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Weiss Starts National Speaking Tour on McCarthyite Fascism

The Socialist Workers Party | mittee of the Socialist Workcampaign to alert the labor ers Party.

campaign to aret the fascist movement against the fascist danger of McCarthyism will be stepped up Feb. 5 when Murry the subscript of the subs Weiss, one of the outstanding with will be the following: Mcspeakers in the socialist movement, will begin a three-month coast-to-coast lecture tour. His first speech will be given that night in Newark at 8:30 P.M. under the auspices of the Friday Night Socialist Forum, 52 Market St.

Carthyism - the American brand of fascism; can Eisenhower stop McCarthy?; why were the German, Italian and Spanish workers defeated by fascism — lessons for Amer-ican labor; the Democratic Party and the labor movement Murry Weiss is already well in the 1954 elections; an

known to readers of the Mili- analysis of the liberal, official lant for his penetrating labor, Stalinist and Socialanalysis of McCarthyism and Democratic programs against the current American political McCarthyism; the threat of scene. Now 38 years old, he depression and the effect it has been active in working will have on the development class political organizations as of McCarthyism on one side organizer, lecturer and writer and on the radicalization of the since his early teens. working class on the other;

In 1932 he was expelled McCarthyism and the threat of from the Young Communist World War III; the SWP pro-League for his opposition to gram against McCarthyism.

After speaking in Newark, the Stalinist policies that permitted Hitler to come to power Weiss will be heard in Philain Germany a year later. Since delphia at the Militant Labor then he has worked ener- Hall, 1303 W. Girard Ave., on getically to build a new work- Sunday, Feb. 7, at 8:30 P.M. ers party based on the scientific There will be question-andprogram of Marxism. After discussion periods after each World War II he took the lead speech on the tour in which in formulating the policy that the audience will have ample helped smash Gerald L. K. opportunity to participate in Smith's efforts to build a mass discussion of the problems of fascist movement. He is now a McCarthyism and the strugmember of the National Com- gle against it.

30-Hour Week, 40-Hour Pay Pushed by Ford Local 600

Defiance of Witch Hunt Urged by Detroit Union

DETROIT, Jan. 23 - Sen- | March 1952. Immediately follow- | Velde's agent Clardy scuttling to timent is growing among ing the witch-burners' attack on cover in record time. Even if a Ford Local 600, Reuther placed few big locals like Ford 600, with CIO auto workers here for an administrator-dictator over the 55,000 members, put up a miliopen resistance to the threatened big local and sought to oust the tant mass opposition, they could second invasion of this city by leadership who opposed his reac- turn the inquisitors' invasion into the anti-labor House Un-American tionary policies. The Ford mem- a rout.

Activites Committee, headed by bership, however, rallied behind This would inspire similar notorious witch-hunter Rep. Velde. their elected leaders and defeated resistance everywhere that Velde and McCarthy, the master fascist Velde follows closely the methods Reuther's dirty scheme. Of course, if Reuther gave the union-buster, try to wage war on of Sen. McCarthy. A subcommittee of the House body, led by Rep. word now to the auto workers to labor. Faced with the prospect Clardy (R. Mich.), a mouthpiece come out in open demonstration of giant labor demonstrations and of the auto corporations, is against the new hearings, the strikes if he shows his face in scheduled to return on Feb. 22 for way the West Coast longshoremen any industrial town, McCarthy a further inquisition and smear did, the workers would send kimself would speedily turn tail.

of auto unionists. The latest resolution expressing

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patterned on ones already adopted by Ford Local 600 here and GM Local 659 in Flint, where the House union-haters are also scheduled to appear.

Local 742's resolution states that the board and membership of the local "will not in any way cooperate with this undemocratic committee" and calls on its membership and the UAW International Executive Board "to oppose the Un-American Activities Committee coming into Detroit, Flint and Lansing." It offers

hostility and defiance of the forth-coming "probe" was adopted by the executive board of CIO United Automobile Workers Local 742, representing 3 200 workers of the Briggs Connor plant of Chrysler corporation. This resolution is

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25 - Aroused by the announcement that fascist Senator McCarthy is to be a guestspeaker here at a meeting sponsored by "local hatemonger" Dr. James Fifield, CIO United,

Auto Workers Local 216 is It asks the organized labor urging all sections of the Los movement "to take' note of the Angeles labor movement to growing threat of McCarthyite "take the initiative to convene a fascism and what it means to all broad conference of labor, civil porkers and minority peoples" liberties and minorities organiza- and "to take steps to safeguard, tions to devise ways and means the rights of labor, minority of combating the growing fas-cist menace." groups and the basic civil liberties of the people as set forth in the

Flint and Lansing." It offers Copies of 216's resolution are U.S. Constitution and the Bill of "every aid possible, including being sent to the Los Angeles Rights." any member who is dragged be AFL Central Labor Council, Rail- McCarthy is scheduled to "speak



McCarthy Foe Roughed Up

Nathaniel Mills, suspended General Electric worker, shown as he is being manhandled and forcibly ejected from the Boston inquisition of GE workers held by fascist Sen. McGarthy. Mills had charged: "McCarthy, I accuse you of conspiring with the company and getting the jobs of General Electric people." (See story on Page 4).

ROBERTS PLEDGES FIGHT

Tells Labor Now is the Time to Act

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DETROIT, Jan. 25 -"Now is the time to fight for a 30-hour week with 40 hours' pay." This is the answer to mass unemployment advocated by the world's largest union local, Ford Local 600 of the CIO United Automobile Workers. Referring to UAW and CIO President Walter Reuther's recent statement that "a recession has set in," the Jan. 23 issue of Local 600's hard-hitting paper, Ford Facts, calls on the UAW and entire labor movement to fight for the shorter work-week with no cut in take-home pay.

"The need for a united drive, by all of the UAW-CIO and by all of abor for a 30-hour week with 40 hours' pay becomes more obvious by the minute," declares Ford Facts, in its big front-page spread giving the latest data on he growing depression threat.

CALLS ROLL OF LAYOFFS

"Automation and technological improvements in the auto industry, coupled with the Hoover, Ford, Eisenhower-Republicanism in Washington, have caused mass unemployment of near depression proportions in the last few months," the Ford 600 leaders say in their appeal for action. As of Jan. 1, Ford Facts reports, layoffs in the auto and farm equipment industries inlude: Chrysler corporation, 40,-900; Nash, 10,000; Packard, 7,-900; Studebaker, 9,000, "with those still employed on a 32-hour week without 40 hours' pay;" International Harvester, 24,000: J. I. Case and John Deere, 27,449. Ford Facts also calls the roll of production cutbacks and layoffs in other major industries: steel, electrical equipment, textile, aircraft, oil, maritime, furniture and railroads. In view of the ominous spread of unemployment, Ford Facts points out: "We in Local 600 know that as. surely as night follows day, we at Fords cannot be isolated from and Farmers Government. (8) A the impact of unemployment. Ford has already discontinued overtime and it will be a matter of time before layoffs begin."

Skoglund Wins Deportation Stay

YORK, Jan. 27 - De-| financial aid to carry the fight portation of Carl Skoglund, a forward into this new stage. If victim of the unconstitutional unsuccessful in the new hearing McCarran Law, was halted only a that has been ordered, the Comfew days before Jan. 26, the date mittee will help Skoglund make set by the Immigration authorities a further challenge in the courts in ordering the Minnesota labor of the unconstitutional McCarran financial aid for legal defense of OIO Industrial Union Council, The resolution reports that Skoglund had been informed by sent to the Civil Rights Defense

the Swedish Consulate that the Committee, 19 West 10th St., American officials had notified New York 11, N. Y.

them he was to be placed aboard a Norwegian ship for deportation to Sweden on Jan. 28, two days after he had entered Ellis Island.

The speed with which the Immigration officials moved against him removed any possible illusions about the grim threat facing this working class fighter, who has been in this country for 43 years and who, this month, reached his 70th birthday. But the blitz deportation was blocked through the strenuous' efforts of Skoglund's counsel, Stanley Lowell, of the Alien Civil Rights Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union,

He was scheduled for deportation on the grounds of his former membership in the Communist Party during the Twenties, despite the fact that he was expelled from that party in 1928, and has long been known as an uncompromising opponent of Stalinism. The real reason for the long persecution of Skoglund is his adherence to the principles of union solidarity and socialism. He was imprisoned for his socialist ideas in 1944 under the thought-control Smith Act after he had indignantly spurned an FBI proposal that he turn informer against his colleagues in Negro people could expect from the labor movement.

The McCarran Law, under and the present Congress should Negroes, Eisenhower delivers only hearing begins, the less chance stantial hope for its being conwhich he is now being persecuted have had them cleared up in promises, and vague promises at there is of its even coming up sidered and passed this session. through deportation proceedings January. Two events during the that, and speeches full of gener- for a vote in Congress. As Walter This has apparently been knocked has been condemned as uncon- month made it perfectly clear alities - like the one he will White of the NAACP wrote in a in the head by the action of Sen. stitutional and undemocratic by that they can expect nothing - deliver to a conference of the protest to Smith: almost all liberal and labor which is just what they got from National Association for the Adopinion.

Skoglund has been suffering the Democratic - controlled Confrom a severe cardiac condition, gresses.

and a hearing had been requested to present evidence that he was Eisenhower's complete omission to speak there after his refusal time to prevent a filibuster from eligible for discretionary relief, of any proposals on civil rights to ask for even one civil rights killing the bill, especially in an which the authorities have the from the long list he offered for law? Can it be that they like the legal power to grant him, and legislation by Congress. This taste of leather in their mouths?)

thus end the threat of deporta- omission was all the more tion. On Feb. 3, 1953, the Board significant because, as everyone of Immigration Appeals had knows, there is no chance in the ignored the appeal for relief and world of Congress enacting all the month was what happened

upheld the deportation order. the laws suggested by Eisen- to a hearing on a fair employ-After vigorous intervention by hower. Many of his proposals ment practices bill that was Skoglund's attorney, the Board of were included only for the record, scheduled for the second week of

Immigration Appeals on Jan. 15 for their future vote-getting January. This bill was introduced issued a new order that the value, so that Eisenhower can a year ago, at the start of the deportation warrant be withdrawn claim he supported them even if first session of the present Conand a hearing be held to permit they didn't pass.

presentation of evidence on the NOT EVEN PRETENSE question of Skoglund's eligibility for discretionary relief that would suspend the deportation proceed- Jim Crow legislation, Eisenhower in January of this year. ings. The Civil Rights Defense Com-

mittee, which has been carrying

men. CARL SKOGLUND

fore the Committee." road Brotherhoods and all civil at a meeting where attendance The House smear commmittee liberties, minorities and pro-labor will be by 'invitation' only, thus s anxious to do a big job of in- organizations in this area. duplicating the method of Gerald timidation and victimization in Local 216 warns of "a nation- L. K. Smith and other well-

Detroit, as it did in 1952 when it wide assault on civil liberties and known fascist demagogues." had the cooperation of Walter democratic rights, spearheaded by The Los Angeles labor move Reuther, CIO and UAW Presi- the McCarthyite gang." Organized ment several times gave hot recepdent. Velde wants to recoup the iabor, it emphasizes, "is the tions, with mass demonstrations prestige he lost in San Francisco ultimate target of the unbridled and picket lines, to fascist antirecently when he had to beat a witch hunt now raging in this Semite Smith when he tried to retreat and halt his hearings country." hold open mobilizations in this ahead of time before the protest It points to the attacks by city in 1945 and 1946 with the

strike action of the Longshore-Congresisonal smear groups on avowed purpose of fighting the "such unions as Ford Local 600 unions. Smith subsequently called

Velde thinks he has a pushover and more recently the San Fran- only meetings by invitation to in Michigan because, when his cisco longshoremen" as "under- prevent anyone unfriendly getting scoring the danger to the entire into his gatherings and exposing committee came to Detroit in Feb. 1952 and launched an attack union movement." his aims.

