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By John F. Petrone

Feb. 2, 1954, was a day to be remembered. It was the day that the Democratic Party, liberals and all, ran New Setbacks for cover in the U.S. Senate and joined with the Republi-

fascist Senator McCarthy the treachery, errors and cowardice \$214,000 he had demanded to that made fascism possible in Hit Invaders finance his attacks on democratic Europe are being repeated in liberties. It was a day of this country today.

of treason."

Every Democrat in the Senate triumphant rejoicing for the fascists and a day of terrible warn- that day knew what the \$214,000 ing for the American people: will be used for. They knew that For it demonstrated that the it will be used to intensify and



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MURRY WEISS

Weiss Opens Tour **To Arouse Fight On McCarthyism**

By George Breitman NEWARK, Feb. 6 - Two policountry this week. Because of what they symbolize, it is useful to contrast them.

deepen the witch hunt in politics, the plants, the schools and every- prevent defeat soon for French terrorize and persecute every that is opposed to the movement

Democratic Party as "the party the rest of the country. The Democrats knew all these the N. Y. Herald-Tribune reportthings because they have said so ed from Paris that the position of themselves, especially their liberal the French in Indo-China was wing. At a hundred different "highly precarious" and that "the places, in a thousand different turbulent currents of French polieloquent speeches, the Democratic tical opinion" reflected "a strong liberals have exposed and impulse to escape from the long denounced the evil methods and and seemingly hopeless Indoreactionary aims of McCarthyism. Ever since 1950 they have urged the voters to elect the Democrats WALL ST. INSISTENCE

in order to curb and defeat Mc-Carthyism. And yet - they ran for cover on Feb. 2. What was involved? It was a

No, and to urge the rest of the nicians and flyers, as it has now (Continued on page 4)

Anti-McCarthy Pamphlet Sold Out In Four Weeks The new pamphlet, "Mc-Carthyism: American Fascism on the March," has met with World War III. such response that the entire first edition was sold out within four weeks, according to **Pioneer** Publishers.

Democrats Jump When McCarthy Cracks the Whip Exploded by Chevrolet Union

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Of Indo-China Only direct U.S. military intervention, including large-scale use of American troops, can now

where else. That it will be used imperialism's bloody eight - year in an attempt to intimidate, attempt to seize Indo-China and enslave its people. A new offen-American and every organization sive by the 500,000 - man independence army of Ho Chi Minh's to install McCarthy as the fas- Vietminh republic is sweeping cist President of the United across the province of Laos, in States. And that it will be used western Indo-China, and simulin the 1954 election campaign to taneously retaking new territory discredit, isolate and smear the in widespread areas throughout

> Last Jan. 4, Joseph Alsop of Chinese war at almost any price."

The brutal assault on Indo-China has continued largely at the By Duncan Ferguson insistence of Wall Street's gov-The struggle against McCarthyernment in Washington. Howsimple matter. McCarthy demand- ever, not even the recent ship- ism is not something of merely ed an appropriation to continue ments to Indo-China of more than remote, abstract interest to the his "It estigations." Those who a billion dollars of new U.S. mili- artist. Every serious artist, in were opposed to McCarthyism tary equipment - plus at least every field - writing, painting had the right and the duty to vote 200 American air force tech- and sculpture, music, movies and theater, etc. - has the most Senate to vote No. Whether they leaked out - have been able to direct and personal interest in it. won or lost on the vote, this was turn the tide for the French in- Because McCarthyism is more

than witch-hunting, more than ofvaders. According to the latest reports, ficial and unofficial censorship, the White House and Pentagon more than invasion of the indihave agreed to ship another 400 vidual's right to talk and write "technicians" to the war zone, and think as he pleases. Mc but this is a token. It raises the Carthyism is the American form question whether this may lead of fascism, and it is already on to U.S. intervention on the scale the march! And McCarthyite fasof Korea, with the danger that cism, if it comes to power, will the Indo-China war may then mean the immediate destruction



Democrats Back on McCarthy's Team

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Three Democratic senators (right) attend the first conference of McCarthy's witch-hunting investigating committee after ending their "boy cott" in return for the face-saving "right" to hire one of the committee's lawyers and clerks, and a voice in the firing of committee personnel. In the group (left to right) are Republican Senators Potter (Mich.), Dirksen (Ill.), Mundt (S.D.), McCarthy; and Democrats McClellan (Ark.), Jackson (Wash.), and Symington (Mo.). The photo was taken just before McCarthy embarked on his tour witch-hunting the Democrats for "twenty years of treason.

Stake of America's Artists In Anti-McCarthyite Battle

> A ringing call to artists and intellectuals in every field to rally to the struggle against McCarthyism was sounded by Duncan Ferguson on Jan. 30 at a conference of the New York Chapter of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions on the subject, "The Artist and Professional in the Age of McCarthy."

Duncan Ferguson is a noted American sculptor whose work is represented in numerous museums and private collections. In contrast to the other speakers, whose general line was that the way to fight McCarthyism is by supporting New Deal-Fair Deal Democrats at the ballot next November, Ferguson pointed out that it is only the organized labor movement that can smash McCarthyism. For this reason, and because the voice of the artist is so rarely heard these days above the hysterical screaming of McCarthyite reaction, the Militant considers it important to print the remarks he made at this conference.-Ed.

Big Flint Local Urges 30-Hour Work Week With 40 Hours' Pay

By Joseph Keller

"CAR PRODUCTION FLOPS - 4-Day Work Week Jolts Chevy Workers - United Labor Action Necessary to Save Nation from Disaster."

These are the banner headlines of the Feb. 2 issue of the Searchlight, official publication of the 14,000-member Chevrolet Local 659, CIOD

United Automobile Workers, in Flint, Mich.

Thus, from the very heart of the General Motors Empire comes refutation of GM president Harlowe M. Curtice's recent propaganda claim that "the naional economy will be strong and healthy throughout the year."

Pointing out the need for "stressing the thirty - hour week with forty hours' pay," Local 359's President Robert Murphy gives the lie to Curtice, by reveal-ing that thousands of GM workers in Flint have been reduced to part-time.

"In our Chevrolet assembly plant," reports Murphy, "they have not had a full week since the 11th of January; in the sheet metal division, for the past three weeks and more, they have encountered short work weeks and our motors division has been hit as of last Friday with the short work week and with the outlook of more to come."

"POSITIVE ACTION"

Emphasizing the program of the 30-hour week with 40 hours'

"We are now faced with



GEORGE MEANY

One tour, by Senator McCarthy, was sponsored by the Republican National Committee, and began in West Virginia on Feb. 4. The other, by Murry Weiss, was sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party, and began in Newark last night

McCarthy's subject was "Twenty Years of Treason." His aim was to mobilize fascist sentiment, spread hysteria, confuse the people with big lies, intimidate opponents and smear everything faintly liberal.

Weiss' subject was "McCarthyism: What It Is and How to Fight It." His aim was to mobilize antifascist sentiment, counteract apathy and defeatism, provide understanding of current political trends, clarify perspectives, en-

and read reports of McCarthy's speeches knows they are as different as day and night. But despite their differences, these two tours bear a certain relationship to one another.

