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Durkin Exit Ends Labor Flirtation With Eisenhower Shown by GM Contract Deal

Bv Art Preis

There are undeclared truces as well as undeclared wars. The appointment last December of Martin P. Durkin, AFL Plumbers president, as Eisenhower Secretary of Labor marked, in effect, an un-9-

declared truce between the top was so picayune, so dirt cheap, American union officialdom and that at first glance it seems inthe Republican administration. It credible that it was not granted. was an uneasy truce, to be sure. All they asked was a few in-But union leaders by and large significant amendments to the respected the truce insofar as Taft-Hartley Act that would not the White House itself was con- have altered the basic anti-labor, union-busting features of the cerned.

Cabinet on Sept. 11, after only wanted just a gesture, a mere eight months on the job, signifies token, which could have enabled an end to this ill-founded truce. them to go before the union It signifies as well the expiration members and represent the of any hope the union leaders Eisenhower administration as may have cherished for estab- "friendly to labor" or "openlishing some basis for friendly minded.' collaboration with Eisenhower

tion. It presumes the resumption faces. It would not even make of a state of war between the a gesture. The American ruling labor officialdom and the Repub. class of Big Business, having labor officialdom and the Repub-lican party and government re-barghed the time ripe to impose SWP Enters Two gime.

FRONTAL WAR ON LABOR The price the union officials vember, is determined to wage asked for continuing to permit a frontal war on the labor move-Durkin to act as labor window ment. It is out to completely **Election Campaign** The Adenauer move took the dressing for the White House shackle and, if possible, to des-



Durkin's resignation from the Slave Labor Law an iota. They But the Republican administra-

and the Republican administra- tion slammed the door in their a harsher form of domination

roy organized labor.

SOUGHT COLLABORATION The election of Eisenhower and the Republican machine to power last November should have made-

every union leader aware that Supervisors. the unions in the period ahead confront nothing less than a major struggle between capital and labor. They should have een instantaneously alerted to the necessity for the mobilization of the full power of the working people to fight all down the line against the reactionary

FRANK BARBARIA

onslaught. stand. Ther first impulse, however,

was to seek some way to coninue collaboration with the ca- David L. Weiss



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The Adenauer regime, following up its victory in the Sept. 6 elections, has brazenly moved Against the West German' trade unions with the unconcealed aim of demolishing their independent existence. It is clear why the Adenauer victory was hailed with unrestrained joy in Wall Street and Washington. The plans of the American and German capitalists call for the quickest possible elimination of any working class resistance to the transfor-

mation of Germany into a war base against the Soviet Union. the Republican sweep last No- In San Francisco Thus the ominous Adenauer move to through the unions to throttle the unions.

The Adenauer move took the the Executive Committee of the

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 15 - Christian Democratic Union The Socialist Workers Party here (Adenauer's party) "to force the has announced its entry into the present leadership of the Trade local election campaign with Frank Barbaria and Frances James, local party organizer; as candidates for the Board of party and in the final analysis the West German state." (M. S.

They will bring to the San Handler, N. Y. Times, Sept. 14.) Francisco workers, women, youth, If Eisenhower and the National Negro and Mexican people the Committee of the Republican SWP's message of socialism. The Party were to demand that the hattan Borough President Robert Ocandidates expect to wage a hard. AFL and CIO reorganize their F. Wagner in an extremely light happy problem. Their efforts to be." hitting campaign on the inter- leading bodies so as to allow full turnout proved that the corrupt show a distinction between their national issues affecting the control by the Republican Party working class everywhere. They and administration you would cided to dump Impellitteri. will take an undiluted anti-war have exactly the same thing as

Adencuer's "plan" in Germany. GIVEN TEN DAYS



Questioned on Gamma Shortage

Asked by reporters why gamma globulin is being withheld from polio-menaced areas, Red Cross staff members in Washington claim it is because of difficulty of production. Real reason: government officials, eager to spend hundreds of billions for war, begrudge even nickles for facilities to produce enough GG to protect children from dread disease.

TO RUN NEW FRONT MAN

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 - New York City's Mayor Impellitteri went down in humiliating defeat in last Tuesday's Mayoralty primary. His loss of the nomination to Man-

Tammany Hall machine had de- man, Halley, and Tammany's Wagner's victory gives Tam-

many Hall their least dirty candidate to meet the threat of the toral fight. Halley in a recent statement him," Morse commented. Liberal Party candidate, Rudolph to a Democratic Club stated, "I

Wagner, known as a

Wilson's Department Gives Firm He Headed **Exclusive Tank Order**

By Joseph Keller

By next spring GM will become the sole producer of U.S. Army tanks. This was revealed with the announcement on Sept. 11 that the world's richest industrial corporation, controlled by the billionaire DuPont family, has been given an exclusive War Department order of \$200,000,000 worth of tanks.

Thus it is clear it hasn't hurt General Motors a bit to have 15 Million Tenants harles E. Wilson as Secretary of Defense. Since Wilson for-mally resigned last December as president of General Motors to assume the post of Secretary of Defense, GM seems to have atained a "most favored nation" position in the awarding of government war contracts.

Sen. Wayne B. Morse (Inde-3M war contract. "Apparently controls, are raising rents to hese new contracts demonstrate fantastic levels. once again that the Eisenhower administration feels that what is had been living in rent-controlgood for General Motors is good led homes, are now paying inquoting Wilson's famous pro-

tigation is needed to see, how The government, using 1947-48 wrong Morse scoffed at an Army sta-

tement that Wilson was not con- is expected to hit 130 before the man, Wagner, should prove one suited in the awarding of the end of the year."

Even tenants in the 26 "critof the more amusing aspects of contracts. "He doesn't have to New York City's coming elec- be consulted, when his subordi- ical areas" which are supposed nates know what would please to be still under rent control "are actually at the mercy of the landlords," says Pearson. We are here given a glimpse Congress has appropriated only am a Democrat. I've stayed a into the jungle of corruption, -\$60.000 for the whole national Democrat and I'm running as an favoritism and monopoly pracrent-control program - sufindependent Democrat." Both tices fostered by the capitalist candidates support the State De- war program with its dominant ficient to hire just eight people. partment's war policy and both profits motivation. Monopoly rule The Budget Bureau has gone so far, states Pearson, "as" to ciples and philosophy of the FDR is now being extended to its ut- order servicemen, who live inmost limits in the most open and government owned housing, to To make certain that Halley brazen fashion, with the former pay the going rate that the real and his Dubinsky-Rose support- head of the biggest industrial estate boys are charging in each ers really feel the sharpness of corporation put into position to locality." This is expected to inthe hook they are on, the Na- hand his own company a lion's duce servicemen to rent from



all over the country, reports columnist Drew Pearson, because endent Republican, Oregon) has landlords, having won their 11called into question the latest year drive to smash federal rent

"Over 15 million tenants, who for the country," said Morse, creases," reported Pearson on quoting Wilson's famous pro- Sept. 8. "Rents have shot as nouncement. "A thorough inves- high as 100% in some areas. the administration may as the base, calculates that rents have risen from a national index figure of 100 to 124. The figure

servile and ignominious terms. To Appear on Radio They refused to recognize the fundamental antagonism between the Socialist Workers Party for capital and labor and how far mayor of New York, will appear advanced that antagonism is. on the Barry Gray show Sept. 22. Their first approach was to seek That's Tuesday night at 12 p.m. once more a modus vivendi — a on WMCA, 570 on your dial. Be way of living together - with sure to tune in for what promises to be an interesting interview. (Continued on page 2)

MARTIN P. DURKIN

Company's Provocations Harden Steel Strikers

BUFFALO, Sept. 15 - In spite | leaflets to their local union, and | by your present dictatorial attiof two and a half hours of ad- have now appealed to the "steel- tude."

monitions from their leaders to workers of Lackawanna, and the go back to work, Lackawanna working men and women of Bufsteelworkers voted last night to falo" in a quarter-page advertisestay out on strike "indefinitely" ment in the newspapers here. in the biggest "wildcat" walkout night. STATE THE FACTS Meanwhile, of course, the capi-

seen in this area for many years. This was in answer to the fulltalist class of Buffalo is not This action followed the discharge by Bethlehem Steel Co. of page advertisement the company idle. The Buffalo Evening News, four union fighters, three of them took in both capitalist news-

stewards. The company's previous papers. "We have read your provocative increase of work for statements to the newspapers the coke-oven crews touched off with interest and indignation, the walk-out Aug. 31 that started their advertisement, which is in the giant action. The latest slap the form of a letter, states. "Nowhere in them have you showir the face instilled all 17,000 employees with fiery determination ed the slightest concern or sympathy with the welfare of your to win.

(The company attempted to employees, most of whom have impose extra work assignments labored for you from ten to thirty on several groups of coke oven years under extremely HOT, battery workers and force certain DIRTY AND GASSY CONDIhigher-paid workers to perform TIONS. You put full-page ads in lower-paid, more difficult jobs. the papers at government expense They get the same pay as on the (we understand you deduct the old job, but this higher pay goes amounts from income tax as out with them when they go out, 'operating costs') and you do not even tell ALL the facts. dies with them when they die.)

The company accuses the four discharged men with having "inextreme difficulties of the work terfered with employees who wish. and the extra duties the company this country made a revolution an early stage in the shutdown. words ring with rank - and - file the pursuit of happiness. Shades Apparently the management's resentment against company arworkers into an early return with vanize the latent anti-company high-handed mood. Already you That is why I would like to re- prising publisher. feeling into an iron determination have discharged four (4) of our

strategy was to frighten the rogance and class exploitation.

They explain the real facts, the

The coke oven men in par- Everything you say and do seems

ticular, who have now been out aimed at making us fight harder. 14 days and already seen one pay- We are ready, willing and able less payday, have shown the most to do so, and so are the emheroic leadership and ingenious ployees in the other departments on for added support in the dis- the basic facts were omitted or ability in the present situation. who can easily see the hand- tribution of the book.

The unions were given ten days to comply with this outrageous David L. Weiss, candidate of demand to meet the ultimatum. The threat of "parting company" was clearly spelled out to mean that the Catholic Trade

"liberal" Democrat and enjoying the support of Senator Herbert Adenauer's deputy, some Lenman, Frankin L. bers, threatened that failure Jr., and the Stevenson ADA sup-Lehman, Franklin D. Roosevelt, pany and take other measures." porters of New York, has a far Unions would be split from the was marked by such outstanding United Trade Union Federation. "Other measures" imply a whole way fare to 15 cents, the innumber of union-busting tactics way fare to 15 cents, the innumber of union-busting tactics from legislative action to un-log bin the Nee Nee light dogs 3% and the most relentless renteashing the Neo-Nazi dogs. Thus immediately after the el- gouging of all time.

ection, which firmly installed Tammany knew that it would Big Business in power, a major be courting great risks and dan-Big Business in power, a major be courting great risks and dan-showdown is shaping up between gers to put Impellitteri forward Workers Party candidate for and war, it is necessary to exthe working class and the capi- once again. The widespread and Mayor, in a statement on the propriate the war industries and meet exorbitant rents, especialtalists. There is no way for the bitter resentment of New York's primary election outcome said, German Trade Unions under the working millions over the fare "Seventy-five percent of the en- under the control of the workers.