The McCarthyites are "now in on Ford Local 600, Reuther the process of gathering all the President" man in 1952, has a treacherously joined the witchhunt assault on the country's hate-mongers, white supremac- regular radio program on which people of America is not comlargest union local and its leaders ists, anti-Semites and union- he spouts the McCarthy line. He munism, but fascism - the most who opposed his union policies. A haters together in a budding fas- has organized a number of horrible form of the rule of Big Reutherite international repre- cist movement aimed at victimiz- "Freedom Clubs" to help Mcsentative appeared as a stool ing minority groups, crucifying Carthy's bid for fascist dictator-

pigeon and "friendly" witness political dissenters and destroying ship. McCarthy will be a "Freebefore the House hearings in labor unions," states resolution. dom Clubs" guest on Feb. 9.

none was really needed. The White hearing:



SEATTLE, Jan. 23 - Daniel Roberts, chairman of the Socialist Workers Party here, this week filed his candidacy for the School Board in the March 9th elections. Roberts, whose candidacy is en-?

old, a boxmaker and a member vide jobs for all. (2) An end to of Boxmakers Local 2635, AFL. Outlining his two-point program today, Roberts said:

"First. I am running as the anti-McCarthy candidate in the school board election, for McCarthyism is American fascism on the

Dr. Fifield, a "MacArthur for march. I maintain that the real menace confronting the working Business.

"Consequently, the first plank in my program is to call on the abor movement to fight McCarthyism and the witch hunt. Restore free speech and political liberties for all! The schools in particular must be free arenas where the youth can arrive at the truth through free discussion.

"In line with this, I pledge, if elected, to do everything in my power to restore Mrs. Hildur No explanation was made, but the postponement of the FEPC Josephine Hughes to her teaching post in the Seattle schools, from which she was custed because of her alleged political views.

"The young people of this country are in rebellion against their future as they see it now, and

Smith and the Republican leader they have every right to be. They "Hearings on this measure ship. I am confident that nearly see ahead of them only war or scheduled as late as Feb. 23 all of us Democrats on the comdepression. In addition, the Negro youth see no end to the system early and affirmative action." of Jim Crow. Out of the frustra-Douglas admits there is no tion and despair born of these

"substantial hope" for the bill this prospects, more and more youns session. Being up for re-election people are turning into the blind alley of juvenile delinquency which is a path of self-destruction.

cause he can blame the Repub-"Labor must show the youth licans for it and pretend that a the way out! A bold policy of sos no chance whatever for an FEPC Democratic - controlled committee cial change initiated by the unions would have acted differently. can bring out the teen-agers' Being a liberal, he has an in- rich store of idealism, give their now and when the bill is to be herent contempt for the people revolt a positive and constructive killed - through committee and thinks they are incapable expression and tie them solidly maneuvers or a filibuster, before of remembering the fact that the to labor's side in its coming showor after it reaches the Senate Democrats killed FEPC when they down struggles with the employcontrolled Congress after the ers.

war, and that they prevented "As the second point in my Their own acts and refusals to act passage of any FEPC bill when program, therefore, I urge the make it plain that they will not they controlled Congress from unions to break all ties with the grant satisfaction to the Negro 1949 to 1953. He also thinks they parties of Big Business - Redemand for equality this year or have forgotten the fact that publican and Democratic alike -Douglas and the other Demo- and take immediate steps to form Meanwhile the Democrats are cratic liberals in the Senate a Labor Party that will achieve

the following: (1) The 30-hour (Continued on page 3)

dorsed by the SWP, is 36 years week at 40 hours pay to help prothe war drive of Big Business (3) Full social, economic and political equality for the Negro and other minorities. (4) Equal opportunities for education regardless of means. (5) A job for all women, who want to or must work, at equal pay with men. (6) An end to the witch hunt; the smashing of McCarthyism; the expansion and not the elimination of democratic rights. (7) A Workers Socialist economy of abundance

> for all.' Roberts ran for Mayor here in 1950. At that time he refused to sign a "loyalty" oath required candidates for public office so that he could challenge its constitutionality in the courts.

"Despite the adverse decision of believe the oath requirement violates the right of free speech and oath this time, since I have no but will campaign against the whole system of 'loyalty' oaths and the entire witch hunt of

which they are a part."





DANIEL ROBERTS

REUTHER'S PROPOSAL

Economic developments have confirmed the Ford workers in the correctness of their campaign for the 30-hour week at 40 hours' he courts," he said today, "I still pay launched before the UAW Conference on Unemployment held in Washington last month. At free elections. I am signing the that conference. Reuther pushed the shorter work-week demand further legal recourse against it, his major activity on the unemployment issue has been letters to Eisenhower, pleading with the Republican banner-bearer to call

a conference of employers, labor and government big-wigs to talk over the unemployment situation. Ford Facts intimates that Reuther's type of conference would be worthless, stating that we cannot look to the politicians . . . who gave birth to the infamous Taft-Hartley Bill to fight our battles. The Republican Party of Hoover, McCarthy and the Generals - General Eisenhower, General Motors and General Electric — certainly are to be placed in the camp of the

LABOR CONFERENCE

The calling of a national conference on unemployment and the problems of labor is the responsibility of the CIO, Ford Facts indicates. In the Local 600 program, featured back in the Nov. 21 issue of Ford Facts, the proposal was made for a National Conference of All Labor to organize the fight. This is a great idea and should be pushed now by Local 600 and other forwardlooking union locals.

What Negro People Can Expect support by doing everything he Eisenhower man, ordered the Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) ex-By George Breitman can to remove civil rights as an hearing postponed to Feb. 23. pressed pious disappointment over

Anybody who had any last issue in Congress this election lingering doubts about what the year. To the Dixiecrats, Eisenhower House is not interested in any "Only early action by the comthe Eisenhower administration delivers on his promises. To the federal FEPC law. The later the mittee would provide any sub-

the Truman administration and vancement of Colored People in

Washington later this month. would almost certainly prevent mittee will continue to push for The first of these events was NAACP leaders even invite him calendar and being voted on in

SECOND EVENT

The second revealing event of gress, and Sen. Ives (R., N. Y.), chairman of a Senate labor sub-

committee, promised last May But when it comes to anti- that hearings would be held early doesn't even bother to make a But the hearing was suddenly

pretense of proposing any. The called off by Sen. Smith (R., Dixiecrats have no reason to be N. J.), chairman of the Senate any other year. on the prolonged fight to save sorry that they helped elect Eisen- labor committee. Without any ex-Skoglund from deportation, needs hower. He is paying off on their planation, Smith, who is a staunch playing the same old shell game.

(The question is: Why did the measure from reaching Senate paigning.'

floor for discussion.

So much for the Republicans.



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By Art Preis

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The largest number of new unemployment compensation claims listed in any week since August 1945, when World War II ended, were filed in the week ended Jan. 9. The U.S. Department of Labor has revealed the latest weekly figure totals 467,500. This is 43,500 more than the largest single weekly total of new applications during the 1949-50 recession, when admitted unemployment rose to more than 4,600,000.

This current terrific leap of nearly a half million new claims within seven days gives a picture of the true menace of unemployment today. According to the Jan. 23 U.S. News and World Report, the total number of those drawing unemployment benefits on Jan. 9 were 1,950,000. This is a far higher total than back in early 1950 when the total of unemployed soared to over 4,600,000.

Unemployment has "apparently jumped to nearly 2, 500/000" from the government's claim of only 1,162,000 unemployed in Oct. 1953 and 1,850,000 last Dec. 12, the U. S. News reports. Thus, from Dec. 12, 1953, to Jan. 9, 1954, the number of unemployed leaped by at least 650,000.

The figure of 2,500,000 unemployed, however, is based on unemployment compensation claims filed only for those eligible among the 36,000,000 persons covered by the present compensation law. Almost 25,000,000 wage earners right here in Detroit where over are not covered, including farm workers and persons in firms employing less than four persons. It is clear that the number of unemployed in the United States is not instinctively nespond to a slogan the most basic criteria of politics less than four million.

Factory production has fallen more than 7% since the UAW here in Detroit the May 1953 peak. Carloadings, always a sensitive barometer of both production and distribution, on Jan. 9 were running 8% below the year before.

In the past couple of weeks, the capitalist witch-doctors have been increasing their incantations, designed to make the economic slump appear as a mere short dip in the long and level highway of economic progress.

The biggest publicity has been given to the recent ch of Harlow M. Curtice, who replaced Secretary of speech of Harlow M. Curtice, who replaced Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson as president of General Motors. The capitalists are reported as "cheered" by Curtice's announcement that GM plans to place "a billion-dollar bet" against a depression or a "billion-dollar vote of confidence" in the future of American capitalism. This refers to GM's promised two-year expansion plan.

But Happy Days Aren't Here Again

Newspapers ran pictures of Curtice, GM's board chairman Alfred P. Sloan Jr., and Charles E. Wilson guffawing so hard at a Waldorf-Astoria banquet their upper plates showed.

But other sections of the auto industry aren't singing "Happy Days Are Here Again." Curtice's "bet" against a depression is actually a declaration of merciless war against GM's faltering competitors, who have been laying off auto workers by the tens of thousands.

As the Wall Street Journal of Jan. 20 and 21 explained, Curtice was actually predicting there will be no depression just for GM. He calculated, however, that total auto and truck production of all companies combined this year will fall 10% below the 1953 figure. A 10% drop in general it sold for only a dime. Obviously production for the entire country would mean a severe he was getting big money from depression with eight to ten million jobless. unrevealed sources.