Work.' In a very real sense they symbolize the conscious forces ing that she has returned to work of the class struggle in the United and now she is alive. Six years ago when she left the job to have ing is the fact we see more of States today - the people who know what's happening, what's a child, she left "forever." coming, and what role they are going to play in the approaching and it does almost daily; ask any showdown fight to determine the working mother - I find myself fate of this country. insisting it's best for a mother

Those who want to prevent fasto stay home full time," she says, cism from crushing everything "and I believe it, intellectually progressive and hopeful in Amer- anyway." She refers to herself as not the ican life can learn a lot and benefit greatly from hearing least bit career-minded, with no panionship in doing things to-Murry Weiss on this tour. All driving talent as an actress or gether than they could with her readers of the Militant should anything like that. She holds down tied down as housekeeper and make sure in advance that they an office job like hundreds of mother. thousands of other women. If will be present when he speaks

in their area.

MURRY WEISS Tour Schedule

Buffalo: Feb. 13 - 16. Pittsburgh: Feb. 19. Youngstown: Feb. 20 - 21. Akron: Feb. 23. Cleveland: Feb. 24 - 25. Detroit: Feb. 27 - Mar. 2.

In response to the demand, a second edition has been announced. This will be available Feb. 17. Copies of the second edition of this important pamphlet, which explains the real meaning of McCarthyism and offers a working-class program to fight it, may be

ordered from Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York 3, N. Y., at 10c. each.

1953 published what is for that worked.

by Gerry Murray Engel, "I Chose under my thumb, they go to

glistening, slick-page, three-color

magazine a revolutionary article

Mrs. Engel starts off by say-

"When the subject comes up -

aughed in his face.

point of view.

However, in the course of her

SECRET REQUEST France, says the Feb. 12 U.S. life in the country.

That is why the artist, in the News and World Report, "is pressing secretly for a substantial interest of elementary self- of all artists - to seek out and to enough, and plenty more in the force of U.S. military pilots and preservation even if for no other tell the truth.

reason, must play his part in the Air Force ground crews, to man and service combat aircraft in fight against McCarthyism. The memory of what happened to the the Indo-China war." Openly, however, the French have asked artists in Germany and to culmerely for the 400 more "techtural life in general under Hitler nicians," which Eisenhower is should still be green enough for all of us. supplying. To plunge this country into an-

Good Housekeeping for Nov. to go back to the job. And it equality in the only realistic way

"To begin with, the children

skilled supervision and learn to

"A second benefit of my work-

each other as a family than we

"A third benefit is the added

The house is more efficiently

run by a professional house-

keeper and she and her husband,

because they are relieved of

routine duties, find more com-

Mrs. Engels didn't have to take

much easier than that of a work-

ing-class mother on whom the

The second world war deepened

get along with a group."

did before."

money.'

anyone had told her six years ago a job. She had sufficient money

hat she would be back at her to get competent help in her home.

job, she says she would have The solution of her problem was

article she proves that her basic family income depends. But the

outlook is really the opposite of fact that she felt a problem at all

out wanting to, she was becoming This is advocated by leading

band bringing the world to her. Another way is for women to order.

an over-possessive mother, a local capitalist spokesmen, especially

cossip, dependent upon her hus- the most reactionary ones.

what she calls her "intellectual" is an indication of the times.

first place, and as a very gen-l aim is not the ferreting out of (Continued on page 3)

seem better off. Instead of being perts who can best handle the

society.

nursery school, where they get and housekeeping.

- on the economic field. The

inter-related problem of child care

It would tremendousely enrich

motherhood and the companion-

ship of marriage if women could

must be raised to the level of a

time is ripe for professional ex-

become the starting point for of all free and independent ex- eral proposition, I believe we can so - called 'communists,' getting pression for every creative artist, start with this: that in the strug- 'liberal' teachers and artists and the immediate and complete gle against McCarthyism the scientists fired from their jobs, crushing of all serious cultural artist must remain faithful to blacklisting Hollywood and TV what I suppose has been the actors and playwrights.

oldest and most traditional aim It does all these things, sure way of suppressing the free thought and expression of artists and scientists and intellectuals.

"TO SMASH LABOR" And I don't believe we have But these are preparatory blows,

been hearing the whole truth in a and secondary to the one fundanumber of the speeches that were mental aim of McCarthyism, made last night and again this which is - to smash the organizafternoon. The truth about Mc- ed American labor movement. But what role can the artist Carthyism is that it is American It is not telling the truth, but other Korea-type war so soon play in this struggle? Well, in the fascism. As such, its fundamental spreading an illusion, to give the

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thirty-two hour work week with only 32 hours' pay. We must take positive action in our membership meetings to set up an emergency convention or conference of the United Automobile Workers and the entire CIO to pass resolutions of positive action to forestall the elimination of our jobs and the security from which we have received some solace since late 1939. . . We are all aware of the dire need for positive action and POSITIVE ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE!"

This "solace," the lead article on the same page makes clear, WALTER REUTHER was not secured without a price

That price has been war. The bosses is bolstered by the smear-Searchlight finds "deep - rooted drive of the McCarthyites and evils in our economy that go back Republicans who now brand all a long while. For the past fifteen references to depression as "comyears our nation's economy has munist."

been fed by billions upon billions Republican National Chairman pent on war materials. This also rovided work on a temporary

Locai 659's campaign for the 30-Hour Week at 40 Hours' Pay parallels the drive by the huge Ford Local 600, which we reported last week. The Feb. 6 Ford "Need for 30-Hour Week - 40 Hours' Pay Grows Daily."

The Labor Dept. has since further affirmed this need by "distressed" areas with "subcould be then hailed into court The first crack in the 1929 boom munity."

asis.'

appeared in Detroit."

BOSSES GET TOUGH

The entire labor movement is President George Meany on Feb. pear." sounded the alarm at the

ers everywhere because of the growing unemployment - the Bureau of Labor Statistics report-

In a lead editorial the Detroit December to mid-January. every state legislative hall as dangerous attempts these days to circumvent the Bill of Rights by Money won first place. Per-sonality, disposition and physical cne-man grand-jury powers upon sonality, disposition and physical cne-man grand-jury powers upon state and the gradual end of con-valid expectation."

The law would enable them to stitutional government."

Leonard W. Hall on Feb. 5 included CIO and UAW President Walter Reuther, along with Adlai

Stevenson and Sens. Paul Douglas and Wayne Morse, as "left-wingers" and "reckless men" who ride "like the Four Horsemen, spread-Facts devotes a whole page to ing doom and gloom across the land." Eisenhower called them the "prophets of gloom."

