor. move into action with effective tered the struggle by this time up a fight for them. How does he dare to play such a independent power whenever they and called for an extension of the

He writes: "This is a beginning labor." The text of this message Journal, that publication carried a sop to labor and would leave the DOESN'T FEAR LABOR. This comment by Comrade V. on Allentown's quota. I feel sure was actually printed in the Aug. statement by White House Press Taft-Hartley Law intact in all its It is clear Eisenhower has no question for the unions — finally shape from below, cutting across R. Dunne accompanied a \$70 con- the balance will be in on time, 3 Wall Street Journal. But White Secretary Hagerty that the pub- major features. They are a "long, political fear of organized labor. comes down to the question of arbitrary time limits and fears. tribution toward the Twin Cities' but am just tired of seeing that House spokesmen quickly denied lished versions of the proposed long way from meeting its He knows that as long as labor political action. The old policy of of the officials, and mobilizing quota: "This makes \$260 sent in zero each week." That does it - the official character of the message were preliminary and (labor's) objections to the restric. strings along with the capitalist swinging like a pendulum be- the entire French working class "not even approaching the semi- tive and harsh law. It makes some wo-party system, and has nothing tween Republicans and Demo- for a decisive blow against the

few minor changes but does little better to offer than the Demo- crats leads to nowhere but dizzy Laniel regime. Capitalist news out that responsibility for getting Of course, if Eisenhower had or nothing on key issues like the cratic Party that was swept out frustration. To defend itself poli- correspondents and editorial com-Eisenhower to withhold the the slightest serious intention of closed shop, injunctions in na- of power just last November, he tically, labor needs its own party.

shyster game with the labor- wished through a political party movement.

Every important problem of BURIED - IN WORDS

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FLEEING FROM MASTERS"

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"The Southern Rhodesia police is intensifying its campaign to hunt down Negroes fleeing from their masters." This quotation sounds like something dug up from the press of the slave-holders of a century ago; it happens main speech on foreign and domto be the lead sentence in a special dispatch to the N.Y. estic policy, while Finance Min-Times, of July 20, 1953, written by Albion Ross, special ister Zverev formally figured as correspondent in Central Africa.

Here is his picture of conditions in the 20th century under "democratic" British rule that lead to "Negroes fleeing from their masters."

The "masters" are white plantation owners who robbed the African natives of their land. "The average farm has about 3,000 acres and many are much larger." Denny Young, a leader of one of the landowner factions, confesses to the robbery of the land. "We have taken enough land from the natives in Africa" he says. By way of atonement he proposes a "just apportionment of the territories foodstuffs and manufactured between the European and the native." In other words goods, meat and meat produce, divide what was stolen between the robber and the robbed.

The workers for the South Rhodesia plantations are recruited from Nyasaland, which has recently been forced furniture and other cultural and into the Central African Federation. Nyasaland has a population of 2,000,000 Negroes and a few hundred whites. Albion Ross says, "It is generally agreed here that (Nyagoods.' saland) was added to the federation of the two Rhodesias because of its valuable supply of native labor."

"The Negro labor recruiting in Nyasaland is done by Russian party history which animously approved several shifts a recruiting organization and is rather expensive. The or- stressed that "the law" of party in ministries and in ministerial ganization gets about \$42 per 'boy.'" The wage of the policy is 'ceaseless concern to posts plus the appointment of a plantation workers is about \$5.60 a month. They live in grass huts which they build themselves.

"Negro worker's on farms and most unskilled Negro workers in industry are placed in a status of temporary servitude for the period of their contract."

The workers try to escape from these modern slave farms at every opportunity. Under the Masters and Servants Act, in force in Southern Rhodesia, this is a crime listed as "desertion." Police hunt down the Negro workers. They are jailed and given fines up to one or two months wages.

The Farmers Union, an organization of the big plantation owners, has been demanding greater energy from the police in hunting down and punishing their escaped "servants." "The farmers' complaint with regard to the enforcement of the Masters and Servants Act was concerned primarily with the failure of the Nyasaland 'boys' to do their work, suggesting the campaign in Nyasaland was taking effect." The campaign refers to the movement in Nyasaland to resist the imposition of a "federation" aimed at facilitating the recruitment of slave labor.

But the plantation owners don't rest with demands for better slave hunts. "The great complaint of the farmers," says Ross, "is that the 'boys' do not put their hearts into their work."

LOESCHER SAYS AFRICAN DESPAIR IS 'DISTURBING'

Dr. Frank S. Loescher, head of the Philadelphia Commission on Human Rights, has just concluded a six months mission on Human Rights, has just concluded a six months study of "the racial situation" in South Africa. He released

"HUNT DOWN NEGROES Malenkov Makes First Public Bid as New Stalin

By John G. Wright The Aug. 5-8 sessions of the crops and cattle-raising on priv- him on trial).

Supreme Soviet in Moscow mark- ately owned strips of land, taxes ed the public assumption by Malenkov of Stalin's mantle as Purger-Arbiter-in-Chief. In this ments in agriculture have thus capacity Malenkov delivered the ed contrast to this, Malenkovthe "main reporter." Apart from and the Supreme Soviet-passed viet union had the H-Bomb, there portant "concessions" that had Stalin's death. been promised over Stalin's

was nothing essentially new in Malenkov's foreign policy deccorpse

laration. He reaffirmed the line of "peaceful co-existence." All the surprizes he reserved for the domestic field.

Malenkov again made promises of spectacular improvements 'in the population's supply of fish and fish produce, butter, sugar, confectionery, textiles, garments, footwear, crockery, well

APPROVE PURGE OF BERIA ousehold goods; in raising coniderably the supply of the population of all kinds of consumer the new record budget for 1953;

This was anticipated in the alenkov version of falsified the purge of Beria. It also unsatisfy the growing material and new State Prosecutor and three cultural needs of the toilers."

Agricultural laws have been Court (scheduled to convict Beria

| drastically revised. To stimulate | when it is finally decided to place |

The only changed voted in the could bring, within a brief period, have been slashed and obliga- Stalin Constitution was to delete a spectacular change in the liv- bureaucracy, along with its new tion deliveries to the State re- the term "Bolshvik" after the deduced. The restorationist ele- signation of the Russian party ple. But what Malenkov actually 'in the text of Article 126." This told the Soviet masses was to gained the most important con- change, adopted last year at the wait "two or three years" for cession in recent years. In mark- Nineteenth Congress, was forgot- any marked improvement. At best ten during the previous, hasty, he envisaged the possibility of atone-hour session of the Supreme taining 1955 consumer targets by the announcement that the So- over in silence some of the im- Soviet held immediately following 1954, a far cry "from a drastic upsurge in the production of con-

ARC LIGHTS AND CHEERS

ATTACKS "TROSTKYITES" Nothing was said about the As The Militant predicted, Malenkov played the role of "Chief.' amnesty for prisoners. No action The production of consumer Each time he entered the hall, was taken by the Supreme Sogoods will continue to be suborthe arc lights went on, the as- dinated to the expansion of heavy viet in this connection. Presumably that's the end of the "amsembly jumped to its feet and industry with minimum -and not nesty." There was no mention cheered. Every photograph, every maximum- adjustment to allay listing of dignitaries, assigned mass discontent. That is the gist of the revision of the criminal code. in particular the harsh la- him the first place. Molotov, of Malenkov's "new" policy. As bor laws, originally promised Khruschev, Bulganin and other a matter of fact, his speech con-"within 60 days." Apparently, members of the so-called "collectains the sharpest threats against the Kremlin has had some sec- tive leadership" were not so much any attempt to "oppose the conas permitted to take the floor. struction of heavy industry" at ond-thoughts on this subject as When Malenkov rose to speak, the the expense of litgh industry o to "demand the transfer of funds

assembly jumped up, clapping, cheering. His remarks were punc. The Supreme Soviet adopted tuated by applause, "stormy applause," "stormy applause passing having emanated from "the Trotspassed the agricultural reform into ovation." Even "a stir in the

cyites and the right-wing capiand placed its seal of approval on ulators and traitors." This means hall" was dutifully recorded in the minutes. When he concluded, that the penalty for even raising he received a standing ovation. such proposals is - death. A motion was then made to The Militant's warnings that terminate the discussion. The the regime has been confronted "main reporter" Zverev made a with the resistance of restoratnew members of the Supreme summary speech of exactly 50 ionist elements in agriculture are

Supreme

iourned

words. The ukases of the Praesid. confirmed by the concessions the Kremlin has just made to these um were put to a vote and the Soviet promptly adlements. The chief beneficiaries of Ma-

lenkov's agricultural reform are the collective - farm bureaucrats The heart of Malenkov's forand the well-to-do peasants. The eign-policy declaration was conbureaucrats are exempted altotained in the following words:

umer goods.