This spirited statement from control of the Social Democrats increase and steadily marching lolled Democratic Party voters the men themselves was the to evade the challenge. Either rents made this front man a bad refused to vote. They could see elimination of monopoly profits independence The wavering and conciliatory eral Democrat Wagner.

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stand "foursquare on the prin- of America, already far advanced, better, chance to mend the fortunes of Tammany Hall than Imtradition. pellitteri whose administration tional Democratic Party chief- share of war orders. tains, now meeting in Chicago,

continues to run he will be read monopolies out of government

chief organ for big business here, question by the threatening move the Dubinsky-Rose leaders of voting for the candidates of the rooms so sorely needed in Amerthe Liberal Party with an un- Socialist Workers Party." ica today.

To help keep the grasping get places to live any more have warned Halley that if he bands of greedy, profit-seeking cheaply from the government. Lots of American working peoout of the Democratic Party. and to prevent the promotion of ple, who are being told they operate them, without* profits, time pay.

The enormous savings, with After haggling with the State prelude to the uncompromising roll over and die, or fight to the risk. To counter the threat of no difference between the two from the war industries, would Dept. for years over the size of attitude at the meeting last finish to preserve trade union liberal Democrat Halley, Tam- machine candidates and they not only provide for highest the payoff, Gen. Franco has many threw its weight to lib- were right. Instead of expressing wages and shorter hours, but help agreed to give the U.S. the right their disgust and protest by to finance the building of mil- to build military bases in Spain, policy of the Social Democrats This decision by the Demo- staying away from the polls on lions of new homes and hun- according to the Sept. 18 U.S. is now ruthlessly called into cratic Party bosses now faces Nov. 3, let them express it by dreds of thousands of new class- News. The bill to be footed by American taxpayers has not yet

been disclosed.

They Were Afraid to Print My Book"

By James Kutcher My book, The Case of the Leg- up to date in the spring of this pressing no opinion one way or they have not been good publish- we are all of us now engaged in. less Veteran, which will be pub- year, after it had been accepted the other. But most of them tried ing ventures. We really offered There is no question in our minds lished on Oct. 1, is the report of for publication in Britain. I be to explain why. Following are them as public services but as but that you have been badly one man's experiences in modern gan to circulate it among pub- some typical responses:

America. It is by an American, lishers in New York City, six Americans, whether or not they had covered 36 publishing firms, of book that we do not do well else in it soon." are aware of it — and yet I all of the big ones and many of with." could not get it published in my the smaller ones. Most of the own country. It was finally pub | replies were received after Eislished in Britain, against which enhower's election.

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of 1776!

I sent along a letter, making on the subject." ed to gain access to the plant" at has saddled them with. Their in the name of life, liberty and three points:

I think there is a certain significance in this because, like the and local organizations had ac- type."

port it to the readers of The (3) My recognition that as a to face a real showdown fight. members for no sufficient cause. Militant, many of whom have writer I am an amateur (I added mirable and moving in your we publish." given me inspiring support in I never expected to write another script, but we really felt that it my fight to recover the govern-book) and that therefore I would would not be something that "WE ARE GRATEFUL" ment job from which I was have no objection to the book would fit in with any ease on purged in 1948, and whom I count being edited, provided none of our list." distorted.

and summer of 1952, bringing it mimeographed rejection slips, ex- | iliar) and I'm sorry to say that the fight for civil liberties, which we do have to sell the books we treated, and at the same time

"You have done a good job, but print we cannot do too much of become a symbol for all of us, it deals with crucial problems of copies at a time, in August 1952 after very careful thought, we this . . I most sincerely hope a symbol of courage and strength civil liberties which affect all At the end of eight months, I have decided that this is the sort that you can interest someone and perseverance and self-abnegation which is particularly mean-

"We are sorry to say that it ingful now . . . The above is not "Whereas we feel the case is does not seem to be a possibility merely to assuage what must be important, we cannot feel that for our list . . . In addition to your disappointment that we canenough people would read a book the timeliness of and general not make you an offer for your concern with your case, we were work. But it is to express to you "While we found it very in- particularly interested in your something of the regret which I

(1) The great importance of teresting, our sales department, literary style and therefore dis- personally feel that this importhe issues dealt with in the book. has told us that there is very appointed in your statement: 'I tant story does not lend itself, (2) The fact that 800 national little market for a book of this am not a writer, and will never in the opinion of this company, even try to write another book. to successful commercial handl-

fear of further victimization, since HANDWRITING ON WALL more than a few workers were more than a few workers were in leading the action much have told your story well in got tively concerned themselves in my case, and that the initial mar-that the initial mar-that the more than a few workers were in leading the action much have told your story well in got tively concerned themselves in my case, and that the initial mar-that the more than a few would appreciate seeing addiconcerned in leading the action. much hope that our statement added light on the state of civil ket for the book might be drawn ever that the sizable market ex-But the effect has been to gal- will influence you in your present liberties in our country today. from among them by an enterseparate cover, which will give organization could publish this note to the publisher.' "We found much that was ad- you an idea of the type of book book, significant as the story is

"We are grateful to you for making available to us your stir- money to become familiar with

"As you know, we have done ring story. It is, it can safely it. This, at any rate, is our analother good books on this theme be said, one of the test cases in ysis of the market . . . You can They have already put out two writing on the wall, now revealed I wrote the book in the spring Some of the replies were cold (which is becoming all too fam- the great and terrible story of (Continued on page 3)

and as crucial as it is for our lives. This is a story everyone should be familiar with, but unfortunately few people would pay

JAMÉS KUTCHER

THE MICITANT

Monday, September 21, 1953

By James P. Cannon

Arne Swabeck has always be

gratefully acknowledge their in- fissure.

debtedness at this birthday

But the lesson would be barren

(On Sept. 4, the Chicago branch | guard with the party youth of the Socialist Workers Party the leaders of tomorrow.

held a surprise birthday party for lieved in this primacy of ideas Arne Swabeck, one of the original and taught others to believe it. founders of American Trotskyism. He took Marxist theory seriously, especially to the younger genera-James P. Cannon. National Chairman of the SWP.-Ed.) have learned from him and who

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Birthday parties in ordinary gathering tonight. life are pretty much the same, but this gathering in honor of Arne Swabeck is different, a sort of upside-down birthday party.

For most people a birthday is a good excuse to lay off and eat cake and let others do the work. testimony to his theoretical con-It was characteristic of Arne to book himself for an educational lecture at a branch meeting on his birthday, so that the celebration talks. had to be held up until he finish-

Here, too. Arne Swabeck has set ed his party chores. This birthday party is different taught us, by the consistent exin another respect too. Usually ample of his entire life, what it friends assemble to present gifts really means to be a socialist, not to one who has passed another only in theory, but also in pracmilestone, the implication being tice; not only in words but in that he needs something to deeds. help him up the hill that gets a

The true art of being a solittle steeper every year. Here cialist consists not merely in the birthday celebrant is the giver recognizing the trend of social and the assembled guests, present in person or in spirit all his party comrades throughout socialism, and striving to help it the country and throughout the along and hasten on the day. It world — are the grateful benefi- consists not merely in the prophetic vision that life will be ciaries.

better and fairer under socialism: What we offer him tonight, in the way of trinkets and memen- that human nature, crippled and tos, are not so much for his deformed in the class society, will assert itself and change for the benefit as for our own. They are intended not as material gifts to better; and that people in the sustain him, but rather as re- socialist society will be different ceipts, as acknowledgements of and better.

The true art of being a soall that he has given to us, to help us, to instruct us by his cialist consists in anticipating the teachings, and above all to in- socialist future; in not waiting for spire us by his example, and its actual realization, but in thus to sustain us in the long striving, here and now, insofar fight for socialism to which our as the circumstances of class society permit, to live like a solives, like his, are committed. This is a gathering of friends. cialist; to live under capitalism according to the higher standards The word "friend" is one of the

of the socialist future. biggest words ever spoken, but it is often used too lightly. Friend- TAUGHT BY EXAMPLE ship formed in fair weather is an The comrade whom we honor to unknown quantity. It takes the night has helped to teach us this test of adversity to measure its art of being a socialist by the true value.

WHEN ROAD GETS ROUGH

socialist life himself. We used to have a saying in the . His contributions and achieveold IWW, that you never know a ments in many fields of work have man until you have been in jail with him, or broke and on the been gratefully acknowledged bum with him. That was just here tonight. But his greatest made of until you see how he con- fact of his consistent socialist ducts himself when the road gets life - not just on special occa-

Happy Birthday, Arne Swabeck How Revolutions Abroad Can Slow War Timetable Gifth of a series Character have forced Wall Street Liances. None of them wants war, be a curious spectacle, that of America's an anti-

While it has constructed an in-United States emerged from World War II with such trial power that no combination of countries matched it. Since insolidation of its two main bases: dustrial strength can prove decisive in a war where the polit- Japan and Western Europe.

ical factor does not intervene, it In both areas, following World seems strange at first sight that War II, American Big Business The greetings sent from other studied it attentively, and taught Big, Business has not yet launch- had the immediate problem of parts of the country included the it to others. That has been his ed the war it projects on the forestalling revolutions, bolsterfollowing tape-recorded speech by chief service to the party, and Soviet Union. It is particularly ing the native capitalists and difficult to understand if you restoring the economies ruined by tions of the Chicago branch, who view America as homogeneous- war. Much of this has been acas a monolithic force without complished, thanks primarily to the helping hand of the Stalin-

ists and the Social Democrats, However, if you look at the internal divisions, the separation but in neither place has rearof the country into opposing mament really got under way. In without its correlative. Our classes, then you can see that fact it took from 1945 until the theory is a guide to action, not the colossal power of the U.S. victory of Adenauer in the recent only for the party but for each also measures the power of the election to prepare the base for individual member. It is only by American working class and the rearmament of Germany, the action that one can give valid therefore the degree of its politkey sector of Europe. The most 'cal explosiveness. The American crucial stage still lies ahead. victions. Faith without works is working class, viewed politically, In Japan, reports indicate a dead. The true revolutionist lives is like an H-Bomb lodged in the considerable growth of anti-

on the USSR is, from the view-

secure. Indeed, drained white by

China, shaken by revolutionary

fevers, the capitalist France of

today scarcely resembles the kind

sider placing under the additional

stress of atomic war, at least for

pan and France indicates in a

the moment.

and acts the way he thinks and economic base that gives Wall American sentiment, a desire by perhaps the United States in Street its imposing world the Japanese capitalists to engage in trade with China, and a perialist powers could beat them fear of the consequences of par- down — at the risk of bringing epoch, constantly more interested us the perfect example. He has how the assertion of the will of ticipating in another war. These In previous articles we saw the American people compelled feelings will not prove easy to Wall Street to postpone its war overcome even under the terrible

plans immediately following pressure of Wall Street's urgent prodding. World War II when it had a Meanwhile in France, the monopoly on atomic weapons and when the Soviet Union lay weak greatest general strike in the naand devastated after the invation's history shows that this es- military conflict. This force is The logic of world relations insential base for the projected war revolutionary politics on a mass dicates that the time of this exsion by German imperialism.