This is an ironic turn of events. because Reuther himself, last Labor Day, sought to discourage placing Detroit on its list of rank-and-file talk in his own union about the need to fight unstantial" unemployment - 8% employment by decrying "dangerof the city's entire labor force. ous and reckless talk of depres-The Feb. 8 Christian Science sion." He called it "false com-Monitor reports that Detroit munist propaganda . . . being Bankers "express some appre- bolstered by the prophets of doom hension over the situation . . . in the American business com-

> Now Reuther is forced to answer this same red smear against himself. He asserts that "at no time

will the CIO assume the posture expressing deep apprehension over of an economic ostrich, hop unemployment generally. AFL that thus hard times will disap

"stiffening attitude" of employ- CONGRESS OF LABOR But more is needed than mere recognition of a fact of u

employment that has fallen on th ing 2,000,000 layoffs from mid- CIO workers like a ton of bricks It is necessary to take "POSI-Meany said it has been his TIVE ACTION IN THE NEAR opinion "that all the weapons the FUTURE," to mobilize all labor Faft-Hartley Act put in their through a National Congress of (employers') hands would be Labor. It is necessary to ware used against unions when a pool all-out fight for the 30-Hour Week of unemployed began to develop. at 40 Hours' Pay and to take Our experience in the last few independent political action for

This get-tough attitude of the own party.

one of the first points on the agenda of the coming socialist The Holy State **Of Matri-Money**

Youth Research organization, passed by the Senate and now beleading market analysis firm fore the House, provides for the

not being used. Even worse, with- keep women confined to the home. vote for one of four qualifications.

young people, the following ques- who seek the protection of the As a housewife and mother she the modern crisis in family life. thing you will look for in choos- tion against prying into their found some vital part of herself One way to meet this crisis is to ing a mate? They were asked to personal beliefs or associations.

ommunity problem and solved the country, was jammed through

dues.

Another measure, already

devoted to sounding out views of firing of government employees Times of Feb. 7 warns: "In almost tion: What is the most important Fifth Amendment to the Constitu- well as in Congress, we note

The legislature is also con- subterfuge. Michigan is no ex-

That of course is not possible after the last invasion of the under capitalism. But it will be Velde committee. A "right to work" bill is now before the State Legislature. protect anti-union elements dropped from employment in union

shops for refusal to pay union

Some 2,500 high school and

HIT 5TH AMENDMENT ollege girls throughout the country were asked by the Gilbert

jobs, child care and housekeeping Michigan's Trucks Law, one of and jailed for contempt. the worst police-state measures in "ONE MAN RULE" An ordinance now before the Detroit Common Council would permit the Mayor to invoke "one man rule" any time that he thinks

an "emergency" exists or may Among other things, it would come into being. Obviously any major strike struggle or even the threat of one would constitute such an "emergency."

So reactionary is the nature of these and other proposed laws that even conservative papers in this area have felt constrained to

speak out against them.

through the joint efforts of all. in precisely such an atmosphere

hunting House un-American Ac-D



courage and enlighten the people and stimulate successful resistance to the growing fascist menace. WHAT THEY SYMBOLIZE Anyone who listened to Weiss and read reports of McCarthy's Anyone who listened to Weiss

DETROIT, Feb. 8 - New anti-labor and anti-civil liberties laws have been thrown into the hopper here with this issue, under the head line

the expectation that the public hearings of the witch-

THE MILITANT

Monday, February 15, 1954

A Few Words With Meany With Meany The Slump -- Worse Than They Say Eisenhower made a classic understatement in this four million industries and the total land of actual Nor will other industries come show? By Joyce Cowley

The recent National Anti-Discrimination Conference of the United Packinghouse Workers in Chicago declared that "the time has come for the complete elimination of the female wage differential" and they advanced a militant program to carry this out.

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They not only demanded higher women's rates but also the elimination of the separation between "men's" and "women's" jobs. They called for integrated hiring one takes for granted that capiand personnel policies to prevent job discrimination against talist prosperity and war are women. They suggested that the tendency to "gloss over" women's problems be overcome by specially organized schools in the locals to explore such questions and provide a training ground for women members in practical matters connected with the operation of local unions. Locals were asked to schedule meetings at times and places accessible to women members whose responsibilities for made since 1932 have been due ... shopping and preparation of meals make the hours im- to war or to threats of war." mediately after work inconvenient.

That sounds good. It sounds like they're serious about giving women an equal break, and it contrasts sharply the Republicans could maintain with a somewhat different position taken by AFL President George Meany. Rep. Frances Bolton, who has drafted a Congressional bill to require equal pay for equal work ber, 1953, Eisenhower's Secretary regardless of sex, received a letter from Meany telling her of Defense C. E. Wilson, former that her proposal was unwise and urging her to recon- General Motors president, assured sider.

"The problem of establishing and safeguarding the would not be cut to the detriment principle as well as the practice of equal pay to women of their profits. He announced: workers is properly within the province of collective bar- "The rumours that defense spendgaining and not police action by the government. When ing will be cut to such a point free collective bargaining is in effect we believe that more business aren't true." and better progress can be made by voluntary negotiations than by a law necessarily reaching deeply into the war spending remains the main whole private system of wage determination.'

This extraordinary statement reminds me of a cap- to the new Republican administratain of industry defending the free and inalienable right tion's policies, as it was to the of scabs to take strikers' jobs. Surprisingly enough, Meany despite Eisenhower's assurance did not oppose a minimum wage law although I am sure that we are heading toward "a this, too, interferes with "free collective bargaining." It's prosperity based on peace." one of the few times that Meany has been concerned about the threat of police action by the government. He hasn't be \$70.9 billion, according to dent's 'transition'... any proprotested against the witch hunt or other repressive meas- | Eisenhower's budget. This is well gress at the Big Four talks may ures but suddenly when it looks like employers might be over double the government ex- well produce 'peace scares' all forced by law to pay women a fair wage for their work, he feels that our liberties and the "whole private system" \$71 billion the government in affect the business outlook." of wage determination" are in danger.

ination, the paycheck of the average women workers less than half - 44% - of that received by a man. of a "real cold peace," which "just as good" as last year. It his is the kind of progress that Meany's voluntary nego- holds such a horrendous vision of must do constantly better, merely itions have achieved. Meany also skips over the fact economic catastrophe before capi- to keep the same number of peoat 80% of working women are not members of unions talist eyes, is not the immediate ple employed. Improvements in 1 therefore receive no direct benefit from union wage eements. They don't pay dues, so he is not concerned term consequences of the Korean

legislation to protect them.

federal war spending. With the position to equal pay legislation by the AFL, which aim of reducing corporation taxes, ver 2,500,000 women members, would be a serious weakening labor through a "cont to its enactment. Mrs. Bolton conducted a poll and trolled" depression, "shaking out" ts that Meany was the only major labor spokesman the smaller competitors and In addition, the labor supply the greatest specific weight in the will shift upward. Steel magazine pose her bill. He assured her, however, that the AFL stabilizing the debt structure, keeps mounting. With the growth the Big Business rulers have of the population at 2,700,000 peralways been for the principle of equal pay for com- decided to "stretch out" war sons per year, the number of new pending a bit. Nothing drastic.

