# Dobbs Exposes Coughlin at **Detroit Meeting**

DETROIT, Jan. 10 - A spirited audience of 75 workers and students this afternoon heard Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, deliver a slashing attack

against Father Coughlin, whose reappearance on the political career of Coughlin through the scene was branded by Dobbs as "inspired and heartened by signs porter Hitler and Mussolini and of a resurgent fascist movement in America." asserted that American labor must be dealt with in the same in America.'

The meeting was organized by way as the fascist dictator the Socialist Workers Party as Franco dealt with the Spanish workers, Dobbs strongly criticised the opening gun in its campaign to publicize the need for the those official leaders of the organized labor movement of this powerful UAW-CIO who would city to mobilize against the newly counter the reappearance of "this dangerous fascist demagogue" developing fascist movement repwith the "silent treatment." resented by McCarthyism.

The attendance at the meeting was a heartening indication of the beginning of a general awareness of the existence of a gathering fascist movement and the need Dobbs underscored the fact that fascist movement and the need for an effective program of ac-tion to combat it. Dobbs underscored the fact that the real target of the witch-hunters is not "communism" but Urges New

As the result of a widely distributed hard-hitting leaflet announcing the meeting and its pur-Wayne University.

A lively question and discussion take throughout the country if it period followed the speech by is "to shake off the dead hand coat the poisonous T-H act. But Dobbs which included an analysis of reaction which threatens to the sugar coating itself contains of the McCarthy Coughlin move, strangle labor's struggle." of the McCarthy-Coughlin movement, and the program advocated by the Socialist Workers Party

to fight it successfully. Indicative of the warm response to his speech was the generous response to an appeal for funds to aid in spreading the Socialist Workers message on this burning issue.

Party - a Labor Party that wil' An additional sign of the high put labor's own candidates in degee of audience interest was the Congress in 1954 and a Workers brisk sale of current socialist and Farmers Government in literature. The best seller of the power in 1956!

"Only through independent afternoon was the new pamphlet, political action undertaken by "McCarthyism - American Fascism On the March," a compilation the workers as a class, conscious of articles analyzing the danger of their collective needs and of fascism in America and what strength, can the problems of abor should do to smash it. fascism, war and unemployment After tracing the infamous begin to be solved." labor should do to smash it.

# **ACLU Files Defense Of McCarthy Victims**

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a "friend of the court" brief Jan. 11 with the U.S. Supreme Court, challenging measure to further deprive the on First Amendment (free speech) grounds, the power of Conunions, as the legitimate indeunions, as the legitimate inde-pendent organizations of the gressional investigating commit-9

Declaring that . the reborn cold war and the witch-hunt,"

the organized labor movement. The recent militant demonstra-ions of San Francisco's longshore. Strike Curb tions of San Francisco's longshorepose, the audience included a men, which effectively balked the good representation of auto work- witch-hunting activities of th ers, members of the Negro com- Velde Committee in that city, was

> strangle labor's struggle.", Dobbs explained the Socialist

Workers Party's program for a successful labor struggle against fascism, and cited its record of participation in previous anti-fascist fights. "We call for a Congress of Labor to take the first steps in forming a Labor

cyanide. Offered as "fair" to "both"

Business press call "pro-union." 'pro-employer" proposals. proposals, and a real indication

amendments taken as a whole, is Eisenhower's demand, in reference to strikes, that every employee involved "should have an opportunity to express his free

ernment auspices." It is not clear whether Eisenhower proposes a government-controlled vote of both union and non-union men before a strike is called by a labor organization or after it is under way. Senator H. Alexander Smith, Republican of New Jersey, has introduced a bill, embodying Eisenhower's proposals, which provides for a govern-

GOVT. STRIKEBREAKING

# American fascist movement "is in-cubating in the atmosphere of the rold way and the witch hunt"

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Congress on Jan. 11 that it enact munity, and students from a good example, Dobbs said, of 15 changes in the Taft-Hartley Wayne University. are designed, in part, to sugar-

> labor and employers, the amendments include seven which the Big They also contains six admitted

Chief of these pro-employer of the deadly character of the choice by secret ballot under gov-

ment poll after the strike starts



### **Build a Labor Party Now!**

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# 4 Million Now Out of Work; **President Shows Indifference**



#### By Art Preis

Eisenhower's "State of the Union" message to Congress on Jan. 7 brushed over the swift growth of mass unemployment within the past six months. The stark truth is that there are now not

less than four million jobless and a year ago, "under healthy ecothe total is mounting rapidly. Recognition of this basic economic fact must be the starting gainfully-employed workers. He point for any sound program to said it was "tommyrot" to explain ensure jobs and plenty for the the alleged decline in the total American people. Eisenhower's ignoring of this vital fact indicates the worthlessness of his proposed measures to "stabilize" drawal of "marginal workers" U.S. capitalism. His program is based on a lie — the government's falsified unemployment figures. The government statisticians

do admit that the number of jobless in just two months, October. and November, 1953, swelled by some 648,000. But they fix the total unemployed, as of Dec. 12, 1953, when the count was made, at only 1,850,000, less than half the actual number out of work. This included a rise of 422,000 in the four weeks ending Dec.

Impressive evidence of the

and from the files of the Tenney

force the ban of allegedly "sub-

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the Minute Women's Speakers

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do so.

Women have followed the sug- Committee are produced

gestions made by the national Houston on a few days notice to

The booklet outlines ways of Bureau. The other was the hus-

The CIO has sharply challenged 120,000 workers were "lost" the government's falsified figures and at a time when the population on unemployment. CIO Vice Presi- growth was at a rate of 2,700,000 dent Emil Rieve, chairman of the a year.

But even government eccilounion's Economic Policy Committee, states the number of those mists admit that the Dec. 12 fig-"willing to work" but without ures on unemployment would be jobs at the time of the last gov- "swelled by the discharge of tem-

CIO SAYS 3.250.000

nomic conditions" there should have been an increase of 700,000 working force - from 63,325,000 in Dec. 1952, to 62,614,000 in Dec. 1953 - by the voluntary withfrom the labor force. He added, 'When the economy was on its way up, in preceding years, the jobs were there and people stayed in the labor force. . .

If the CIO figure of 3,250,000 unemployed as of the middle of last December errs, it is on the side of underestimating the scope of the layoffs. The government. reported a labor force of 64,734,-000 in June 1953, with 1,562,000 unemployed. The federal statisticians then arbitrarily cut the labor force figure to 62,614,000, with 1,850,000 unemployed, on Dec 12. Somewhere in between, 2,

workers, of their right to freely tees to ask questions concerning directed towards propaganda, conduct strikes. As a CIO spokespolitical beliefs and association. which is . . . nothing more than man expressed it, "It is clearly

The brief supports the appeal the exercise of free speech, is the a provision for Government strikemost flagrant violation of the of Julius Emspak, United Elecbreaking." AFL President George First Amendment. . . For it takes trical Workers Union official, Meany voiced a similar objection. courage these days to exercise which will test the right of the It gives non-union and anti-union the right to speak freely, when House Un - American Activities one knows that - apart from Committee to question him about men and women on strikes called the social consequences following his alleged "Communist" affiliaby the union. in this day and age from voicing

tions and beliefs. This is the first But it would be fruitless for unpopular ideas - any expression case to come before the Supreme Court involving the power of of speech, or any association Congresisonal committees to "in- relevant to the exercise of free quire" into political beliefs and speech, may enable a congresassociations. Oral hearings on the sional committee to subpoena him and make him account for every case opened Jan. 12. chapter of his life."

The ACLU will also support the cases of Corliss Lamont and McCARTHY'S RESPONSE Harvey O'Connor who refused to TO ALBERT EINSTEIN answer McCarthy's questions on Meanwhile, McCarthy's Perthe same grounds as Emspak.

manent Investigation -subcom-Patrick Murphy Malin, ACLU's mittee voted Jan. 7 to recommend executive director, said in a Jan. to the Senate full committee and 11 press release that the cases of the Senate proper, a contempt Emspak, Lamont and O'Connor, citation against Albert Shadowitz, "were especially significant bewho refused Dec. 16 to answer cause they represented a sharp McCarthy's questions. Shadowitz departure from the present pracannounced at the time that he was tice of witnesses claiming the acting on the advice of Dr. Fifth Amendment privilege Albert Einstein, and invoked the

against self-incrimination in ap- First Amendment. pearing before Congressional com-At this same meeting Mc. mittees." Apparently the ACLU Carthy recommended contempt feels that the First Amendment citations against the prominent is a more effective legal ground civil libertarian Corliss Lamont for refusing to testify.

and Abraham Unger, a New York "If the First Amendment is a attorney. O'Connor has already restriction upon congressional in- been indicted by a federal grand quiry," the ACLU brief states, jury for contempt of Congress "and no one can doubt that it is but his trial is being held up - for Congress cannot by in- pending the Supreme Court quiry accomplish that which it is ruling on the Emspak case. forbidden to do by legislation -The legal scope of the battle then it is clear that an inquiry with McCarthyism is thus widen

N. J. Town Orders 'Alien' Registration

The Lakewood (N. J.) Township Committee has approved a local "alien registration law" living in Ocean County be fingerprinted. The measure, passed two week ago, demands registration, fingerprinting and photographing of all workers over 18 within 24 hours after they reach Lakewood. Nonresident workers will be required to carry special identification cards at all times. Workers who fail to comply face fines of up to \$200 or jail terms of up to 90 days. Is this the start of an internal passport system in America?

cases now pending are profound and go to the heart of the strug

gle to defend the democratic rights of the American people However, these legal moves, like the anti-McCarthy maneuvers in Congress, lack the power of an independent mass political mobirequiring that all workers not lization of American labor to act as the primary battering ram

ing. The issues raised by the

fascists. William H. Teto, who appeared as a witness before McCarthy's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations in Boston, and complained that McCarthy exposed his connection with the FBI, was charged as a criminal and hood-

for seven years.

lum by a number of sources. Thereupon the Boston office of the FBI cause to his standarevealed he had been

#### "Alignize" Citizons

By Murry Weiss

In a bid to take first place in as "a very good idea." the witch-hunting pack, President Eisenhower, in his Jan. 7 State of the "stop McCarthy" session of N. Y. Post columnist, apologizes elements an equal voice with union the Union message, demanded an the 83rd Gongress.