And we have seen how strenevolution from capitalism to uously the capitalist class has point of Wall Street, far from tried since 1945 to convince the American people to go to war the attempt to reconquer Indoagainst the Soviet Union, even

strength.

plunging the country into an undeclared war in Korea as part of the preparations - again with of power Wall Street would conconsequences, above all in Amer-

ing scope and aims.

be bought off."

OUR VIEWS CONFIRMED

ca, that has brought about another postponement of World War III.

CONSOLIDATION OF BASES Besides the domestic reasons,

who are closest to America's 60 Western World while the Westterlocking system of military al- ruling families, shrink at the ern Powers, by English, French never before seen, it has not yet dered to face. This inertia acts conveying 'order' to Shanghai, machine. Great Canal.' **REVOLUTIONS ABROAD**

exhausting war.

oun civilization at the same

But this counter-revolutionary

revolution in any major indus-

trial supremacy, could in fact,

through a political chain reaction,

could destroy mankind.

American workers.

This concept recurs in the writings of Trotsky. In the period stop beating. One of the major causes imof the death agony of capitalism, Trotsky was of course able to

pelling Wall Street to make haste in launching World War III is give it much greater concreteness the development of revolutionary than Marx could. Here is an ex-

movements abroad. The big corample, written in 1928: porations feel toward them much . . . It is precisely the inas they felt toward unions in the ternational strength of the Unitdays of the open shop — nip ed States and her irresistible exthem in the bud. However, the pansion arising from it, that comexperience in China, Korea, Indopels her to include the powder China, and in fact throughout magazines of the whole world the colonial world, shows that into the foundations of her structhese elemental forces have gature. i.e., all the antagonisms bethered such headway that they tween the East and the West, the cannot easily be stopped. They class struggle in Old Europe are capable of sustained, tough, the uprisings of the colonial masses, and all wars and rev-If the conflict were to remain olutions on the strictly military plane,

combination with the other im- ism into the basic counter-rev

scale. One successful socialist plosion cannot lag very far be-

completely Wall Street's indus. national After Lenin, p. 8.)

drawing from overseas and con- like a war boom by comparison. verting North America into an That, too, would have most unerushing preponderance of indus- liances such as the world has fearful perspective they are or- and American war-steamers, are island fortress. But this is not happy results politically so far economically feasible. American as the giant corporations are conbeen able to complete the con- like sand in Wall Street's war Nanking and the mouths of the capitalism is the heart of a cerned, for the American workworld-wide system. Cut it out ers, looking at the idle factories of that system and it will soon - shut down for lack of wor or-

ders - would not be long in de-Besides, to retreat would pro- ciding to put an end to the incipitate a depression that would sanity of capitalism.



'I Don't Want Any Timid Souls'

When the McCarthyites dug up the "evidence" that actress Lucille Ball had helped the Communist Party in 1936, the newspapers had a field day. Miss Ball was panic-stricken. Her whole career was at stake. She confessed her folly; blamed her "mistake" on her Socialist grandfather who had "pressured" her into registering Communist in 1936; and eagerly offered the information time and perhaps precipitating every corner of the terrestrial that although she was a Democrat she had voted for globe; and on the other hand, this Eisenhower.

Lucille Ball was saved by the skin of her teeth, or war constantly risks touching off already dominant and still ex- rather by the thoroughness of her "confession." The a force far more potent than panding world imperialist power. revelation of her youthful "crime" of 17 years ago didn't end her career — this time. But the lesson the witch hunters wanted to drive home is plain; if you want to get hind that of the proletarian rev- along in America, don't go around thinking and voting as trial country could cancel out olution in Europe." (Third Inter- you please . . . someone's keeping tab on you and it may mean your job or your neck some day.

If we bring Trotsky's metaphor Mrs. Hildur Josephine Hughes. West Seattle High up to date, we can say that Wall turn it against Wall Street by Street, in extending the frontier School teacher, also had everything at stake when the bringing into play the revolu- of the United States to the 38th Seattle School Board recently turned into an Inquisition tionary political power of the parallel in Korea and up to the Board. They wanted "some information" about her "pertinent to our knowledge of a teacher." They made it clear trigger the political H-Bomb re- that their questions "had nothing to do with Mrs. Hughes" This possibility has long been presented by the American work- skill or ability as a teacher." Just as no one had questioned Miss Ball's charm and skill as an actress in the Faced with such possible con- "I Love Lucy" TV program.

But Mrs. Hughes followed a different and far more American tradition in her response to the witch hunters. Asked if she had ever been a member of the Communist Party, she replied, "You have no right to ask it, and I'm not going to answer it."

She stuck to her guns. With calm dignity she turned she said. "If I submit, a precedent could be established that . . . could be used to intimidate even further the teachers of this city."

We don't know yet what happened to Mrs. Hughes. But cabinet was in a deep crisis. A we do know that in the past Seattle was a center of milivote of confidence for the Ra- tant trade unionism and radicalism. The memory of the madier government was taken on 1918 Seattle general strike is not dead. It was present at Mrs. Hughes' side when she put up her valiant fight. One is the existence of mass political against Indo-China. The Stalin- of the School Board members, James Duncan, came to the ists had five ministers in the defense of Mrs. Hughes.

"If I were not a Communist," he said, "and if I were

Letter to a Stalinist on "Lesser Evil" Theory

Gerson, New York legislative In doing this he manages to this "independent" coalition pol- the hearing into an indictment of the "hysteria and witch Dear Phil. It's been some time since we chairman of the CP, says in reply wrap two lies together in one icy as practiced in France. In hunts that are sweeping the nation." "I shall not submit," talked about the politics of Am- to a question about the connec- package: He disclaims all Stalin. this way we will clear up just erican Stalinism. Now that we tion between "coalition policy" ist responsibility for the "lesser what the Stalinists mean by cohave before us a whole series of and the notorious "lesser ovil" evil" theory and he presen's alition. method of the good teachers, who new betrayals of the world Sta- theory, "The question seems to "coalition" as an independent teach by example: by living a

linist movement, it should be imply that to build a coalition working class tactic. This is com-SAVED "UNITY" means somehow to accept the pletely false. The "lesser evil" worthwhile to turn to the Amer-

ican Communist party and see lesser evil theory. That is not theory is always a justification SO.' where it fits in the picture.

According to the Daily Worker Gerson sets out to embellish of Sept. 2, a "multi-class coali- the coalition tactic which he conanother way of saying that you achievement of all, that which tion" is the basic political line of trasts to the "lesser evil" theory can't really tell what a man is we honor above all, is the simple the American Stalinists. S. W. as "an utterly different concept."

On March 22, 1947, the French for the coalition tactic. Coalition is the "lesser evil' theory applied under certain definite con- the question of military credits ditions - primary among these for the imperialist war of France parties of the working class.

When the leadership of these Cabinet. Their policy was sup-

Iron Curtain in Europe, has included the atom bombs that can

"On the one hand, this trans-

forms North American capital-

olutionary force of the modern

in the maintenance of 'order' in

prepares the ground for a gigan-

tic revolutionary explosion in this

The problem of Germany, Ja- MARX AND TROTSKY dramatic way what Wall Street known in theory. For example, ers. faces in all the countries brought in 1853 - exactly a century ago other considerations of a weighty into its far-reaching military al- - Karl Marx observed: "It would sequences, it might seem that

rough, when the slings and sions, but every day in arrows of outrageous fortune fly and twice on Sunday. And that is the main reason h at him from all directions.

and so inspired — and that in-

If the leaders do this, as Arne

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has turned out such good pupils Such were the conditions under which I first got acquainted with who in turn have become teach Arne Swabeck 32 years ago at an ers, here and in other section underground convention of the of the party. For Arne has taught Communist Party. We met as not only from the books, impor comrades of a persecuted band tant as that is, but also from life at a rough spot in the road. We by the example of his own life. have travelled together ever since, future and give him more time who else might falter and fall by long journey we became friends. that now, precisely because he line with what even the late to the labor leaders, would make ing class political party in the

The road we have travelled together has had many twists and well - by the highest socialist turns; we have seen and ex- standards, not as an individual perienced many things, and the performer, crowding others from goal we saw 32 years ago is the stage, but above all as a clearer than ever in our vision; teacher, teaching and inspiring but we haven't found a smooth others by precept and example. road yet. They don't run that way HIGHEST COMPLIMENT this side of socialism. Those who have been so taught

The firmest bond of sustained personal association is allegiance cludes everyone of us - will be to common ideas and ideals. That is what makes the difference beif Arne obeys the command of tween someone you know and someone you can depend on in the branch to ease up his hard and heavy struggle. That is strenuous activity a bit. This is the iron bond which unites Arne not an underestimation of his Swabeck with those who celebrate leadership, but the highest possible compliment to it; for the his triumphant birthday tonight. It has united some of us with best socialist leaders are those who teach and inspire others, and him over the long stretch since prepare them to take their place. the pioneer days of American Communism; and this association, in turn, has maintained the unbroken continuity of the movement, its tradition and its leaderonce in a while, it is all the better. The comrades of Local ship. This allegiance to common Chicago are doubly fortunate in ideas and ideals unites the old

of his past teaching and example **NEW YORK** equipped, they can confidently face their great future. **Election Jamboree!** all that he stands for, they are Featuring: saluting their future victory. William F. Warde Newark Fri. Night As Master of Ceremonies Sat., Sept. 26, 8:30 p. m. 116 University Place (Near Union Square) Dancing - Music Refreshments Meet the SWP Candidates