"We firmly stand on the posiion that at the present time there is no disputed or undecided in the best position to acquir ssue that cannot be settled in a their own live stock and expand peaceful way on the basis of mucrops through lower taxes, smalual agreement between the counler obligatory state deliveries, and ries concerned. This applies also through "bonuses," and special o those disputed issues that exist compensation. between the USA and the Soviet

PEASANTS FACE PENALTY

from heavy to light industry."

Such demands he characterized as

The mass of the peasants, or tween the USA and the Soviet he other hand, face a new penbeen attached to every failure to fulfill the number of work days and obligatory norms on the col lective farms. The working of make an entire family liable. The reading of this law was greeted

with laughter and applause by the Supreme Soviet delegates. These bureaucrats have every reason to laugh and applaud This law epitomizes their regime: and peasants. Hence the promise New privileges for the bureaucrats, concessions to the counter

A genuine revision of the plan revolutionary elements, "joyous" and "monolithic unity." in the interest of the masses promises to the masses coupled he/ fulfilled his function as the with repressions. The agricultural chief protector of the bureaucracy's interests. The sharper the privileges, has been given a new ing conditions of the Soviet peorelations become with the workwhip against the mass of the ers and peasants, all the greater peasants. These are the only "in-'vigilance" must the parasitic centives" a bureaucrat knows or caste exercise and all the more appreciates. must it "strengthen the state," Malenkov concluded his speech that is, its machine of deception

with a summons for "vigilance" and repressions.

LAWYER GIVES ADVICE **ON ANSWERING THE FBI**

What would you do if a couple of FBI agents unexpectedly tapped you on the shoulder and began asking questions that were clearly aimed at converting you into a stoolpigeon, either against yourself or one of your friends whose political beliefs might not meet Democratic and Republican standards of conformity?

The August 10 National Guardian cites three typical esponses and then gives the comments of a lawyer on the way the victims reacted:

Case 1: "Two men introduced themselves as from the FBI as I hurried to work one morning. They kept abreast of me when I tried to outwalk them. One said they'd be glad to drive me to my job, and told me where I worked. I yelled, 'Get away from me!' and they left, saying, 'Get in touch with me if you change your mind.'

Case 2: Mr. A's landlord told him: "The FBI was asking for you. Wanted to know what meetings you go to nights." Mr. A, feeling he could outsmart the agents, said: "Next time tell them to come see me."

Case 3: Mrs. D invited two FBI agents in when one flashed his card and said they were "perfectly harmless and only want to speak with you." She found them "charmgether from payments of taxes ing"; they just asked what she knew about a certain man: on their privately-owned strips. she said, "Nothing." They discussed books, movies and The rich peasants are obviously their children. The woman concluded: "I'm sure I learned more about them than they did about me,"

The lawyer commented as follows:

Case 1: "Anybody finding herself or himself in a similar position has a right to say absolutely nothing. She did right to reject their offer, though she could have done it by keeping silent and walking on."

Case 2: "Like many a decent person, Mr. A is not afraid — but he can't 'outsmart' these trained agents and alty. A 50% hike in taxes has should not try to. The landlord might himself be an undercover agent. Remember your right to say nothing."

Case 3: "Suppose Mrs. D did learn more than they did about her — but I doubt it: so what? We know what this clause is so obscure that the they will do with their information, as thought-control failure of a single individual may policemen building up dossiers on people in order to destroy them. What will she do with hers? She can bet her life they'll return."

To protect yourself and others, the National Guardian offers additional legal advice:

No matter what official identification he presents, you need not let any stranger into your home; unless he has a warrant, he has no right to enter.

Whether at your door or elsewhere, you need not answer FBI questions — and there is no need to vell.

Your right of refusal being what it is, there is nothing to get flustered about. The agents are looking for a sign that you are intimidated; they are trained in technique of heightening the intimidation.

Police at strike-bound Arma Corp. plant at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, N. Y., rough up pickets to make way for supervisors. Several women strikers were run down by company officials' cars. Later International Union of Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) got company to pledge no interference with picket line.





Union. We hold that there is no objective basis for conflicts be-

> Union." The Kremlin is crawling out of its skin for a deal with Washington; and it is just as ager for deals with the West European bourgeoisies, first and oremost that of Germany. Maenkov's words leave no room for loubt on this score. As for the Soviet domestic si-

tuation, the undeniable industrial progress, recorded since 1952, has harpened still further the relations between the Kremlin bureaucracy and the Soviet workers of material concessions.

FOR CO-EXISTENCE

a statement saying, "I found despair among Africans that was disturbing. When our discussions got around to how their living conditions could be improved, jobs, housing and participation in government, there was an unmistakable lack of faith and confidence that Europeans would extend democracy to them. This was my most disturbing experience."

It is a tribute to Dr. Loescher that he found the experience disturbing. In a country like the Union of South imperialism viewed this as just Africa or the United States, the economic, social and poli- another old-time colonial war - a tical oppression of the Negro people is not merely disturbing, it cries out for rectification.

What solution did Dr. Loescher find after his six teeth in order to "pacify" resistmonths study? He says he advised the Africans to "persist ing natives. in their efforts to reach the minds and hearts of the white Instead, we found ourselves dragged into an armed struggle South Africans." One might well ask, what minds and that, compared to past colonial what hearts? The diseased mind of a racist ruling class wars, has been truly immense. who live in terror of having their stolen lands and blood-Giant armies have been pitted soaked profits taken away from them? Can pleas for jus- for three years in ferocious tice touch the hearts of these white supremacists? Malan's combat against each other; unsurpassed concentrations of fire reign of terror against the slightest infringement of the power have been used; casualties "color line" doesn't speak well for this project. have run into the millions and

We can well imagine how the Africans took Dr. Loe-property destruction has been scher's advice. They could have told him that "efforts to reach the minds and hearts of the white" American capitaltensity of the Korean war are ists to practice a little justice and mercy have not halted the practice of Jim Crow in his own country. They could significance. Added to them, have told him that the only gains the Negro people in moreover, are two absolutely Africa or America have ever made have been through unique developments which demorganized struggle, above all a struggle imbued with the onstrate that the Korean war has marked a vast change in the aim of eliminating the class which thrives on discriminarelationship of forces in the tion, poverty and modern slavery. will have great, if not decisive,



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victory. On the contrary, it has | Korea or the so-called "over-| fought on the relatively small By Art Preis just barely held its own and, in whelming hordes" thrown against area of the Korean peninsula has whether you "want to co-operate with the authorities," Back in June 1950. Truman and fact, on at least two occasions the U.S. forces and allies. This taken such a vast toll and has designed to make you fear that you will "look suspicious," his generals arrogantly assumed was on the brink of military fiction of the "overwhelming that the intervention of a few hordes" has been repeatedly exdefeat. American troops in the Korean

ploded; today it is acknowledged From the start of the Korean out" in short order. Wall Street war, The Militant understood its that the U.S. - South Korean and the titanic risks it would gressives, or both. unique character and foresaw its armies number 800,000 to the development and cost to the 1,000,000 of the Chinese - North American people. We clearly Korean forces. Moreover, the "police action" — in which mighty industrially-advanced U.S. capital

warned, in an editorial July 24, U.S. possesses an immeasurable 1950, against "the arrogant as- superiority in bomber planes, ism had but to bare its military tanks, heavy artillery and mobile sumption that a war against any equipment. colonial people fighting for their

The explanation for the renational independence is just a pushover, a 'little' war." We markable capacity of the Chinesestated that "times have changed North Korean forces to successsince the British empire was fully resist and even to wage founded with a small expenditure hard - hitting offensives lies in of troops in a series of small their revolutionary spirit. Amercolonial wars spread over hun- incan soldiers who went to Korea dreds of years. Today, the in- to put down "gooks"-the epithet vasion and seizure of colonies is of racial inferiarity applied to the an extremely dangerous and ex- people of Korea and China pensive proposition." learned to their astonishment that

We explained further that "the these backward people are firstcolonial peoples are in revolt and class fighting men, resourceful and clever, with a driving purtheir number is legion. American armies in Korea, or anywhere rose, a cause they believe in. else in Asia, are confronting a That cause was their "secret nevolutionary tide, millions upon weapon, their great advantage over the GIs and the South millions of people who are fighting for a cause they believe in Korean conscripts, who never and for which they are ready to ceased to ask, "What are we lay down their lives. The Amer- fighting for?"

ican boys being sent over to die FORCES INVOLVED in Korea are completely sur-

It is not clearly comprehended rounded by hostile people. Their by most people even now what

guns do not intimidate but only HELD THEIR OWN inflame the populace. They are learning in blood the difference First and foremost is the gigantic fact that two backward between subduing a passive peo-Asian countries but newly emerg- ple and an armed people in ed from foreign exploitation and revolt."

colonialism, China and North NO WAR IS "LITTLE"

almost total.