Since Eisenhower's address. unconstitutional law to strip 'subversives" of their citizencomments from top Republicans ship, create a new category of and Democrats indicate doubts as Carthy." the unions to get involved in the native-born "aliens" in the United to the feasibility of the proposal

States, establish an internal pass- to make "aliens" out of nativequestion of whether these particular amendments are or are port system, and give the witch born Americans. A somewhat not in labor's interests, The very hunt a powerful shove - to help cynical reporter even suggested idea of seeking amendments to make it the central issue of the "that the whole thing is a poli-

the T-H law implies acceptance 1954 elections as McCarthy has tical gesture; relatively meanof the law as such. Eisenhower demanded. ingless insofar as the law is conhimself spelled this out when he Eisenhower's dreary 54-minute cerned, but efficacious in showing message, barren of a single idea how determined this Administraasked Congress to enact his proposed amendments promptly, "for on how to meet the growing tion is to root out the Comthey will more firmly establish economic depression, was received munist evil." (Cabell Phillips,

the basic principles of the law." with apathy and boredom by the N. Y. Times, Jan 10.) The basic principle of the T-H assembled joint session of Con-

WITCH-HUNT RIVALRY law - as of all laws enacted by gress. But his proposal to breach the capitalist government to the Constitution of the United Undoubtedly cheap grandstandregulate unions and organized States by enacting a police-state ing to the witch-hunt mob is a factor. But proposals like this labor activity — is to place the measure to convert native-born unions under the supervision of Americans into aliens was met have their own logic. The witch the employers through the govhunters begin to vie with one an-"with wild yells of approval," ernment controlled by the capital- in the words of the staid N. Y. other in carrying the ball. Thus, ist class. In this sense, John L. Times. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R.,

McCarthy applauded Eisenhow- Maine), who up to now has been (Continued on page 4)

|er's proposed police-state measure | reckoned a liberal, hastened to introduce a bill embodying Eisenhower's proposal. Max Lerner Thus ended the first round of

for her, saying "that she may think she needs" such an act of McCarthyite zealotry after "having once dared to oppose Mc-

> And then Senator Langer, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. who at first didn't think Eisenhower's scheme "adds anything to the present law," said he proposed bill "out of respect for ential Negro weekly, the Afro-3

lodged by 500 individuals as the

The local chapter president

asserts, "It could be said that the

activities of individual Minute

The Chamber of Commerce

guide for these "patriotic in-

dividuals" is a booklet entitled

organizing "protest" campaigns

Chamber of Commerce.'

Anti-Communist Action.".

tion.

American. Mrs. Smith.' In this way, the hysterical push the frightened and the frightened People Fight Back Against Mc- is to be found in the reaction of Carthvism." Charles R. Allen Jr., shove the reluctant into line. Does it matter that the 14th Amend- cites the growing list of Negro to McCarthy.' ment to the Constitution clearly newspapers and clergymen who

prohibits Eisenhower's proposed have publicly levelled blasts law? Who among the present against McCarthyism. "Colored people have suffered members of Congress will dare stick to that objection if the

witch-hunt pack begins to howl presence of an enemy," he writes. for its enactment? More than anyone else, they The fact is that despite the know when someone is gunning

(Continued on page 3) for them. That is why the most

ernment count was close to 3,250, porary Christmas help" and addition, sizable layoffs have been 000. He points out that where the reported in industry and the rail-Census Bureau now claims 700,- roads since the week of Dec. 12. 000 fewer persons employed than (Continued on page 2)



The growing realization that McCarthyism represents an especially acute danger to the minority peoples would organize hearings on the of America is expressed in the Jan. 2 issue of the influ-

> crucial evidence for McCarthy's In a full-page article, "The profound anti-colored tendencies the American colored community

Besides the Afro, attacks against McCarthyism are quoted from the following Negro papers: the N. Y. Amsterdam News, the too much not to detect the Pittsburg Courier, the Philadelphia Tribune, the Louisville Courier Journal, and the Journal-Guide of Norfolk, Va.

#### "INSIDIOUS PURPOSE"

Commenting on the anti-Negro aspects of McCarthy's campaign against governmental circulation "subversive" books, the Afro declared editorially: "The insidious purpose of Senator Mc-Carthy's latest junket into the darkened caves of the bookburners is becoming increasingly expression of an aroused popula- growing power wielded by the clear. . .

Minute Women is cited by O'-"His aim is to create the Despite its imposing list of Leary. While victims of smear impression that authors who dare victims, National Secretary Mrs. attacks by the House Un-Amerexpose or protest American racial Willard G. Hedrick, wife of a ican Activities Committee or the shortcomings are 'following the communist line' and therefore streamlined military fashion. All ecutive, insists that the organ- it virtually impossible to get to what they write must be subversive.' group," enabling members to ex- such bodies, the Minute Women

In support of its stand, the press their views on legislation. apparently find it very easy to Afro<sup>°</sup> reprints the resolution on this question adopted last June "Citations" from Washington by the annual convention of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

The NAACP resolution declares in part: "Books which displease Sen. McCarthy or others are to be banned, if not burned. . . In the atmosphere of inquisition "A Program for Community in 1952 was the chairman of which is whirling unchecked ... until it now borders upon the proportions and destructiveness of a tornado, it is conceivable

that any organization working for interracial democracy may be challenged for its campaign tion and inequality."

**McCarthyite** "Minute Women" in Action An ugly picture of organized missioner, despite his excellent dition there is a sizeable group an organization of 500 people, but fascist publications, should be

largely on the wealthy River Oaks

residents for their business.

McCarthyism in action on a record, the Houston Post assigned of business women who depend who could easily view protests utilized. 'grass roots" level is presented O'Leary to investigate.

Although the red scare has perin the Jan. 9 issue of the liberal meated every corner of Houston's "Minute Women - Daughters of Vigilantism."

For three years Houston, Texas has been kept in an uproar by a THE FOUNTAIN HEAD powerful campaign of witch-

hunting. "There has been nothing like it since the days of the revival of the Ku Klux Klan in against the witch hunters and the 1920's," says O'Leary.

of the d

Nationally prominent scientists that have done such an effective officers' instructions to five other and educators have been witchhunted out of town for such Houston? The main bulk of the notify five more. easons as support of the United Nations. A hundred of the city's are wives of the wealthy residents clergymen, who petitioned for reinstatement of the school suburb.

system's UN Day essay, contest, The largest single segment of which had been banned as "controversial," became the target of a vicious smear attack. When the re-baiting hysteria

operates, as does the entire organcity's 600,000 population had tak- ization, in a dictatorial and Houston oil-well supply firm ex- California Tenney Committee find of its officers are appointed, not ization is nothing but "a study the "strictly confidential" files of elected. No business can be discussed at chapter meetings ex-

cept that decided upon in advance by the officers. Meetings are called on a few hours notice by chain use of the

telephone, with members relaying hatchet job on civil liberties in members. These five in turn By the same method powerful

telephone protest campaigns are of Houston's swank River Oaks organized on short notice.

ANONYMOUS SCREEN

After studying the whole setup, The organization has a strict when "a known Communist its members are wives of executives in the oil and allied in- rule that Minute Women never act sympathiser is brought into the O'Leary grimly warns that where community." It explains how "the similar organizations are operatdustries. Another grouping of not as a group, but only as indivquite the same size is composed iduals. With this formula the best anti-communist literature," ing elsewhere, ". . . their comached the point of forcing the of wives of many of the town's fear of God is put into politicians such as Counterattack, the Free- munities should wake up and act against race prejudice, discrimina-

ysicians and surgeons. In ad-1 who, might ignore the protest of man, and similar reactionary and before it is too late."

As part of a national organweekly, the Nation. Ralph S. life, O'Leary's two-and-a-half ization with a claimed membership O'Leary tells the story of the month investigation disclosed that in 46 states, the Houston chapter the overwhelming bulk of the en no part in promoting it. Who then was responsible?

O'Leary's search led him directly to the fountain head of the witch hunt - the Houston Chapter of

the Minute Women of the U.S.A. Who are the Minute Women

organization's 500 odd members

#### THE MILITANT

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## From the Green Into the Red By Reba Aubrey

A million-dollar idea, born early in 1952, has already withered in the first frost of the "orthodox recession." The idea was to create in every man, woman and child such an overpowering "need" for chlorophyll that they would have little or no sales resistance to any commodity containing the green stuff.

This million-dollar idea was a good bet since the grass-colored filler is made mainly from alfalfa meal. One ton of alfalfa yields four to eight pounds of chlorophyll. And one pound of chlorophyll sells at \$110. That ain't hay.

Toothpaste went green in January 1952, and advertising went into high gear. The sponsors claimed that and Mussolini's fascist regime in suffering from desperation over Italy and Spain). chlorophyll was death on mouth and body odors. Producers Italy were "two totally different social conditions and the delusion expanded capacity and unleashed output. Chlorophyll forms of dictatorship. It is that the fascists will solve their in power and the laborsts are brightened tobacco, diapers, inner shoe soles, popcorn, dog them." In 1940 after France fell grade will be brightened tobacco in problems; inilitary-police regimes in the back of the solution in power and the laborst are the laborst and the laborst are the laborst and the laborst are food and toilet paper, as well as the toothpaste which had been a drab white all these years.

By the summer of 1952, 300 different kinds of chlorophyll-containing items were on display. The Saluda Corp. even made up samples of chlorophyll-treated men's shorts. but never put them in their line. Maybe Saluda already feit the chill wind that was to freeze the green.

By the summer of 1953, chlorophyll sales were on the toboggan. If consumption for the year totals one-quarter estimated production capacity, remaining producers will consider themselves lucky. Prices have already been cut from \$110 a pound to about \$45. "The demand for chlorophyll has failed to meet even the most conservative estimates" made in 1952, laments T. L. Daniels, president of the Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. of Minneapolis, one of the nation's leading flour millers and vegetable-oil manufacturers as well as a top chlorophyll maker. (Reported by the Wall Street Journal.)

National Alfalfa Dehydrating and Milling Co. stopped construction on its \$1-million plant in Colorado (planned capacity, 100,000 pounds of chlorophyll a year). The partly completed installation is "in moth balls for the time being." Probably until another million-dollar idea comes along.