Jan. 28 economic report to Congress. Conceding that employment in January, 1954, is "somewhat lower" than in the available government figures, we get the figure of 4,934,000 Home Builders, will be down to Jan. 22 U.S. News and World January 1953, the General opined: "There seems to be a connection tends to pour into the U.S. 1,850,000 jobless. Even this con- ing now who would be working if year, a 39.6% drop from the the last day of January, inbetween this fact and the fact economy in fiscal 1954, some 68% ceded an increase of 648,000 jobs were available. And this 1950 high and 11% below 1953. dicated the TV outlook is not that in January, 1953, we were will be for direct military pur- within just two months. But the makes no allowance even for the still fighting in Korea and we poses. This tremendous sum of Census Bureau count on Jan. 9 normal growth of the labor force

are not doing so today." There is no mere "seeming' connection about it. Almost everyabove the 1952 Korean War spending, which amounted to \$43,-847,000,000. It is only \$1,554,000,closely, if not inextricably, linked. A cessation of military hostilities, as in the case of the Korean and military machine in fiscal truce, is correctly viewed as the 1953. prelude to economic crisis. Eisen-

hower himself said during his election campaign that "whatever economic gains have been It is true that Eisenhower's

statement was intended to knock the Democrats and to imply that economic stability and growth without the dangerous stimulus the economic abyss. This view is stated with coldlooded candor in the "Business

Roundup" of the February, 1954, Fortune magazine, that luxurious his scared fellow-millionaires and monthly devoted to the enlightenment and delectation of busi-

nessmen "One thing that could conthat it will adversely affect more serious recession, would be a real cold peace," says Thus, enormous government Fortune. "The Administration now plans to reduce defense

prop of the economy. It is central spending by roughly \$5 billion a year for the next two or three years; but businessmen cannot previous Democratic regime's, help but wonder whether a real East-West peace might not result in defense outlays being cut more than that in a shorter time. This The total of federal governwould obviously create some more

Right now, under this system of private wage deter- The True Picture of Unemployment

But the hypothetical possibility enough for the economy to do question. The question that now the productivity of labor are looms large concerns the short- automatically raising the output per worker by 3% to 4% each truce and a slight diminution of year - and with the new auto-

mation process productivity can be raised phenomenally in a short time. Less and less workers produce more and more goods.

\$48,720,000,000 in fiscal 1954 war added another 510,000 to the of of 750,000 new job-seekers anspending, you may be surprised ficial jobless total, an admitted nually.

to learn, is actually almost 10% increase of 1,158,000 within three months. The Bureau now reports 2,360,000 unemployed all told, most of the increase resulting 000 less than the \$50,274,000,000 from construction and factory jobs since June are "not looking" handed out to the war profiteers layoffs. This government figure is of

value only in indicating the trend Those laid off with a "definite Despite the talk in Washington and rapidity of the rise in unemabout "economy" and "balancing ployment. If we study the figures 30 days are listed as "employed." the budget" and "reducing the not only on those the government These "employed" number. ac-

capitalism — a headlong dive into ment, reported at 60,764,000 on million jobs in six months is a last Dec. 12, was estimated at decisive fact, economically speak

ing, whether or not any or all 59,800,000 on Jan. 9. That is, there were nearly a million layof these jobless are "not looking" for jobs. Nearly four miloffs within 28 days. Last June, just before the lion less persons are securing in-Korean truce, the Census Bureau comes, except for those who reported 63,172,000 persons em- draw the picayune unemployment bloyed and 1,562,000 unemployed. benefits. The loss of this number Since June, the Census Bureau of jobs is a tremendous slice out

ceivably upset the outlook, and has reported a decline in the em-turn the mild readjustment into ployed labor force of 3,372,000. If working class. **What Production Figures Reveal**

The decline in production output | U.S. Steel quarterly dividend, the tells a more significant story company's board chairman Benabout the state of the economy, jamin F. Fairless, who claimed in some respects, than the em-. "I still remain bullish," neverployment figures. The real extent theless announced that Big Steel

of production cutbacks may not will continue to operate at only show up in the number of those 80% of capacity for the entire laid off. A cutback may be first half of 1954. That's a slump in production

"absorbed" by all or a large number of workers in a given over 1953 of a good 20% in complant or industry simply by going parison to the FRB's 7% "overall' on a reduced work-week, with drop. As for U.S. Steel's produccorresponding cuts in take-home tion in the latter half of the pay, or eliminating customary year, Fairless coyly declined a over-time. Workers cut to part- prediction. "I don't feel justified time employment of even a few in going beyond the first half," hours a week are recorded as fully said the "bullish" head of the

'employed" in the official governmonopoly that controls a third of ment statistics. the country's steel output. U.S. Steel is more favorably The figures on industrial output, particularly for the basic fixed to glean orders and maintain industries like steel and auto, are production levels than its smaller especially revealing. Eisenhower's competitors. The industry as a "mild readjustment" is already of whole, for the week ended Jan. a serious character in the most 30, was operating at only 73.9% vital areas of production. The of capacity compared to 97.7% Federal Reserve Board's figure of in the corresponding week of

a 7% drop in "overall" produc- 1953. tion from July to December, 1953, conceals far deeper declines feeling, there is no present exin the key industries, which have pectation that steel production economy.