The duration, scope and in

n themselves facts of tremendous

vorld today — a change that

bearing on the future of mankind.

Korea, have more than held their Our conclusion was: "An atomown against an imperialist army bomb war with a major power that has had tremendous adlike the Soviet Union may be the vantages from the military techbiggest and most frightful of all nical standpoint. wars. But no war is 'little' to-Second is that fact that the United States, foremost capitalist day. Before American imperialism can conquer even backward power and chief military spearcolonial peoples, it will have to head of world imperialism, for wade through oceans of blood the first time in its history has and despoil the American people come out of a war without a themselves to pay for such con-

quest." Our estimation of the Korean CHICAGO FORUM pletely "The East German Uprising" is the subject to be discussed at selves.

struggle has been confirmed comby the events them-

The generals and propagandists a forum Fri., Aug. 28, 8:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at 734 have tried to blame the unfavor- the first. The cost of empire to- putees, victims of oriental dis-

So. Wabash, Chicago.

what an all-out, full-scale war

involve.

TIME TO REFLECT

the Korean truce should be an occasion for the American people to soberly review and assimilate

war. Let us reflect carefully or the new relationship of forces i the world, the immensity of the revolutionary tide against foreign imperialism in Asia and the rest of the colonial world and the fervor and spirit of the hundreds force of half a million soldiers, of millions of newly awakened sailors and airmen in the Korea people rising to throw off the shackles of western imperialist

capitalism. British imperialism in Malaya Do we want to challenge them? | against the native independence Are we prepared to undertake fighters. At the heart of U.S. the military measures required to martial intervention, in the Far reverse the revolutionary tide, to East is naked greed for profits. drive these people back to their The low morale of the GIs will slavery? That is not be lifted any when they conimmemorial what the Wall Street rulers and sider that if the unstable truce their political and military agents in Korea manages to hold for want of us. But it will lead to longer than generally expected.

an immeasurably bloodier and they may still be transporte more disastrous war than the somewhere else in Asia to spill terrible Korean debacle. their blood for "tin and tungsten"

To avoid it means to recognize and the "riches of the Indonesian a tremendous military effort the the reality of the Asian revoluterritory. U.S. has made in Korea in an tion and of the right of the people **TROOPS TO INDO-CHINA** attempt to smash down the revo- of Asia to run their countries as The Aug. 11 Wall Street lutionary forces. More than two they see fit. First of all, the Journal, reporting on Washing. million U.S. personnel have gone American troops must be withton's attitude, says unqualifiedly through the Korean war theatre. drawn from the Far East and the that rather than see the French At the moment of the truce more new China must be recognized by brigands driven out of Indo-

than a half million Americans Washington. from all the armed forces-including 300,000 front-line infantry-

men - were engaged in combat Late Reports Raise duty. The U.S. sustained over Casualties Total 141,000 so-called "battle" casual-

ties and as many more "non-Belated official reports con-(My emphasis.) battle" casualties due to oriental tinue to raise the toll of U.S. Worth taking by whom? The diseases, frost-bite, accidents, etc. dead and wounded in Korea two war profiteers and generals, or Total casualties of the U.S. and weeks after the cease-fire. On the workers and soldiers?

its allies, according to the UN Aug. 12 the Department of De-Eisenhower has told us what i report of August 7, were 455,000; fense announced total U.S. losses s worth to the profiteers — "tir the losses of their foes were of 142,294, an increase of 589 and tungsten" and the "riches" of estimated three times as great. over the previous week. This does Southeast Asia. But the Korean These figures tragically point not include scores of thousands experience has shown what a new

up the lesson of the Korean war listed as so-called "non-battle" Asian intervention would be that we have emphasized from casualties, such as frost-bite am- worth to the American people. We got nothing out of Korea but able military developments in day is incalculable. If this war eases, etc. death and misery and the hatred

You need not be drawn into a conversation about proved so inconclusive, consider if you refuse. Your co-operation may be wanted for only in the Far East would cost us cne purpose - to destroy either yourself, or other pro-

If you have any doubts at all about what to do, talk it over with a good lawyer FIRST — not after you do or The breathing spell afforded by say something you might regret.

the experiences of the Korean EISENHOWER'S AIMS FOR ASIA

of hundreds of millions. Instead (Continued from page 1) of waiting to send more of our and resources we are keeping a sons and husbands to Asia. let us demand that the American troops area: we are backing up French imperialism in Indo-China and

China, "the thinking here is that

the U.S. would first step in with

air and naval aid and even send

troops if needed. The diplomate

worry about this possibility, but

they think the risk worth taking.

now in the Far East be brought home at once. Officials of the Department o Defense and Selective Service warned on Aug. 10 that the Korean cease-fire will not alter the draft plans or ease the defer-

ment restrictions. "Those in uniform cannot expect to get out ahead of time. Those awaiting military call can expect to serve as long as if the fighting had continued," reported the Associated Press.

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How German Events Confirm Trotsky

ninges upon the ability of the

ism written in 1938, Trotsky said:

"The orientation of the masses is

determined first by the objective

conditions of decaying capitalism,

and second, by the treacherous

politics of the old workers' or-

ganizations. Of these factors, the

first, of course, is the decisive

one: the laws of history are

stronger than the bureaucratic

To the counter - revolutionary

parties of Stalinism and Social

Democracy Trotsky counterposed

the new revolutionary party and

International: "The crisis of the

proletarian leadership, having be-

come the crisis in mankind's

culture, can be resolved only by

Trotsky's scientific faith in the

revolutionary capacity of the

working class was always bound

up with his certainty that it could

develop a party true to its historic

aims and interests. During the

decades of defeat and betrayal,

deprived of victory in one revolu-

discovered "new" virtues in either

Stalinism or "democratic" capi-

the Fourth International."

apparatus.

Commemorated

LEON TROTSKY, co-leader with Lenin of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution that founded the Soviet Union as the first workers state. His memory will be honored by revolutionary socialists throughout the world on Aug. 21, the day of his death in 1940 at the hands of a GPU killer under orders from Stalin. The growing crisis of world imperialism and of Stalinism are vindicating the program and analyses of Trotsky, founder of the Fourth Interna-

The two major historical man-

in the interim between the two

ANALYSIS CONFIRMED breath-taking sweep and finality of the socialist revolution thus The Chinese revolution, the Yugo

toric role.

sionistic thinkers who never see

The situation is ripe for a rev-

elutionary offensive that will

working class to discard its official leadership with their \$18,000 Fund Scoreboard treachercus policies and rearm itself with a genuine revolutionary program and leadership. In The Death Agony of Capital-

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Akron	- 	150	90	60
Cleveland /	4	350	205	59
Philadelphia		400	231	58
Minneapolis-St	t. Paul	1,200	590	49
Boston		550	231	42
Los Angeles	di se	2,500	879	35
New York		4,500	1,449	32
Milwaukee		400	118	30
Detroit		1,500	383	26
San Francisco		1,000	251	25
Flint	1	250	65	24
Youngstown		450	105	. 23
Allentown		60	10	17
Pittsburgh		30	5	17
Oakland		250	40	16
Seattle		450	72	16
General	•	385	87	23
Total throu	gh Aug. 10	\$18,000	\$7,176	40

slav revolution; the bureaucra-|workers of Europe against Stalwhen the working class was tically distorted anti-capitalist inism is not an episodic interlude in the peaceful evolution of Stalsocial transformations in Eastern ionary situation after another, Europe; the emergence of the inism towards workers democracy there were many deserters from European working class from the and socialism, but the herald of the ranks of the revolution who war organized in mass socialist its doom. In East Germany the announced that the proletariat and communist parties and cleavage between Stalinism and could play no independent his- unions; the inability of capitalism the working class which had been to inflict a crushing defeat on the implicit broke out into the open. These whiners and faint-hearts European workers despite the Stalinism there stands in sharp numerous betrayals of their counter - revolutionary opposition leaderships; the continued upsurge to the masses - despised, retalism. In every case their loss in the colonial world, which has jected and finished as a class of faith in the proletariat led to assumed the proportions of a party of the workers.