Jobless Claims Highest Since '45 The following is the text of a recession to strike some blows at speech given by Farrell Dobbs, the labor movement. The National As part and parcel of this deep- groups are polarizing around Mc-1 there for leadership Brit

cialist Workers Party, in Detroit, wants the Taft - Hartley act Jan. 10.) amended to outlaw strikes for

union recognition. They want Titanic political struggles that what they call a "right to work" will mark a qualitative leap clause that would reinstate the forward by the workers of Amerhated "Yellow Dog" contract.

ica are bound to arise from the We're not the only ones to see social pressures now building up. these ominous signs of what's People are plagued by all the being prepared for labor and heavy costs, worries, anxieties understand their meaning. That's made evident by the reappearance and fears of the war program. They are plagued by the witch here in Detroit, after 14 years of political silence, of the well-known with its attempts to supfascist demagogue, Father Charles press free thought and strangle

free speech. And now the country E. Coughlin. He made a speech here in has been told by a national gathering of eminent economists Detroit Dec. 5 at the Little Friday that we are heading into what Club that coincides completely they call an "orthodox recession." with the growing menace of fas-They mean by this that it is cism in this country as represented

natural for the working people by McCarthyism. In this speech to suffer all the hardships of Coughlin advanced a demagogic depression and unemployment in program based on the depression order to shake down the economy, danger.

He came forward with these weaken the labor movement, increase the labor pool, and genpropositions: a guaranteed annual wage, tax reductions for the erally put Big Business in a better position to exploit the production workers, trade with working man. We already see China and India. Now in themsigns of that "orthodox recession" selves these demands are OK. As a matter of fact, they are more or 00,000 workers have been laid less popular among the auto workers in Detroit.

That's why the working people But right here is where one of ike that raised by Local 600 of comes into play, which is that

hunt.

it's a fatal error in politics to 'Fight for a 30-hour work week overlook who is making a proposat 40 hours pay in order to protect ition and why he is making it. take-home pay and cushion the Hitler, you know, started with shocks of unemployment." demagogy in Germany that pur

Another threat facing the work- ported to represent a program ers is the preparation by Big good for the working people and Business to take advantage of a he wound up smashing the unions.

Coughlin tried the same trick unit meetings. By the time of the back in the Thirties. When we presidential campaign in 1936, deal with Coughlin we must Coughlin was openly saying over the radio and in his magazine remember that he's not a Johnny-"Democracy is doomed: I take the come-lately on the American political scene like McCarthy. We're dealing with a fascist road to fascism.

In that presidential election he demagogue who left footprints supported William Lemke, a fasall over the lot back in the cist candidate. Coughlin Thirties. Let's track him down beginning to bring forward now his real program. In contrast to now and see what kind of a

his earlier statement that he put political shyster he is. human rights over property Coughlin entered politics as an obscure commentator on the rights, his platform in Social

Justice by the mid Thirties made Detroit radio back in 1926. It wasn't until three years later, one of his cardinal points the preservation of property rights when the market crashed and the and he meant as against human depression began that Coughlin rights coomed into the national spot-

for that was a general attack on what he called "communism." the Jews for a scapegoat. About fessional people, small business 5% of the Jews in America he people etc. They try also to redescribed as religious and those He quickly built up a national he said, were all right. The other radio network of 48 major sta-

95% he denounced as "commutions. He launched an expensively ."socialists," "atheists," class. nists." printed magazine called Social "international bankers,' and "deal-Justice. It had no advertising yet ers in gold."



on the unions through a catch-al 'sabotage" clause. Up to now they have been content to just ignore the Bill of Rights and go ahead with their witch hunt. Now they are preparing an attack on the Bill of Rights itself by introducing a measure in Congress calculated to

tear the guts out of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. And in his State of the Union speech, Eisenhower advocated that anyone who is hereafter convicted under that thought-control law known as the Smith Act should lose his citizenship. All c this comes under the heading of

an attack against "communism." Now what do these reactionaries really mean when they speak of "communism"? They mean

The masses begin to look for militant unionism. They mean racial equality. They mean oppopolitical action, or even thought, that cuts across their war policy.

demand "loyalty"? They mean attempt to rule through democralind obedience to the government. | tic forms and to move instead in They mean blind obedience to the the direction of civil war against military brass hats. And for the the working class in an attempt was workers they mean sheeplike obe- to smash all opposition to capi

dience to the corporations. talism by force and violence. The Menace of Fascism

To combat the labor movement | were to come forward and give in this manner, capitalism must political leadership there would be large middle-class response. find a mass counter-force. This a But the longer labor defaults force they seek to create mainly in giving this political leadership, from the ranks of the middle the greater the danger that dis-Like Hitler, Coughin selected class; that is, the farmers, proclass are going to feed the fas-

cruit forces from the military ready present today. It helps add ranks and even among demoralized elements of the working to the menace of fascism that is growing in this country.

That brings us down to the

it arise? What is its aim? How

Fascism is a political phenom

enon of capitalism in its death

agony. The name originated in

Italy at the time of the rise of

the movement headed by Musso-

lini. There have been similar

movements in Germany, Spain,

and other countries. As capital-

ism becomes outlived historically

it becomes a brake on social pro-

gress. It produces a cycle of war

and depression, so that the mass-

es are always confronted by one

or the other of these grim alter-

natives, or their virtual synthesis,

as is the case today when both

dangers are upon us simultane

does it operate?

ously.

McCarthyism is now beginning Fascism is not so easy to recto slant its appeal toward the

ognize in its formative stages, middle-class grievances. As I

As part and parcel of this deep-| groups are polarizing around Mc-| there for leadership. But he has Carthy as a symbol, but they are no loyalty to the Republican still separated organizationally party. He brazenly disregards its because they do not find it ex- discipline and acts as a man country, whose name is McCarpedient to link themselves too strictly on the make. thyism. It is rapidly developing in

closely with McCarthy at present. In fact, McCarthy is already the Republican party and has con-These groups consider wide going outside the Republican siderable backing in the Democraopen the question of who is going party to build support, as is tic party. It is now in the process to be the ultimate leader of Amer- demonstrated by the letter and of a new leap which began last ican fascism. Also, the more telegram campaign he sought to November, resulting from the setopenly a given organization is organize in his controversy with back the Republicans received in dentified as fascist, the greater Eisenhower. Numerous organized

the danger that open alliance with elements are polarizing around McCarthy would expose prema- McCarthyism, although they have turely the real character of Mc- not yet made organic unity with Carthyism and make it harder to it. These include ultra-nationalistic groups like the America Firsters, gull people.

Instead of being a party itself, anti-labor organizations like the McCarthyism appears as the right American Legion; race - hating wing of both capitalist parties. gangs like the Ku Klux Klan. McCarthy finds it advantageous proved fascist demagogues like at present to remain inside the Coughlin and Gerald L. K. Republican party and to fight Smith.

Lynching, Race Riots, Vigilantism

We see this fascist tendency that base will grow with the incubating in the witch hunt with mounting crisis in American help from the FBI, the Con- society. It already has important gressional Committees and the financial backing and that will daily press. In the same way we grow too. It has revealed an can expect fascist acts of violence ability to seize the center of the to grow out of forms with which stage and evoke a response. It is ve are already familiar. already acting as an organized There is the tradition in this pressure group in national politics ountry of lynching. This is one going beyond the simple inform in which the fascists can strumentality of the ballot. It has significant strength in both the begin to develop their extraegal acts of violence against the Republican and Democratic par-Negro people and against workties.

The liberals and the labor ofers. Yet they can try to make it ook like an outbreak of someficials concede the main ground in the fight against McCarthyism thing that has gone on for very when they support the witch hunt many years in this country. out of which McCarthyism is There is the instrument violence known as the race riot growing. And the workers, upon that has a long history in this whom the defeat of the growing country. Right here in Detroit fascist menace in this country in 1943 an organized gang with a depends, are misled by the union fascist mentality precipitated a officials. They are not aroused to the danger. They are not given a

race riot. Vigilantism is another hiscorrect program to fight against torical form of terror the fascists this menace to the working peocan employ. It too has a long ple. Those who, on the other hand, are fully conscious of the tradition in America. The organization of strike-breaking gangs fascist menace are still weak in forces and resources.

is still another form they can That is the balance sheet and use. We need only recall the antilabor role the Black Legion played we must therefore conclude that right here in Michigan in 1937 the danger is not only present when the UAW was fighting to but is already grave, graver than it was in 1939. And if labor fails consolidate itself. All these common forms of organized violence to act, that danger will become can be used to prepare for open graver still.

The present fascist threat use of fascist storm troopers later developing in this country arises on. How great is the fascist danger from the failure of the labor that is threatening this country? leaders to take the road of inde-To find the answer to this ques- pendent political action. Instead. tion let us summarize briefly the the union officials remainstied to satisfied elements in the middle points we have covered. Mc- the Democratic party and lend Carthyism already has a certain support to the fascist - breeding cist current. That danger is al- mass base in this country and witch hunt.

San Francisco Example

I understand that the Velde need, and they want, a social Committee is due in Detroit soon change. A labor moveme

a solution to this crisis and the sition to war. They mean any result is that in country after country a deep-going social crisis develops. This crisis causes the capitalist class to abandon any What do they mean when they

"GM has set its sights on capturing an additional 2% of the nation's overall market for passenger cars and when the depression was first uncompany grabbed 46% of the total new auto business last the line he took in his recent year, a gain over 1952 of 4%. Everything is supposed to anteed annual wage. He spoke be rosy if GM crushes its competitors and drives their then for what he called a just workers into the unemployment compensation lines for av- annual living wage. He calls now erage payments of \$23 a week for 8 to 26 weeks.

The head of one of these competitors, Paul G. Hoffman, chairman of the board of Studebaker Corporation, tried to sound the same cheery note as Curtice. He too placed human rights over property Flower at Royal Oak with scab found "a very definite upturn of confidence, partly as a rights. All of this was designed labor. He was condemned by result of the President's message. . . and partly as a result of forward planning on the part of business. . . " Hoffman's real program. His subsequent ac- union. He replied by coming out own "forward planning" and "upturn of confidence" is so tions proved that to the hilt. far reflected in layoffs of nearly half the Studebaker workers.

Meanwhile, the steel industry is finding the firstquarter business "disappointing," according to the current this organization and strictly the CIO venomously, right from issue of Iron Age, published on Jan. 20. "Big things were forbade political discussion at the its inception. expected" of "both" the auto and railroad industries, but "after a fast start railroad buying slowed to a snail's pace" and except for GM and Ford, the auto manufacturers have been setting a "moderate" pace and "living off their inventories.'

A couple of days after Curtice's "cheering" speech, such industrial giants as Westinghouse Electric, General Electric. Aluminum Corporation of America and Bethlehem Steel showed such a "very definite upturn in confidence" that they announced further mass layoffs.