DURKIN'S EXIT ENDS LABOR'S FLIRTATION WITH EISENHOWER

(Continued from page 1) the capitalist regime, even to the the Republicans in power. Indeed, governments are fraudulently even if the Democrats had won, extent of abandoning their longthere would have been no room proclaimed demands on such vital for even the meager concessions I understand that the Chicago issues as the Taft-Hartley Act. to labor granted back in the governments it is the capitalist always sticking together, with our branch has decided to demand less They shifted with utmost readi- early days of the New Deal. It eyes on the goal ahead, no matter active work from Arne in the ness from their demand for re- was all the more apparent, therepeal of the Taft-Hartley Act to fore, that the Republican adthe wayside. In the course of the for writing. You can afford to do its amendment - amendment in ministration, which owed nothing

has done his work as a leader Senator Taft himself had been no concessions. It would only U. S. Properly speaking, the ready in great part to concede. press to take away labor's hard- Stalinists' cannot practice coaliwon gains. SHUN LABOR PARTY /

Even though, as some of the union leaders now claim, they didn't expect much from the Durkin appointment, they were still ready to attempt collaboration

with the Eisenhower administraturn once more to the Demotion on almost any basis in orcratic machine, to play the side Peoples World (West Coast Stader to avoid a struggle. They esof the "outs" against the "ins" well able to take care of things pecially abhorred the idea of in the old game of two-party erican Communist Party's policy genuine independent labor politcapitalist politics. They are try- when he became a dissident Staical action through formation of ing to delude the workers into linist. He said, as you will relabor's own party, because such believing that the discredited, call, that the People's Front pola step would have signified a corrupt Democratic machine, un- icy was OK for France where real battle of the most far-reachder whose rule the tide of reac- the Communist Party had a mass

We, for our part, denounced that tide now.

the acceptance of posts by labor THE POLITICAL LESSON in the capitalist government and

editorially blasted the AFL lead-Swabeck has done so well, and ers for hailing Durkin's appoint-Democrats, as the party on the still stick around to lend a hand ment last December as a "master-stroke" and "evidence that of demagogic promises about the People's Front (coalition) respondent Harold Callender re-

what they will do for labor when tactic. Eisenhower has recognized the they are in once more. They will fact that his administration must this respect. They have the benefit recognize all the people." On the contrary, said the Dec. 15 Mili-- and still have Arne too. Thus tant, the appointment of Durkin cluding repeal of the Taft-Har-them." In my opinion the Amer tley law — and kept none of ican Stalinists will never get the the French forces fighting in "as labor window dressing for the Big Business cabinet of Eithem. What will the Democrats chance to repeat their treachery Indo - China. Instead they ap-In toasting Arne Swabeck, and senhower, which the labor leaders hail as a mark of esteem, is do differently if they get in once in the U.S. on the scale they did plauded moderately while in France, because they will seated." in reality a gesture of contempt more? for them. It indicates how cheap-

The labor leadership's sorry never win the mass following its disgusting inevitable climax prevent that.

should make it apparent that the We were not guessing then time has come for a complete France as a model application of gle against coalition as the pol- explain much better than you about the true nature of Dur- break with the old policy of the coalition policy: "When Com- icy of class betrayal. kin's appointment and its conse- seeking alliances with one or an- munists, for example, took part in

quences - as the latest events other of the Big Business polit- coalition governments in France the "lesser evil" theory as prachave so speedily confirmed. We ical machines and trying to gain and Italy in the 1946-47 period, ticed by the American Communhased our judgment on an un-anything worthwhile for labor they did not give up their class ist Party. I think I can show itant and this prompted my depression is "dangerous and derstanding of the capitalist class through back-door handouts from independence or their program. that the Stalinists (1) have fol- friend to tell me some of his excharacter of the government and the White House. Labor can fight While they sought the unity of lowed that policy in America periences. A friend of his would same idea about the mysterious the trend of developments - par- the advancing forces of capitalist the coalition, they at the same many times (2) they are follow- never read the paper so my power of "talk" preached that if ticularly the heightened war reaction effectively only with a time maintained their indepen- ing it right now in current elec- friend occasionally clipped out you talked about prosperity it drive. These excluded any possi- party of its own and a program dent and critical position." tions bility for long-term collaboration of its own. Let's take one close look at

posed to be "critical" of mass working-class parties drags French imperialist aggression althem into coalition governments though they said, "The national with capitalist parties we have interests demand the maintenone of the end results of the 'lesser evil" theory. The capi between the union leaders and talist parties in such coalition tion of France in the Ear East."

Nevertheless, they were opposed to the way these "interests" were passed off by the bureaucrats as being defended, for they were the "lesser evil" to other capitalist parties. And in these coalition and file communist workers who hated the capitalist war in Inde parties that dominate, invariably China then as much as they do and inevitably.

Now, it is clear that the Sta-What did the Stalinists do in linists do not lead a mass workthe war credits! They "saved the "unity" of France. They kept their cabinet jobs and betraved tion in America, they can only the colonial struggle for inde-

Faced with the cold facts of support one capitalist politician or the irreconcilable hostility of the another. Their coalition talk is it in the Daily Worker of March present administration, the union merely the "lesser evil" theory 26, 1947, "the Communists have leaders dare not appear simply stripped \down to its naked, emphasized their devotion to the to be shrinking away. But their scrawny reality. It reminds me parliamentary regime . . . Let idea of fighting reaction is to of the criticism Vern Smith, former foreign editor of the Daily defame Communists observe the enormous contribution which the linist paper), made of the Am-Communists of France are making to peace, to stability, and democracy." I wonder what the Indo-Chinese workers and peasants thought of this Stalinist contribution to "peace" by voting war credits? tion swelled, will somehow turn following, but was ruinous in the Maybe the Stalinists showed

United States where the party had yet to win the masses. He

their "independent and critical" more clear our differences with advocated a Socialist and inde- position in the French situation It is true, of course, that the pendent electoral policy for Am- I have just cited, by the way readers who are friendly to the paper door to door are doing erica, until the Stalinists gained they supported French imperial-"outs," can safely make all kinds mass support. Then it could use ism? Let's see. N. Y. Times cor-

ported on March 22, 1947, that Stalinists, and people accused of Winifred sends in a sub for an-When Vern Smith said this, I the Stalinists showed their dishelping them, against the witch other new St. Paul subscriber. sound very radical. But Truman told you at that time that it pleasure by "refusing to rise with hunt; but at the same time we had four years to keep his prom-ises of the 1948 election — in-betray the workers we must win Premier Ramadier paid a tribute eaucracy.

"I used

to give a fuller analysis of our position than I have formerly given to one Militant reader who has been taking our paper for This is the way the coalition about seven years. I am quite y Eisenhower thinks they can flirtation with the Big Business here that they had in France; policy works, Phil, when the So- sure he has thought the C. P. regime of the Republicans and the Socialist Workers Party will cial Democrats use it or when was likely to do more for the the Stalinists use it. That is why workers than we were, but after

Gerson presents the OP line in Lenin carried on a lifelong strug- our discussion he told me, 'You used to. You make a fellow be-

Next week I want to take up lieve you.'

Walter Reuther said in his periences in distributing The Mil- | Labor Day speech that talk of a reckless." Hoover, who had the articles and gave them to him. would appear just around the

Murry Weiss One day his friend asked him corner.

teaching in the public schools, I would take exactly the same position as Mrs. Hughes . . . if she doesn't want to enswer any questions, it is all right with me. . . She has ance or the influence and posi- shown her qualification as a teacher this afternoon. I don't want any timid souls in our classrooms."

James Duncan, the lone member of the School Board who fought for Mrs. Hughes, was a member of the Seattle under pressure from the rank General Strike Committee in 1918.

- Manuel Rodriguez



Dick Carter relates some of his where an article from The Miliexperiences talking to workers in tant came from. My friend anpendence. As Joseph Starobin put St. Louis about recent issues of swered, 'The Militant.' The fel-

The Militant. He low who was not interested in writes, "I found the The Militant before said, "That paper with the head- was a good article.' My friend is line for the defense going to ask his neighbors to of the Rosenbergs subscribe to the paper.

"Another worker I had conwhen they were electrocuted and near sidered conservative surprised me it a headline on the by starting a conversation about East German revolt the strikes in France. Then after a good one to use I gave him a Militant with an in explaining our article on the French strikes, he position on the So- surprised me again by saying, viet Union and the 'That's a good paper!' I'll try to sell him a subscription." this issue to make

St. Paul Literature Agent Winifred Nelson writes, "Our two the Stalinists to several colored comrades who go out selling the C. P. and to The Militant too. 1 quite well, we think. They sell showed how we defend the Sta- six to eight papers a week. and linists, people accused of being many of these are repeat sales."

> C. H. D. of Pottstown, Penna. sends in his renewal to The Militant and writes, "Our town is hit pretty hard with strikes but I must read The Militant."

Many thanks to W. G. H. of Chicago for his donation of 25 cents sent in with his renewal to The Militant and to Fourth International, theoretical magazine of American Trotskyism. Thanks also to M. Q. of Toronto for his contribution of \$1.50 sent in with his renewal to The Militant.

"I told him some of my ex-



C. P.



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Witch-Hunting the Lawyers

One of the basic techniques of the current witch hunt is monotonous pounding carried to the point of deadening the senses. People become numbed. Trial after trial, smear after smear, victimization after victimization, subversive listing after subversive listing, where it will stop nobody knows; and what's worse - some people who used to become outraged at injustice seem to prefer to turn away, either because they're too sick and nauseated to look, or because they're afraid to take account of what's happening.

Attorney General Brownell, in his speech at the American Bar Association Convention on Aug. 12, announced that he was placing the National Lawyers Guild on the subversive list. The delegates cheered. Only four years ago this same organization voted down a resolution that Guild members be disbarred. But these have been four years of which hunt. And now the Attorney General has dared to take the step that two previous Attorney Generals, McGrath and McGranery, hesitated to take.

The National Lawyers Guild is a rival of the conservative American Bar Association. There are a number of extremely ominous aspects to the move to blacklist it.

First, Brownell has advanced a formula that will enable him to declare any organization "Communist" and "subversive." He accuses the Guild of following the Communist Party line on all questions "excepting only those issues so notorious that their espousal would too clearly demonstrate the Communist control."

This is indeed a handle for the witch hunter's knife. An organization can be called "subversive" despite differences

from the Stalinists, because, you see, these

differences are *ćleverly* constructed camouflage. How do they prove this? Never mind, we have Brownell's word.

The second ominous aspect of the new blacklisting is the fact that it is aimed at the group of lawyers who have been most ready to take up cases of victimization and infringement of civil liberties. This is very much like bombarding your own medical corps in a battle. The blacklisting and smear of lawyers who may be counted upon to defend victims of blacklistings and smears is a new high in the witch hunt.