Recent events in the Soviet Union likewise demonstrate the ing class. Trotsky was not moved lution against Stalinism in precarious position of Stalinism. by these desertions. He stood by Eastern Europe; and the crisis Convulsive purges, continued rehis prediction that the working of the Soviet bureaucracy, re- pressions, coupled with doles of vealed since Stalin's death, have concessions will not stem the tide bureaucracy through a political altered the world situation to the that is moving inexorably toward decisive advantage of the work- the revolutionary overthrow of ing class. Trotsky's faith in the the bureaucracy by the Soviet power of the proletarian revolu- masses.

Page Three

ECHO OF OLD SLANDERS

The Stalinist slander that the East German workers are "giving aid and comfort" to the im-Trotsky's analysis of Stalinism perialists is an echo of the attacks has been confirmed to the hilt by on Trotsky for branding the Stalthe post-war events. Impres- inist betrayals while the world capitalists were plotting to anything more than the surface of destroy the Soviet Union. They complained that by opposing this as an empty assertion. They Stalinism the way he did, Trotsky will point to the increased power gave aid and comfort to the imof Stalinism on a world scale and perialist foes of the workers' ask how this confirms Trotsky's state. Trotsky's answer to his prediction of its downfall. And slanderers seems to have been hey will continue to infer that written as a reply to the slanderthe choice before the workers is ers of the East German workers Stalinism or "democratic" capi- today.

talism, and not at all capitalism He explained how the downfall of Stalinism brought about by the The answer to these impres- political revolution of the Soviet sionists, as is often the case in workers, far from aiding capitalilenced by the executioner. The North Korean freedom fighters are day night. But he added that workers for ord continuing workers for ord continuing workers and bated for an any and Czechoslovakia workers of East June uprising in East Germany and misleader of workers' revolu-

canitalism

tions.

Trotsky and the American Workers

The thirteenth anniversary of Trotsky's death at the hands of a Stalinist assassin in Mexico on August 21, 1940, will be commemorated by workers of the socialist vanguard throughout the world. Trotsky was above all an international workingclass revolutionist. His memory belongs to the world working class. And every new revolutionary victory over capitalism keeps that memory green.

Class-conscious workers in the United States who are living through the difficult period of witch hunts, capitalist war preparations, armaments "prosperity" and reactionary bureaucratic rule in the unions. turn with gratitude to the ever fresh and brilliant teachings of Trotsky to help them understand the times they live in and the days that lie ahead.

In the 25-year history of The Militant, Trotsky was always our teacher. He added the power of his genius to the work of our founding years and helped us create the party we are so proud of. Since his death, the rich heritage of theory he left us, as well as the example of his life, has inspired our continued struggle.

That's not because we worshipped Trotsky (the mere hint of subservience was repugnant to him) but Trotsky was a leader who had the answers. Workers who have been through strike struggles know what we mean by this. They value leaders who can see what is and foresee what is to come. They value the leader who can learn from them as well as teach them. Trotsky was such a leader.

Trotsky regarded American capitalism as the most important and powerful enemy of the world working class. Therefore he studied with the greatest care the economic and political development of the United States and its relation to the rest of the world.

Take a few examples of Trotsky's writings from a pamphlet published in

On July 24 the Syngman Rhee regime

reported that a purge had taken place in

the North Korean government and that

"political unrest gripped North Korea."

We filed Rhee's sensational handout. On

Aug. 8, however, the purge was confirmed.

The list of victims includes 12 or 13 top

members of the North Korean government,

including Pak Hong Wong, Vice President,

Foreign Minister and former General Sec-

retary of the Korean Communist Party;

by both Moscow and Pyongyang radio.

1926, Europe and America, and you will see why Trotsky's ideas and contributions are valued so highly by radical American workers:

"In military art there is a saying that whoever moves into the enemy's rear in order to cut him off, is often cut off himself. In economy something analogous takes place: the more the United States puts the whole world under its dependence, all the more does it become dependent upon the whole world with all its contradictions and threatening upheavals."

privileged minority enjoying lei-"The U.S. is compelled to base its power sure without labor. But the epoch on an unstable Europe, that is, on tomorof socialist revolution has brought about a fusion of mass action row's revolutions of Europe and on the with the most highly developed national-revolutionary movement of Asia scientific theory of society. The and Africa. . . In order to maintain its working class thereby proves its internal equilibrium the United States reclaim to historical leadership in quires a larger and larger outlet abroad; the transformation from capitalism to the planned economy of the but its outlet abroad introduces into its future. economic order more and more elements Leon Trotsky, co-worker and

of European and Asiatic disorder. Under these conditions a victorious revolution in Europe and in Asia would inevitably inaugurate a revolutionary epoch in the United States. And we need not doubt that once the revolution in the U.S. has begun, it will develop with truly American speed." Trotsky knew very well how to take queathed to our movement a rich

the tough years of reaction. He used them to prepare for a new revolutionary upsurge. His deep theoretical understanding gave him a vision of the great sweep of history and the inevitability of socialist the working class and its leader. revolution. Trotsky foresaw the revolutionary storms now gathering force everywhere in the world. How contemptuous he would be today of "revolutionists" unable to see that beneath the surface of American capitalist reaction the leaven of the working class consciousness is working. He would tell us: "Now is the time to prepare, for great events are coming and the decisive role will be played by the Socialist ment and an obstacle to the wars, during and immediately Workers Party. Prepare, study, build."

frightful war years while actually serving

as "spies" and remaining undetected until

a truce was agreed upon. This lapse, typical

of a Stalinist purge trial, is compensated

by the fact that all the accused convenient-

ly "confessed" before their voices were

silenced by the executioner.

tional. ship. He explained how in the course of its struggle to attain political supremacy, the working class is blocked by the official "leaders" and bureaucrats it has previously elevated to the summits of its organizations. This became the prop that saved bureaucracy responds to the pressure of the capitalist class. It becomes an agency of capital- instrumental in saving capitalism ism within the workers' move-

victorious struggle of the work-

sent reality on the basis of the

theoretical conquests of the past

the clearer the future is sketch-

ed and illuminated. Marxism, the

science of the socialist revolution

views the bond between though

and action as indissoluble. It

therefore places decisive im-

portance on the ability to fore-

see — and thereby to act with the

highest degree of consciousness.

heretofore excluded the masses

from participating in the develop-

ment of scientific theory. This

was unavoidable in societies based

on the enslaved majority labor-

ing without leisure, and the

continuator of Lenin, possessed

to a remarkable degree the

capacity to grasp the inner logic

of the struggle between the work-

ing class and capitalism. He was

therefore able to chart the course

of future development with ex-

traordinary prescience. He be-

legacy of insight into the prob-

lems facing the working class to-

Above all he explored to its

depths the crucial problem of

day.

Drudgery and poverty have

festations of this process are the Social Democracy and Stalinism. The reformist Social Democracy revolution in the Soviet Union and, on a world scale, through world capitalism during World the creation of revolutionary War I; Stalinism was mainly parties. The Second World War has frightened skeptics and turncoats

ushered in events that are confirming Trotsky's prognosis with after World War II. The success



mentators indulged in wish-think- aments and war and the anvil ing. They buried the general of the revolutionary uprising in turn the tide of history. Who the colonies. French capitalist can doubt, even from a distance, strike movement in thousands of economy is sick, bled white by that the French workers are words: "Most of 2,000,000 work- the Indo-China invasion; and La- ready to take over France? Who ers . . returned to their jobs," niel's attempt to climb out of the can doubt that their victory on

(Continued from page 1) Big Business pressure for arm-

prostration before capitalism or catastrophe for capitalism; the one of its agencies in the work- beginning of the political revoclass would destroy the Stalinist

Lee Sung Yop, Minister of Justice; Cho Yun Nyong, Vice Minister of Culture and propaganda; Rhee Won Cho, Deputy Propaganda Chief of the Korean Communist Party; and Sol Chong Sik, member of the Political Dept. of the North Korean Supreme Military Headquarters. Moscow radio said that ten of the high officials had been given death sentences, one got 15 years, another 12 years.