The threatening economic trend has evoked not only big statistical lies from Washington. It is bringing forth a more sinister political note. This was sounded in the speech on Jan. 23 by Joseph W. Martin Jr., Republican Speaker of the House, to a banquet of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board,

Martin heaped McCarthylte vituperation on those who dare to warn the country of the danger of depression. Anybody who talks of such a possibility, according to Martin, is a "left-wing egghead" who is "trying to promote us into hard times" and "to lead us into socialism."



manifested anti-Negro but let us examine the evidence policies as well as Jew-baiting. as it exists today and see what we

In April 1936 he defended Mus- find. First, look at the political His program at that stage solini's invasion of Ethiopia on zigzags that have been taken by trucks this year," the Wall Street Journal states. The folding, was strikingly similar to the white race. In his magazine from 1945, as a result of labor's Social Justice of March 13, 1939, failure to lead politically. speech. He calls now for a guar- he came out in flat opposition to

During the 1945-46 strike wave anti-lynch legislation. the workers got strong support Coughlin was denounced re from the middle class. But labor peatedly by the organized labor didn't follow through politically.

for tax reductions for production movement, and with cause. His Instead, Big Business was able workers. He spoke then for tax magazine to begin with was to put over a national policy that reductions for the workers. He printed in a non-union shop. He stole money from the pockets of said in the early Thirties that he built his Shrine of the Little the middle class and the workers. The discontented middle class swung to the right and voted to catch the support of depres- unanimous vote of the 1934 con-Republican in 1946. The Repubsion victims. But it was not his vention of the AFL as being antiicans took control of Congress and labor got the Taft-Hartley act with the demand that the AFL tied around its neck.

In 1934 Coughlin launched an be dissolved and the U.S. Depart-Then in the 1948 elections, Trurganization called the National ment of Labor take over the man became very demagogic and Union for Social Justice. He made function that is supposed to be the middle class swung back to himself the supreme dictator of filled by the unions. He attacked the Democrats. In 1952 the middle and became the key force in elect-

Calls Union Officials "Bolsheviks"

In 1937 he publicly opposed the | of the times in his attacks on the strike of the GM workers. He CIO that he was becoming a great

blamed the steel workers for the embarrassment to the church. Memorial Day massacre in Chicago in 1937 and he approved the into the open today after 14 years use of the National Guard against of silence and with the approva the coal miners in Harlan County, of the Catholic hierarchy, who

sought to organize a general antiabor demonstration of the fascist scum that Had gathered around him in the city of New York. He ennounced in his magazine Social "Bolsheviks" and he said.

'We will fight you in Franco's way." His reference was to the fascist butcher of Spain. The Socialist Workers Party took the initiative in rallying the

working people of New York against Coughlin and the response forced him to call off his intended after that Coughlin lapsed into the political silence that he maintained for 14 years up until the fifth of last December. That silence was imposed on

him by the heirarchy of the Catholic Church. Not because he was a fascist. The Catholic church openly supports Franco in Spain, who is a fascist. Coughlin was temporarily silenced because the

tical conjuncture was beginning to run too heavily against the na-

ing Eisenhower. Then in the 1953 elections, only a year later, there was enough disslatisfaction developing with Eisenhower in the middle class to The main question before us significant Republican defeats. today is: What brings Coughlin

1945, labor has quite consistently 25% of the whole engineering voted Democrat. What caused the personnel at Monmouth are Jews. Kentucky. In 1939 Coughlin know full well that he remains shifts back and forth between Yet of the 40 persons victimized Republican and Democratic vic- there by McCarthy, 35 of them, a fascist demagogue? tories was the shifts in sentiment that's 88%, were Jews, and one Coughlin has been brought back into the open by the signs of a of the middle class. These zigzags was a Negro, which is no less resurgent fascist movement in show the political unrest among symbolical. Incidentally, not a America which is incubating in the middle-class elements and in- single spy was turned up in the Justice that all the union officials the favorable atmosphere of the dicates very clearly that if labor whole inquisition.

cold war and the witch hunt that was launched back in 1947 by **Busy Among the Youth Too** Harry Truman and the Democra-

race haters are rallying to Mctic party. McCarthyism is busy among school youth. It is not a long step Carthyism and they are awaiting For over six years now our country has faced the scourge of the youth as well. There is an from snitching on teachers to the an opportunity to unleash their a subversive list and a loyalty organization in this country called practice of informing on parents racist hysteria. In America the Negro people, along with the purge. There have been wholesale Students for America. It claims as in Hitler Germany.

McCarthyism, in order to be Jews, are going to be the scapefirings of government employees, today over 2,500 members in 120 anti-labor demonstration. Not long the smashing of careers of pro- schools and colleges. They publish come a major threat in the sense goats of fascism. It is in the fessional people, smear attacks a costly magazine and brag that of taking power, must first receive nature of things here, with the long, unbroken record of preon clergymen, and branding of they put out about 100,000 pieces support from a major section of judice and discrimination and acts inter-racial groups as "subver- of additional literature each the ruling class. It does not yet sive." There has been a general month. They don't do that on the have that support. But a fascist of violence against the Negro people

paralysis of critical thought in dues they collect from college and movement does not have to have People in the minority sectors the schools of America, firing and high school students. They also decisive support from Big Busiblacklisting of workers in indus- circulate what they call a hand- ness to create a menace, and Mcof the American population have every reason to support the labor try. Hated stool pigeons and paid book on how to identify "sub- Carthyism already has enough movement in political struggle. police informers are made pub- versives." They tell the students demonstrated support from the Similarly with the youth. What lic heroes by the press and by to take notes on anything "sub- ruling class to do that. is there for youth today in Amerofficials of government. versive" in the lectures given by McCarthyism represents as ye

Here in Michigan you have had their teachers and to report it only the early stages of a fascist ica? Frustrated by the dead hand tide here in America at that polithe Trucks Law imposed upon to the headquarters of Students crystallization in this country. of reaction in the schools, when you, a law that seeks to suppress | for America. Not all who support McCarthyism they graduate they are thrust into tive fascist movement and because freedom of thought on a state the armies organized for world What they are doing is making recognize McCarthy as their Coughlin had gotten so far ahead basis and makes a direct attack little stool pigeons out of these leader. A coalition of different conquest. Youth in this countr

pointed out, one of the basic to do some witch hunting against ing on the political arena can weapons of fascism is social the unions. The Detroit unions evoke the support of youth. But demagogy. The McCarthy pro- should follow the example of the a passive labor movement, which the theory of the superiority of the middle class across the period gram does not yet represent the San Francisco labor movement in gives them no answers to their full flowering of fascist dema- dealing with the Velde gang when problems, raises the danger of gogy, but there is a start. Mc- it invaded their city. turning the youth over to the

Carthy is already tying high The longshoremen's union called fascist demagogues to be used prices, high taxes, the casualties a 24-hour protest strike against against labor. in the Korean war, and the ex- this witch-hunting invasion and pected casualties in future wars organized a mass demonstration tion today in both its negative to the issue of "spies" and in front of the city hall where and positive aspects. The capitaltraitors" in government. In this he parallels significantly to operate. This led to a resolu- powerful, and it is ruthless, as the line that Hitler took, at a tion denouncing the Velde Com- you well know. A section of it is similar stage of development, in mittee by the East Bay area CIO already preparing a fascist attack the rise of German fascism. Council. It inspired every anti- on the workers. But the greater Hitler argued back in the McCarthy element in the city of fact is that the American working Twenties that the German defeat San Francisco to stand up and class is infinitely more powerful in World War I, the suffering of protest against Velde's gang with than the capitalist class; and we the German people under the the result that they soon took it of the Socialist Workers Party Versailles Treaty, resulted from on the lam.

a stab in the back in high places in government.

As the depression threat mounts. the McCarthyite demagogy will fact Coughlin already began in his own special contribution in this

regard. Another fascist symptom in the

development of McCarthyism is trend, but at least to some appeared in that investigation. that inquisition rather, at Fort

Across this whole period from Monmouth, New Jersey. Less than



matter of life or death. All the

against the Coughlin's and the against this fascist menace, and McCarthy's, expose their political in time, if we go to work at it. confidence game, and combat it The problem is to arouse the class shifted back the other way become more radical sounding. In with a militant labor program, workers to the danger, convey to To do that they have to break all them a fighting labor program and Dec. 5 speech here to make his ties with the capitalist politicians; help them mobilize for action. end all the witch-hunting in the That task requires organized unions; encourage free political efforts on the part of classthought among the workers; col- conscious militants in the labor lectively hammer out a program movement. For those of you who lead not to a wholesale Democratic the anti-Semitic overtones that that will serve the interests of are here today who want to help the workers and then organize a in this task, the first thing I Congress of Labor. recommend is to join the Socialist A general Congress of repre- Workers Party. Collaborate with sentatives from all sectors of the us in analyzing the developments

labor movement is needed to of the day, the problems facing launch an independent Labor labor and in advocating a pro-Party, which would run its own gram that will enable the labor candidates in 1954, and point to- movement to defend its rights. ward creation of a Workers and Help us to arouse the working Farmers government in 1956. class of America to smash the

Labor would have the support fascist threat, create a Workers of the minority peoples if it and Farmers government, and would take that road. To the build a Socialist America. minorities, the fascist danger is a

We look at this political situa-



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Employers Roll Up Their Sleeves

With unemployment increasing, employers are preparing a two-pronged assault against the unions. Using the threat of layoffs in hope of paralyzing resistance, they plan a power drive to slash wages. This will be coupled with the even more ambitious project of utilizing the "orthodox recession" to carry out the orthodox capitalist aim of weakening, undermining and eventually smashing the unions.

The handwriting is already on the wall. We cite two recent important cases in point:

Case No. 1 - The textile industry has already opened a wage-cutting drive. Addressing the Passaic County, N. J., CIO convention on Jan. 24, Sol Stetin, International vice president of the Textile Workers of America, reported that the Forstman Woolen Company of Passaic has proposed an 111/2 cent an hour wage cut, and that Botany Mills is expected to make a similar "offer" when wage negotiations begin this week.

In response to this, the union membership is closing ranks for a strike that was correctly characterized by Stetin as a "real test for the labor movement in this area."

Case No. 2 — A month ago a band of heroic coal miners in Widen, West Virginia, reluctantly voted to give up a bitterly fought fifteen month strike. "We don't like to admit defeat, but we knew we were beaten," explained one of the rank and file strike leaders. Their strike was smashed by J. C. Bradley, a powerful independent mine operator. An infuriatingly smug account of how Bradley met the strikers

demands, appears in the Jan. 29 U.S. News & World Report.