Can we expect next that doctors will be Can you expect the McCarthyites to see any difference between the relation of lawyer to client and the relation of doctor to patient?

It has been correctly observed by the well-known liberal journalist I. F. Stone that the "loyalty" orbit has a steadily widening tendency. Beginning with government employees, it spread to defense plant workers and the maritime industry; it invaded the professions one by one and it is now reaching out like a hungry monster into all fields.

The latest move against the National Lawyers Guild is timed just before the opening of the planned McCarthyite investigation of the unions. In anticipation of the trade union probe, the reactionary press is licking its chops and preparing the big newspaper type. What are the unions doing? Now that lawyers are being blacklisted wholesale it's going to be a tough job to find legal assistance for a union when the McCarthyites put the finger on them.

Iran Added to List of Stalinist Betrayals thizing with the Tudeh party are revolutionary opportunities, the of its headlines read as follows: the misled and betrayed militants

By John G. Wright There is a reign of terror in among the first arrested. have been taking place through "General Zahedi is reported to which the Teheran police parti- days that followed, the dispatches for the revolutionary workers out the country under the milit have said that only when the cipated. This triumph came on the became briefer and briefer, until throughout the world, is to break ary dictatorship of Zahedi government feels itself secure heels of a "failure" only a few finally they were dropped alto-Among the Government em- from disorders provoked by the days before when the Shah fled gether. ployees alone the victims number Tudeh or Mossadegh sympathizinto the thousands. The Sept. 13 ers, will it be able to carry out

N.Y. Times reported that "Prem- the program of internal reforms" Stalinists. ier Zahedi has dismissed or sus- and negotiate with Britain "over REFUSED TO MOVE

pended 3,000 government employ- the nationalized oil resources." ees as members of the Tudeh This means that everything is (Communist) party or as fellow being subordinated to the "drive travellers, a source close to the against communism." The coun-Premier's office asserted today ter-revolution proposes to en-... Arrests continue in Teheran trench itself in Iran by crushing and in the provinces." It goes ruthlessly every oppositional elwithout saying that those "dis- ement, in the first instance the missed or suspended" on the Tudeh party.

nake even a pretense of bidding charge of belonging to or sympa-1 After more than two years of for power. On the contrary, all

counter-revolution triumphed on "Partisans of Fleeing Shah Un of the Tudeh party. The same Times dispatch says: Aug. 19 by a military coup in dertake a New Adventure." In the

The chagrin and embarrassabroad. What made this triumph possible was the policy of the ment of the Kremlin is of little iron necessity for the mobiliza-

perialism."

forces.'

For more than two years the Stalinist-controlled Tudeh party represented the strongest organized force in the country. It could nave taken power at any time, all the more so, in the recent party, by orders of the Kremlin,

ts efforts were confined to sup-

porting the regime of Mossadegh

in the name of a "United Na-tional Front" — "against im-

The policy of the Tudeh party

was crassly expressed in the ap-

peal of its Central Committee

issued on Aug. 18, that is, the

day before the counter - revo-

lutionary coup. At this critical

hour the Tudeh leadership issued

a summons - for what? For the

"creation of a united front of all

the national, anti-imperialist

"Imperialism," explained the Tudeh leaders, "is the enemy of

the entire people; for the suc-

cessful struggle against it, it is

therefore necessary that all lav-

ers of the population, that is,

workers, peasants, intellectuals,

raftsmen, national capitalists

and merchants, and also all the

moment. More important is the tion of the revolutionary vanfact that the revolutionary mas- guard under a new program and ses of Iran, because of the Sta-

linist policy, were caught com- home in recent weeks by the pletely unawares. They had been events in East Germany and in lulled into a sense of false sec- France where the counter-revolurity; they now find themselves | utionary nature of Stalinism has helpless in the face of trium- revealed itself. To its list of postphant counter - revolution. And war betrayals, Stalinism has now months. But at no time did this foremost, among the victims are added Iran.

\$18,000 Fund Scoreboard

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
AKRON	\$ 150	\$ 175	117
PHILADELPHIA	400	436	109
CHICAGO	1,500	1,594	106
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAU	JL 1,200	1,210	. 101 /
BUFFALO	1,500	1,506	100
LOS ANGELES	2,500	2,500	100
NEWARK	500	500	100
PITTSBURGH	30	30	100
ST. LOUIS	75	75	100
SEATTLE	450	450	100
Flint	250	230	92
Cleveland	350	305	87
Boston	550	458	82
Milwaukee	400	315	79
Allentown	60	45	75 🌒
Youngstown	450	328	73
New York	4,500	3,081	68
Oakland	250	137	55
San Francisco	1,000	446	45
Detroit	1,500	603	40
General	385	196	51
Total through Sept. 1	\$ \$18,000	\$14,615	81

For the creation of "such a front" the Tudeh leadership pledged "sincere cooperation with all the anti-colonialist parties, or-ganizations and separate individ-uals." It was this fatal and treacher-

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Manager

This week's contributions from Socialist Workers Party branches to the Party-Building and Publication Fund sued in the entire preceding totaled \$1,922, the largest weekly total since the campaign began. The national total is now? \$14,615 or 81% of the \$18,000 Credit L. A. \$2,500 in full and on time." goal.

Seattle: "In full and on time. Minneapolis - St. Paul, Buffalo, Placing \$77 in mails for balance

Los Angeles and Seattle crossed of our \$450 pledge.' Some of the branches not vet to persuade Laniel. "We'll tell the French today, of course. Much of his his heldings confiscated after his the very day of Mossadegh's 10 branches new sharing the 100% are working hard to com-that if they're willing to shut their ears to industries for direct military conviction by a U.S. war crimes downfall, Pravda carried a 100% honors. Several of the plete their quotas. Flint sent in court in Nuremberg of employ- lengthy editorial devoted to Iran- branches which have not yet ful- \$115 "which leaves only \$20 to go.'

Cleveland forwarded \$65, of which \$25 "was raised at a house party attended by 20 people." Comrade Jean says that "We'll

Boston made a \$74 gain; Mil-"All responsible comrades are

going to do everything possible

Dulles' Bloody Scheme for Indo-China

Recently, the Chinese Republic has been broadcasting proposals for a peace conference with France aimed at bringing about a settlement of the Indo-Chinese war. Washington is worried because the French capitalists, shaken by the revolutionary threat at home, seem quite receptive to these peace proposals.

But Wall Street will have none of this peace talk. They want to keep the war going. It has been on for seven years! They think that it can be won in two more vears

The Wall Street Journal of Sept. 15 tells how Dulles' State Department is maneuvering to keep an unwilling France at war in the quicksands of revolutionary Asia. "The State Department experts think their strongest ally in this move to keep the French in the war is the present French cabinet, headed by Premier Joseph Laniel. But State Department men are worried that strong French sentiment against the Indo-China war . . . might force the downfall of his already-shaky cabinet." Thus the problem becomes: How can the State Department convince the Laniel regime, beset as it is with the problem of its imminent demise, that it should continue the war? The Wall Street Journal says, "Dulles is even more determined to win the Indo-China war than he was to end the Korean war." But it also says, "French war weariness has been intensiwith its own problems than with theirs. The Wall Street Journal recites the

arguments the State Department will use that if they're willing to shut their ears to the siren songs of Communist peace proposals this one more time, and put up a little more of their men, then there's a to Europe in a couple of years."

ican citizenship. After serving six years of a 12-year sentence as a war criminal, Krupp was released, his vast industries restored to him. The name of Krupp is again coming to the fore in Germany. In 1947, Alfred Krupp, head of the family that

and a century of previous bloody 9 conflicts, was in prison branded he did for the Nazis? He refied by the armistice in Korea." Maybe the as a war criminal. Today, after plied: "At this time, I can't French capitalists are getting the impres- his release in 1951, he is the answer the question. It would sion that Wall Street is more concerned head of a humming industrial be necessary to build new empire and preparing once more plants." American money and to make vast profits out of the government cost-plus contracts could fix that.

next war. He is not making armaments production were bombed or dismantled during and after the ing slave labor provided by the ian events over three columns on filled their quotas have asked for last war. But his plants are now Nazis. As Wall Street's govern- its fourth page, signed "Observ- an extension in an effort to producing a host of products ment pushed its plans for rearmreal chance that this war can be won and from false teeth to ships. His ing West Germany and convertthat the French will be able to pull back personal fortune is estimated at ing it into a base for attack on in Iran." 150 million dollars.

When interviewed recently by leasing former Nazis like Alfred that the "conspiracy against the with 117% but some of the other But that's just it. The Laniel regime when interviewed recently by leasing round the was re- existing government (Mossa- branches are vying for first waukee \$113. H. Mahler writes:

WILL KRUPP COIN HUGE

required to ascertain the political opinions of their patients before they treat them? WAR PROFITS AGAIN ?



Alfred Krupp, whose armaments empire armed Hitler, and his wife, who lived fifteen years in the U.S. and acquired Amer-

ront.'

ous policy that paved the way for the victory of the counterrevolution in Iran. This policy was pursued on the eve of the disaster, just as it had been pur-

CAUGHT BY SURPRISE As has happened so, often in

the past, the architects of the defeat in the Kremlin were Krupp was imprisoned and all caught by surprise. On Aug. 19, the finish line, making a total of er." This editorial boasted of the reach their goals. The campaign "Collapse of American Adventure is being extended, therefore, to

Oct. 15. It boasted among other things Akron still tops the scoreboard try to go over."

dominated German war industries through the world wars period.

nonest elements interested in freedom and national independence, extend their hands to one another and join in a united For the creation of "such a

The first lesson for them, as

linism and forge a genuine revolutionary socialist party. This

a new leadership has been driven

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people are "weary of the 'endless' war." duestion carefully." He claimed enterprises, shipyards, a loco-decisive moment. The Shah has keep sending money for the fund it is going to mean a great deal You might say they are "weary" of the plants left him after the recent apartments, a dynamo plant, a In conclusion the Pravda editorcapitalist system.