The official New China News Agency declared Aug. 10 that the U.S. almost since 1945 had infiltrated "counter-revolutionary elements" to overthrow the North Korean regime. The accused allegedly plotted a "military revolt" in conspiracy with the U.S. "espionage agency in Seoul." Some of the "gang of traitors" were "bought over" by the U.S. and sent reports about

Officials of the Negro and labor movement are highly critical of the appointment of Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina as U.S. delegate to the United Nations. They deplore Eisenhower's choice of this racist, anti-labor Southern Bourbon as "ill advised" and "injudicious." They think it will give the United States a bad name among the oppressed colored people of the world to place such an avowed race hater in the United Nations show window. Whom do they want? Sparkman, the pro-Stevenson governor of Alabama, instead of Byrnes, the pro-Eisenhower governor of South Carolina?

Byrnes is exactly where he should be. They ought to have Byrnes, McCarthy and Westbrook Pegler sitting together at the head of the U.S. delegation in the UN a race baiter, a red baiter and a labor baiter. That's the face the whole world recognizes as the real capitalist America.

In our opinion, Eisenhower knows what he's doing. He isn't making a slip. Eisenhower is building a political fence with the Southern Bourbons to strengthen Republican control of Congress. What does he care about the opinion of labor and Negro officials and some liberals? They can't do very much, he figures. They haven't even got their own political machine. They belong to the same capitalist parties as he and Byrnes. So it will all blow over, and a

thus faced with an unpleasant dilemma – "the stoppage until 'complete' either their government was honeycombed with counter-revolutionary agents of ly means the abandonment by the onomic schemes. American imperialism throughout the war, Government of its project." or — just as bad — the accused are vic-

Not enough information is available to Monitor wrote on Sunday that toward a new upsurge since last tom. judge precisely what is involved in the ponder these questions: Does this purge portend some kind of unpopular settlement nowhere. at the forthcoming political conference

over Korea? Does it mean, for example, the sacrifice of the heroic guerrilla movement in South Korea that has resisted the ious." The railroad workers came and joint actions, the workers of now once again are submitted to and its relation to the workers Rhee regime from the beginning? What- out at the call of the CGT 400,- the Stalinist, Socialist and Cath- a historic test. ever the truth, the purge itself is a foul 000 strong." And on Monday also, olic unions created the pre-conand sinister blotch on the record of the North Korean government.

Furor Over Byrnes

Purge in North Korea

done.

The chicken-heartedness of these officials has reached the ludicrous. One day they are overjoyed at a few cheap, empty utterances by the President about in- strike gained further momentum fringements of civil rights; the next day The N. Y. Herald Tribune report. they are bitterly disillusioned with him strikes of last week have been over some routine dirty deal of capitalist resumed, and there is strong evpolitics. And the irony of it all is that idence the workers are more inthey have been doing this for decades - | clined to go out than some of with Truman before Eisenhower and their leaders think wise." Roosevelt before Truman.

want to fight Byrnes and his ilk, if they said, "It was the beginning of a want to meet the challenge of McCarthy- fight to the finish between the ism, if they want to defend their elemen- unions and the government, and tary rights, there is a plain and powerful there was no sign of let-up way to do it. Organize a political machine that a general strike affecting the suburbs across the French bined and independent might of such a was in the offing." And the machine could whip the Southern Bour- N. Y. Times declared: "They are ported to have taken a stubborn hands down.

We have 17 million on our side to start ties." with in the labor movement alone. There are 14 million Negroes in the United minorities. The working farmers would be nothing but palsy, and stands the professionals would vote labor. Why ciplined and invincible power of workers. not organize this mighty army into a Labor Party? Let's stop being disillusioned provoked the struggle stem from with the Eisenhowers and wake up to our own weakness.

UNITY IN ACTION Volney D. Hurd, of the Paris tims of a counter-revolutionary frame-up. Bureau of the Christian Science ers out beyond the announced metal plants and in the Renault the agitation to "get the workers resulted in a giant lockout of the

une: "France's strike situation being forged. At mass meetings, is definitely growing more ser- strike - committee demonstrations trade union federations reached a

issued a joint declaration in support of the demand of the Socialist and Communist Parties for an .emergency .session ... of .the

necessary political chore will have been General Assembly now on vaca tion.

> GAINS MOMENTUM On Tuesday and Wednesday the movement for an all-out general ed on Wednesday: "the waning

On Thursday the all-out general strike was under way in full If the labor and the Negro movement force. The N. Y. Herald Tribune there was, solidly based evidence manifestation since the unhappy days of the mid_Nineteen Thir-

The Laniel government, despite German government." threatening gestures of reprisals

States plus millions among the oppressed against the workers, has revealed the SED (Stalinist party) went dismissed for "his into high gear in preparation for attitude on June 17."

on our side. The small businessmen and the professionals would vote labor. Why siplined and invincella or invincel inism in East Germany. It is the The folowing were purged this surest sign of the unbroken the workers. The decrees that week: Hans Jendetzky, head of power of the workers. The crisis the desperate plight of decrepit the Berlin organization of the in the ruling caste will only capitalism in France, caught be- Stalinist party, removed from his create more favorable conditions tween the hammer of American post a few weeks ago, now ex-l for a workers' victory.

open all the bitterness and hatred Germany for the American-French capital- would ignite the flames of worksuccess was won, which presumab- ist war plans and oppressive ec- ing-class revolution on the whole continent of Europe?

international revolution qualita-The moment is crucial. The into prominence — the will of the French workers have forged their

The workers have been moving unity in action from top to botupsurge against the Stalinist The burning task is the "all efforts to . . . keep the work spring. At that time, strikes in formation of a government of the the Stalinists to repress it settled workers parties free from the once and for all the question of purge. But the North Korean people might time failed completely." He said auto plant in the Paris region capitalist lackeys of Wall Street. A government of the Socialist considering Stalinism counterto keep on striking got exactly 30 000 Renault workers. In this and Communist Parties supportrevolutionary to the core and struggle the will of the workers ed by the united Trade Unions!" whether the workers would rise But on Monday, he changed his for united trade-union action was Nothing can stop installation of against it; or whether post-war such a government except the reality has revealed something treachery of the leadership, who fundamentally new in Stalinism

> The French workers, along with the united front of the three ditions of the present revolutionthe German, are the most politary situation and served notice ically seasoned in the world. They new high point when the officials that they demanded unity in achave again carried the struggle tion from their officials. to threshold of victory. Whatever the whole world the inherent But unity in action in defense the immediate outcome, we are weakness of Stalinism. If at first of the workers standard of liv- absolutely confident that this Stalinism appeared to be gaining ng has begun to forge unity in working class, which, as Marx power from the defeats of world action on the political field. The said in 1871, is "storming the rade unions and the workers heavens." will prove able to victories, life soon demonstrated parties stand together in a solid create in the heat of battle its that it was actually being underlass formation against the mis- revolutionary instruments of vic- mined by the spread of world erable clique of capitalists subser- tory and triumph over every ob-

vient to Wall Street. stacle

E. German Gov't Fears New Revolt

(Continued from page 1) pelled for "a vacillating attitude" news agency of East Germany during the June events. Fritzi stated that "exaggerated" de- Feiberger, Chemnitz Stalinist mands of the Henningsdorf steel leader and Georg Wehner, district workers had disrupted "confidence secretary, expelled for "showing between the Government and the a wavering attitude toward party workers and between the plant policy." Carl Weichold, party secretary of Goerlitz, expelled for management and the employees." "factually supporting the provo-A N, Y. Times dispatch reports

that "The Henningsdorf workers cateurs of June 17 and wanted to secretary of Nieske (where the of labor and the Negro people. The com- every employed person in France sector to East Berlin the day of mass trial of 16 leaders of the the June uprising. They were re- June 17 movement took place). expelled for the same reason. Six bons and the politicians of the billionaires the most impressive trade-union stand ever since, demanding the unidentified Stalinist officials in revolutionary uprisings everyimmediate implementation of the Halle expelled for "capitulation-Communists' long-range reforms ism. treason to the party and ferent. It is clear now that the

and the resignation of the East working class and assistance to provocateurs." Herbert Paulsen, (3) This week the purge of district leader in Magdeburg, wavering

imperialism and the revolutionary revolution. This is entirely in ac- dealt by the German workers cordance with Trotsky's basic

evaluation of Stalinism as a bureaucracy which maintains its power and privileges as long as guard is already assembled under it is able to suppress independent political activity of the workers and the dynamism of events is When it could use the workers' movement as coin on the diplomatic board, the privileged bur-

tion was fully justified and the

events, will, of course, challenge

altered the world political situa-

unforeseen by Trotsky.