"Behind the bust in the development of chlorophyll demand are two factors," says the Wall Street Journal. "The first one is the withdrawal from the market of many firms whose attempts to peddle chlorophyll-laden products soon fizzled. The second. . , surviving consumer companies are not using as large a quantity of the chemical in each item they manufacture as the chlorophyll producers had anticipated."

It could be that the second "factor" caused the first. Chlorophyll manufacturers "say tests show that stomach odors can be killed by 0.7 to 2.8 ounces of chlorophyll, and they had expected confectionary makers to use more than the under one-tenth of an ounce that they were using in each piece of candy or gum."

# What Distinguishes McCarthy from Eisenhower

By George Breitman As every scientific thinker must be. Leon Trotsky was always most precise with his terminology. We think important light can be shed

on the nature of McCarthvism by one of the distinctions he made - the distinction between a fas- WHY IT'S LESS STABLE cist dictatorship and a military or police dictatorship (or, as it is popularly called nowadays, police state).

To some people this distinction eemed insignificant or quibbling. But Trotsky showed it was a gime.' natter of theoretical and practical mportance, and he stressed it nany times.

In 1931 he insisted, for example hat Primo de Rivera's militarypolice regime in Spain (1923-30) large sections of the middle class

them." In 1940, after France fell generally lack widespread popular cists have a problem with their to the Germans and Petain became | support.



Dr. Mohammed Mossadegh (signing appeal document) is shown in Teheran after he was sentenced to three years in prison for alleged "treason." His government was overthrown by a violent royalist coup d'etat backed by British and U.S. imperialism trying to snatch back oil resources nationalized by the Mossadegh regime.

dictator, his military-police ré-gime was widely designated as military-police regime is less There is a second reason why a fascist because many of its trap- stable. The fascists use their pings resembled those of the middle-class following to crush Nazis. Trotsky disagreed: "In the labor movement after they France there is no fascism in the come to power (Germany, Italy) real sense of the term." or while they are fighting for

power (the civil war in Spain) In the case of a military-police What difference did it make? regime, the working class is still Petain's regime, Trotsky excapable of recovering relatively plained, "contains no element of quickly from repressions an stability and can be overthrown resuming militant struggle (as by a revolutionary mass uprising they did after de Rivera's dictamuch sooner than a fascist retorship in Spain and Petain' dictatorship in France). But under

Why is a military-police rea fascist dictatorship the working class has suffered a decisive gime less stable than a fascist regime? First of all, because it defeat and takes a much longer

has less social support. The fas- time to recover confidence in cists come to power by mobilizing itself, overcome inertia and reorganize itself (fascist Germany,

Of course after the fascists are France) or

he fascists come to power at the middle-class followers, who dehead of a mass movement, with a mand the fulfillment of the strong middle class and plebeian promises the fascists made to following that is mobilized to hem. This compels the fascists to use the vise of the state to military and police dictators come crush the middle class too - the to power or, if already in power, process that Trotsky called "burestablish their dictatorship aucratizing the Fascist party through their control of the army itself."

or police, don't necessarily have And he added: "Fascism, beany mass following whatever, and bureaucratic, approaches come haven't generally succeeded in very closely to other forms of crushing the working class in military and police dictatorship. decisive fashion. It no longer possesses its former Now let's try to apply this dis-

social support." 'But it still is inction to America, making the harder to overthrow a fascist necessary allowances for difdictatorship, even in its bureauerent times and different condicratic or Bonapartist stage, than a non-fascist military-police dic-American capitalism has been

tatorship because the fascists rule on the basis of an already decisively defeated working class.

and although the journey is not QUESTION OF FOLLOWING It is not easy to distinguish bevanced than most people realize. This trend started under Truman tween a fascist state and a milibut he could carry it only so far Business, but he also knows that tary-police state, or between a fascist movement and a militarylabor leaders. Eisenhower, whose police state movement, because election on a conservative platthey have a great many resemform ended the 20-year coalition blances arising out of their common objective - which is the between the White House and establishment of a counterthe labor leaders, has a freer hand and he is building on and ex- marked by the events beginning evolutionary dictatorship serving tending the foundations that Tru- with Brownell's use of the Harry the interests of monopoly capitalman laid.

Dexter White case to smear Tru-Where does McCarthy fit into man and culminating in Mc-But there are important differences. The main difference is this picture? Until recently he Carthy's skillful exploitation of not, as is often supposed, in the could be considered as the leader the whole affair to come out top as the American form of fascism way they come to power. Fascism of the right wing of the gang dog and establish his independence in its initial stages and, more can come to power "legally," that that was engaged in knocking the of Eisenhower. For through these particularly, the program we have is, on the invitation of the props out from under the Bill of events McCarthy clearly and presented to combat it now, will previous government (Germany, Rights and in transforming the openly began the job of coalescing help the labor movement to Italy), or "illegally," that is, country into a police state. The behind himself an independent destroy McCarthyism before it bethrough civil war (Spain). A thing that made him stand out mass movement which he will use comes strong enough to destroy military police dictatorship can from the others was that he made to gain power - through the us.

the witch hunt the axis of his Republican Party if possible, and policies and concentrated on it to against it if necessary. He already has assembled a sizeable the exclusion of other things. But a differentiation has now movement under his banner; this aken place inside this gang. is what makes McCarthyism dis-Eisenhower and McCarthy are tinct and separate from police both working toward the estab- statism in general. Both Eisenhower and McCarthy ishment of a dictatorial regime,

but they obviously differ over how are headed in the direction of o install it (as well as over who dictatorship/ But while Eisenshould head it). McCarthyism, hower wants to achieve it through manipulation and the traditional emerging from the general police state trend promoted by Truman party structure, McCarthy is and Eisenhower, has now become prepared to achieve it through "irresponsible" means, backed up something distinct and different. by a mass movement that can

DIFFERENCES

their positions.

will need.

serve as the nucleus of a new Eisenhower wants to introduce party. If we correctly grasp the police state in stages, a few Trotsky's distinction, then the difsteps at a time, making use of the ference between Eisenhower and state institutions. Already in McCarthy is the difference bepower, he does not have to cope tween the would-be leader of a with the problem of gaining con-"strong" or police state, perhaps trol of the police apparatus; he retaining some remnants of the therefore does not have to take democratic capitalist state, and

steps that someone outside of the the would-be leader of a fascist The main distinction is this: White House might have to take, state. such as a coup d'etat. Moreover

STOP ITS DEVELOPMENT he feels a sense of responsibility It is easy to recognize a fullto his party and to the ruling crush the working class, while the class which it represents, and he lown mass fascist movement does not want to initiate measures after it has emerged from its that would needlessly damage incipient stage and acquired great

strength, thanks to the failures McCarthy, on the other hand, and defaults of the labor moveis more impatient - either bement to present a militant anticause he estimates the urgency of fascist alternative to the people. the situation differently than Anybody can do that, with or Eisenhower, or because he is in a without Marxism.

hurry to get into power himself. But it's not so easy to put your or both; the reason is not so im- finger on the start of a fascist movement, when its true nature portant. Being in a different situation than Eisenhower, he is at least partly concealed by wants to proceed differently and peculiarities of form due to the more rapidly, he is willing to take time and place in which it appears. more chances. He wants to brush We think that the Socialist Workaside all legalities and traditional ers Party and the Militant have procedures. He doesn't give a performed an important service damn about the Republican Party for the American labor movement and although the journey is not \_\_\_\_ he'll use it if he can, and smash by doing that in connection with yet finished, it is much more ad-\_\_\_\_\_ it if he has to. He knows that McCarthyism, and by sounding he doesn't yet have the support the call now for the mobilization of the decisive sections of Big of the struggle against it.

Fascism reaches its "classic" because of his coalition with the he'll get it if he can produce the and easily recognizable form goods and demonstrate in action only after the labor movement that he has what they need or defaults on its political obligations. We don't guarantee that McCarthyism will assume all the A new stage in the McCarthy-Eisenhower relationship was features of Hitler's or Mussolini's movements; in fact, we doubt that it will. If the labor movement does its job, McCarthyism will

never reach that stage. Our analysis of McCarthyism

# The confectionary makers, of course, skimped on chlorophyll, using just enough of the expensive stuff to Four Million Jobless; President Indifferent