> Here is a sample of the attitude of this voice - complete with killing, gunplay and dynamiting - has come to an end." "The winner, after fifteen months of strife. is a rugged individualist who owns a coal mine.'

thugs and state police. Their homes were of the International, for a genudynamited. They were railroaded to prison. All were driven from their company-owned homes. None were rehired at the strike's end.

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Pabloites

The mines now operate three days a week, two shifts a day. The strikebreakers are digging the same amount of coal in two shifts as was by the Pablo faction, fully conformerly mined in three. "We have efficient machinery and hard working miners," the profit-hungry Bradley complacently explains.

These two cases should alert every militant to the dangers ahead. The unions are in for a pounding that can end in shattering setbacks unless defensive measures are taken in time. The full power of the trade union movement must be mobilized - today in advance of the coming battles, and in preparation for them.

The American workers have demonstrated their capacity for struggle on the picket line. But in the rough times ahead this is not enough. Labor must forge new, modern weapons with representing a handful of French which to meet the employers - the weapons of labor politics. Labor must build its own party and put its own people in office. Nothing else will succeed in blocking the coming union-

Pledge Struggle to Save The Fourth International

The International Committee | tion and S. T. Peng, the Chinese | of his plan to liquidate the Inter-of the Fourth International, hold- member of the IEC. Neither the national. From now on the last ing its second meeting on Jan. section nor Peng had yet ex- uncertainties are removed. The 10-11, provided additional in- pressed any opinion on the present only representative leadership of the Fourth International is the formation on the bureaucratic crisis in the Fourth International.

character of the revisionist Pablo In good standing in the Interfaction's so-called "14th Plenum national, they had nevertheless of Big Business: "An old fashioned mine war of the International Executive committed the unpardonable sin Committee" in December; reach--- they had not joined the Pablo ed the conclusion that the Pablo faction. For this reason Peng was faction has destroyed the IEC not invited to attend the meeting elected by the 3rd World Congress of the IEC to which the 3rd of the Fourth International; and World Congress had elected him. pledged to continue its work, as In fact, Peng not only was not The strikers were shot at by scabs, company the only representative leadership invited to attend the "plenum"

but was not even informed about inely democratic 4th World Con it until it was all over. Peng then wrote a strong letter of protest against his bureaucratic exclusion The IC, which was formed two

in which he also condemned nonths ago by several of the Pablo's International Secretariat largest sections to save the for having factionally withheld Fourth International from degenfrom him and other IEC members eration and eventual liquidation information and documents about the crisis in the International firmed the Militant's estimate of "Thus it is proved not only that the rump "plenum" staged by the you illegally abused the name of the plenum of the IEC to sanction This so-called "plenum," warnyour illegal practices, but also

ed the IC, "seeks to arrogate to that you have completely trampled itself the right to expel sections under foot the statutes of the of the Fourth International, to International." proclaim new phantom sections, Peng demanded that his protest to suspend seven international be made known to all IEC memleaders elected by the 3rd World bers and national sections. Pablo Congress," thus raising the numrefused to do this, and the IC ber of "expelled" IEC members released a copy for the informa-

to a total of nine. tion of the entire International Present at the "plenum" were Commenting on this and other Pablo, who represents nobody but aspects of the so-called "plenum," himself; Germain, representing a the IC said: small group in Brussels; Frank, "All potential opponents were kept out of this rump body ex-Trotskyists who covered up baptized the 14th plenum. Thus the Stalinist betrayal of the the latter could 'unanimously August general strike after havratify the exclusion of nearly : ing split the French party; Theo. majority of the members elected or "Bos." representing ten Dutch by the 3rd World Congress Pabloites: two representatives of representing the great majority the Pabloite majority in the Gerof the organized Trotskyis man party; and one representaforces... In the worst tradition of tive of the Pabloite majority in Stalin, Pablo takes preventive the Italian party. measures against the risks of

Excluding all the responsible potential opposition. leaders with a working class base, "In this way Pablo himself re minus all representatives of the moved all possible doubts about Latin American, Asian, Middle the correctness of the course fol-Eastern and other sections, this lowed by the International Comwas the tiny group of revisionists mittee of the Fourth International who proclaimed themselves the "14th plenum."

NO LONGER EXISTS

"The IEC elected by the 3rd STRONG-ARM THE CHINESE World Congress no longer exists. Typical of Pabloite methods Pablo, to safeguard his personal was the procedure followed in power, has liquidated it, achievconnection with the Chinese sec-ling a new step in the fulfillment



International Committee. "Aware of its responsibilities the International Committee will work to prepare the conditions for genuinely democratic 4th World ongress of the International." In accord with this perspective,

the IC adopted a number of resolutions on organizational and political matters related to the struggle in the International: It commended the decision of

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he Bolivian Trotskyists to pubish for discussion in their ranks the IC's documents in the strugle against Pabloism. Pabloite rump "plenum" had "suspend from their toted to posts of leadership in the secion all those who signed" the Letter of the Socialist Workers Party or the appeal of the International Committee, "or approved them and are trying to rally on this base the sections of the International." The Bolivian Trotskyists evidently want to hold a

genuine discussion of the disputed issues in the International, unlike the Pabloites who have 'expelled" their opponents and want to outlaw their ideas in the nternational.)

URGE AID TO BOLIVIA

revolutionary struggle of the Bolivian Trotskyists against the against Pabloism. It released control the national sections as reactionary forces in their coun- copies of a resolution unanimoustry and asked the sections of the ly adopted by the National Cen-International during the month of tral Committee of the Chinese March to collect maximum finan- Revolutionary Communist Party, cial aid for the Bolivian party. solidarizing itself with the Let- ple - democratic centralism. The necessary addresses for the ter to the Trotskyists of the world contributions can be obtained from written by the 25th Anniversary the IC. Plenum of the Socialist Workers The IC congratulated the British Party (Militant, Nov. 16).

The main sections of the Chi ection for having won a decisive victory against the Pabloite min- nese resolution follow: ority in that country and de-

Pabloites that misrepresents "the assumes that in the 'new world majority of two-thirds of the reality' Stalinism will gradually struggle initiated and led by it members as a minority. The only transform itself and adopt the against revisionism and bureausection of the Fourth Inter- Trotskyist program under the cratism, and to demand the dis-

ticipates with full rights in the covers up in many ways the crim- ization of the International Sec-IC." The small British minority, inal betrayals of Stalinism, has retariat. . . 'allied with British centrism and evidently abandoned the fundathe Pabloite liquidators, has no mental position of orthodox Trotpolitical or organizational right skyism on the role of Stalinism, o call itself part of the Fourth its perspective and the role of the shall be able to beat back revisionnternational. Fourth International, and is head-Considering the situation in ing toward revisionism in recon-

eylon, the IC expressed its ciliation with Stalinism. This reatisfaction at "the firm steps visionist deviation has become already taken by the Lanka more clearly revealed when ap-

Samaja Party to successfully com- plied to all important problems bat the revisionist pro - Stalinist of the day.



Page Three

Amintore Fanfani, so-called "left-of-center" Christian Democrat (Catholic party), confers in Rome with Pres. Luigi Einaudi (right) in advance of trying to form a new cabinet to replace the short-lived Pella government, also Christian Democrat, which succeeded the Christian Democratic DeGasperi regime that fell despite the millions Washington poured in to maintain it.



JAN. 19 - The International Committee of the Fourth International, representing the Trotskyist faction of the It solidarized itself with the International, today announced the adherence of the Chinese section in the struggle

> the basis of its consolidation. These practices are absolutely incompatible with the fundamental Bolshevik organizational princi-

"To safeguard our political and organizational tradition, we must denounce and reject resolutely and mercilessly the revisionism and bureaucratism represented by Pablo. Hence we have unanimously

"We all consider that the tendecided to respond to the call of nounced the lie spread by the dency represented by Pablo, which the SWP of the United States, to support with all our might the national existing in England par- pressure of the masses, and which missal of Pablo and the reorgan-

> "We are profoundly convinced that together with all the other sections of the International, we ism and bureaucratism on the international arena, and to defend and safeguard orthodox Trotskyism. . .

The International Committee, in a statement accompanying the Chinese resolution, said: "This Chinese resolution, said: decision of the Chinese section "Meanwhile, in order to imthe oldest section of the Internapose, arbitrarily his revisionism, Pablo has resorted recklessly to tional - is a striking demonstration of the fact that the theoretisuch as excluding and eliminating cal foundations of Trotskyist orfull confidence that this party, his opponents from the Interna- ganizations cannot be undermined by the Pabloite renegades who tional, playing intrigues to reinprinciples, will continue to give force his own clique, attempting camouflage themselves under the to monopolize the apparatus and banner of Trotskyism.'

A Victory in Steve Nelson Case

The reversal of the conviction of Steven Nelson, former western Pennsylvania Communist Party chairman, by the Supreme Court of that state will be welcomed by every principled defender of civil liberties.

. The political frame-up of Nelson, which carried with it a particularly brutal sentence of 20 years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine, grew out of a campaign of witch-hunting hysteria launched by the Pittsburgh daily press during the 1950 coal miner's strike.

The actual frame-up of Nelson was engineered by the notorious fascist-minded Judge Musmanno of that city. As a "private citizen," he simply walked into the Communist Party bookshop and purchased copies of the Communist Manifesto and other publications which can be obtained in almost any Public Library. These books were then used as "evidence" to obtain Nelson's conviction under the Pennsylvania Sedition Act of 1919.

busting, wage-cutting drive.

The State Supreme Court decision was based on the fact that Nelson had also been convicted by the Federal government under the Smith

Act. The court held that he and his codefendants were being punished twice for the same alleged offense and that the Smith Act superseded the Pennsylvania Sedition Act. Their ruling, while it quashed the case under

the Pennsylvania law, does not affect the frame-up of Nelson under the Smith Act, which like the Pennsylvania measure, strikes at one of the most basic rights guaranteed by the Constitution — freedom of thought. Nelson is at present appealing his conviction under this Federal thought-control law.

Our opposition to Stalinism, to which Nelson

The three-year persecution of Nelson and his two Stalinist co-defendants was marked by unbridled hounding of the victims both before and after their actual conviction. Nelson's case was severed from the original trial because of an accident in which he suffered a broken leg. A year later he was hauled into court, still seriously ill, and forced to defend himself without benefit of counsel. It is reported that three times during his imprisonment, in reprisal for the campaign to obtain his release, he was thrown into solitary confinement.

adheres, is widely known. Stalinism in our opinion does not represent the emancipating views of either socialism or communism but represent's instead a gross betrayal of every one of the fundamental principles worked out for the labor movement by Marx, Engels and in 1949. Lenin, for whom the Stalinists claim to stand.

But this in no way alters our uncompromising stand in defense of the civil rights of the Stalinists. It is on the basis of that stand of support to every witch hunt victim that we hail this partial but encouraging victory in the Nelson case.