WEAKNESS OF STALINISM

or socialism.

have been completely refuted.

eaucratic caste was able to maintain a semblance of stability. But once the balance of world staff of the world revolution and power between the classes shifted thereby resolving the historical

to the disfavor of capitalism, the exploding revolutionary powder East Germany has given a prekegs blew up the relative stability view of how this "miracle" can capitulate." Manfred Schoen, party of the Stalinist world apparatus. be accomplished. The workers of For a while this change was Berlin, Magdeburg, Meresburg masked. To capitalist thinkers, and other cites are summoning the Kremlin appeared to be pushthe world working class to reasing buttons and touching off semble their forces to make the final push that will topple capiwhere. But the truth was diftalism from power. By their struggle to destroy the Stalinist Chinese revolutionary victory was bureaucracy, they have given the consummated in direct violation signal for a powerful workingof Kremlin directives to make an class offensive elsewhere. When alliance with Chiang Kai-shek, the workers of Europe answer just as during the war the Yugoslav Partisans broke in ac- this summons, Trotsky's last tion with the Kremlin's policy of prediction, as he fell under the

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subservience to imperialism and blow of Stalin's pick-axe assassin, its native agents. will also be realized in life: "I The clearest confirmation to date comes from the heart of the am sure of the victory of European proletariat. The rise of the Fourth International. Go most advanced industrial forward!"

tion and raised the level of the solutely helpless before the revolutionary movement of the workively by bringing a new force ers. Just as the American capitalists could not last one day with-German workers. Their mighty out the help of the labor bureaucracy, so world capitalism bureaucrats and the efforts of could not survive without the Kremlin's international mechanism of betrayal within the workwhether Trotsky was right in ing class.

would be

The approaching crack - up of Stalinism amid the spreading world revolution poses in its ful scope the problem Trotsky raised in 1938: "The world political situation as a whole is chiefly characterized by a historical crisis of the leadership of the proletariat.'

The uprising of the East Ger-THE NEW REALITY man workers has demonstrated to

In 1938 both capitalism and Stalinism were entrenched and the proletariat was reeling from betrayals and defeats; the opposite is true today. The death agony of capitalism is heading for its final paroxysm. Stalinism has been mortally wounded. The deepest wound of all has been The crisis of workers' leadership in 1953 comes when the nucleus of the basic revolutionary vanthe banner of Trotsky's program thrusting the workers forward. Can there be any doubt now about the capacity of the working class to hammer out a leadership capable of acting as the general crisis of leadership?

The Negro Struggle -It Pays to Fight Back By Jean Blake

So many people are overwhelmed by the seemingly unchallenged and unhindered drive of reaction today that news of the modern American "resistance movement" must be called to their attention to remind them that the struggle against the police staters goes on. What's more, it does pay to "fight back" against the witch hunts," the "loyalty purges," the union-busters and the Negro-haters.

One small but significant gain was reported in the Negro press last week. Fourteen postal employees, suspended in the loyalty purge of 1948-49, refused to be intimidated. They challenged the charges against them and were cleared of "disloyalty." On Dec. 2, 1952, they filed a recovery suit for back pay for the period they were unjustly suspended.

Last week Chief Judge Marvis Jones of the United States Court of Claims signed a court order assuring them a total of \$37,000 in back pay.

This may seem small compensation for the hardship, loss of employment opportunities, and other difficulties imposed on these men, but we are sure all of them feel, and correctly, that their struggle against an arbitrary act was worth while.

The money itself is not important to workers like these postal employees; but at least as important both to them and to all opposed to the drive toward regimentation and intimidation is the fact that these workers said, "They can't do this to us!" and fought back.

Faint hearts and defeatists appalled by the apparent power of those who run this country are incapable of winning even these small victories because they give up before they're licked. And, on the other hand, sectarians who pooh-pooh the dayto day struggles of the masses as too small and unimportant to bother with lose touch with the cumulative, growing movement of the masses who will be decisive in settling the basic conflicts of our epoch.

Scientific socialists know that small reforms — gains in wages, civil rights legal victories, etc. — are only temporary and insecure so long as capitalism is not eliminated root and branch. But, as Marx himself, the founder of modern socialism, said almost 90 years ago:

Does this mean "that the working class ought to renounce their resistance against the encroachments of capital, and abandon their attempts at making the best of the occasional chances for their temporary improvement? If they did, they would be degraded to one level mass of broken wretches past salvation. . . By cowardly giving way in their every-day conflict with capital, they would certainly disqualify themselves for the initiating of any larger movement."

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and milk them.

"Tough Tony" Takes Over



Anthony "Tough Tony" Anastasia, gesturing angrily, tells wsmen he will toss agents of President Joseph Ryan of AFL International Longshoremen's Assn. into the street if they try to take over Brooklyn Local 327-1 headquarters after Ryan's council ordered Anastasia suspended as Local 327-1 business agent when the notorious water-front brother of the Murder, Inc. executioner announced he was taking control of all 11 Brooklyn locals.

LONGSHORE ASSN. FACES

SUSPENSION FROM AFL

Who's Peace-Loving?

By Joseph Keller

In the shadowy half-world of capitalist propaganda, words take on weird, distorted and fantastic shapes. An example is. the phrase, "peace-loving," which all the most heavily-armed and belligerent governments — particularly the one in Washington — claim to be.

Interest focuses on this phrase because delegate to the United Nations, Henry Cabot Lodge, has come up with an interesting definition of "peace-loving" in connection with the issue of admission of China to the United Nations.

Lodge recently claimed that admission of Communist China to the UN was "out of the question" because the UN charter specifies that members must be "peaceloving" nations. "Red China is certainly not a peace-loving nation," said Lodge, and gave as his reason why:

"No nation that maintains large armies on foreign soil can be considered a peaceloving nation."

Up to 1949, when the new regime took power, foreign troops - including Americans — were usually quartered on China's soil. The only Chinese troops now outside the official boundaries of China are those in Korea. And these, we will recall, did not enter Korean territory until the U.S. itself was maintaining large invading armies in Korea, North and South, up to the very Chinese border of Manchuria. Was it "war-

power plants? And was it "peace-loving" for U.S. troops to be on this foreign soil pointing their guns in the direction of Manchuria?

By Lodge's definition that a nation "that maintains large armies on foreign soil" is not "peace-loving," what nation would be the first to be kicked out of the United Nations? The United States.

Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Army Chief of Staff, last June summarized in a report to Congress the vast spread of U.S. mili- Ryan, "to supplant the 'shapeislands. According to the summary of this tries of the world. These comprise "more the conduct of local and interna- sion to have dictatorial powers to deplored in a number of the than 1.6 million Americans in uniform."

American bombers are now using "a and the Arctic," forming an iron ring around China and the Soviet Union.

Not only continents, but oceans and seas Not only continents, but oceans and seas bosses, the ILA top orncials under suspension action, Ryan had right up to the shabby end. have become the prize of the U.S. "The Ryan, professional gangsters and pleaded for more time to "clean "Until the final gavel-rap last Navy," boasts U.S. News. "So are Europe's keep down the longshore workers up" the union. However, his night, the heavy GOP majority life lines across the Atlantic." Even the

Mediterranean "too, is something of an RYAN MADE SCAPEGOAT American lake, policed by a big U.S. fleet."

The AFL Executive Council on Aug. 11 voted to recommend to the dederation's convention next month The act goes into effect Oct. 2 suspension of the gangster-ridden International Longshoremen's Association. The ILAO

would retain its AFL charter, but played ball all along with the would be denied benefits of AFL gangsters, decided they had no more use for Ryan when a series fine and 20 years imprisonment affiliation and face ultimate exof wild-cat strikes over the past for violation. Beginning Jan. 1954,

Suspension of the ILA, ex- sions favorable to the workers hunting functions of the templained AFL President George and revealed Ryan's waning porary Ohio Un-American Ac-Meany, is proposed because of ability to repress the longshorefailure of the ILA leaders, headed men.