Dulles may convince Laniel, but can Laniel convince the French workers to steel interests, "it would be imbleed and die for Wall Street on the battlefields of Asia for a few more years? We in convincing them that they should take to munitions production for war program for capitalist West son in Iran." a pension cut, so it doesn't stand to reason western defense?" - that is, Germany, he may soon be able that he will succeed in persuading them to would he produce for the west- to say that even under the Nazis dismiss the coup of Aug. 19 as merely another "adventure". One give up their lives for the greater glory of imperialism — French or American.

that with the still numerous motive works, 10 000 houses and fled from Iran." German-Allied agreement forcing

him to sell his coal, iron and cement factory and false teeth the lovers of adventures and concern. He can rest from his provocations to understand that labors of amassing profits at his such a policy has not and canpossible for us to make arms." But he did not say he would 400-room Villa Huegel outside not have any chances for sucnever make them again. "Would of Essen. If he starts producing cess . . On Aug. 16 they redoubt it. At any rate he didn't do very well he, under Allied urging return arms under the U. S.-sponsored ceived one more instructive les-

On Aug. 20 Pravda tried to

doesn't have "a couple of years." And they sociated Press on whether he leased from prison and his con- degh) caught no one in Iran by place. Philadelphia, for instance, will also have some difficulty in "putting would ever make munitions fiscated property restored to him surprise." This conspiracy "was upped its score to 109%, comment-He now controls, among other exposed and smashed at the most ing: "We are doing our best to to realize our pledge of \$400. But

Chicago hit 106% with an \$84 wire factory, chemical plant, ial gloated: "It is high time for contribution and speaks of sending "another check tomorrow." Minneapolis - St. Paul scored 101%: "We are all in good spirits up here and quite pleased with our accomplishment in the fund campaign.'

Youngstown added \$111 to its score; New York \$253.

L. S., a friend of the Socialist Workers Party in the South, sent \$3 to be credited to "General's" quota.

Two friends in Ohio contributed \$15, explaining: "We had a two-month layoff and got our first check just in time for school clothes, so will try to send more Los Angeles: "\$572.55 enroute. later."

Once Again -- the Lesson of Germany

Last week, Wall Street's favorite in West Germany, Chancellor Adenauer, made a threatening move against the trade unions. He demanded a controlling power in the West German trade unions for his government party, the Christian Democrats, or else a union-splitting and unionsmashing campaign would be launched.

This move puts an ugly splotch on the glossy picture the American newspapers have been painting for us of the "democratic" victory in the recent West German elections. But there is a deeper meaning to Adenauer's anti-union move.

When capitalism enters the period of decline and chronic crisis it cannot tolerate the independence of the unions. It must incorporate unions into the very state apparatus of the capitalists. There are two historically established methods for doing this. (1) The trade union officials are drawn into the net of "co-operation" with the government apparatus practically to the point of merger. (2) The trade unions are smashed and their dead husks "incorporated" into fascist states, as in Italy under Mussolini and Germany under Hitler.

Incorporation of the unions through the merging of the union bureaucracy with the capitalist state apparatus, is a limited and temporary expedient under conditions of the general decay of the capitalist system. The trouble with this method is that the unions still retain their character as organizations of the working class capable of being transformed into fighting organizations. Also, they stand in the way of any really drastic reductions in living standards of the workers. And those drastic

reductions are necessary for a dying capitalist system. Thus this method of dealing with the trade union bureaucrats be sure that the majority of tion." attacks.

But let no one get the idea that all this is something only the German workers need worry about. The "little Eisenhower" regime in Germany is attempting what the "big Adenauer" administration projects for the United States. And you can be sure that the testing out in West Germany will be studied with great care by the Taft- who have come to your defense Hartleyites in this country.

Dulles threw the whole weight of American Big Business and its government only in your specific case but in of books I know that many are not impressed. behind Adenauer — the senile darling of are happening today . . . All in superior to mine in style or A FRANK REPLY the West German industrial magnates. all, it does not seem that any human interest - to say nothing And now Adenauer is assigned to do the purpose would be served by pubsame job on the unions that Eisenhower is lication of this manuscript in plotting in the U.S. And for the same book form; after all, few people reason. The Third World War, that des- know and sympathize would be the kind that are often printed years ago we might have been much to lose as he did I would perate adventure to save a, capitalist sufficiently aware of or interestsystem in death agony, has its greatest ed in the matter to pay their obstacle in the organized working class. money for a full book on the though most of the replies rel- a lot of money, you understand, High on the agenda in the preparation for World War III is the campaign to bust the unions wide open and smash their potential threat of resistance to capitalist face. The Taft-Hartley Law is only the knife and looking for the soft spot. Defense of the very existence of unionism is capitalist world.

"They Were Afraid to Print My Book" (Continued from page 1) your case will be a favorable

country. "CRUEL BUT TRUE"

but true.'

"Certainly your situation is

worthy of more public attention OTHER REASONS? than it has been given; personally I would agree with you and those that there is a great deal of in-

justice and hysteria involved not the fact that these sort of things

other than those who already from the publishers' letters of be publishable, and two-three and assured me that if I had as on the back of books. subject. This is undoubtedly cruel ated to the need for a market, but to fill out our list and reach

"We have read your story and slightest interest in questioning But things have begun to change were rather impressed by it. Al- me further about the details of since the Korean war, and now though your presentation is a my statement that there already with the election (of Eisenwar. The American workers face the same bit rough in spots, it seems to was a substantial market for the hower). they are altogether difkind of threat the West German workers us that you might have a pub- book among the many organiza- ferent. I tell you frankly I lishable book here. However, it tions that had supported my wouldn't take the chance even if tions I had received, and know- will make mass sales of the book is not the sort of book with which fight for reinstatement. So I de- your book was five times as good ing that there was nothing I possible if enough people take a beginning. The projected McCarthyite "in- (X) as publishers have had any cided to personally visit some of as it is and even if it meant a could do to overcome such a fear, real interest in it and push it. vestigation" of the unions is another marked degree of success, and the publishers and editors who decent profit." ominous feeler. They are sharpening the we are taking the liberty of had written me to try to find sending it over to our colleagues out what they really thought. I reason, although he said he would The (Y) Company, who are bet- saw five editors and publishing not admit it publicly, and would and the home of the brave. ter equipped to promote to the company officials altogether. deny having said it: on the order of the day throughout the best advantage a book of this One told me: "I was quite insort. You will be hearing directly terested when I saw the title - those other congressional com- print it - Pioneer Publishers, others,

from Mr. (Z) of that organiza- it looked like it might be a myst. | mittees are going to start in on | whose aim is to spread the truth. ery with a new twist. It had me the publishing business. Holly- not to make money. But their

And later Mr. (Z) wrote: "We fooled for a few minutes." Our wood, Broadway, the schools, the shortage of funds meant a long must always give way to more open those who think are hopeful that have read it with great interest discussion made it clear that his the unions — sooner or later, delay in publication. So I sent the final decision concerning and sympathy. After giving the only interest was profit-making they will go to work on us. And the thing off to a new company matter considerable thought, -he did not even pretend to be no publisher today wants to be in Britain, New Park Publicahowever, we have very reluctant- interested in performing public put on the spot and smeared for tions Ltd., which accepted it at one for you - and for this ly concluded that we cannot jus- services - and that he had a publishing any book that can be once. An arrangement was made tify its publication on commercial very low conception of the intel- labeled as radical. You can call for Pioneer to handle the Amerligence of the people who bought it cowardly if you want to, but ican distribution. grounds Thus my efforts to get the book

I call it caution and common

I told him maybe the people sense. I don't want censorship published - and read - fall into I couldn't help wondering why would buy less trashy books if any more than you do, and the the framework of the same civil they had turned me down. I have the publishers would offer then cleaner our skirts are, the less liberties fight as my effort to no author's pride, and know that with the same crusading zeal and chance there is that those com- reverse the "loyalty" purge and many literary faults can be found advertising that they expend on mittees will be able to do last- recover the job that was taken with my book. But as a reader their present wares. But he was ing damage to our business." away from me because of my I thanked him for his honesty, political opinions and associa-

and pointed out that self-censorship could be just as harmful

Buffalo: "This \$160 puts us

over the top!"

Another man said: "I'll be and destructive in the long run I ASK YOUR HELP

tions.

That is why I hope that the eaders of The Militant will join me in a campaign to break through the mounting tide of reaction and censorship and enable this book to get the audience that its subject merits.

Thanks to the economies effected by the publisher, The Case of the Legless Veteran, which is of normal book length (about Convinced that this fear must 90,000 words), will be sold here

have been at least one of the for only \$1. This extremely low elements in some of the rejec- price, plus its attractive format. gave up hope of getting the

Those publishers claimed that book accepted by any commer- their chief concern was the lack cial firm in the land of the free of a market for this book. I'm still betting that they don't know Only one company of the 36 I any more about this question

willing to take a chance on it. feel the same way. One of the other three men I spoke to admitted the same fear of McCarthyism when I pressed him on it. ONE OF THE ELEMENTS

I also thought it odd that al- Not expecting that it would make none of them displayed the a certain portion of the public.

He was not reticent about the

"Sooner or later McCarthy or sent the manuscript to offered to than they do about a lot

his books.

published which. are not at all

of the importance of theme. I frank with you. With some ex- as outside censorship. But he notked that if I wanted to, I pert editing, such as we can pro- thought this view was imprac-

could easily cull several "blurbs" vide, I think your book would tical, idealist and unbusinesslike,

– The Negro Struggle — Time to Resign!

By Jean Blake

The resignation of Martin Durkin from his post as Secretary of Labor for the Eisenhower Administration last week, coupled with the GOP's latest insults to Negro Americans, puts on top of the agenda the question: When are Negro leaders going to say "We're through! No more covering up for a Jim Crow government!"

For almost nine months the Negro leaders, like the labor leaders, kept giving the new administration the "benefit of the doubt" as to what its policies would be on discrimination and other social issues. They waited, less and less patiently, while important posts were being handed out to bankers, businessmen, and other outright opponents of any kind of reforms. But they swallowed their chagrin and kept pleading for crumbs.

Now that appointments have reached the bottom of the trough, the administration has acted: It has slapped the Negro people in the face, first with the front, then the back of the hand.

The Agriculture Department made it absolutely clear who decides government policy when, on Sept. 4, it announced reversal of its previously stated policy requiring private bankers to sign antidiscrimination clauses before taking part in the government's price-support program.

The clause that Gov. James F. Byrnes of South Carolina and the rest of the viciously reactionary Southern Bourbons objected

to required bankers handling price-support loans for the CCC to promise not to discriminate against any bank employees or job applicants because of race, creed or OHIO WITCH HUNTERS job applicants because of race, creed or color.

The South cracked the whip, and John LEVEL SIGHTS ON AKRON H. Davis, president of the Commodity Credit Corp. of the government, promptly notified the bankers: "We can now advise you that . . . the inclusion of the clause is unnecessary.