color their products. In their hunger for a fast buck they overlocked the fact that consumers know how to discover whether green gum makes their breath baby-sweet after a slice of onion or hooker of whiskey. Thus the chlorophyll In the country's two most basic 1953 war spending of \$52.9 bil-"in many respects . . . matches industries - steel and auto - lion to the \$51.9 billion projected new layoffs and cutbacks were war spending for the fiscal year Deal regimes," is nevertheless one Eisenhower included in his in comfort. In fact, former inwhich he described America's economic proposals several similar dustrial and financial leaders had "streng and growing economy." to those the "Fair Dealers" ala part in putting it together." Studebaker, Chrysler and Hud- ways put forward as their answer "CHASING A RAINBOW" son announced thousands of lay- to a possible depression, but While Eisenhower promises to which they were never called prospects for auto production upon to really test because they were indicated by the National depended on war spending and public works, etc., he promises at only unfortunate side effect being that doses of chlorophyll Automobile Dealers Association war to stave off the economic the same time to reduce governcollapse of American capitalism. 9. NADA President Robert S. Eisenhower promised, among and mounting government deficit. But the decline in corporate and on page one.) Armacost keynoted the convention other things, a "strengthened" old-age and unemployment inhigh - income - bracket taxes is going to drastically cut governsurance program, tax measures down to the number of cars "that to "stimulate consumer and busiment revenues and, in the words can be sold at a profit." This he ness spending" and public works. of the U.S. News, "make a balanced budget more remote. It's STARVATION HANDOUTS sort of like chasing a rainbow. By "strengthening" old-age and You cut arms spending. Cuts in unemployment insurance, Eisenspending affect business. Yet the hower means simply extending figure itself is 650,000 less than cuts encourage Congress to cut the coverage to more people. In taxes. Lowered tax rates applied the 1953 output. reality, unemployment insurance Bethlehem Steel Company on to lower volume of income reduce navments average only \$23.30 a revenue." This is the vicious circle week for 22 weeks - a third of of debt and deficit the government huge Lackawanna, NY., plant, the average take-home wages of faces. employing 17,000 workers, to twoemployed workers. This "econ-Some of Eisenhower's strongest thirds of capacity. The company omic cushion" is "not as plump claimed it held layoffs to a "minsupporters sneer at the idea that as its sponsors hoped it would his program - especially the soimum" by putting everyone on be," said the Nov. 13 U.S. News called "built-in shock absorbers" a four-day week - with a miniand World Report, which admits on which he depends and which mum cut of 20% in take-home the payments are "not enough many capitalist economists say pay. The N.Y. Times reported from Pittsburgh on Jan. 11 "that to pay debts and expenses" of the guarantee against any big depres. unemployed. In 1953, the average | sion - can be a serious obstacle first-quarter steel business will pension payments to aged per- to a real economic crisis. "M be only slightly better than in the sons over 65 ranged from \$49 a Eisenhower . . . overemphasizes fourth quarter of 1953," which month for single persons to what the government can do to neriod it adds. "was one of the slowest since 1949." The operating \$84.75 a month for a "retired" meet adverse economic trends," worker and his wife. These semi- says the Jan. 8 Wall Street rate for the industry, compared starvation relief handouts, disto 1953 capacity, has been between Journal editorially. "Consequently guised as "retirement" pensions he has raised hopes which are im-75% and 80% for the last four and unemployment "insurance," possible to fulfill." weeks. scarcely compensate for the im-Arthur F. Burns, chief of Eisennense loss of purchasing power "RECESSION JITTERS" hower's own Council of Economi suffered by laid-off and "retired" Advisers and one of the main The Wall Street Journal of Jan. workers. - the same issue reporting authors of the President's pro-Symbolic of the real nature of gram, said in a recent interview Eisenhower's speech - gives an estimate of the situation strange-Eisenhower's program was his quoted in the January, 1954, withdrawal, by omission from Reporter magazine: "I don't put ly at odds with Eisenhower's his speech, of his previous request any stock in the notion that th vanid and professionally optimisfor cancellation of the increase government's built-in shock ab tic statements. "Returning lawof the Social Security tax on the sorbers can automatically stabilize makers list 'recession jitters' as the voters' top concern," reports first \$3,600 of annual income. the economy. This tax increase will mean higher The truth is that nothing can the Journal. " 'They've practically total taxes for millions of work-| stabilize the American capitalist stopped talking about the atom ers despite a slight decrease in profit system. Eisenhower and the bomb or Communists in Government,' says one Senator. . . legncome tax rates. Meanwhile, the Big Business gang in Washington, islators report farmers chafing profits of the corporations are like their predecessors of the buttressed by elimination of the Democratic Party, can hope to over shrinking income, workers worrying most about layoffs and excess profits tax, reduction of stave off an economic collapse lost overtime, businessmen broodcorporation income taxes and in the end only by vastly exother big business tax benefits. panded government spending and ing the heaviest about a 'buyers' market,' bulging inventories." Big Business spokesmen and war. Increased government spend-Eisenhower's closest intimation newspapers do not appear to be ing in the face of the monster alarmed by the so-called "New federal debt, which has already of any economic difficulties was his claim that "we are in transi- Dealish" features of Eisenhower's reached the \$275-billion legal





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producers, who are interested in saturating everything eatable, drinkable, and wearable with chlorophyll, attribute to "improper usage the consumer's dissatisfaction announced almost immediately starting June 1954. which has sent so many. . . chlorophyll-using firms out following Eisenhower's speech, in of the field."

Quaker Oats admits, for example, that it has had complaints from consumers that its chlorophyll-treated dog food didn't really kill doggy odors. It also admits that offs on Jan. 8, while the glum a liberal dose of the chemical will kill a dog's odors - the as heavy as that kill a dog's love life as well. With an eye convention at Miami Beach, Jan. to the mounting sales resistance to other chlorophyll-spiked products, a Quaker Oats chemist hastily assures us that by demanding that auto manufacthis doesn't carry over into humans because they don't turers gear production schedules depend on their noses for such urges the way dogs do.

However, not even the most powerful sales slogans intimated was 4,500,000 cars in of the hucksters seem able to rescue the chlorophyll in- 1954 as contrasted with the manudustry now. From the green and into the red. They had facturers' "far too optimistic" a chance to convince us we could live in a deodorized world quota of 5.500,000. This latter by just leaving everything to chlorophyll, but they muffed it.

What's the next "need" they'll decide to build into us Jan. 9 cut its production at the consumers?





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AT LABOR'S EXPENSE those of the New Deal and Fair What Eisenhower and Wall with which big business can live Street aim to do is to try to "ride out" a period of growing unem-

ployment and declining production by underwriting profits and cuting labor costs. Thus, basic to Eisenhower's program is a

sharpened anti-union Taft-Hartley spend more for social welfare, Law which will squelch strikes more effectively and pave the way for wage cuts and intensified ment expenditures and the huge exploitation of labor. (See article on Eisenhower's T-H proposals

> Organized labor, for its part, will be wasting its breath to appeal to Eisenhower's good will and liberality to put forward any

What It Stands For,' one 'Death program that can effectively meet Agony of Capitalism,' one Mcreal economic crisis. Nor can Carthy pamphlet, one 'America's they rely on the Democrats, whose Road to Socialism.' and two copies basic program, like the Repubof Fourth International. We are licans', is war spending and war. continuing our work in the project The unions need to get together where we received such a good through a Congress of Labor as

response during the 25th Ansoon as possible to map out an niversary campaign. Pat and independent program and action Norma, Janet and Pete met with to meet the depression and war encouraging results there this threats of capitalism. Steps must

week. be taken to launch the fight for "Our campaign to sell the a 30-hour week with no loss of Kutcher book, 'The Case of the weekly take-home pay and ade-Legless Veteran' has started with quate unemployment compensabang. At a Union local we sold tion; to build an independent 37 copies to an attendance of party of labor; and to drive toabout 60. Most of the comrades ward a Workers and Farmers are buying extra copies to sell overnment that can deal in ? to their friends.'

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## 1. Putting McCarthy "In His Place"

Do you remember all the loud talk recently about how McCarthy was going to be "put in his place" at this session of Congress? He was put in his place all right. On Jan. 12, five days after the session opened, McCarthy was named to the powerful Senate Rules Committee.

This Committee determines what legislation should reach the floor of the Senate. It can, and has, bottled up bills distasteful to Big Business and the Southern plutocrats, like antilynching, FEPC and progressive social security legislation. It gives the green light to war appropriations, anti-labor legislation, witch-hunt measures and the like.

Another jurisdiction of the Rules Committee is over funds voted for Senatorial investigations. One of the most advertized features of the various Republican and Democratic plans to "stop McCarthy" was to put a financial squeeze on his investigating committee if he doesn't behave. Now McCarthy, by a mere

request, has been placed on the very commit tee that wields power over committee finances. Thus he can fight for the finances he needs from the strategic position of Rules committee member.

And because of the other crucial powers of this committee, McCarthy can broaden the power of his fascist machine in Congress. If one that completely confirm the warndoesn't want to be blind, that's the first result ing issued by the National Comof the Democratic-Republican "battle to stop McCarthy" at this session of Congress.

Lesson one: Every time the chiefs of the two capitalist parties declare war on McCarthy it ends up in a fiasco, with McCarthy strengthened. He takes another big step in his drive to- by the secretary in whom the 'Committee of the Fourth Interwards the White House.

There are good reasons why McCarthy thrives on the maneuvers of the Republican and Democratic anti-McCarthyites -

### preserving the integrity of the Trotskyist program of world socialist revolution, but who utilized his position to attempt to foist a revisionist program on the organ-

the principal European lieutenants

of his faction. He took a series of measures national: mittee of the Socialist Workers Party in the open letter addressed to Trotskyists throughout the

about the danger repre-1953) sonal faction organized in secret Trotskyist movement placed too

much trust. In its open letter, the SWP

warned: "The Pablo faction has demonstrated that it will not permit democratic decisions truly reflecting majority opinion to be reached. They demand complete to rally on this base the section submission to their criminal of the International. policy. They are determined to

"To refer the final decision on drive all orthodox Trotskyists out of the Fourth International or to these cases to the Fourth World Congress.

### What the Open Letter Did

The open letter, which this fiat to the secret faction Pablo had refers to as a "split appeal" - organized in the Fourth Interalthough it was nothing of the national as part of his prepara tion for a "coup." It noted that in kind - did three things:

line with this aim, Pablo had un-(1) On the political level, it called the attention of Trotskyjustly expelled the majority of ists everywhere to the fact that the French section of the Fourth in flagrant violation of the program of the Fourth International flagrant violation of the organthe Pablo faction had covered up izational methods bequeathed the and apologized for the Stalinist Fourth International by Leon betrayal of the French general strike in August; had failed to Trotsky.

The letter charged that Pablo call for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from East Germany when they were used to crush the June inist 17 workers' uprising against the organization, utilizing "piece-Stalinist gauleiters; had painted and in similar piecemeal fashion up the treacherous temporary contrying to "get rid of those who suspending from membership all cessions granted by these besieged come to see what is happening rulers; had similarly painted up the concessions deceptively proand raise objections."