A worker may figure he can dustry's production is continuing still swing the price of a bottle at the slackened pace, although workers entering the labor market of beer or two when he has its spokesmen had previously ex is estimated at 750,000 annually. abandoned his plan to get a new pressed "confident" predictions of The six months since the car, or home, or refrigerator, or "improvement" after the first of TV set or even a badly-needed the year. "Now that February is Korean truce have already Yet the economy is so unstable, demontrated that even a slight overcoat. By "averaging" a high here," says Steel, "there is less reduction in government spend-beer bottle output with a low confidence that the country's rate one of these "leaders" take a position even more reaction- flationary stimulants, that there ing, especially in the war sphere, production of TV sets, we might of steel finishing will be better get a more favorable - looking than the January pace." Democrats at least give lip service to equal pay legisla- America can retrench on war To boost 1953 production just result than the real situation war-In the Pittsburgh steel area bit, 8.7% over 1952, it required a rise rants. And that is precisely what according to the Feb. 1 N. Y has been happening when we get Times, the "bullish" feeling has in military expenditures of \$6.economic decline unless it not 427,000,000 or 14.6% in one year. down to specific industries. In the evaporated to the point where durable goods industries - the there is actually "considerable But a bare 3.1% drop in military very heart of the U.S. economy - worry" over "when the inventory spending has been paralleled by a 7% fall in national production production declines range from correction will stop." Indeed, "it from the July, 1953, high through more than 20% in basic steel to was believed that inventory cor-December, 1953, according to the almost 50% in television sets. rection was still far from com-Federal Reserve Board. And the Let us examine, first of all, the plete" - that is, the market for Board foretells a "slight further steel industry, whose operations steel is not expected to expand decline" for January. anticipate the activities of almost within any period now determin-To Eisenhower, this is just a all other major industries. On able by the steel moguls them-Jan. 27, in declaring the usual selves. "slight contraction in business" that is otherwise "marvelously prosperous by any historical **Are Ford and Curtice Right?** The economy, he standard." assures us, is experiencing only Fairless's "bullish" sentiments | Plymouth had pared their "mild readjustment" that have been echoed, with orchestral February output plans by 14% seems likely to be brief and selfaccompaniment, by his counter- but in the case of Ford and correcting." Let us examine how parts in the automobile industry, Chevvy this would mean just "an "slight" this "contraction" has Harlow M. Curtice, president of easing of overtime." The big really been so far. If we know the General Motors, world's largest spurt that the auto industry true facts of economic life, it industrial corporation, and Henry giants - GM and Ford parwill help us to determine the Ford II, head of the Ford Motor ticularly - started to put on last reliability of the forecasts of Co. Ford claimed on Jan. 18 that month to outstrip the previous Eisenhower and his Council of unemployment in the auto center January output faltered in a Economic Advisers about the of Detroit "does not amount to a couple of weeks. alleged mildness, brevity and selfhill of beans." Curtice told a In January, Ford passenger car correctability of the economic Waldorf-Astoria banquet in New production went up 49% over decline that set in with the end York on Jan. 19 that the national Jan. 1953. Chevrolet showed only of the Korean war. economy "will be strong and a 3% rise - and Chrysler plum-First of all, Eisenhower has healthy throughout the year" and meted 39%. But the pick-up by based himself on certain demon-GM is planning what the news- the Big Two reflects a forced strably falsified data, of which papers called a "billion - dollar march intended to complete the the figures on unemployment are bet against recession" - a bil- major part of their 1954 producthe most significant. As I have lion - dollar expansion program tion in the first half of the year. proved in several recent Militant "It seems a reasonable guess for the next two years. rticles (Feb. 1. Jan. 25 and Jan Ford's "hill of beans" is the that more than 60% of this year's 18) the number of unemployed is biggest raised in Detroit since cars will be assembled before actually double the pre-shrunk the depression year of 1940. As of July 1," reported the Associated figures handed out by the U.S. Jan. 15, there was a loss of 84,000 Press from Detroit on Jan. 23. Department of Commerce. In the auto jobs from the 1953 high in Thus, the big drop in auto lies Jan. 18 Militant, I showed that the Detroit area alone and the ahead. Although the industry produced total number of unemployed was of Truman's as the keynote Party. (And by the way, I also short, for the sacrifice of his per- every move toward the building the highest in 14 years. By the 6,140,000 new cars in 1953, there remember - as no doubt many sonal welfare in the interest of of an independent Labor Party last week in January, although were 462,000 still left in dealers' breaking completely with all the Ford was slightly outpacing hands in January, 1954. So the capitalist politicians. Only such a GM's Chevrolet in weekly car 1953 sales were actually only 5, party, based on the trade unions output, the Ford plants were 775,000 and the AP reported it is "believed doubtful" that "the and including the organizations shifting away from previous oversocieties, the artists can do two of the minority peoples, can con- time schedules and a Ford year's volume . . . will fall much No, the artists will not be able things. First, conduct campaigns, duct the kind of struggle that will spokesness was quoted in the more than 10 per cent below the me Truman that the witch hunt to play any part in the struggle of education and propaganda to decisively smash McCarthyism. If Feb. 1 Wall Street Journal: "A 1953 figure." Thus, if 1954 production is cut down to anticipated at it was Truman's Attorney in any way to spread any of these ism, as American fascism, to the professionals, scientists, intellec- picture; so we can keep up with sales, it will drop by more than General Tom Clark who issued illusions. It has to be clearly entire cultural life of the country, tuals, help in building such an the market and still use less a million cars. That means about understood, and it has to be said, Second, defend all victims of the independent Labor Party and overtime." GM went Ford one a 161% decline in an industry It is not telling the truth, that NO section or wing of either McCarthyite witch hunt - since merge themselves in it, then the better; Chevrolet went into its that, with accessories and gasoline, represents roughly 10% of forces of McCarthyism. ficant contribution to the great (3) Encourage and support struggle against McCarthyism. Ward's Automotive Report and the United States.

For

sold.

That estimate was made when that time - that is, 1,562,000 -

The Census Bureau conceals the number of unemployed by claiming that a large number of the 3,372,000 who have lost their for work and therefore are "with drawn from the labor force.'

promise of being recalled within as "in a severe unemployment

ing the National Association of December 1952," reports the as of Dec. 12, 1953, admitted only wage-earners who are not work- an estimated 1,000,000 for this Report. And General Electric, on January heavy construction (in- promising by laying off 2,150 dustry, commerce, government employees in its TV division. contract awards were 40% lower So far as the two key factors han in Jan. 1953.

production and employment - are some industries, the concerned, the economic decline leclines have been verging on has gone far deeper and will coneatastrophe. The Jan. 13 N. Y. tinue longer than the Administra-Fimes reports the ship construc- tion and Big Business leaders tion industry "at the lowest admit.

point . . . in well over a decade' and the Jan. 20 N. Y. World-Telegram describes shipbuilding (Next Week: Can They Pull Out

of the "Slump?")

the budget and reducing the hot only on unset the government," etc., there is not the slightest throught there is not the slightest throught but of the employed workers, we discover a revealing fact. The properly classified as unemployed, number of those with jobs fell nearly a million, at the last wings of bourgeois polities, would be increased to the deliberate suicide for U.S. in a month. Total civilian employ.

Striking successes are being 300. Better send immediately 500 registered in the sale of the more copies, which together with three latest publications issued by the 200 now on the way will make Pioneer Publishers, according to 1,000 in all."

Boston. "Our campaign got report from the publishers. The three new publications are The under way yesterday with a Case of the Legless Veteran, by mobilization despite the bitter James Kutcher (a full-size book weather. Jim and Lynn covered a of 178 pages, price \$1); America's Ford Hall Forum debate between Road to Socialism, by James P. James Wechsler and a local red-Cannon, National Chairman of baiter by name of Mullins from the SWP (80 pages, 35c.); and the newspaper Traveler. We sold McCarthyism: American Fascism about 40 copies of the McCarthyon the March, a compilation of ism pamphlet - every copy we articles on the struggle against had brought. Could have sold half as many again - and on a less McCarthyism (16 pages, 10c.). The following excerpts from bitter evening a sale of 100 could

ecent communications to Pioneer have been expected.' Milwaukee. "Please send us 50 Publishers give a vivid picture copies of Cannon's America's of the intensive campaign activities being carried on around the Road to Socialism. We have proale of this literature: jected a campaign to sell 200 copies of this fine pamphlet in Los Angeles. "The other night

we sold 83 copies of the Mcthe coming period.' Carthyism pamphlet at a meet-Similar enthusiatic reports have ing called to protest the discharge come in from numerous other of a number of teachers by the centers, including Minneapolis and L. A. Board of Education for St. Paul, San Francisco, New refusing to submit to a witch York. These will be published in hunt interrogation of their poli- coming issues of the Militant for tical beliefs and associations. the information of readers who "A few nights before, we sold are participating in the struggle 37 copies to a Stalinist meeting against McCarthyism.

at which Hallinan spoke before Pioneer Publishers reports that the response to the pamphlet on departing to serve his sentence on an income tax charge. Despite McCarthyism far exceeded all exthe efforts of four Stalinist hacks pectations. In less than four who tried to dissuade their fol- weeks after publication the entire lowers from buying the pamphlet, edition of 3,000 copies was coma successful sale of both pamphlet pletely sold out - the only and paper was reported. There copies still remaining being those were about 75 people at the meet- in the hands of local salesmen. ing, so the sales average was very Plans are now under way for a In spite of Fairless's "bullish" high. Thanks to the hacks, these new pamphlet with new material identified as Trotskyist on the subject of McCarthyism. were publications to everyone. . . At a The success of the book by liberal forum one person sold 16 James Kutcher, The Case of the reported on Feb. 1 that the in-

pamphlets in a very short period. Legless Veteran, has also been At a union meeting of the instantaneous. To date, 950 copies phouse Workers. 5 were have been recei d from England

ble work.