That victory must now be extended. Steve Nelson and every other victim of the Smith Act must be freed and the police-state law itself struck off the books. It's high time to bring freedom of thought back to America.

Why They Died in Korea

For what purpose did the American people suffer more than 150,000 casualties in Korea? Why did this country "liberate" South Korea, slaughtering four million North Korean civilians and some two million South Koreans, our "allies"?

All the capitalist politicians, Democrats and Republicans alike, claim U.S. intervention was intended to halt "aggression." The Stalinists interpret the war in the same way, only they charge the "aggression" to the other side. According to them, it was just a struggle between peace-lovers and war-lovers, and you can take your choice as to who was who.

We have always flatly denied this nonsensical explanation of the nature and origin of the Korean war. We have contended from the first that, however much both sides try to conceal the fact, the struggle that broke out in Korea in June 1950 was a civil war, a class war, with the workers, peasants and student youth on one side and the Korean landlords, usurers, capitalists and their police and political agents on the other. Wall Street entered the war to back its class allies represented by the Syngman Rhee dictatorship in South Korea.

The Militant noted and reported all the manifestations of this class struggle. One of the things we described was how the North Korean government, when it entered a new territory, confiscated the large land-holdings of the rich landlord class and divided the land among the poor peasants.

On the other side, we quoted Rhee's interview in the Oct. 27, 1950, U.S. News and World Report in which he said that he was instituting "land reform" in areas of South Korea recaptured from the North Koreans and that "we will take away the land given the tenants and return it to the landlords.

Now we are further confirmed in our analysis of the class character of the Korean war by a Jan. 24 Associated Press dispatch from Seoul. It reports that Rhee has proposed a constitutional amendment to convert South Korea's nationalized industries into private property under the ownership of Korean and foreign capitalists.

It is not well known, but almost all the important industries in South Korea, such as it used to be in the late 1940's, mining, fishing and power, have been operating particularly since the Republicans under a form of nationalization since Korea set-up before the U.S. troops and bombing planes were sent in to crush the revolutionary struggle of the Korean people.

During the war, Rhee took the occasion to wipe out the independent labor movement in South Korea. The unions had been the biggest obstacle to the seizure of nationalized industries ought to follow, therefore, is to by the capitalist gang behind Rhee. Rhee also violently crushed any opposition inside the South Korean National Assembly. Today he is reaching out to fulfill the job of robbing the Korean people for which Wall Street put him in power back in 1948.

(Continued from page 1) of a better name, will undoubtedly teamed up with the Southern have some attraction for a section Democrats to vote down antiof the Negro people — the middle class. It offers the "talented discrimination amendments to federal education and other bills "recognition" (that is, some more

While Douglas talks liberal for the benefit of Negro voters), the Democratic Party as a whole is moving steadily to the right. Ever since the 1952 election the Democratic left wing has been whole). cuddling up closer and closer to the Dixiecrats and the Eisenhower

Democrats. Adlai Stevenson went on a trip to Georgia to shake the hand of the rabidly white supremacist Gov. Talmadge. Stepher Mitchell, Democratic national chairman, has been holding conferences in the South to woo the worst Jim Crow politicians, and the latter have expressed deep satisfaction over the progress made in "healing the wounds." If the Negro people got and

could expect little from the NO - BUILD LABOR PARTY Democrats in the past, they will The Negro people should say get and can expect even less in the future. the "bipartisan" proposals. If both

This brings us to the problem elections: What party should they is not to infiltrate both of them, support?

The growing difficulty of conand more militantly than ever vincing Negroes that neither capibefore. The answer is to withhold talist party acts in their interests support from both of them. at has produced a new tendency the polls and to work for the

among Negro leaders and writers creation of a new party based especially among those who used on the labor movement, the farmto back the Democrats or leaned ers and the minority groups, and in that direction. Since this tento use this party to throw both dency may grow, it deserves some old parties out of power. Every serious attention. Here is a sumother course is genuinely un-

mary of what they are saying: realistic because it cannot serve "Civil rights is not as strong the interests of the great majority

an issue in American politics as of Negroes now or later. The question then is raised by many people: "But what can we won in 1952 without the support Negroes achieve in the task of of most Negroes. Because our building an independent Labor ing the real tradition of the was taken away from the Japanese imperialists balance - of - power' position has Party when the leaders of the in 1945. Not even Rhee dared to alter this heen weakened, we must be real-labor movement are blocking its ing it.

istic. We must recognize that formation? We want a Labor neither of the old parties is going Party, but we know we can't build aste in the Kremlin has by this to make any big bid for our sup- it by ourselves. What good wil trial struck a new blow against port, the Republicans because they it do, how much can we accomplish the Soviet Union by providing the

won without us, the Democrats until the labor movement itself because they feel they have our is ready to break with the capisupport anyhow and are now talist parties and go into politics wooing the South. The policy we on its own?" This is a real question, and we work inside both parties, depend- will try to answer it in our next ing on which one is strongest in a issue, when the Militant will particular area. In this way we celebrate Negro History Week, by will be able to get some conces- discussing the effects of indesions, even if they are not big pendent Negro action on the crimes of the Soviet bureaucracy, course of American political his- the IC denounced the Pabloite IS ones. from both parties." This opportunist "bipartisan" tory, including the long and dif- for its refusal to utter any con-

tendency which had developed in ts ranks. It warmly salutes the firm adherence of the LSSP publications to the principles of a series of bureaucratic practices, authentic Trotskyism. The IC has tenth" the prospect of getting thanks to its attachment to these jobs for themselves) in exchange revolutionary leadership to the

for acceptance of the status quo workers of Ceylon in their coming (that is, in return for giving up struggles." all opposition to the run-around

HIT SLANDER OF SWP that both capialist parties are

giving the Negro people as In another resolution the IC expressed its revulsion against the But for the great majority of Pabloite charge that the Socialist

the Negroes (that is, the other Workers Party has succumbed to nine-tenths who are workers and the pressure of imperialism. farmers) this policy could prove "This slander is borrowed from fatal. It would mean, in effect, the arsenal of Stalinism and is

giving up the political fight for introduced now, as in 1928 by the full equality, or postponing it Stalinists in the Communist Into the distant future. This is the ternational, to prevent the pol kind of "realism" that the itical discussion of the problems Dixiecrats would endorse with posed to the world Trotskyist both hands because it would acmovement." Confident that the complish just what they are try-SWP will take its rightful place ing to achieve. in the leadership of the great

class struggles that will unfold in the U.S., the IC also saluted the SWP's current campaign NO loudly and unmistakably to against McCarthyism and witch hunt.

old parties have turned their backs Together with the release of facing Negro voters in the 1954 on the Negro people, the answer Peng's letter of protest, the IC appealed to the Chinese section but to fight both of them openly to pronounce itself clearly in

avor of the defense of the Trotkyist program and world organization by rallying to the International Committee.

(The Chinese party, in a resolution received after the IC meeting, has acted along these lines. See other article on this page.)

SCORE PURGE IN USSR

Also adopted was a resolution on the secret trial and execution of Beria, which the IC characterized as a "bloody continuation of the crimes of Stalin." Malenkov, it stressed, is continupolice-terror regime, not attack

The privileged bureaucratic

imperialists with weapons to confuse the workers and weaken their anti-capitalist struggles, and it has openly defied the hopes of the Soviet workers for the abolition standstill, seven copies were sold of the totalitarian dictatorship. Calling on all sections of the Fourth International to conduct a vigorous campaign against the

policy, as we will call it for lack ficult Negro struggle for equality. demnation of this witch hunt trial.



Detroit Militant salesmen sold found a good response to the paper and to the McCarthy 114 copies of the paper this week. one of the highest pamphlet on the campus last This is

week. Comrade Bert Deck writes, responses to the Militant in the area "Carol, Dee, Wilson and I went that has been seen out to the University of Chicago this morning and sold 25 Miliin many a year," writes Literature tants and 20 McCarthy pamph-Agent Janet Mac- lets. This makes 40 pamphlets sold here alone with very little effort. Gregor.

Wednesday Carol was top scorer with 10 "On Bob, A. Winters, and pamphlets and eight Militants. Edie went out to sell Last night Carol and I sold 15 Militants on the pamphlets in a short time to a Wayne Campus and meeting on the witch hunt adin 20 minutes they dressed by Bishop Oxnam."

sold 27 copies. Sunday we went to Pittsburgh Literature Agent the Ferndale housing project Marianne Moore reports 47 copies where we have been selling on a of the Militant sold in a conroute basis and the following are tinuation of the door to door work the totals there: A. Winters, five; begun during campaign. "We J. Allen, two; Fred, four; Frank, made quite a few new friends,' 10; Janet, eight; Kev, 11; Sherry, she writes, "and want to spend 15; Edie, 10; and Bob, eight. We more time with them in discusalso obtained a one-year sub to sions around the ideas in the Militant." the Militant that Sunday.

New York Literature Agent "On Tuesday we sold 13 copies of the Militant at the Wayne John Tabor reports, "Work in the Council of the CIO. We took the project where we sold during the McCarthy pamphlet to a seminar campaign continues to bring good results. Norma, Pat, Janet, on civil rights also."

and Pete visited some of our new Philadelphia Literature Agent readers last week and discussed George Lorca reports, "We've the articles in the Militant. Seven been concentrating on sales of the Kutcher book here in Philly this papers were sold. This week in the project Janet and Pete sold past week, with some success, and with more to come. The local a sub to the paper and received joint board of the ILGWU pur- a promise of another sub next week. On Thursday Manny sold chased five copies when apsix Militants at the Monthly proached by Bob. Another com-Review Forum and Sunday I took rade has sold six copies right 10 McCarthy pamphlets to a in his own shop in the past week. liberal forum and sold them all "George, Marty and Rose had out in about 20 minutes." good sale of the Militant at the Many thanks to C. S. of Cleve-Friends Forum last Sunday. Deland, Ohio, for his contribution of spite a small turnout for the \$2.50 to help print the Militant, forum, due to the blizzard which and to E. M. of Anaheim. Calif ... brought the city almost to a for a donation of \$2.50 sent in

with his renewal to Fourth Interin a short time. For the next national. meeting, a debate on McCarthyism — American or Un-Amer ican?' a special sale of the Mc-Carthy pamphlet is being prepar-

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Factories laid off workers in December at twice the post-World War II average for that month, salesmen reports the Labor Department.

Chicago

The Negro Struggle By Jean Blake

To the Youth of the NAACP

More than 500 young people are expected to attend an NAACP-sponsored National Youth Legislative Conference at Howard University, Washington, Jan. 28-31, according to a news release from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The conference slogan is "Free by '63" the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation - and "emphasis will be placed on plans for attaining this goal."