(3) On what to do about this, mised by the Malenkov regime to allay mass unrest in the Soviet he letter urged the orthodox Union; and had projected the possibility of self-reform of the Stalinist bureaucracy and even authority, to remove Pablo and Trotskyism. the Soviet workers sharing power his agents from office and "to

(The revisionist "sharing of replace them with cadres who Clarke, a Pabloite high priest, in know how to uphold orthodox the magazine, Fourth International. When Clarke was called to ment on a correct course both ments or seek to rally support section was not specifically named order by M. Stein and the edi- politically and organizationally." for them. These conclusions about Pablo's torial board, Pablo's response was

an attack - on M. Stein and the organizational methods and the they represent to the editorial board.) danger (2) On the organizational level, Fourth International were not the letter called public attention reached lightly. For a time, some

Pabloite leaders did at their meet- us, but they turned out neverretary of the Fourth International ing. They demanded complete sub- theless to be only too real. Here tarians" and "fugitives from a revolution." The truth is that they

and charged with the duty of mission to their criminal policy are three typical ones: under threat of expulsion from (1) In May 1953, almost two the Fourth International. years after the event, a shocking The Pabloite faction leaders example of how the Pabloites labelled their meeting the "Four- operate came to light. One of teenth Plenum of the International their leaders revealed that at the Executive Committee" although Third World Congress of the ization founded by Leon Trot-sky, held a three-day meeting in no one was present outside of Fourth International held in held in three-day meeting in the second for the median between the second burgest Sontember 1951 certain Paris at the end of December with themselves and none of the major August-September 1951, certain sections of the Fourth Inter- criticisms of some of the for-

national had representatives present. Then they proceeded to pass discussion were sent in by the precedent in the Fourth Interconsideration, the reason being that this Pabloite leader, in his "To suspend from membership own words, "burned" them.

in the International all the mem world (see the Militant, Nov. 16, bers of the IEC who subscribed to the split appeal which appeared in sented by the uncontrolled, per- the Militant of November 16, 1953, as well as the appeal of the national,' or who approved it and are trying to rally on this base

the sections of the International. "To suspend from their posts of leadership in the sections all those who signed these appeals or approved them and are trying

of the majority of the SWP in its struggle with the revisionist minority headed by Cochran. Burns also indicated that he disagreed with certain revisionis views held by Pablo.

He was ordered by Pablo t keep his mouth shut and not reveal his differences, to the

British rank and file. When Burns refused to obey this Stalinisttype ukase, Pablo immediately or

> Burns down. To accomplish this grounds that led the National Committee of the Socialist Workaim the faction did not hesitate to publicly violate party discipline ers Party to raise the alarm and and ports. the British, French, Swiss and in the pattern of the revisionist Cochranite faction secretly fos- New Zealand sections to set up tered and inspired by Pablo in an International Committee to struggle for the life of the

the Socialist Workers Party. (3) The Pablo faction mis- Fourth International against ruin represented the hounded and by Pabloism.

## International and committed other acts of a similar character in "Irremovable" Secretary

The reaction of the secretly He has in effect, in the wellformed Pablo faction to the poli- known tradition of Stalin, declartical and organizational charges ed himself irremovable, even levelled by these two bodies and though he represents only a vas systematically injecting Stal- the remedial measures they minority faction. In the same conciliationism into the propose, was, as indicated above, familiar tradition he has declared to further abuse its control of for monolithism in the Fourth meal" tactics for the operation, the administrative apparatus of International - the monolithism and U.S. agencies. Where part of the Fourth International by of a personal cult.

In accordance with this prowho subscribed to the critical gram of utter perversion of everydocument, honestly and openly thing that Trotsky stood for, the presented by the Socialist Work- leaders of the Pablo faction issued ers Party, or the declaration of Papal bulls from their December Trotskyist majority of the Fourth the International Committee of meeting. labelling them "resolu-International to assert their will the Fourth International that tions" of the "International Exagainst Pablo's usurpation of raises the banner of orthodox ecutive Committee." These edicts of the cult head declared the So-

In addition to actual subscribers cialist Workers Party beyond the to these two documents, the Pablo pale and also excommunicated the concept was advanced by have proved in action that they faction ordered all leading Trot- overwhelming majority of the skyists suspended who have the British section from the Fourth Trotskyism and keep the move- temerity to approve these docu- International. Although the Swiss

as also expelled, the blanket This means that Pablo has now resolution excommunicating all in effect declared that serious who disagree with Pablo politically

applies to them too.

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World Events By Paul Abbott

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THE MOUNTING CONCERN participated in the revolution of the Eisenhower administration against Chiang Kai-shek as revoover the possibility that the Indolutionary socialist representatives of the Chinese working class and Chinese freedom fighters might win in their seven-year struggle are stout defenders of the New against French imperialism, does China in its struggle against not stem solely from the philan-

world imperialism. Pablo even went so far as to thropic interest Wall Street takes suppress two of the appeals of in the well-being of the French the heroic Chinese comrades for profiteers. The Bulletin d'Informulations in the documents under help against assassinations car- mations Coloniales, published in Paris, presented some facts in a "unanimous" motion without New Zealand section. But they ried out against them by Mao's never reached the delegates for secret police. We do not know its Nov. 15 issue that cast a new and most revealing light on the whether Pablo "burned" them as the New Zealand criticisms were anxiety of the U.S. State Dept. burned. But up to this day he has about the "communist menace" in maintained a guilty silence about Indo-China.

(2) Some months ago, Burns them. They were made public At the beginning of 1952, for one of the outstanding leaders of only after they reached the Miliexample, the U.S. Rubber Co. the British section of the Fourth tant by an indirect route, appearbought control in a French com-International, indicated his syming in the issues of Oct. 19 and pany, giving the U.S. outfit conpathy with the political position Novi 2. trol of some 42,000 acres of Pablo did not care to see the choice rubber plantations in Indoappeals published, perhaps be-China. Not to be outdone, Goodrich

cause they clearly indicated the rubber also acquired similar holdings in a similar way. genuine position of the Chinese Trotskyists, perhaps because they Several years earlier, such com-

placed the Mao regime in a panies as American Smelting and sinister light for murdering reyo-Refining, American Metal Co., and lutionary socialists. others acquired silver, lead, tin These three cases are all that and tungsten holdings in the strife

torn colonial land. space permits me to cite. They should prove sufficient, however. Atlas Constructors and Morganized a "with Pablo" faction to give every militant trained in rison-Knudsen carried on a bitter in England that sought to cut Trotsky's school an idea of the struggle with each other for a monopoly of such strategic construction work as roads, airdromes

> And International Telephone and Telegraph, after gaining control of the French company, Le Materiel Telephonique, got a monopoly on supplies and repairs for the whole telephone network of Indo-China.

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THE SOUTH KOREAN puppet government reports that the obliging Eisenhower administration has given it a free hand in

spending 60% of the \$500,000,000 Korean rehabilitation fund. The 40% remains subject to administration by United Nations that 60% is going can be gathered from the charge made last month by Congressman Brownson (R. Ind.) that a swank, luxury hotel "complete with bars, cocktail lounges, a star-lit room and a western steak restaurant" was being built in Seoul at American expense under orders from Dictator Syngman Rhee while "assistance to the hungry, freez-

ing people must wait." \* \* 3

MALENKOV' REGIME PROM-ISES, made last March, to reduce the severity of the Stalinist criminal code, have still not been carried out. Although no specific aws were indicated, the aim of the promise was to imply that By such desperate organizait meant relaxation of Soviet labor program, or an effort to replace tional methods, borrowed right laws. Russian workers are frozen im in office, constitute crimes out of the corrupt school of Stalto their jobs and cannot leave without getting official per-mission. If they do change jobs in the absence of such permission they are subject to criminal prosecution and imprisonment.

#### gives a revealing McCarthyite reaction to The capitalist party politicians use two methods to fight McCarthy: (1) Steal his thunder. Outflank him from the right. Use bigger and better red-baiting than McCarthy. (2) Curb him, and if necessary crush him by

2. The "Outflanking" Technique

the power of the party machines. Neither of these methods work. They don't work because McCarthy is not just another reactionary politician who has fallen out with the machine. McCarthy heads an incipient fascist movement. His political machine is fundamentally independent from the two capitalist party machines - although he uses these machines for all they are worth to him.

Stealing McCarthy's thunder doesn't work as a tactic to undermine him. It was tried when the Republican high command ordered Attorney General Brownell to spy-smear expresident Truman. McCarthy, far from being undermined and outflanked, stepped in and took over the whole show. He thrived on the maneuver.

It was tried again by Eisenhower in his super-red-baiting project of "alienizing" native-Born Americans. The N. Y. Times is dead wrong in saying that by this act Eisenhower "certified publically once again his own leadership in the battle against communism." (W. H. Lawrence, Jan. 9.) All Eisenhower "certified" by his speech was a craven capitulation to Mc-Carthy. And that's all he's been "certifying" during the whole year in office.

John O'Donnell, N. Y. Daily News hack,

Eisenhower's speech: "Joe McCarthy . . . won hands down - all the way from Ike's appearance when the President gave him the big hello with an affectionate wave of the arm, down to the thundering applause which greeted the President's request that Congress press harder on subversives, be they aliens or nativeborn or naturalized citizens. No wonder Mc-Carthy and Senator Jenner wore broad grins."

Truman is always working at the "outflanking" technique, even though it "outflanks" him right into a spy-smeared corner. "The Communists I handled I put in jail," he boasted to a reporter on Jan. 8. "If anyone is convicted and sent to a penitentiary, he automatically loses his citizenship. I convicted my Communists. That's how I took care of them. I'm the only man who ever sent a Communist to jail."

McCarthy thrives on this stuff. It justifies his highly specialized and truthless red-hunting machine. It gives momentum to his fascist movement.

Lesson two: McCarthyism cannot be defeated by those who play McCarthy's game it cannot be outflanked from the right; it must be destroyed from the left, by a bloc of work- with it. ers, farmers and minority peoples.

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But if labor is to destroy McCarthyism before it is itself, destroyed, it must launch a militant and united program of action -

# muzzle and handcuff them."

## To Run or to Fight?

There are two instructive examples of how labor is reacting to McCarthyism.

(1) When McCarthy opened his investigation of the "red menace" in General Electric. the United Electrical Workers Union (CIO) played right into his hands. The union leadership proclaimed its own witch-hunting record. It permitted victimizations; it ran for cover and cowered. Result? The GE system was "McCarthyized." The union-busting "loyalty" purge was officially introduced into private industry. GE's 230,000 workers are subject to dismissal for their political beliefs or refusing to turn stool pigeon for McCarthy. The union is weakened, The company has a new unionbusting weapon.

(2) The Velde House Un-American Committee came to San Francisco, with the usual advance publicity about uncovering "red" control of unions, etc. The Independent Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union calmly served notice: One witch-hunting peep out of you against our union and we'll strike.

Velde was cautious. Did they really mean it? He tried a sly ruse. He prompted a stoolpigeon witness to speak about "red domination" of the Longshoremen's Union. The next

McCarthyism already shows clear signs of unfolding a demagogic social program to direct the discontent of farmers, small businessmen. and workers into fascist channels.