Meany's principles won't buy any groceries for mil- of course; just a cut of a few billion dollars over the next two ns of underpaid women workers. The so-called leaders or three years. labor frequently betray the interests of the members

ney represent. This is not new, but it does jar you to see so dependent on government inary than that of capitalist politicians. Republicans and is a serious question whether means a downslide in the economy. tion although they consistently fail to pass it when bills whether it can stave off a serious of this type are introduced in Congress.

It's time the millions of women members in the AFL only maintains the 1953 highest level of government expenditures, developed their own leadership. When they do, I imagine but substantially increases them. one of the first steps on their program will be to show In the latter connection, we Meany the way out. must keep in mind that it is not

Appeal to America's Artists

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impression, as some of the speakers here have done, that the resistance of the artists and professionals and intellectuals can by itself "make 1954 the year of the end of McCarthyism." Mc-Carthy would deal as contemptuously with such resistance, even if united and organized, as recently dealt with Albert Einstein's advice to a witness at one of McCarthy's spy-hunt committee hearings "not to cooperate with this or any other investigating committee." On that occasion you will perhaps remember, Mc. Carthy sneeringly told the witness that if he didn't want to spend a considerable time in jail he had petter consult with his lawyer rather than with Dr. Einstein.

It is not telling the truth, but Party and a CIO Teamsters local cooperation, recalling the stirring spreading an illusion, to say as in Minneapolis were indicted and defiance that Einstein threw in e speaker did, that Truman's definition" of McCarthyism was Smith Act, for their opposition lectual who is called before one ne of the most powerful blows to the war - the same Smith Act of the committees ought to refuse

ainst McCarthy." It is spread- which is now being used against to testify, i.e., he must be preparillusion to use this "definihe program of a conference

as this. It is spreading an of you here do too - how at that the cultural welfare of his counon to build up Truman and time the Communist Party ap-|try.' Fair Deal wing in the Demo- plauded and egged on the govc Party as serious fighters ernment in its persecution of such as artists' groups and ainst McCarthyism. Don't you these anti-war socialists.) nember that it was under this arted? Don't you remember against McCarthyism if they help explain the danger of McCarthy- the organizations of artists, runaway market just isn't in the he first "subversive" list?

either, to extol Roosevelt, as the the Democratic or Republican each victimization strengthens artists will be making a signi- first four-day week. last speaker did, as a great party can seriously fight against the forces of McCarthyism. liberal" and "democrat" just be- McCarthyism - and for a simple

| cause it was under Roosevelt that | reason: Because the struggle with the WPA Art Project was started McCarthyism is basically a strugin the depression days. Yes, I gle between the workers and the remember the WPA Art Project capitalists in the United States. and what it did for many artists | What then, beyond this gen-

eral proposition of seeking and in those bleak days. But I remember some other telling the truth, can the artists hings about Roosevelt too, and intellectuals do in this strugthings which don't quite qualify gle? What can we put forward him for the label of either as a program of action for artists or "democrat." I re- who want to take part in the "liberal" member Roosevelt's role as strike- fight? I would like to suggest preaker against the miners dur- three ideas, as at least something ing the last war. I remember the to start with:

(1) As an individual, the artist nnumerable times while Roosevelt was in office that troops were must seize every opportunity called out to break up strikes by possible to raise his voice against any and every encroachment of force and violence.

I especially remember that it McCanthyism, and use every poswas under Roosevelt and his sup- sible means of getting his voice posedly "liberal" Attorney Gen- heard. Specifically, if the occasion eral Francis Biddle that 18 mem- arises, he can emulate Einstein's bers of the Socialist Workers position of unconditional nonimprisoned, under the infamous McCarthy's face: "Every intel-

members of the Communist ed for jail and economic ruin, in

(2) Through organized forms,

and every copy was immediately

"We have been testing out sold. Pioneer reports that they various types of meetings in order now have outstanding orders for o gauge the response of various nearly 1,000 more. Assurance has sections of the population. Begin-been received that large shipning next Sunday we will have ments of the book should be arrivtwo mobilizations for house-to- ing any time now; this will make nouse sales and thus get another possible the resumption of local test. In the process of 'testing' sales campaigns which unforand before we have held a gentunately had to be interrupted eral mobilization we have disposbecause of the lack of books. ed of about 250 copies. . . Reports will be made in these "We are entirely out of the columns on sales of this book at McCarthyism pamphlet, having local union meetings, liberal and sold all the original shipment of civic organizations, etc.





American Hitler on Tour

Two days after getting a triumphant 85-1 vote of confidence and \$214,000 appropriation from the U.S. Senate, the fascist demagogue McCarthy set out on a nine-speech lecture tour. The dominant feature of this tour was not so much what he said (the chief target of his "treason" charge this time was the Democratic and not the Communist party) as the circumstances surrounding the tour and the manner in which McCarthy was received. What these things add up to is striking evidence of an uninterrupted and rapid increase in McCarthy's political power.

Only three months ago the press and the air were thick with all kinds of reports about how Eisenhower, Brownell and the Republican high command were going to "outflank" the junior Senator from Wisconsin, "steal his thunder" and in various other ways cut him down to manageable size.

But McCarthy's tour this month was sponsored and paid for by the Republican National Committee, and its chairman Leonard W. Hall publicly interpreted this as "an endorsement" of McCarthy.

Three months ago Eisenhower said he hoped "communism" would not be the main issue in the 1954 elections. McCarthy contradicted him and said it would be the issue.

His tour this month was recognized by everyone as the opening gun in the Republican election campaign. As such, it set the tone of the entire campaign, and is being imitated by other Republican speech-makers. Needless to say, the issue is what McCarthy said it would be

Instead of being cut down, McCarthy has been built up. He is the one who calls the tune in Washington on questions that relate to his main interests. Members of the Senate. who are willing to oppose Eisenhower on some

issues duck or run when McCarthy challenges them.

A revealing aspect of most of the stops on McCarthy's tour was the way local Republican candidates flocked around him, scrambl- organizational methods of Pablo ing for the honor of being seated on the plat- and his cult constitute to the form with him, hoping fervently that Mc- world-wide organization founded Carthy would say a few words in favor of Trotsky. It asked the onthodox Trotskyists everywhere to rally their candidacy.

What a far cry from the 1952 election cam- and his agents, and replace them paign when McCarthy skulked around Eisen- action that they know how to hower's train, begging for a chance to be phot- uphold orthodox Trotskyism and ographed with him, and when many local keep the movement on a correct Republican candidates, worried about the con- course both politically and organ sequences to their own chances of being elected, were putting pressure on Eisenhower not is what might be expected from to touch McCarthy with a ten-foot pole!

izationally.