The probes provided the pretext assistant attorney general. by life-time president Joseph for the shipping bosses and their STUDY CHALLENGE tary forces, bases and military missions up' by a system of regular em- political agents to secure state to more than half the countries in the ployment and legitimate hiring and federal legislation to regiworld, on six continents, and dozens of methods, to immediately remove ment the longshore workers and from office union representatives give complete control of hiring with criminal records and those conditions to the bosses or their plans for an early court chalreport in the June 12 U.S. News and World who 'accepted gifts and bribes agents. A bill signed by Eisen-Report, American troops "in sizable num- from the employers, and to in- hower last week sanctions a New the law. bers" are quartered in 49 of the 97 coun- stitute democratic procedures in York-New Jersey port commis-

tional union affairs." This rare step by the AFL was for state-controlled hiring halls cluding the Youngstown Vintaken under fire of federal and and a permanent registration list dicator and the Cleveland Press. huge network of 89 major air bases, built state crime commission probes of dock workers as the basis for a In an editorial titled or building, in Europe, Asia, North Africa into rotten conditions on the New blacklist of union militants and Finish," the Press said of the York-New Jersey waterfronts. so-called "communists."

The probes revealed the close col-BEGS FOR "TIME" lusion between the ship and dock Prior to the AFL council's

Pacific is dominated by the American the city and state politicians, to pleaded for more time to "clean initial move in that direction - voted exactly the way the bosses an order for the removal of told them to.

However, as usual with such gangster whose brother was ex- vetoes on such bills as the highprobes the chief attack was ecutioner for Murder Inc., as way fund give-away and the soserved the bosses for so many defied by "Tough Tony." years, was picked out as the goat Conditions will show little Gov. Lausche's appointments to on whom all the blame for condi- permanent improvement on the the new Highway Construction tions would be placed. He was waterfront until the ILA rank Council. indicted for taking for personal and file itself cleans out the use funds given him by shipping leadership and wins a system of people. firms to "fight communism." union hiring halls and rotation The employers, who had willingly hiring. stuck to it.'

Strike of 1,500 Halts Transport in East Bay

operation.

By Paul Williams OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 10%the strike of the Key System Bus and Train Operators remains solid. Since noon Friday, July 24, when the 1,500 members of the

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Pass Witch Hunt Bill in Ohio Over Governor's Veto

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 9 The final meeting of the 100th session of the Ohio Legislature last Friday passed the Devine bill over the Governor's veto, but by the company. the increase in the size of the

The Key workers are bitter opposition in the final vote in about the company attitude and dicates potential support for the determined to stay out until their next stage of the vitally necessary demands are met. Earning a wage ight against the anti-democratic of \$1.64 an hour, confronted with leasure.

he widespread practice of work-The vote in the House was 92 to 26, an increase of 24 opposition four off, constantly harangued votes over those recorded in the by roving inspectors insisting that original passage of the bill in schedules be maintained despite that body. In the Senate the vote traffic snarls, the drivers finally

was 20 to 12, an increase of one. valked out in mass. 1953.

The law broadly defines "subversive" groups and activities and provides penalties up to \$20,000 a profit - this with a base wage few years forced contract revi- it also turns over the witchof \$1.88 an hour.

manent agency under a special

Labor and civil liberties groups

which headed the movement to **EXTORTIONATE FARES** defeat the bill are now studying The present base fare of 15 cents, with a nickel added as each lenge of the constitutionality of 'zone" is crossed, bringing total

fare up to 35 cents in some in-Passage of the measure was stances, is already the highest on the West Coast. The bridge fare regulate hiring. The bill provides state's leading newspapers, inof 35 cents is a serious financial burden to the estimated 100,000 "Sorry every day to go to work in San Francisco. legislature's action:

Owned by the National City "At least the 100th Ohio Gen-Fransit Corp., on whose board of eral Assembly was consistent. directors sit representatives from "It maintained its shabby record General Motors, Standard Oil and

Goodrich Rubber, Key has been having a good time buying oil and equipment from itself and bludgeoning the East Bay communities into a continuous round Anthony Anastasia, notorious "The Legislature overrode of fare increases for many years.

Key services a community of

AFL Carmen's Union Division 192 | flatly refused, stating that its brought all buses and trains back finances are its own business. Now going into its third week, to the barns, not one has moved. This certainly does not place its The entire East Bay, from Richrequest for another fare increase mond to Alameda and from Oak- in a favorable light. land to Hayward is without

The ability of 1,500 Key workpublic transportation; and Bay ers to back up their demands by Bridge train service has ceased paralyzing all public transporta. tion in this area is a heartening To the union's demand for demonstration of the tremendous

wage increases of 30 to 40 cents inherent power of the working an hour and improvements in class. working conditions, the company

has offered 6 cents, conditional upon a 5-cent fare increase by the State Public Utilities Commission. Cannery Workers

TURN DOWN ARBITRATION As a final gesture before strik- Settle California ing, the union offered to submit the issues to arbitration, only to have the offer coldly turned down State-wide Strike

By Lillian Kiezel

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 8 -The members of the Cannery Workers Union, an affiliate of the AFL Teamsters Union, voted ing split shifts of four on and Aug. 5 to return to work after a week's state-wide walk-out. In Oakland the vote was 11.169 for and 589 against.

The union, which originally demanded a 10 cents increase graduated scale of 8 to 10 cents an hour for the six categories of skills that make up the cannery

The highest classifications receive 9 and 10 cents; the lowest. paid, unskilled workers, 8 cents. This brings base pay for these underpaid, seasonal workers up to \$1.32 an hour.

While the union compromised on the wage issue, they refused to compromise on the health and welfare fund, which is part of the health and welfare fund administered by the Teamsters

When the Canners Association decided to agree last Saturday on this fund, to which they will contribute \$8.65 a month for each worker who works a minimum of workers who have to cross the bay 1,600 hours a year, the union agreed to the compromise on wages.

The agreement also calls for double-time-and-a-half for holiday vork.

During the strike, the union members knew very little about what was going on behind closed doors in San Francisco where the negotiations took place with three government mediators.

No leaflets were distributed even when the strike call was

Holding a monopoly on East Bay public transport, Key has tivities Commission to a per-

continuously demonstrated disdain and disregard for the public, causing even the reactionary Oakland City Council to oppose another fare increase.

In marked contrast to Key's statements that it cannot afford across the board, settled for a

workers.

Union under Dave Beck.

vage increases, the Municipal Railway in San Francisco issued its yearly report on the day of the strike, showing it had made

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loving" for the Chinese to resist and drive back an aggressive U.S. army on their border and threatening their Yalu River

According to the definition of its own UN delegate, the U.S. is the most nonpeace-loving nation in all history.

Notes from the News

field.

ARRAIGNMENT OF EIGHT STALINISTS in Philadelphia was postponed on Aug. 6 because seven of the defendants were unable to obtain legal counsel. "Guilt by association also applies to lawyers," Federal Judge Alan K. Grim said. * * *

EUGENE SILER, former justice of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, announced that he would take legal action to prohibit hiring of Catholic' nuns as teachers in Kentucky public schools. In Washington, Nelson, Marion and Casey counties, teaching by nuns in public schools violates the constitutional rights of some residents. Siler said that "nuns are teaching in public schools while wearing the religious emblems of their faith, and in some of the schools the catechism of the Roman Catholic Church is either being taught or made conveniently available to children of all faiths."

POLICE WERE CALLED early Monday morning on Aug. 10 when residents of a newly purchased home in Cleveland found their windows broken and a huge tree section thrown on their front porch. Racist hoodlums had obviously been at work. Up to Monday night the police had not answered the call. At noon they were seen talking to a family across the street, but they drove away without calling at the damaged residence.

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CHARLES VERMILLION, an organizer for the United Mine Workers in the coal field of Clay and Leslie counties was found shot to death in his parked car. Vermillion was among four mine union members shot at from ambush last Januarv. He was wounded in the neck and left leg. Leslie County Judge Elmer Begley said that a passerby found the body and added that an investigation was under way.

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EUROPEAN EDITOR of the Daily Worker. Joseph Starobin, had his passport revoked on his return from Europe. A State Department spokesman gave as the official excuse for this witchhunting act that travel by Starobin is not in the "best interests of the United States."

EDWARD A. FLECKENSTEIN of New York was arrested in Nuremberg, Germany, Aug. 7 and turned over to U.S. military police. West German police said his passport had expired. In July Fleckenstein told delegates to the founding convention of the National Rally that the Neo-Nazis true friends in the United States were Senators Joseph R. McCarthy, Pat McCarran, Everett M. Dirksen, and William E. Jenner.

THE SCRANTON SCHOOL BOARD in Pennsylvania appointed Miss Louise Mitchell as one of the new grade-school teachers. She is the first Negro ever named to a teaching position in the city's schools.