"There appears to be no practical reason for departing from past departmental practices of writing lending agency agreements without a non-discrimination provision."

munist Party on instructions of IWW," Kern stated. At the same time, as though to underthe Goodyear Rubber and Tire score the class nature of the government, Company during the strike of who was used during the union-Eisenhower appointed Louis B. Toomer, 1936.Georgia Negro banker, to a post with no meaning but a political pay-off — Register ble and violence and Ferguson (Police Chief at Goodyear at the itant unionists during the crucial of the Treasury in Washington. ime) and Kidney (safety direc-

Then this minion of his white capitalist masters — who had been begging for the post of customs collector for the port of Savannah but settled for the lesser post Senator George of Georgia would let him have — told the press:

This appointment shows "what the G.O.P. thinks of the Negro compared to what the Democrats thought.

"It goes great ways to show that the

Negro race.' The Toomer appointment was the back of the hand. It's time to resign!

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Back in AFL

Chicago Slums Trap 18 More In Flash Fire

By Bert Deck

Chicago has its own version of Murder Inc. It is made up of capitalist landlords, Democratic and Republican politicians, and grafters known as building inspectors, ward heelers, cops and "special inves-

For the next few weeks Chitigators." This outfit is responsile for the killing of 18 workers cagoans can expect to be bomat 3416 S. State St. barded with stories lamenting the situation, high powered pub-

Last month this was an adlicity on the innumerable invesdress in one of the many growtigating commissions, statements ing slum areas in Chicago - a from the Mayor and District Atfour story tenement housing 150 people. The building had been torney, etc. But when the capislated for destruction as part of talist political hooligans feel that the public furor has died down a a "promised" slum-clearance program but nothing had been done bit the newspapers will go back because Congress had refused to to the usual routine of how we allocate funds for the construc- are fighting to "extend the good tion of new homes. Labor Day way of life around the world."

morning this particular slum was POOR MEMORY "cleared" by a flash-fire which -MORE PROFITS

burned alive 18 tenants. The landlords can forget - be. All talk of "unfortunate accause a poor memory means hide the guilt, of the landlords more profits. The city officials ident" is merely hokus pokus to and their paid agents in City can forget — because pious state-Hall. ger payoffs. But'the tenants can-

The Chicago Daily News which not forget the Labor Day murpretends to be concerned about der because they know that they the slum problem writes in an themselves are threatened with editorial, "Neither can the land- sudden and horrible death every sudden and horrible death every ords be blamed for the piles of day of their lives. This situation nflamable rubbish in hallways will be remedied only by the and under stairs . . . It can be mass pressure of the tenants said with truth that a dozen themselves.

Dutch housewives, forced to set Mass organizations of tenants up housekeeping in the worst of are an imperative need. Together Chicago's slums, would soon with the trade unions they could have it scrubbed and papered inenforce the following short-term side, painted and flowered outprogram as a start:

(1) Inspection of tenements by such possibilities, but with peoenants' committees. No confiple whose background does not dence in city inspectors, who can provide the energy to rise above be bought off by the landlords. the situation in which they find (2) Public hearings conducted

by tenants' organizations on all complaints.

The point is clear. Firetraps (3) Securing of court injuncare caused by the people who tions forbidding landlords from are forced to live in them, not collecting rents until their buildby the landlords who make milings comply with all health and ions of dollars every year by fire laws.

breaking the law. The Daily (4) Prosecution for criminal News has exposed itself as a negligence of landlords and city paper that will heap abuse on officials whose profit-taking the victims of slums to avoid causes loss of life and personal pinning the guilt for the situaproperty.

tion on the real culprits. City officials and judges will It so happens that 3416 S. not do this on their own. But State St. was checked by a City the pressure of mass organizabuilding inspector on Sept. 24, | tions will make them fear getting 1952. He reported no violation of kicked out of office. Under such fire prevention laws. But inves- pressure they will go much furtigations since the fire have disther than they wish to.

closed "No fire exits . . . struc- This is a practical program Twelve States now have "Right | ture was full of rats . . . faulty | for action. The Militant wants

"Rome --- Eleven O'Clock" By Trent Hutter

The Italians have produced another excellent motion picture in the realistic style they developed after World War II. "Rome - Eleven O'Clock" is based upon a story that actually happened in the Italian capital in 1951. It eloquently accuses a social order — shouldn't we rather say disorder? — that degrades and kills human beings despite their willingness to work hard and live decently.

There are millions of unemployed in Italy. ... A typist's job is advertised in a newspaper. To be the first one there, a young girl spends part of the night on the street in front of the building. Morning sees a gathering crowd of girls and women who need the job desperately.

The door is opened and they jam into the building — about 300 women and girls, each hoping to get that job. Yet the firm. needs only one person. . . When a young woman by-passes the line, commotion breaks out on the staircase on which 200 or 300 persons are standing. Suddenly the staircase collapses.

Many are injured; one girl fatally. The police inquire into the cause of the accident. Who is guilty? The landlord who may have neglected the necessary repairs? The architect who may have miscalculated the staircase's strength but couldn't foresee, on the other hand, that so many people would be standing on it simultaneously? The accountant who was to interview the applicants and didn't foresee how many might crowd the staircase? The superintendent's wife who made them wait on the stairs because she didn't want the corridors to be blocked? Or the desperate young woman who did not wait her turn and thus created the turmoil?

This young woman feels guilty. Her feeling of guilt increases when she learns that one of the injured girls has died at the hospital. But is she really a criminal? The police official who conducts the investigation doesn't think so. And we don't either. She made a mistake because the suspense became unbearable - because she was weaker than the others. But a criminal? No.

And the landlord, the architect, the super's wife, the accountant? They probably made some mistake or another, a serious mistake perhaps. But is any one of them clearly responsible for the accident? The official says no. He closes the inquiry without indicting anybody.

Asked by a reporter, "Who is guilty?" he merely shrugs his shoulders. He feels CROOKS TOO where the guilt lies, but he is a policeman and cannot say what he thinks about the case. .

It is the capitalist system that is guilty, for it forced 300 women to compete and tigate crooked police and rackalmost fight each other on a staircase for eteers one miserable, underpaid job.

The movie also takes us into the lives of some of the girls and women who needed men they love. . . It shows not only the culpable . . . humiliation and harshness they face in life but their human qualities, their courage, their basic decency. . . But it refuses to the frenzy of arenas and coli- tiative to at least investigate spread any Hollywood-type illusions about seums." relief from poverty under capitalism.

fect until Nov. 7, it is already in the struggle for unemploy being invoked to loose a lynch ment relief in the thirties. Other spirit and a red scare in Cleveland. You will be the first Grand

Last Tuesday Common Pleas of the thirties. Judge Earl Hoover told the new Cuyahoga County Grand Jury:

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Akron "within 30 days."

"There had been a lot of trou-

tor of Goodyear at the time)

ities and I did." Ralph Kern, the

"Did you have any previous experience in this kind of work,"

Cleveland Judge

stoolie, pointed out.

Interestingly enough, a similar Jury to be able to conduct an line of reasoning was followed investigation of those who want in part by the two renegades to overthrow the Government. "We would be naive to think hearings. After ratting on his article on the strike, refusing that a surprising number of their former friends, Christian Probst the services of the bureau to any ocal followers, trained to be said that the victory of the union saboteurs and spies, are not in at Goodyear in 1936 was due to from an "unauthorized" strike. our midst. Our Legislature re- the "masterminding" of the This was calculated to demoralize

cognized the necessity of digging strike by James Keller, GP lead- the strikers, who are already at the grass roots level. er in Akron at the time. "Some courageous Grand Jury must start such an investigation and if just one is indicated it role to the CP leader saying that certed public campaign against will serve notice on the Krem- Keller "kept the morale of the lin that the free people want to strike up." Concluding her tes-

be free.

In sharp contrast to this melodramatic plea for a political victim, reported in the Cleveland Press, was the Judge's advice that the Grand Jury also inves-

"Police and racketeers should tor" printed to date in the Beacon

be investigated," he said. "It is Journal regarding the new hear. probably a fact that some police ings, the writer, "Red Hater, not defends are dishonest and it is the Grand Baiter" "little Joe the job, their problems, their families, the Jury's job to find those who are Doakes who, almost 20 years ago, should remember such an inves- the nation's problems by show- during this year. tigation should be kept free of ing enough imagination and ini-

Akron. HUTCHESON, president-emeri-The Akron Beacon Journal tus of the Carpenters Union, umped the gun and telephoned who made headlines in recent as many names as were listed in weeks when he split his union the telephone book, popping the from AFL and then returned in old "why do you beat your wife" party appreciates the vote and help of the Calls for Victims old "why do you beat your wife" question. ("You've been named a few weeks. In 1934, he made as a Communist. What do you headlines at the beginning of have to say?") another split when John L. Some who answered the phone Lewis poked him in the jaw at undertook to defend their right to have attended Communist

Thus a professional labor spy

ization efforts of the Wobblies

after the strike of 1913 was an

inside finger man against mil-

Goodyear rubber strike of 1936.

Akron, and the Commission an-

nounced that it would subpoena

those named, at its hearing in

The three witnesses listed 52

AFL convention over issue of industrial unionism that led to formation of the CIO.

Strikers Hardened people spoke of the CP's participation in the unionization drive **By Provocations** TWO RENEGADES

(Continued from page 1) ran a statement by the Deputy Commissioner of County Relief side. We are not dealing with from the Communist Party at the the other day beneath its main "hardship case" which results themselves. POINT IS CLEAR

WILLIAM "BIG BILL"

beginning to suffer. Soon, no Probst's wife, the other wit- doubt, the Chamber of Comness, attributed a more modest merce will begin a more conthe strike.

However, the whole union movetimony this informer surprising- ment of this area is already bely stated, "I don't feel that I did ginning to alert itself to the situaanything wrong by belonging to tion. The militant UAW Local the party, as I gained from the 501 (Bell Aircraft) has already experience, but I wouldn't advise passed a resolution of support and anyone to join it now because other steel locals are now taking there is no future in it for them." the matter up. There is no doubt that any great extension of the

DEFENDS "JOE DOAKES" strike will result in an area-wide In the only "letter to the edimovement of support.

In Witch Hunt By Jean Simon CLEVELAND, Sept. 14 - Al- Party meetings. "It was a de though Ohio's recently passed pression party," said one worker Devine Law does not go into ef- alluding to the CP's participation

By L. Cooper

Un-American Activities Commission gathered "testimony"

in preparation for a red-baiting, witch-hunting invasion of

The witnesses were two ren- the Commission Chairman Isaacs

egades from the Communist Par- asked him. "Yes, during the First

ty and a professional stool pigeon | World War Goodyear officials

who admitted joining the Com- had asked me to check on the

came to me and asked if I could alleged former and present mem-

find out about subversive activ- bers of the Communist Party in

AKRON, Sept. 13 - In Columbus last week, the Ohio

At the end we again see the young girl spotlighted at the beginning, again waiting in the night in front of the same rupt police! sinister building. That job hasn't been filled yet, after all. . .