The purposes of the conference, NAACP Youth Secretary Herbert L. Wright announced, are "to inform American youth and young adults of the many great social, economic and political problems confronting the country today and to encourage and help prepare young people to participate in the civic affairs of their respective communities."

If the conference were a genuine youth conference, democratically organized and conducted by the membership, we might expect some interesting developments from it - the formulation of a bold, fresh program for action; the emergence of promising young leaders capable of challenging the self-appointed official "representatives" of the Negro people who are the products of our decayed and corrupted society.

We might expect the forthrightness and honesty of youth --- demonstrated in the past at NAACP conventions and elsewhere - to demand direct answers to basic questions; to reject impatiently the long-term perspective of "gradualism" in the struggle for equality expressed in recent speeches by "respectable" middle-class Negro leaders like Joseph D. Bibb and others; to propose a complete break with the double-talking Congressmen and Admin-

treat in the Negro struggle, reorient it, and inspire the colored masses, are not very promising.

The nature of the conference, like other recent NAACP meetings, is indicated in advance by the fact that the anti-Negro, antilabor, pro-McCarthy Vice President Richard Nixon will be the principal speaker at the closing session of the four-day conference. Another discouraging feature is the long

list of government and other spokesmen for the status quo who will address the gathering, leaving little if any time for the youth themselves to discuss their real problems and right of the Socialist Workers express their actual needs.

Finally, the composition of the delegates themselves, if it is typical of NAACP youth leaders in recent years, is too limited, has too Mr.Van Duzer's bill is in comnarrow a base. Consisting primarily of col- plete harmony with the aims and lege students, of young professional people and those in the narrow segment of the Negro population who aim merely to widen their own opportunities for white-collar jobs within the framework of the present social system, stimulation — and the courage of the millions of being denied the right to ap-of young colored workers in industry. of being denied the right to ap-pear on the ballot, merely by statism. It will then be clear that of young colored workers in industry.

The NAACP youth conference will be significant to the degree that some of the young men and women present recognize its *weaknesses and take steps to correct them. The independent thinkers in the group, those who base themselves on the best traditions of our civilization, those with the courage and selfconfidence to throw off the "dead hand of the past" will be the leaders of the future.

istration leaders and the compromisers who apologize for them. But the prospects for such a development at the conference this week, a development that could stem the tide of reaction and re-

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 - "The bill introduced into the State Assembly on Jan. 11 by Assemblyman Van Duzer, which would bar the Communist Party and other subversive organizations from the ballot in New York State, strikes a blow at the American tradition of the free ballot," said David L. Weiss, mayoralty candidate of the Socialist Workers Party in the last

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city election. Speaking in the name of his party, Mr. Weiss continued: "The Party to appear on the ballot in contest for the vote of the state electorate is being directly challenged by this proposed measure. practices of the McCarthyite witch hunters.

DENIAL OF RIGHTS "Under the proposed measure,

any new political formation that seeks to challenge the dominant

they lack, to a great extent, the realism, the political party stands in danger law, New York state will have

being arbitrarily labeled 'sub- the American tradition of demversive.' Existing minority parties ocratic electoral practice exists such as the American Labor neither in fact nor in law and Party, Liberal Party, Industrial the domination of a single poli-Government Party and the So- tical party representing powercialist Workers Party are in ful interests will be completely immanent jeopardy of being ex- assured. "The Socialist Workers Party cluded from the state ballot. The voters who support these parties calls upon all citizens irrespective face denial of their rights as of their political affiliation, to join citizens to vote for the party of in condemning this reactionary

proposal of Assemblyman Van their choice. "Should the proposal become Duzer."



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the outstanding features of shire St. A witness and his at-Senator McCarthy's latest "hear- torney were "escorted to the door ing" in the New England area. in rough fashion," according to cannot be satisfied by the small It set the atmosphere and struck the Globe. Another attorney was the keynote of what the Boston threatened with similar treatment. the two hearings here, Mc-Globe today called "the most All a witness had to do was Carthy demanded the names not tumultuous Congressional sessions answer sharply and the marshals' only of "communists" but of perever held in Boston." A flying hands were already seizing his squad of seven deputy marshals arms, waiting only for McCarthy's was present to manhandle wit- command to throw the man out. nesses and spectators who were The purpose of this physical not already intimidated and ter- terrorism was revealed in Mcrorized by the presence of the Carthy's snarling threats to im- ties of witch hunt victims. fascist Senator from Wisconsin. prison witnesses who failed to One spectator was, in the submit to his political terrorism words of a TV announcer on the and publicly reveal the names of

THY MONROE INMATES RIOTED OVER JIM

end of the week. If this debt

in "deadlock."

By H. Baker

(Third of four articles) inmates at Monroe fell so far into Part of the curtain covering conditions in American reformatories was lifted recently when several inmates of the Monroe Reformatory were permitted to testify at a televised hearing conducted by the Washington State Legislature committee's investigation of a riot at Monroe last August.

The warden and other state of ficials connected with administration of the reformatory were opposed to letting the inmates testify, and had to be overruled would open the commissary three by the investigating committee The committee, itself had no keepers" would be put out of ympathy for the inmates, and its hairman announced it would try thing! to keep them from giving any-But the official proposal to thing but direct answers to queshandle this problem was to limit tions. It took real courage for the the amount to be spent at the inmates to speak up under these commissary to \$2 a week.

Naturally this would deepen the The first inmate of Monroe corruption and increase the Reformatory to testify was a necessity of non-official storeyoung white boy, who admitted keepers NEED TRAINING

An older inmate testified that a proper rehabilitation and vocayouth, was brutally beaten by a With the publications of his guard when he resisted being tional program would be of much greater value than the new million dollar cell-block being conpropriation for the continuance of pitated the riot in which one structed by the state. It is not his work, it becomes increasingly inmate was shot dead and three possible for the young people to get an education and learn a trade in the institution. For students

Why were the white inmates needing

| spot, "jet-propelled" by five burly | persons who might be munists."

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As the McCarthyite fascist movement grows, it is developing a hunger for victims that simply ranks of the radical parties. In sons who had attended meetings sponsored by radical groups and ven of persons who were accused of nothing but having contributed money to protect the civil liber-

COURAGEOUS STAND

Of five General Electric workers called yesterday, all but one pitiful informer refused to turn over the names of past and present associates to the McCarthyite inquisitors. One 64-year old naturalized citizen, Alexander Gregory, courageously announced: "I am placed in the position today either to testify as a political informer or lose my job." He and two other witnesses who refused unpaid, it is compounded. Some to turn stoolpigeon did so on the grounds of freedom of association debt with no chance of freeing themselves that to avoid a beat- and speech. The fourth used the ing from their creditors they went | Fifth Amendment.

Two of the attorneys for GE to the officers and asked to be put workers called vesterday issued The witness stated that he him- warnings of the dangerous charself ran a store in the cell through acter of McCarthy's terroristic which he made \$230 a month. A methods against witnesses and surprised committee member lawyers. Oliver Allen, attorney asked him why he freely admitted for witness Pappas, warned: this since it was so profitable. "Repetition of today's events will, The witness's "answer was that in my judgment, sound the death the present set-up did no one any knell of the independence of the good and that if prison officials bar."

Stating that he would ask the days a week, he and other "store- Bar Association to take immediate action, he concluded: "I am conbusiness, and that would be a good fident that they will condemn the use of force against a brother attorney while in the performance of his duty as a lawyer."

Attorney Shubow, counsel for another witness, said: "My oath as an attorney obliges me to give every client the benefit of the most vigorous defense of which I am capable regardless of the personal consequences... I will continue to do my duty until Senator McCarthy's assaults on due process are brought to a halt.

PROTESTS NOT ENOUGH It is correct to demand that the Bar Association protest the illegal and forcible methods em-

By Jeanne Morgan

Against the background of a bleak, stretching road, a dense knot of roaring motorcyclists comes fiercely toward the audience in the opening scene of "The Wild One." Their black leather jackets merge with black machines and make a solid, savage unit, like strange animal creatures, unknown and fearsome.

This new Stanley Kramer Production is built around an incident which occurred in the town of Hollister - in the heart of the vigilante area of Southern California, where the edges of society, like an ice-floe, begin to break apart and divide into chunks and groups of people, battering against each other.

The events and results of such conflict are seen in this film. The plot is simple. The "Black Rebels Motorcycle Club" descends upon a small town in a mood of holiday recklessness and violent frictions spring up between the Rebels and the town's more bigoted citizens, who take matters into their own hands with a vigilante committee. Beer drinking and riotous uproar turn to street fights. The citizens, with a thirst for lynching, break out their guns and whiskey bottles and murder and violence begin in earnest. Order is restored only when the Sheriff comes in with outside cops. The kindly Sheriff is sympathetic (as always in the fairyland of the "flicks") to the plight of the Rebels and is moved to release them and speeds them on their way with no prosecution. Overlook this glaring flaw (the usual Hollywood attempt to ennoble the police) and the film contains a beautiful portrayal of the attitudes and constant crisis of the outcast and displaced youth. We see their solidarity against the police, their restless disquiet, their sardonic humor. ("Chino," as he is being dragged off to jail, oratorically declaims, "Oh, the shame of it all, the shame of it all!")

And we see the sullen and impassive "Johnny," leader of the Rebels, who fills the audience with terror and pity. Marlon Brando, in a very moving performance, displays Johnny's personality and shows us a tragic figure, who moves inarticulately through the of what justice should be.

notices the skull and cross-bones and initials B.R.M.C. blazoned across the backs of the black leather jackets. She cries, "What's that Carthy's major accomplishments stand for?" Johnny answers tersely, "Black Rebels

Motorcycle Club." The girl laughs, inquires facetiously, "What are you rebelling against?

McCarthy Submits His 53 "Progress" Report

By Harry Ring

Senator McCarthy, No. 1 contender for position of violence, trying to replace the police and American Hitler, has submitted to the U.S. Senate a report conditions. create justice according to the Rebel's standards on the progress of his assault on the Bill of Rights. The 20,000 word document, boasting D

One of the most revealing bits of dialogue is that 1953 was for the Senate label of "Fifth Amendment Coman exchange between Johnny and a girl who Permanent Subcommittee on In- munists" to include "First that the inmates had discussed Amendment Communists," and in "breaking Taylor out of deadvestigations "perhaps the most the end, perhaps, of "Constitu- lock." Earnest Taylor, a Negro active period in its history,' tional Communists." demonstrates that one of Mc-

With the publications of his put into solitary confinement. report, and the absolute certainty put into solitary confinement. of another huge Congressional anin the year was the virtual torof another huge Congressional appedoing of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United clear that McCarthy has welded were injured.

Those of McCarthy's "opa powerful independent machine

DAVID WEISS

In a quiet and sullen tone, Johnny says, "What have you got?"