Equally significant was McCarthy's calculated way of handling candidates seeking his of the proletarian majority of stamp of approval. He stood aloof, studiously the organization. It substitutes careful not to take sides between the com- verbal violence for calm analysis; petitors for Republican nominations. This is the traditional position taken by the leader it deepens and affirms previous of the party. McCarthy is consciously acting errors and adds new ones to the like the real leader of his party. And with list; it seeks to cover up its poligood reason. Nobody in this party has greater of Trotskyism; it makes a fetish

power. He obtained this power, and the likelihood on the untouchability of the cult is that he will obtain more, because his rivals panic in every line. and opponents in both capitalist parties agree with or are afraid to contest his fundamental to the hilt, beginning in this thesis — that "communism" menaces Amer- article with the central theme of ica. Those who accept this thesis but complain speakable" crime of anyone daring about McCarthy's "methods" are brushed aside to make public any differences as ineffectual quibblers. Those who accept this with the genius-like Pablo, the thesis and then try to "take the ball away" Fourth International. from McCarthy by outdoing him as witch hunters only add steam to his drive for more power.

The growth of McCarthy's power is the most menacing thing in America today. It won't be curtailed or diminished until the labor movement sees this, says so, and suits its actions to its words.

Support Morton Sobell

The witness, Max Elitcher, told the court, Demonstrating again how strongly its de-"Well, he said, I don't know in what words, see, is censured because of the socialism which developed sponcisions are influenced by the pressure of the or implied that it had to do with this espion- way he criticized the bureaucratic witch hunt, the Supreme Court has for the or implied that it had to do with this espion-age business, but I don't recall the exact na-slav leaders toward a former second time refused to review the case of ture of the words." Morton Sobell, the young scientist now serv-

That such "evidence" was crucial in Sobell's crat being persecuted by a comconviction is demonstrated by the presiding to his previous errors: look at judge's charge to the jury which said, "If you do not believe the testimony of Max Elitcher Dilas was forced to make." as it pertains to Sobell, then you must acquit what is the heart of the ques-

Fourth International has issued is a cover-up for what is in its written "response" to the letter reality nothing but a polemic addressed from the 25th An- written by the leaders of the niversary Plenum of the National Pablo faction. The Executive Committee elect-Committee of the Socialist Work-

ed by the Third World Congress ers Party to Trotskyists throughout the world which was published of the Fourth International no of it, as well as his opinion about scene observation, it became in the Militant of Nov. 16, 1953. longer exists. It was destroyed by

That letter called attention to Pablo through abuse of the post with which he was entrusted by the grave threat which the pro-Stalinist views and Stalinist-type the Third World Congress. Nine members of that body, through factional manipulation, were "expelled" by Pablo. The six, possibly seven, members who met with Pablo and called themselves a 'Plenum" of the Executive Comagainst the danger, remove Pablo

were all simon-pure mittee Pabloites, personally hand-picked "with cadres who have proved in and approved by the head of the cult. This faction meeting authorized a sub-committee to draw up a "response" to the Open Letter of the SWP in the name The "response" of the Pabloites of the "Executive Committee of

the Fourth International." How factional the meeting was a petty-bourgeois clique, utterly can be judged from one eloquent isolated from the masses and refusing to submit to the control fact. Comrade Peng, the Chinese member of the Executive Committee, was not even notified of the gathering although he was it misrepresents and distorts the the only representative of the entire colonial and semi-colonial position of the orthodox majority: world in position to attend.

If the Pabloites had really conbound to rise above narrow fac-

of organizational forms; it insists head; it displays subjectivity and I shall endeavor to prove this Thus they gave fresh conthat. by the SWP National Committee the "response"; namely, the "unfaction has demonstrated that it irremovable secretary of the

authorship of the "response." The determined to drive all orthodox decision reached in norma Pabloites say it is a document of Trotskyists out of the Fourth In-Ifashion. They went to the public

years first - hand observation of position to the public.

Pablo's methods. Here is the gist As Peng concluded from on-the the SWP's Open Letter: necessary to make public the

struggle against the Pablo fac-PENG'S CONCLUSIONS tion in order "to rescue the move-". . . But the extremely unment. . ." This, to the Pabloites fortunate thing is that the IS has was an "unspeakable" crime been entirely controlled and usurp Listen: "Why didn't the leader ed by Pablo who utilizes this 'legal ship of the SWP act . . . accord apparatus' to arrogantly proceed ing to the rules of normal with the organizing of his con- functioning of every revolutionary spiracy by arbitrarily excluding organization? Why did they his opponents from the IS and prefer to all at once address secretly setting up his own elique themselves to the public at large or faction with the aim of selz- and publicly betray the cause of ing the leadership of a section or international Trotskyism? This splitting the organization.

crowns in a certain measure the "This has rendered impossible unprincipled acts of the majority any normal discussion according of the SWP, because this tramples to the principle of democratic underfoot the supreme principle centralism, and thus obliged the of Trotskyism: proletarian in-SWP, led by Cannon, to adopt this ternationalism.'

NOTHING TO HIDE

exceptional action of today, to publish the Open Letter demanding the expulsion of Pablo and his agents from the International's leading organ.

"This is really unprecedented it is not necessary to disclose difin the history of our international ferences to the public. But this movement, and is an action of is not because there is anything

revolutionary nature. This action to hide. "Normally" the working sidered that their meeting was a has become necessary not only class public addressed by such an genuine plenum of the Executive to crush Pablo's attempt at organization prefers not to have Committee, then they were duty usurpation, but also to gain time to consider such matters. And in which to rescue the movement, since "normally" a combat party tional considerations and see to and to reorganize and coordinate like the SWP is under no great it that the Chinese representative it in time to confront the ap- pressure to make the working was present. They did not do proaching new world war and class public aware of how revolution. If the mobilization of reaches decisions and resolves dif firmation to the charge levelled this struggle should be prolonged ferences, little is said about it until the explosion of the Third although much could be learned in its Open Letter: "The Pablo World War, it would be too late." by many workers about revol-To this it must be added that utionary politics and organization will not permit democratic deci- the Pabloites put their revisions and their immense superiority sions truly reflecting majority of Trotskyism in the public press. opinion to be reached. They They did not wait for a Congress demand complete submission to at which their novelties could be First, let us consider the their criminal policy. They are discussed and debated and a these questions.