TWO BLASTS OF A SHOTGUN fired by an irate Negro resident scattered a cross-burning mob in Greensboro, N. C., after police had failed to disperse the crowd. Following the incident four white youths were arrested and Tommy Hughes, resident of one of the threatened homes was charged with discharging a firearm within the city limits. * * *

STRIKING HEARNS DEPARTMENT STORE workers voted unanimously to continue their strike until they win a satisfactory contract. In addition to maintaining a militant picket line, the strikers are now appealing to the public in the vicinity of the store with collection cans and petitions. * * *

RADIO COMMENTATOR, Jimmy Tarantino in San Francisco was found guilty of slandering a school teacher, Fern Bruner, by calling her a "reported Communist or Communist sympathizer." Miss Bruner was awarded \$55,125. Tarantino admitted on the stand that his charges were based solely on the unsupported complaints of two Benicia women. * * *

THE INTERNATIONAL BOY SCOUT jamboree in Los Angeles Jim-Crowed its own members by segregating the Negro Boy Scouts on the camping

* * * A VINDICTIVE MOVE against the family of William Gerson, who won a directed acquittal last year in the Smith Act trial of 17 alleged Communist Party leaders, is being made by the Department of Justice. It initiated denaturalization proceedings against his wife Sophie Gerson last week. Attorney General Brownell claims she falsely swore she was not a member of an organization teaching the overthrow of the government by force and violence when she obtained citizenship in 1945. Denaturalization would be a preliminary to deportation of this mother of two school-age children.

AN AGREEMENT increasing wages and shortening the work week, affecting 15,000 workers in 172 shops, was reached between the AFL

International Ladies Garment Workers Union and International Ladies Garment Workers Union and This is the rule under capitalist atom, and the expenditure of Directory with a production. It is an integral part lions and billions for war, there translated into needed housing, effects on health, etc., only if the with all facilities for recreation with all facilities for recreation facturers Association in the eastern and central of the anarchy of the profit are millions of American families would have meant a \$12,000 home whole order from which it springs state areas. The concessions were won after a system. Eighty-one years ago, living in slums not fit for human for each of 25 million families. is fundamentally refashioned." three-day strike. Piecework rates were raised Engels wrote, "This is a striking habitation." 6% and hourly rates for time workers nine example of how the bourgeoisie The convention adopted a reso- threatened future profits, so the cents. The work week was cut from 40 hours to solves the housing question in lution calling on the government capitalist money interests took politically and use it to take care receive their birthright - in 35. A few sweatshops in the area continued to practice. The breeding places of to continue rent control and to good care that it wasn't done. of its own. hold out against the settlement and were still disease, the infamous holes and start a government building pro- They preferred the staggering being struck.

housed."

whom 22% are Negroes, yet has centered on the crooked union of- business agent of Brooklyn Local called subversives control bill, consistently refused to hire Negro made by the union leaders. A ficials. Ryan, who had faithfully 327-1 - has been contemptuously and, as a final gesture of haughty drivers and only recently had to large majority of the membership political defiance, refused to okay reluctantly abolish its open Jim did not even know about the meeting that was called to ratify Crow policy.

REFUSE TO OPEN BOOKS

"Politics first, and forget the

"That was the creed, and they

the agreement. The strike was conducted in the

Both the union and the Oakland most bureaucratic fashion, being City Council have requested that handled completely from the top Key open its books and show last with no initiative at all allowed year's earnings. The company the membership.

Slum Clearance -- Task of Political Action

By Hilda Smith Within a few short weeks after workers night after night, are earner families can afford. made the headlines, pictures and Question.)

stories of the horrors have drop- To escape from this pestilential tion demonstrated its contempt ped out of the newspapers. A few tide of misery, Chicago slum for the million-member UA/W by worst offenders among the rent. dwellers must build a fighting abolishing rent control and reduc- housing shortage. The record gouging landlords have been organization of their own. It is ing its meager public housing proves that razzle - dazzle moral given warnings and such ridicul- more than lip-service to this This was a conclusive demonstra- high-sounding convention resoluously small fines that - as in the struggle. past — it amounts to giving them

PAC REPORT a license to continue their outrageous practices.

The much ballyhoed plans of preservation of threatened prop-erty values on the rim of the order o

and citywide. This organized slums. This was the essence of the strength will help enforce com-"slum clearance" measure passed by the State Legislature. Slum codes. health hazards, fair rentals tenants get the same old run-around. The real need — new and upkeep. Organized pressure low-rental housing — is left can be put on governmental largely to private industry. Such agencies for building more low-rental housing units. a program is a cruel farce.

Elizabeth Wood, Executive Sec- from all unions, local and national understatement that one-third of present in a society in which the acording to need. It would utilize retary of the Chicago Housing and be extended into a fighting the nation was ill-fed, ill-clothed great messes of the workers are the most efficient methods, the Authority, testifies to that. She program. The unions have long and ill-housed. He promised that exclusively dependent on wages best materials for construction of says, "Conservation without new recognized the problem. The AFL "providing better homes for the . . . in which the workers are housing is a failure... Every time has a permanent committee on people ... is the first principle crowded together in masses in the dwellings designed for happy, you conduct a conservation pro- housing and has urged legislation of our future program."

cellars in which the capitalist ject of two million homes a year waste.

mode of production confines our for five years, at rentals wage-And as for FDR's noble pro- of the building industry, the mises - 95% of the insured rapacious mortgage brokers, Within a few short weeks after the scandal over Chicago's slums shifted elsewhere." (The Housing need, this demand was modest. homes built by his Federal Hous-ing Administration were prover brackets. homes built by his Federal Hous-ing Administration were for for generations on the extor-But the Eisenhower administra- upper-income brackets.

imperative that the unions give program of 35,000 units to 20,000. indignation by reformers and The Chicago CIO-PAC Citizen- class needs. But the capitalist labor.

The much ballyhoed plans of the Civic Action groups for reform are — just as we predict. action by tenants allied with the action by tenants allied with the the wolf-pack of mortgage holded — limited to conservation, the labor movement, via organization ers, profiteering speculators and

ROOSEVELT'S RECORD

pliance with the law on building Lest sabotage of workers hous ing be attributed solely to reac-

This report should get support office he made the dramatic order . . . it cannot fail to be problem and would plan for it

big towns, at a quicker rate than healthful living. gram you give a dividend to the for public housing construction. During those depression years dwellings come into existence for Architects, engineers, tech-slum landlords because you have At the recent UAW-CIO con- the U.S. was plagued by millions them . . . in which therefore, nicians, construction workers, all given them more customers . . . vention, President Reuther stated, of idle men, idle factories, idle there must always be tenants forcing people to create new slum "... Despite America's tremend- capital. All the means, human even for the most infamous pigconditions elsewhere. . . More ous resources as the richest coun- and material, for solving the sties. In such a society the houspeople are being unhoused than try on the face of the earth, and housing problem were available ing shortage is no accident; it is lators interested only in profit the knowledge of how to split the | - and not being used. The waste a necessary institution and it can would design and build them in This is the rule under capitalist atom, and the expenditure of bil- was colossal - \$300 billion, be abolished together with all its planned, landscaped communities

But such a program would have

rid of the profit-hungry hyenas good things of life.

for generations on the extor-Huge profits are made out of tionate tribute exacted from the social misery caused by the workers housing needs. **REQUISITION MANSIONS** The huge mansions of the billionaire parasites, used only tion of the hostility of "free tions are not enough. A funda- sporadically by a few rich idlers enterprise" to public housing and mental solution demands serious and their flunkeys, could be of callous contempt for working political action by organized requisitioned for temporary relief.

Who has a better right to inhabit ship Committee on Housing has politicians took good care of The program advocated by the them than the workers who toiled Chicago CIO-PAC Committee can to create the abundance of this

important. But until Labor takes A Labor government, run for the road of building a political human welfare, not private profit, party of its own - a Labor Party would nationalize the archaic - the profit motive will stymie building industry. No more such adequate government housing. jerry-built swindles as the specu-

ENGEL'S WORDS

lators put up today would be tolerated. The rat-infested, dis-As Engels summed it up 81 ease-breeding slums would be years ago, the housing condition wiped from the face of the earth, A labor government would Roosevelt. In his first term in product of the bourgeois social recognize housing as a social

those who know how to build for human comfort - not specuand cultural development.

Housing is a social problem. To Then the workers who built this solve it labor must win the power | land of plenty would at last A labor government would get housing as well as in all other

tionaries, let's look at the record of that greatest professional "Friend of Labor," President of the workers "is a necessary