Here in "The Wild One" we see a fairly honest picture of the displaced and outcast rebels who are spawned by the thousands from every pore of the city and countryside in modern America. This is the group, rampant among the youth, who have rebelled against 157 "investigations" and 445 of skeptical questions, the haras- as porters. The only way a Negro all "phoneyness" and consider today's world preliminary inquiries, with a a fraud and a swindle.

These are the "crazy mixed-up kids" who are not broken to the courtesies and disciplines ousted from government jobs as of bourgeois life - rather they are broken by the disregard, neglect and underestimation offered them on every hand.

They don't believe that "any boy can be President" and "every girl is a lady until proven otherwise," and what is more, they see no value or point in being either a lady, or the President. Back in the "dear, dead days beyond recall" the youth believed in The Future and Working Your Way Up. This generation is disenchanted.

who accept his basic which has both the Republicans so concerned about Taylor, and premise about the alleged need and Democrats terrorized. to fight a "red peril," but who

The Republicans have made a oppose his "methods," will undoubtedly attempt to use the report as proof that McCarthy has actually accomplished very little purge of 2,200 "security risks" in the way of uncovering "spies." since they took office. But they colored youth, he explained, are They miss the point by a mile. It is true that as a result of sed Attorney General Brownell inmate can escape the worst contotal of some 1,200 people "questioned" by his staff. McCarthy can point to but four individuals

communist.' **FOSSES DEMOS A BONE**

But for McCarthy the witch The capitulation of the Demo hunt of government employees is cratic Party to McCarthy has now both white and Negro inmates. been completed with the return of PRISON "STORES" simply a device for whipping up anti-communist hysteria. It helps the three "boycotting" Democrats provide the atmosphere most to his committee. The Wisconsin favorable for his real objective fascist won this by making two - organization of a native American fascist movement that will be directed in the end against the workers and minority groups.

CAN BACK HIS BOASTS

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tice.

WIDENING THE SMEAR

Here McCarthy can boast solid accomplishments in 1953. The are also a minority. report implies, and not without The surrender of the Demo-

justification, that McCarthy's continuing fierce attack on "Fifth been so craven as to evoke sneers Amendment Communists" was from the most conservativ responsible for Eisenhower's Exquarters.

ecutive Order giving federal de-The Democrats "are the bravest partment and agency heads perdrawing room critics of McCarthy mission to fire employees who in the city," contemptuously dare exercise the right guaranteed writes James Reston in the Jan. by the Fifth Amendment to 24, N. Y. Times, "but in public of six members of the Communist refuse to answer questions of they say very little ... ' possibly self-incriminatory nature. General Electric and International Carthy as the symbol of aggres- could appear in court, so she was mind. Telephone & Telegraph. Six sive anti-communism." The boy-

workers have already been vic- cott, however, Reston notes, timized by GE for asserting their served "the over-all strategy of red blanket covering her and constitutional rights against Mc- the Democratic leadership. It ordered: "Get that red flag out Carthy. A congressional bill is avoids a public fight with Sen- of this courtroom." now being drawn up, the report ator McCarthy." announces, to legalize this prac-

"avoiding a public fight" has not the ambulance service, but the been changed with the Democratic judge ordered it removed neverdecision to return to the witch- theless.

This is clearly indicated by the hunting committee. Reporting a whole series of witnesses hauled brief public exchange between before his committee in recent McCarthy and Democratic Senator months who have felt it necessary Symington as to the cause of the boycott, the Jan. 26 N. Y. Times to invoke the First Amendment, which guarantees the right of "Both Senators agreed savs. free speech and association. They laughingly to terminate the exhave been forced to virtually change.

forfeit their rights guaranteed McCarthy's report is a fresh by the Fifth Amendment in an warning to organized labor. It is effort to avoid the stigma Mcmore urgent than ever to break Carthy has succeeded in placing with the Democratic Party that "laughingly agrees" with the

fascist senator. A Labor Party While McCarthy's victims have every right to all possible lines must be built to smash McCarthy of defense, it must be recognized before he accomplishes his mission how little is needed to widen the of smashing labor.

why did they resent the Jim Crow treatment practiced against Nefutile effort to counter Mc-| gro inmates? The white lad's Carthy's "anti-communist" record | testimony showed that the inmates with the announcement of the had learned how race prejudice their fields. hurts both white and Negro. The

at their own discretion and only can't even meet his score of four never put on crew or office jobs. half a day. Some who can afford "communist" victims. Under fire and are generally confined to work t take extension courses. Other inmates resent this, believing everyone has the right to an stoutly asserted that "at least ditions is by becoming a stooleducation and facilities. one" of the 2,200 is a "former pigeon or lending money to The vocational program was guards. Jim Crow is among other just as bad. The official report,

things a device for recruiting stoolpigeons, and therefore a system that concretely damage

This same witness also de nounced the commissary set - up. "concessions." He granted the The commissary is open only one Democrats the right to hire a day a week, and each inmate can clerk and counsel of their own spend only \$4 a week there. If and the right to appeal the deci- he should need clothing, he isn't sions of the subcommittee, in able to buy cigarettes and candy certified. which they are a minority, to the too. This has led to the creation of

parent committee, in which they "stores" run by inmates, operating on credit. For each pack of cigarettes

(1)cratic Party to McCarthy has obtained from these "stores;" you have to pay back two packs at the

Judge Passes Test For the Bull Ring

When Mrs. Helen Winter, one Party accused in Michigan of

wheeled in on a stretcher. The judge took one look at the

The defense attorney' argued This "over-all strategy" of that the blanket was property of

CHICAGO Sunday Forum "The Threat of American Fascism" Speaker: Bert Deck Sunday, Feb. 14, 7:30 P.M. Sholem Aleichem Hall 56th and Ellis

Questions, Discussion

ployed by McCarthy to cow witinstruction from the first nesses and lawyers alike. But it grade through the high school would be foolish to place reliance evel, there are only two ceron such protests as a means of tified teachers. Five inmates who stopping McCarthyism. Their creahave some special talent (like tion of a lynch atmosphere around art) are used as instructors in McCarthy's victims and their Those who attend school do so

attempts to popularize "rough stuff" as the only proper treatment of anybody who defies the witch hunt are calculated and deliberate.

The American fascists won't be stopped by protests, by reminders that they are acting against the law or the spirit of democratic tradition, or by pleas to act in an in a glowing account of vocationa 'orderly" fashion - any more opportunities at the institution, than Hitler was stopped that way. said 95% of the inmates were The labor movement will have to participating in this program. recognize that it is the ultimate But it includes such activities as target of McCarthyism, and picking up stones in the yard as begin to act politically to preserve vocational training! Direct testiand restore the democratic libermony showed only about 100 out of the 600 inmates are getting ties being trampled by the witch anything even resembling vocahunters. To prevent the development of the present McCarthyite tional training. Most of the inmovement into a fascist dictatorstructors in the trades are not ship, a Congress of Labor and an

independent Labor Party are The officials thought the soluneeded. And the need is becoming tion to the problems at Monroe more urgent every day.

Higher pay for guards. Job tenure for guards.

Telephone rate increases in Shorter hours for guards. excess of \$795,000,000 have been (4) More training with guns won by the Bell Telephone system for guards.

(5) More guards allowed to during the past seven years. Inuse guns in supervising the work creases amounting to'a minimum crews

of \$128,000,000 are now in the The last two proposals can only hopper, with more coming up. worsen the problems of the youth | This giant monopoly controls

at Monroe, and the first three 100% of interstate phone service ossibly self-incriminatory nature. Further, the report boasts, this Democratic "boycott," Reston reported sick, Judge Frank A. for such things as education. This ice. Its 1953 profits were in excession of the server and the server in the server and the server in the server and the server and the server in the policy has now been adopted by says, "It has merely sharpened Picard appointed a doctor to ex- kind of "solution" is just what of \$500,000,000. ("Your Telesuch powerful corporations as the public image of Senator Mc- amine her. The doctor said she can be expected from a police phone Bill" by H. R. Booth. The Nation, Jan. 23.)



Notes from the News

McCARTHY'S SHADOW FALLS ON CAN-ADA. The Premier of Quebec is attempting to jam through the legislature a law providing for the "decertification' by the Quebec Labor Board of any union "tolerating" communists among its officers. The Labor Board would be empowered to effect such decertification on a simple charge, without proof. Decertification would mean that all union activity, including negotiations and strikes, could be halted at a moment's notice, and by police enforcement - if necessary. A second bill would decertify unions "encouraging" strikes in public services. * * *

"LEFT-WING EGG HEADS" are "trying to promote us into hard times for political reasons,' declared Joseph Martin, Speaker of the House of Representatives, in a Jan. 23 Philadelphia speech. Their nefarious aim, he explained, is "to lead us into socialism." Martin said he doesn't know any responsible business men who are pessimistic about the business outlook. Perhaps he deduced that from his prediction that "public housing will soon become only a memory."

WEEKEND ANIMAL RESEARCH. A government-owned two-story "cottage," with a swimming pool and two-car garage, has been made available for Secretary of Agriculture Benson as a private weekend vacation retreat. To get it in shape for Eisenhower's farm expert, \$2,018 was spent on repairs. The money was diverted from the Department's animal research appropriation. Rugs and some furniture have also been provided. Additional furnishings were kicked in by a Washington businessman as a loyal "act of friendship." Benson pays the heavy sum of \$2 a day for those days he occupies the hideaway. Eisen-

hower pledged increased funds for agricultural research - when he was running for office. After the election, Benson cut the research budget by \$6,000,000 in the interest of "economy." Benson is currently unavailable for comment about what kind of animal research he conducts weekends in his cozy shack. Aides say he has entered a Naval Hospital for "a checkup," likewise presumably at government expense.

SUPREME SACRIFICE. A Japanese court has ruled that U.S. military forces should return the plush Ernie Pyle theater in downtown Tokyo to its Japanese owners. The court held that U.S. control of the best theater in Japan is not necessary to assist in guarding Japan against foreign aggression. The Jan. 24 N.Y. Times thinks the case points up the reluctance of U.S. military brass to sacrifice its most cherished holdings in Japan. The paper reports that the U.S. military still controls, as under the occupation, resorts, hotels, golf courses and similar beachheads required in defending the land of the Mikado from the menace of "communism."

PROMISE? WHAT PROMISE? More than 25,-000 New York tenants had their rents boosted last December. 14,918 tenants had their rent hiked an average of \$4.48 for "additional services." Another 9,502 "voluntarily" came across with an average increase of \$8.94 in return for leases. 1,116 got hit for an average increase of \$13.72 to assure the landlord a "six plus two" percent on it. profit. "It would be a good idea to bear in mind

... the state never (did) promise to freeze rents permanently at the 1943 level," points out Rent Administrator McGoldrick.