The fascist observe, just as the revolutionary workers do, the oncoming depression and the beginnings of a wave of mass discontent with capitalism — and they are preparing to use it. As the social crisis becomes more acute the question will be posed: who offers the solution to the crisis - the labor movement or the fascists?

If the workers' organizations don't have the answer, the fascists will utilize the rising discontent of the middle class, its disgust with the blundering labor leadership, and its frenzy at being ruined economically, to build a mass fascist movement with armed detachments and hurl them at the unions. While spouting a lot of radical-sounding demagogy they will deflect the anti-capitalist wrath of the middle class and deploy it against labor, and establish the iron-, heel dictatorship of Big Capital on the smoleng ruins of union halls.

morning the waterfront of San Francisco was shut down tight. Not an ounce of cargo moved. The Longshoremen massed thousands of pickets at the doors of the witch-hunting Velde committee. They considered it a matter of elementary union security to slap down hard on this labor-baiting McCarthyite stooge.

Result? The whole San Francisco Bay Area labor movement was aroused to new militancy and confidence in the fight against reaction. Students, professionals and workers organized Area. Velde retreated on witch hunting the tion Act already provides for Longshoremen. He cut his hearings short. The "alienizing" naturalized citizens. unions were strengthened. The union-busting Conviction under the Smith "gag" employers were weakened.

Lesson three: Militant action by labor can beat the McCarthvites. The unions must refuse Passports are denied persons any form of co-operation with the witchous thoughts. hunting committees - and back up their refusal with all the power at their command.

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But militancy is only half the battle. Labor must have a correct social program - it must 10 N. Y. Times says that victims offer a fundamental solution to the problems would be "subject to such of war and depression -----

## 4. The Struggle for the Middle Class

McCarthy has already come out with a farm program! He blithely outbids all offers to help farmers threatened with ruin. Eisenhower speaks of 75% parity. The Democrats likewise. McCarthy is for "100% and more" parity.

McCarthy is talking of "broadening" his field of investigations. He said, "I may divide the act is worded the way it is forces and run simultaneous investigations." The reason for this is the facility such diversification will provide for outlining a fascist program to meet the needs of all the discontented with wild demagogic promises - all the while spinning it around the main theme of the "communist menace."

Thus lesson four: If labor clings to the capitalist parties, if it fails to organize a Labor Party and adopt a deep-going program of socialist reorganization for America, the fascist plead "not guilty" have "volundemagogues will have a clear field. Only the



they have taken away your legal (Continued from page 1) rights.

clear meaning of the 14th Amend-It is whispered around Washment the witch hunters have already taken a considerable ington that the General himself thought up this police - state number of steps violating the large anti-Velde meetings all over the Bay constitutional rights of American scheme without anyone's help. Cabell Phillips says, "This is a citizens. The McCarran Immigrapeculiar personal expression of Mr. Eisenhower's abhorrence of even the shadow of treason. As a

life-long soldier, it is said, he Act, already means loss of many citizenship rights, such as' the countenances no middle ground

right to vote and hold office. between loyalty and disloyalty in the military and can see no reason suspected of harboring "danger why the same criteria should not apply in the civilian world. In any

event, the idea was largely his Now Eisenhower proposes to own. deprive native-born American

"subversives" of citizenship, thus BARRACKS RULE converting political dissenters

Max Lerner, commenting on into "stateless aliens." The Jan. his, says: "American society is not an army." Oh no? That's a restrictions as being annually registered and fingerprinted; union busters, the Wall Street denied passports and their right rulers of destiny, are all eager of travel even inside the country to turn American society into a without official permission; posgigantic barracks. The fascists ibly even to deportation." have streamlined plans to do How do they propose to get precisely that to America. around the obvious unconstitu-

tionality of the measure?

McCARRAN'S DEVICE

ship!

It is but a step from legislation creating a special class of finger printed, registered, restricted and Arthur Garfield Hays, noted hounded "aliens" to an internal civil liberties attorney, referring passport system, concentration to the citizenship clause in the camps, universal job-freezing and McCarran Act, says: "apparently the outlawing of unionism. It is time for the labor move

on the theory that anyone who ment to stop listening to liberal commits an act of attempting to prattle about built-in safeguards overthrow the Government has of American democracy. Eisenpresumably voluntarily given up hower's proposal to destroy the his United States citizenship." rights of American citizenship And that's the device they will should have been greeted the next use to solve the constitutional morning by a 24-hour general protest strike. But the parasitic difficulty with Eisenhower's proposed law. The victim will slugs of the labor bureaucracy voluntarily" renounce citizenare capable of nothing but deaden. ing the militant reflexes of the

This is like passing a law rank and file. However, Eisenhower's bill to stipulating that all accused who make aliens out of Americans tarily" admitted their guilt, and and all the rest of the bi-partisan

equivalent to organized sabotage, inism, Pablo hopes to maintain calling for summary expulsion the personal control he usurped of the administrative apparatus. from the Fourth International. **Typical Pabloite Propaganda** 

political differences with him or

his arbitrary interpretations of

To what lengths the Pabloites British "section." Naturally, the newly born "section," small and are prepared to go to maintain

despondent though it be, raised he pretense that their revisionist "overwhelming" majority of an views and Stalinist methods hands for their Pope in Paris. represent the views and will of Thus the cult could claim the the majority of the Fourth In-British "section" was ternational can be judged from Pablo," and could also claim they their latest propaganda about the were not lying about it. British section. In England the rank - and - file

There the Pabloites ended up majority only laughed at this in the minority as they did first flimsy ruse, as it served no poliin France and then the United tical end there except to further States. Nevertheless, they are expose Pablo's affinity for Stalcirculating the false story that inist methods. Elsewhere it the British section is "with seems to have taken in some peo-Pablo. ple for the time being. The

This is a lie. Pablo read the Shachtmanite Labor Action, for rank - and - file - elected leadership instance, which was chosen by out of office, appointed a personal the American Pabloites as a lieutenant to take over like a sympathetic forum for their receiver sent by a trade-union first public declaration, printed as czar to handle a rebellious local, good coin the misinformation that matter of opinion. The army and thus converted his minority "the size of each group is apbrass, the witch hunters, the in England into an "official" proximately equal at the moment."

"Strong" Moves

These edicts of excommunication organized , sabotage of party indoubtedly appear to Pablo as finances and party activities. To "strong" moves, the strongest "junk the possible answer to the political especially the concept of an indefire levelled at him in the letter pendent revolutionary socialist of the Socialist Workers Party party, you first have to break up and the appeal of the Internathe existing organization. tional Committee of the Fourth

International. The fact is that such stringent the substitution of organizational measures are simply the organizational reflection of Pablo's political line which is to liquidate the classic symptom of a pettythe Fourth International as an

bourgeois tendency. independent organization. To dis-This becomes deadly clear on solve the Fourth International examination of Pablo's political politically, it is necessary to first explanation of the crisis now occurring in the Fourth Interbreak up its cadres by expelling hem, or reducing them to silence national, for this explanation is split into over a hundred comif not acquiescence. In this way, so shallow, so self-contradictory ponents and eventually divided Pablo seeks to smash those organ- and so evasive that it amounts to into three huge and two 'small. izations where the orthodox no more than pretense — a cover The Germans, it is sure, want a

Trotskyists are the strongest and for the organizational maneuvers disciplined and cohesive economy. the resistance to his revisionist which he really counts on to save course the greatest. his political neck and his ad-

demagogues will have a clear new. Only the witch-hunt logic is incompre-working class, organized independently on the witch-hunt logic is incompre-political field and armed with a revolutionary sors in democratic law will no sors in democratic law will no it all clear - after if it is not to be destried.

RIFTS APPEAR TO BE FORMING in top circles of the Yugoslav Communist Party. Recenly Milovan Djilas has stressed the necessity for free thought and for remodeling party organizations along more democratic lines. A recent article by him attacking the snobbery of the wives of high-ranking CP leaders toward Gen. Dapcevic's actressbride was formally denounced by the Executive Board of the Central Committee. The Jan. 11 Borba, official CP newspaper, attacked articles by Djilas criticizing CP practices. It likewise attacked Mose Pijade, who along with Diilas and advocated increased liberality. Tito is said to have approved the denunciation of Djilas by the CP Executive Board.

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GERMAN CARTELS are makng a fast come-back under the beneficent eye of American Big Business and its political representatives. The Dec. 10 Manchester Guardian Weekly reports:

"The 'big three' German banks have already begun to frame a Trotskvism." common policy which expresses tself in identical annual reports. Key steel plants have already been given back 75% of their coking-coal supplies, which they These moves by both Cochran may own once more. The five and Pablo thus represent, in the former major aeroplane construcform required by their faction. tors — Heinkel. Dornier. Messerschmitt, Focke-Wulf, and Daimlermaneuvers for principled politics, Benz - have formed the 'Aero Union' and will, as Dr. Claudius Dornier put it, 'avoid fighting

each other economically.' Ob servers have even forecast the reconstruction of the I. G. Farben combine — originally due to be They believe that cartels will play their own part in that and that

### The Negro Struggle — **Eisenhower's Message**

#### By Jean Blake

The Malan white supremacists in South Africa undoubtedly read President Eisenhower's State of the Union message to Congress last week with great interest. They must have noted two points in his speech in particular:

(1) He proposed a formula for legislation to deprive citizens of their status and rights as citizens. (Hitler and Mussolini also started with categories like "Jews" or "Communists" and extended the proscribed groups to all critics and opponents.)

(2) He devoted only three sentences in his hour-long talk to the problem of racial discrimination — and that only in the introduction to his discussion of foreign affairs. He said:

"Segregation in the armed forces and other federal activities is on the way out. We have also made progress toward its abolition in the District of Columbia. These are steps in the continuing effort to eliminate inter-racial difficulty."

Even the most reactionary southern racists can go along with that "eliminate inter-racial difficulty" formula; they just have their own ideas about how they'll eliminate it. Their method is to smash any movement to change the status quo, the Jim Crow system. Moreover, riding the Eisenhower-McCarthy white horse of reaction, they can even project new legal means of restricting the rights of categories of citizens, just as the Malan regime has been doing.