Communist ' claims." "Commun-A victim at any cost, when dealing with so-called "subver- to democracy", the writer con-

sives"; an investigation free of cludes. frenzy, when dealing with cor-

STUDY COURT TESTS

Under the loosely worded reactionary witch hunters when anti-subversive" law every union they attack the democratic rights militant, every non-conformist of any minority party in the educator, every individual who U.S.

fails to goose-step at the call of Despite the sharpest political the local McCarthyites is subject differences with the Communist to suspicion and investigation. | Party, it is necessary to defend The Cleveland Civil Liberties their civil rights as well as those Union and other groups are stu- of all individuals being branded dying the constitutional issues as "communists." This is the involved in preparation for court first line of defense of civil and tests of the Devine Law. labor rights in Ohio today.

ADENAUER MOVES TO IMPOSE GOVERNMENT RULE ON UNIONS

(Continued from page 1) lists will not work in this situaof the West German monopolists. tion. The West German indus-If the challenge is met with mil-trialists, the same/group who a 14-cent increase in wages at agreed," she said, "that Key Sys. itancy and an aggressive pro- have ruled Germany through two gram of struggle, the whole si- world wars and 12 years of tuation can be turned into a de- Hitlerism, are out for blood. Handler's dispatch of Sept. 12 feat for the capitalists - who says, "West Germany's heavy inmay yet be shown to have overreached themselves. dustries, which financed the suc-

The powerful West German cessful general election campaign and get the facts to the public Steel and Metal Workers Union for Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has passed resolutions opposing ... made known today the econcertainly a good sign. However, next Adenauer Government to ing" was chaired by Robert S. the basic policy of the Social adopt and implement." The probode well for any real leader- ards and organizations.

The West German workers are at the crossroads. Which way

Other indications are also very given some inspiring examples: N. Y. Times reported Sept. 10 East German and French workcratic move by publishing a dec- struggle to defend their class

laration accepting the results of organizations. last Sunday's election as the

to Work" laws aimed at the union wiring . . exposed wiring . shop, mainstay of union security. conversion of large flats into gestions you may have. Write to New "Right to Work" bills failed multiple living units" - all in The Militant, 116 University Pl., "However, the Grand Jury tried to find a solution to his and during this year."

ism" however "is not the solution to democracy", the writer con-cludes. Oakland 'Town Hall Meeting' Backs Even certain blind labor lead-ers should be able to recognize that labor and civil rights in general are under assault by the Determined Key System Strikers

OAKLAND, Calif., Sept. 12 - ['No.'" He reported that the Car-| and "get Key System out of the The transportation crisis in the men have none of the fringe picture."

East Bay reached a climax yes- benefits such as penalty time enjoyed by most of the othe. terday when Superior Judge A. anions. "We will not sign a contract

J. Woolsey ordered the strike with Key System on the basis of a fare increase," he said firmbound Key System to resume service within seven days. Key Sys ly. "We are dealing with them tem announced it would appeal and not the Public Utilities Comthe decision.

mission." Carmens Union Division 192 Many in the audience particiwill not return to work because pated in the lively discussion of this order. They demand a new that followed. contract and a. fair settlement. PRESENTS SWP POSITION They say they will consider ac-

Lillian Kiezel, former candiceptance of the recommendations of the Citizens' Emergency Com- date for mayor of Oakland, premittee set up by Mayor Rishell sented the position of the Socialonce and seven cents later. How- tem is no good. What we are ever, Key System has turned dealing with is a monopoly condown even this meager proposal. trolled by some of the biggest A meeting called Thursday by corporations in America - Standthe AFL Central Labor Council ard Oil, Firestone Rubber, Gen-

to discuss the transit emergency eral Motors and others. "If Key System refuses to set was boycotted by arrogant com- tle on the terms set by the union pany officials. Televised and the Carmen's Union should con the Adenauer ultimatum. This is cmic policies they expected the broadcast, the "town hall meet- fiscate the buses and run the settlement must be just. We Ash, Secretary of the Council. Democrats — conciliation with gram outlined by the industrial- Speakers included public officials get the buses rolling and the only cents raise, provided the comthe foreign and domestic policies ists spells a harsh offensive from many of the ten East Bay way that we will ever get an of the industrialists — does not against the workers' living stand- cities. After the speeches, the adequate transportation system. still get \$1.68 an hour. How audience participated, expressing It will also mean decent wages their exasperation over the si- and conditions for the Carmen." Hayden Perry, lithographer,

tuation and suggesting what demanded that the Carmen take will they turn? They have been should be done.

over the buses and impound re-J. L. Childers, Co-Chairman of the Mayor's Citizens' Emergency ceipts until Key System officials cease their sitdown. "Key Sys-Committee said, "None of the that "Freitag and his co-leaders ers. Surely they will not ignore union demands were unreason-(of the trade unions) sought to the lessons of these events at able. Substantial increases must and yet for six weeks since the 1952 showed 19 million employed head off the Christian Demo- this decisive moment in the be granted if they are to have decent living conditions and we the Public Utilities Commission them married. are to have better transportation." nor the Toll Bridge Authority

He spoke for public ownership has taken any action to put an The brotherhood of Locomotive but believes it is a long way off. end to this situation or take over.

Vern Stambaugh, President of tions, grand chief of the union, Local 192 of the Carmen's Union, declared, "We are dealing with a gested that shares be sold to the women have children under 18 company that can only say, public to finance public operation | years old.

A proposal that the City of Oakland buy buses and operate them with union drivers was not

brought to a vote. Another speaker stated that before we do anything we should demand that Key System open their books for public inspection.

Mr. Stambaugh was asked how children were going to get to school. He replied, "We don't own the busses, but if Key System will suply the buses free and the gas free we will supply the drivers. The same question, previously put to the Mayor by a non-union person, was not answered by His Honor.

Al Brown, the only striking Carman who took the floor, said: "Everyone is losing but I hope and pray you don't forget that the Carmen are losing the most, have been losing for years under Key System management. Not only the workers who get low pay, but also the pensioners, who receive a meager pension. The transportation system under un- have not had an offer yet. All ion control. That is the way to we have been offered is a few pany gets a raise in fares. We would you like it?"

The number of married working women has reached an alltime high according to the Detem gains from their sitdown partment of Labor. The census of beginning of the strike neither, women with more than half of

The number of working wives rose from 7,500,000 in 1947 to Only Carmen can run street cars. 10,400,000 in 1952. The wartime peak of married working women Let them operate them now!" John Rhodes, student at the has been exceeded by 2,000,000. University of California, sug- About 5,300,000 of the working

Notes from the News

Republican administration. His letter of resignation as Secretary of Labor. made no reference to disagreement over Taft-Hartley policy as the precipitating cause of his break with Eisenshower. "I didn't want it to be interpreted that I was trying to pressure him to carry out the agreement" on amending the T-H Law, Durkin told the press afterward. Although he sent his resignation to Eisenhower on Aug. 31, it was not effective until Sept. 9. This prevented it from being a topic for discussion on Labor Day. Even after his resignation had been accepted and made public, Durkin made no unfavorable reference to Eisenhower and declined to label the administration as "unfair to labor" when the question was put to him point-blank.

POPE PIUS XII seems to fear that in any mind open to reason the dogmas of Catholicism cannot resist the attractiveness of the theories of scientific socialism. In a letter Sept. 12, the head of the powerful and enormously wealthy hierarchy warned priests who discard their robes and rub shoulders with workers both inside and outside factories to be particularly careful not to become "dupes" of Marxism and other social theories that the Catholic Church condemns. One of the pillars of feudalism in the Dark Ages, the hierarchy today approves capitalism, particularly under such political forms as General Franco has imposed on the people in fascist Spain.

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THE TRENTON SIX CASE is not yet dead. Ralph Cooper, last of the Trenton Six still in prison, has been granted a parole after "confessing" that the police-dictated "confessions," used in the famous trial to frame up the victims under a murder charge, were "true." But a Negro doctor who testified for the defense is still being persecuted. The physician, Dr. J. Minor Sullivan 3rd of Trenton, testified that two of the six defendants appeared to be drug ged when he examined them after police had tortured "confessions" out of them. For this expert testimony, he was indicted on grounds

AFL PLUMBERS PRESIDENT Martin P. of "perjury". The case went to the N. J. Supreme Court. This body took its stand on the side of Durkin played out to the bitter end his miserable role of window dressing for the union-hating Jim Crow justice Sept. 14 when it' announced

refusal to hear the doctor's appeal.

ESCALATOR WAGE ADJUSTMENTS, in ef. fect in Australia since 1913, were abolished by the Commonwealth Arbitration Court Sept. 13. Begun on an annual basis, the nation-wide adjustment of basic wages to changes in the cost of living was shifted in 1922 to a quarterly basis. The court action, a victory for employers follows a wave of witch hunting having much in common with the witch hunt that has plagued America since 1947.

A NEW SALES TAX in Pennsylvania may be a preview of the one the Eisenhower adminis-

tration is planning for the entire United States. Coal to keep the home fires burning is taxed, but coal for the boss' factory is exempt. Other wrinkles include exemptions for fur coats but a tax on neckties and garters. Pennsylvania is the 34th state to impose a sales tax.

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"THE FARMER AND THE TELEPHONE," a color film produced by the government that shows how farmers organized co-ops to get phone service and which was withdrawn by the Eisenhower administration under pressure from the telephone trust, may be viewed despite the ban. ship coming from the top. The National Farmers Union made the film "BADLY FRIGHTENED" available through its Madison office. The Wisconsin farmers said: "We don't believe in censorship, bookburning, and destruction of valu- disturbing. M. S. Handler of the the recent general strikes of the able educational material prepared for the benefit and use of taxpayers . . . We believe Wisconsin farm taxpayers, who now struggle with poor antiquated telephones, have a right to know how to go about improving this means of communication."

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WHEN KIDS WON'T TAKE CANDY. Sgt. democratic expression of the will James D. Tesso, of Tacoma, Wash., reported that of the German people." He also Engineers will seek wage in-North Korean children were unreceptive to says, "It is understood that Herr creases of at least 371/2 cents an STAMBAUGH SPEAKS friendly advances by the GI's. So embittered were Freitag and his co-leaders are hour in coming contract negotiathey that they refused candy: "The kids threw badly frightened." it right back at us." Tesso reported, "One piece Panic and placating gestures Guy L. Brown, announced rehit me in the head." towards the arrogant industrial- | cently.