Malan, we must remember, proceeded

through legal means-to deprive colored citizens of rights they previously had held. His legislative bodies voted him whatever legal means he needed to carry out his aims.

calling on their Congress to start the process of secular excommunication of American citizens. Taking away citizenship of "convicted" Communists is only the beginning. The President made this clear when he added that the attorney general would soon ask for "additional legal weapons with which to combat subversion in our country and to deal with the question of claimed immunity" - a clear reference to Brownell's proposals for wiretapping legislation and tearing up the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution.

The situation in the states is not substantially different. Talmadge, in Georgia is also preparing the legal weapons in his legislature for reinforcing segregation if the U.S. Supreme Court should issue a decision in the current cases that might chip away at the southern system.

The Eisenhower message should alert all fighters in the Negro struggle to the danger of relying on legalistic means alone. The present law-making bodies - in Washington as in Georgia - will not abolish racial discrimina-.tion; only the working class in power, with everything to gain and nothing to lose by it, will complete the emancipation of colored people from the last vestiges of the southern slave system. 

## NUMBER 3 MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1954 VOLUME XVIII fi rights they previously had held. *His* legis-native bodies voted him whatever legal means the needed to carry out his aims. Now Eisenhower and his administration are calling on their Congress to start the process of secular excommunication of American inizens. Taking away citizenship of "con-victed" Communists is only the beginning. The President made this clear when he added

THE MILITANT

Painting a Rosy Picture



#### Drums<sup>??</sup> "Music from By Harry Ring

A new and intriguing music is sweeping the West Indies. A new drum is beating out old rhythms and melodies. The story of its development is told in the November 1953 issue of the Lamp, lush house organ of the giant Standard Oil of New Jersey, a corporation that coins billions out of its colonial operations.

Emitting a warm cultural glow, the Lamp tells the story of "Music from Oil Drums." "Today on many a Caribbean island more people dance to the music of an oil barrel than any other instrument.

"Trimmed with a hacksaw, tuned with a sledge hammer, the oil barrel has a fragile, muted, bell-like tone that has created a new kind of music, melodic and haunting, which is becoming as expressive a part of West Indian culture as the spontaneous rhymes of the calypso singers. Orchestras of oil barrels are called 'steel percussion', and there are hundreds di-them."

"Oil barrels turned into musical instruments have a soft dulcet tone that is sometimes compared to the tone of a xylophone or a Hawaiian guitar."

"To see what part the oil barrel can play in the life of a musical people," the Lamp declares, "you must go to Trinidad."

ganized by the employees in the refinery o Lago Oil & Transport, a Jersey affiliate."

The Lamp explains the purpose of the stee drums, or as they are called, "pans." "Every of three categories: the Ping Pongs, which carry the melody; the Tune Booms, which make up the harmony section; and the Base Booms which are rhythm instruments."

The praise for the musical oil drum, so generously extended by the Lamp, is not unjustified. A new long-playing record of several of the top steel-drum bands contains some firstrate music. The record notes, however, fail to give proper credit to Standard Oil for its part in the development of the new music. They simply indicate that the "ersatz" violins, trumpets and drums grew out of the musical bens. . . Piecemeal tinkering with resourcefulness of Trinidad's impoverished its multiple provisions will not slum dwellers.

We look forward to the not distant day when Standard Oil will hear another new music, the statutory rights," steel-drum music of colonial revolt that will drive them out - and without proper thanks demand, fight for, and settle for racketeer and anti-union rough- 1937 Flint sit-downs.

Eisenhower meets with his economic advisers in his office to prepare his economic message to Congress in which he paints the down-swinging American economy in rosy hues. Aiding Eisenhower (left to right) are: Chairman Arthur Burns of the Council of Economic Advisers and economists Gabriel Hauge, Kevin McCann and Charles Moore.

## pan is carefully designed to fill a particular role in the band in which it is going to be played; every pan is a counterpart of, for example, the violin, trumpet or drum of the traditional orchestra. Basically, pans are in one **Right to Strike**

Detroit police authorities and Wayne County Prosecutor Gerald K. O'Brien have announced that well-known gangsters and union-busters, including several named by the Militant three correctly than any of the other

years ago, are now being charged with the attempted shot-gun May 3, 1948, charged the Detroit police with "deliberately shifting killing of CIO United Automobile the search away from those out-Workers President Walter side labor-hating elements who Reuther on April 20, 1948. have always been linked to ter-Reuther, now also CIO President, rorist attacks on unions and their has been left with a crippled arm posals that "a few piddling from a blast through his kitchen leaders." At that time, the Militant also

Washington representative of ointed out the similarity between the CIO, was similarly attacked the attack on Reuther and a series from ambush on May 24, 1949, of murderous assaults made beand lost the sight of one eye. tween 1945 and 1947 on officers Under arrest for complicity in and well-known militants of

upon their constitutional and the earlier shooting are Carl Briggs Local 212, including Renda, son - in - law of Santo Genora Dolinger, organizer of the In short, organized labor should (Sam) Perrone, rich scrap-dealer famous Women's Brigade in the to take "positive action to prevent one of the city's best upper

a depression." When Victor Reuth

spiracy to terrorize workers of the

joining the UAW. Perrone was

put on probation for 15 months.

**By Beatrice Evans** 

DETROIT. Ian. 11 - Latest unemployment figures here reveal that some 107,000 persons are jobless in the Detroit area alone. Hastily revised estimates by the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) put 9-

the total idle in Michigan at 167,000. And they admit that the trend is toward still fewer jobs. Dodge Main News, UAW - CIO City and state officials have been Local 3 newspaper, commented flooded with appeals from union that the pre-Christmas layoff was representatives to mobilize to in the "best tradition of big business" and that the "layoffs can combat unemployment.

The Dodge Division of the be directly attributed to manage-Chrysler Corp. is one of the ment's policy of planning only hardest hit by layoffs in the for profit, never for human wel-Detroit area. 20,000 employees of fare.' the Dodge main plant have been The president of the local

laid off, some since last June. stated in his column that the Prospects for the 13,000 still "Republican Party, backed by the working are uncertain. Already big corportaions, is rapidly buildthey are working less than five ing up to another depression."

He said, "We would like to days, some three, some four-anda-half-day weeks. In some de- warn these people that we will not partments men with 20 and more allow them to repossess homes to years seniority have been laid off. be sold again with only a few New machinery, to be installed hundred dollars mortgage remainin some departments during the ing. We will not allow Hooverlayoff, will not even be delivered villes to spring up like they did in the last depression. We will Cancellation Saturday by the not allow misery to creep across

tical face of America."

Government of \$140,000,000 worth the land and into the homes of of military truck contracts at six workers whose greatest crime major automboile companies will was being born poor and disbring more layoffs. The companies possessed. We will fight with affected include the Dodge Divi- whatever weapons will be at our ion of Chrysler Corp. in Detroit, disposal. We promise that we GM in Pontiac, Reo Motors in will make full use of our political Lansing, Checker Cab in Kalama- power at the ballot box and zoo, Willys Motor in Toledo, and sweep the Republican Party, and the Cleveland plant of Fruehauf those associated with them in an-Trailer Co. other depression from the poli-

This cancellation order came on ne heels of layoffs this weekend 2,350 employees at the Plymouth plant and 5,300 at the Chrysler automotive divison which N.Y. Slum Areas

until March.

Chrysler automotive divison which now includes the former Briggs plants that Chrysler recently Growing Faster, bought

Still jobless are many of the former workers of the Kaiser Motor Co. at Willow Run. An Slum areas in New York City additional 10,000 workers are exected to be unemployed by Feb. 5, bringing the total unemployed n the state to 177,000, the direcor of the MESC stated. Gov. Williams told a delegation from Dodge Local 3 UAW-CIO that he "did not have the answer

tant stated bluntly: "These atroci- public works project scheduled to although "there has been vir-

Management is cracking down

Dodge plant, trying to get more

Detroit Michigan Stove Co. from automobiles, fewer foremen are faulty plumbing and structural

With the cut in production of

needed, and so the company has

problem.

problem "vastly greater" than the one it faced when the present but my staff is working on the redevelopment and housing programs began about 1940.

has been calling on finance com-to 19,000 in 1953 and many

UNION OFFICIALS WORRIED The report is based on a pilot Dodge Local officers sent a study of eight blocks in Manhattan's Central Park West area elegram to Pres. Eisenhower telling him of 100,000 jobless in just south of Harlem. Until a few the Detroit area and asked him years ago this was considered

Out of 208 buildings covered in

the study, 118 were found to have

multiple violations pending

against them for unauthorized

occupancy, illegal occupancy and

cellar occupancy. Even more

numerous pending violations in-

clude fire hazards, rubbish and

garbage accumulation, vermin,

weaknesses. Only 38% of the

Slum areas in New York City

are growing faster than they are

being eliminated, reported the

Citizens Housing and Planning

Council Jan. 10. Unless this trend

s "checked immediately and ef-

fectively," the city faces a slum

Investigation showed a 36% They asked the Detroit City increase from 1950 to 1953 in the

But the new music is not strictly confined to Trinidad. With quiet pride, the Lamp notes that "You can hear their soft thrumming music on the island of Aruba, played by the Aruba All Star Boys, a twelve piece steel band or-

nothing less than full and unconfor their gracious contribution to colonial culture of empty oil barrels. The classic calypso Hartley Law. line, "Ole lady, yuh mashing me toe," will make an excellent opening for that political

## Notes from the News

APPLICATIONS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT **COMPENSATION** in New York City for the week ending Jan. 1 totaled an estimated 202,000. This is 30% higher than the same week in 1953. \* \* \*

ALMOST 100,000 Ohio workers were jobless as of Jan. 2, reports the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation, which says this figure is nearly twice as high as that of Jan. 1953.

THE ARMY AND STATE DEPARTMENTS' have "mutually agreed" to postpone the release of an Army film of "atrocities" in Korea. The State Dep't has declined to say whether the film was postponed because of the impending Big Four conference in Berlin on Jan. 25.

TWO POLICEMEN WERE INJURED and 25 pickets arrested in a fracas at the strike-bound Ken-L Ration dog-food plant at Rockford, Ill. The plant has been struck by the UAW-CIQ since Nov. 16. The company has refused to sign a union contract.

CHICAGO NOW THE STEEL CITY. Chicago surpassed Pittsburgh in 1953 to become the world's largest steel producer, the Ass'n of Commerce & Industry reports. They list 1953 output of Chicago area mills as 20,628,100 net tons, compared with 19,848,800 net tons for the Pittsburgh area.

"FILTHY AND INDECENT," and as such ineligible for mailing, a Post Office hearing examiner ruled Jan. 8 on a gag post card proposing a picnic for those cattlemen who voted for Eisenhower. The card promised "all the crow they could eat." A drawing of a jackass was coupled with a statement that there would be a kicking. "Cowboy" Williams, originator of the card, contended the word held objectionable referred to the animal. . \* \* \*

THE ABSENCE OF OFFICIALLY RECORDED LYNCHINGS IN 1953 is no millenium in the Negro fight for equality, but "is due to significant changes in the status of the Negro and to the development of other extra-legal means of control, such as bombings, incendiarism, threats and intimidation, etc., says the Annual Lynching Letter of the Tuskegee Institute, which points out "that a) new standard for measuring race relations is needed . . . in such areas as employment and other economic conditions, in political participation, in law ... health, and other fields.'

RAT BITES CHILD IN CRIB. A 15-month-old girl was bitten on the thumb by one of four rats that invaded her crib during the night, the New York Police reported Jan. 12. The Health Dep't,

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the report says, has begun an investigation of living conditions in the building on W. 95h St., center of New York's Puerto Rican community. \* \* \*

IN AN OBVIOUS EFFORT to bolster moves of the Eisenhower administration to void the right, guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, to decline to give self-incriminatory line. testimony, a rumor, originating in Washington and reported in the Jan. 4 N. Y. Times, named Earl Browder, deposed Communist Party leader. as "about ready to talk" to one of the witch-hun committees. "Unquestionably, more former American Communists could be induced to tell their story," said the Times dispatch, ". . . if Congress should pass a measure . . . permitting grants of immunity to subsequent Federal prosecution. In reply to the editor in the Jan. 8 Times, Browder said, "The idea suggested in your correspondent's story that years of persecution from both the Communist Party and the United States Government have 'softened' me up so that today I would give a different kind of testimony displays a profound ignorance of the facts. I have survived a lifetime of persecution without being 'softened' into becoming anybody's agent, whether it be the

McCarthys of Moscow or Washington. I am rather old and tired, and my wife has been made ar invalid by the special persecution against her and we wish nothing more than to be left in peace for our remaining years."

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RENT CONTROLS AT OAK RIDGE have been lifted by the Atomic Energy Commission and a minimum increase of 28% ordered. In answer to union protests, the commission argued that the law requires it to set rentals at the prevailing level for comparable private housing in the surrounding area. \* \* \*

McCARTHY'S FORT MONMOUTH SPY-HUNT has been blasted by the papers of that area. McCarthy's tactics "can easily become a threat to American principles of liberty and justice," editorialized the Nov. 28 Asbury Park Press. The Dec. 18 Long Branch Daily Record denounced "the specter of McCarthy daily sitting in sole judgement on free American citizens like a demigod."

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TOLEDO HAS BEEN WORSE HIT by layoffs than any other city of comparable population in the U.S., says Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO vice president. The Bureau of Unemployment saying he had worked for the react to such social conditions better paying and more interest and help themselves to the Compensation has estimated current unemployment at 14,000, but Local 12 of the UAW sets Canada. The inspector didn't know the figure at close to 20,000. This is 10% of the that was about the same as our total working force of the city.

the same case, and Clarence tacked, the June 6, 1949, the Mili- Council to get going now on a number of family dwelling units ditional repeal of the Taft-Jacobs. Another named among eight warrants issued in the case ous murder attempts against the begin in two years. They also tually no new housing built in the TRAP FOR LABOR

m mobster, now

greatly weaken or gut the Taft- counterfeiting. Hartley act by a series of amend-

labor weapons to the corpora- from police custody, after mak- Briggs, shortly before the at- week maximum allowed here.

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Lewis, president of the United

Mine Workers, indicated more

union leaders (although he does

not hold a class conception of

government) what stand organiz-

ed labor ought to take on the

whole question of Taft-Hartley.

amendments won't make a slave

law palatable to free-born citi-

make it wholesome or acceptable

to those who abhor its trespass

ministration, violating its 1948 surrendered in Canada. Two and after a series of strikes. Per- on the few workers left in the campaign promises to repeal Taft- policemen assigned to guard rone, Renda's father-in-law, sub-Hartley, that initiated the moves Ritchie when he escaped have sequently pleaded guilty to con- production from each job. for its T-H amendments in 1949, been suspended.

posals are a continuation of this

The labor-hating members of few little concessions some of Eisenhower's proposals appear to give to labor. Once the issue of amending Taft-Hartley is taken up by Congress, the Big Businesscontrolled legislators can put through their own amendments. This is the view voiced by the N. Y. Times in hailing Eisenhower's proposals as "courageous" and "constructive."

"It is well that the President did not attempt to set down in detail the suggested changes. This will permit flexibility in their consideration by the Congressional Labor Committees whose task it will be to formulate the bills," says the Times. Will the labor leaders use the

occasion of these proposed "flexible" amendments to advance the political interests of the capitalist

Democratic Party and play the game of "amendments," or will they lead an independent mass labor struggle, on the economic and political field, against the whole law? If they now rely on

case of the passage of the Taft- do parents. Hartley law in 1947, we will wind up with an even more brutal antiunion law than the original.

Two "eminently respectable" college boys were detained by immigration inspectors in Florida | ticians, "get theirs" through the on their way home to Canada

from a vacation in the Bahamas. own Republican party."

is Peter Lombardo, already serv- Reuther brothers bear the ear- proposed a city moratorium on area since 1940." The population The whole idea of attempting to ing time in a federal prison for marks of racketeers, fascists or workers' debts. A union committee has grown from 13,899 in 1950 hirelings of the employers." At the Kefauver Committee panies, appealing for a halt in families occupy a single room. Renda, Perrone, Jacobs and ments is a trap for labor. It not Lombardo were named by ex- hearings in Detroit in February repossessions of household goods only diverts the struggle for convict Donald Ritchie, who con- 1951, it was revealed by formers and automobiles of jobless work- MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS repeal of the law, it opens the fessed himself to be the driver of Briggs officials that Renda had ers. Many workers who are drawway to additional amendments the murder-attempt car in the been given a million-dollar scrap ing unemployment benefits are that can give even deadlier anti- first shooting. Ritchie escaped hauling contract, at great loss to now nearing the end of the 20-

tions. It was the Truman ad- ing his statement, but finally tacks on Briggs unionists began

Eisenhower's union-busting pro-**USED AGAINST "REDS"** 

Immediately following the as-

shown its appreciation toward its buildings were found in good con-The Feb. 19, 1951, Militant said: "faithful servants" (foremen of dition. sault on Walter Reuther, the Congress aren't disturbed by the Detroit police tried to convert "The Senate Kefauver Committee pre-union days) by laying off The area population increase the case into a witch-hunt against findings in Detroit not only clear some with 20 to 30 year since 1950 has been due mainly "Reds" and Negro workers. They up the so-called mysterious beatseniority, keeping younger fore- to the influx of Puerto Ricans. arrested and grilled hundreds of ings of Briggs unionists but will, men with less seniority at work. Their number has grown in three Reporting another layoff of years from 1,045 to "approxigood unionists who were known if followed through, also shed to be in opposition to Reuther's light on the murder, attempts 5,000 workers while their dele- mately 6,000." Landlords gouge union policies. The Militant of on Walter and Victor Reuther." gates met in Washington at the them mercilessly on rents.

## Why Rebel Youth Turn to Crime

By H. Baker (First of four articles.)

Recently a hearing was held in methods. Monroe, Wash., that highlighted

THE BACKGROUND the problems of young people in Most youths in reformatories reform schools and the brutality of officials designated to "solve" and prisons come from the poorest

these problems. Youths today are subjected to greater strains than at any families. Often in such homes time in history. They are surrounded by all the things that man's ingenuity has provided in the mother. She is overworked

to touch them unless they are exhausted, nervous, irritable. the Democrats, as they did in the fortunate enough to have well-to-In an age in which most wealth care of the house, she has little

hands of a few multi-billionaire children. families, only a few enjoy privileged lives. The retainers of

these multi-billionaire families, especially the capitalist polimost unbridled corruption.

Young people know this and at

that gives some so much and find

others so little despite great | paid and unskilled capacity where | themselves in a blind alley. Man he has little if any union protec- are convicted at first for only sacrifices, they determine to cheat the system regardless of "illegal" tion. friends and acquaintances who

homes. Many are orphans or were brought up in broken or unhappy

responsibility for the support and welfare of the children falls on such abundance, yet are forbidden and underpaid, and consequently

the wealthy get all the breaks. After coming home from the job and cooking the dinner and taking While they can see this, they don't see that the only real soluhas been concentrated in the time or energy left to cope with tion to the inequalities and injustice is through social ownerthe emotional problems of the ship of the means of production. At a later age, these children Their intense cynicism diverts them from understanding the need

for a group solution, for the joint organization of all the oppressed against capitalist inequality. Pressured by economic in-

security and the draft, by har rassed or uncaring parents, the fused the examining official by through individual initiative. They who may be drafted shortly. The more daring take the initiative Progressive Conservative party in with a cynicism that is unusual ing trades require years of ap-Canada. The inspector didn't know for a younger generation. I prenticeship that are not easy While their attempts at pershow courage and

minor crimes such as stealing a On top of this is the emotional car for a brief time or stealing strain of the war danger. All have clothing from a department store. .Then the very society that thus were killed or maimed in Korea, forces them into delinquency many just 18 or 19 years old. Is proceeds to punish them for their it any wonder that they want to reactions to a world they never enjoy a car, good clothing and made. Huge reformatories and some spending money before this prisons are built to cage and brutalize them.

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now at the difficult adolescent age, face the problem of getting a job. It is difficult enough to settle on a compatible type of employment; it is still more dif-

erally in

Telegram, one of the boys "con- plete inability to obtain riches will not take on a young worker

Rebelling against the injustice to secure. Thus when a youth does

## According to the Jan. 9 World the same time realize their com- ficult to find it. Many employers

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future catches up with them? THE TURN TO CRIME That is the usual background of youths who come to realize that

nevertheless find