> the intervention of the party rank without a favorable, or at least

tolerant, "climate" in the party as a schooling in Marxist politics event, but one which does not leave the bourgeois compress and leadership circles. When are thus extended far beyond the the PR in its statement of censure paneously in those countries. The claims to have "taken into acgood people recommended by count the discontent of the mili-Djilas are, you guessed it, the good old Social Democratic war tants" the conclusion is plain that faction struggle in the party this discontent actually tipped the completely legitimate. scales against Djilas. This reac-Djilas then, through his theoretion from the ranks, which had this epoch than concern over the

tical stand on the key problem of made itself felt some months ago health and welfare of the party the party, has long stamped him- in a protest movement against that represents their fundaself as the foremost Yugoslav the liquidation of the "zadrugas" mental interests? apologist, a bit late on the scene, (peasant cooperatives) is the

It is only the Stalinists, and hink like them nost encouraging feature of Yugoslav scene in 1954. It hold to the abominable "supreme certainly counted heavily in the principle" of concealing vital difdecision of the Yugoslav CP ferences from the working class. If you have crimes to hide, leadership to apply the brakes. But putting on the brakes, in naturally you don't want them and of itself, leads nowhere. The dragged out into the light of day. former communist partisans, And it is because they have somejustly proud of their achievements thing to lide, something they are ashamed of, that the Pabloites and disturbed by the present scream about the faction struggle sorry mess, have every right to

wrote a lengthy letter to James World Congress. This action left International" and misrepresent it P. Cannon, National Chairman of the orthodox Trotskyists with no as holding the Fourth Internathe SWP, summarizing several choice but likewise to take their tional is "finished" and that Trot-

skyists must "split" from it. That is dishonesty. And what is the source of this dishonesty if not the factionalism of the Pabloites? Isn't that a typical symptom of a petty-bourgeois clique motivated by subjectivity and panic?

A DEADLY PARALLEL

It is worth noting what political blindness can be caused by factionalism of this type. The Pabloites did not even observe the deadly parallel with the openng stages of Trotsky's great struggle against Stalinism. At that time he did not consider the Third International "finished." But he brought the struggle into the open as best he could under the brutal conditions imposed by the Stalinists and this was considered by the bureaucracy to be one of his major "crimes" although it was their actions and their search for a "fresh approach" to "living reality" that

Now it is quite true that in the "normal functioning" of a Leninforced Trotsky to make the strugist-type organization in general gle public. The Stalinist faction wanted to

nuzzle and handcuff Trotsky, keep him quiet while they proceed ed methodically under cover to cut up the Left Oppositon and smash it. Meanwhile in public the Stalinists themselves hacked away at the program of Marxism. beginning with revisions and endng with betraval.

Perhaps the Pabloites did not wish to recall this analogy, for they too, like the Stalinists, while demanding that the opposition keep its differences under wraps, publicly advanced their own new over anything in the bourgeois variety of revisionism. It was world, if the party were large this political course of theirs, revealing differences with orenough and powerful enough to devote a section of its press to thodox Trotskyism of far-reaching implication, it must be

emphasized, that made it impos-But when "normal functioning" disrupted and great and sible to avoid a public struggle decisive questions affecting the As Peng correctly observed, Pablo whole future of the working class 'rendered impossible any normal are in dispute, then it becomes discussion" and thus "obliged the SWP" to take the exceptional necessary to carry out what Peng correctly calls "an action of action of publishing the Oper revolutionary nature." That is Letter.

(To be continued.)



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At the same time, the Supreme Court re fused to consider a "friend of the court" brief submitted by a nation-wide group headed by the distinguished scientist, Dr. Harold C. Urey. The brief said in part: "The arrest, indictment and trial of Morton Sobell. . . in an atmosphere of hysteria induced by transient political and social passions, lacked guarantees of fairness which all Americans have a right to expect under the Constitution.'

ing a 30-year sentence at Alcatraz on the

trumped-up charge of "conspiracy to commit

espionage" with the judicially murdered Ju-

lius and Ethel Rosenberg couple.

The correctness of this charge is demonstrated by a brief examination of the facts of the case. The Rosenbergs were convicted and sent to their death as spies on the basis of evidence so flimsy and questionable that it aroused world-wide skepticism and protest. In the case of Sobell the "evidence" was so much weaker that the government did not even dare charge that he actually committed espionage but rather that he "conspired" to do so.

Their proof of this contention boils down to the allegation, which they never even attempted to substantiate in court, that he had held five conversations with Julius Rosenberg for this purpose, and the testimony of one of Sobell's neighbors which purported to prove that Sobell had confessed the crime to him.

the defendant Sobell."

During the course of the trial it was revealed that Elitcher had a federal perjury for such a role is another matter. charge flowing from a false signing of a noncommunist affidavit hanging over his head, and faced a possible five-year jail sentence. Not without significance is the fact that he has never been prosecuted on this charge. It essence of the matter is already has also been widely maintained that the FBI clear enough: The Yugoslav Comwas instrumental in securing him a high-salaried job.

That Sobell is the victim of persecution is further evidenced by his incarceration at Alcatraz, three thousand miles from his family and Nova Misao that a communist and friends. Alcatraz, from which prisoners party was good only for taking against the "one-party system." cannot be paroled, is traditionally reserved power and not much use afterfor hardened criminals who have escaped from other prisons and have long criminal records. Sobell fits neither of these categories.

A brief, requesting an investigation of the Attorney General's entire handling of the case, including the transfer to Alcatraz, has been the National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. Such labor and liberal movement of this country.

It Could Happen Here If --

For a refreshing contrast to life in the United States, we take you to Cambridge, England, where Dr. Hildegarde Broda, a British citizen of Austrian birth, is an assistant medical officer for the county schools.

Dr. Broda married Alan Nunn May upon his release from prison. May is the physicist who was convicted of turning atom secrets over to the Soviet Union.

Recently Capt. A. C. Taylor, former Mayor of Cambridge and chairman of the local British Legion, demlanded that the Cambridge County Council dismiss Dr. Broda. Citing her marriage to the convicted scientist, he branded her a communist.

By unanimous vote the Council rejected the demand. Each of the Council members rose to condemn it.

"A disgusting form of persecution," said one.

"I do not know if she is a Communist and I do not give two damns if she is. She is one of the best doctors we have," asserted another. "A filthy, dirty attack on an individual. Does Capt. Taylor want McCarthyism in this

country? He (Taylor) is a traitor - a traitor to democracy," declared a third.

Virtually all the British press applauded the Council for its action. The widely read Daily Express commented, "Let every lover of freedom take heed of a splendid victory. It seems incredible that her job could be jeopardized for a moment. But human liberty is always it strong must guard it continually."

A London correspondent of the N.Y. Times have been the outcome in any of Britain's after the seizure of power "the counties . . . the feeling that . . . 'McCarthyism,' even more than communism, is a poison whose importation into the British Isles would be traitorous, is probably widespread."

In England McCarthyism is rejected out of of that party has kept England free up to now of the McCarthyite scourge.

But is this actually a new

an appeal warrants the support of the entire the liquidationist wing represent-

bourgeois democratic forms and pear as the champion of the reformist ideology struggle against the bureaucracy

He is certainly no isolated is obvious. That he is qualified phenomenon. For years now the political pressure of imperialism A precise judgment on the Cenhas been bearing down on the tral Committee's decision can be whole Yugoslav leadership. rendered only after examining its Before even thinking about in minutes, the speeches of Kardelj vesting capital, imperialism must and Tito in particular. But the at all costs remove the danger

presented by the existence of a communist party independent of them: Moscow. Imperialism has of

employed his "theoretical" pen, explaining in the pages of Borba wards.

mentators speechless: "Djilas, you

actress." Or else: "He's a demo-

munist dictator who is returning

NOT NEW TENDENCY

posite.

DJILAS' PROGRAM

munist Party as a whole reacted against the tendency to dissolve t, to liquidate it, a tendency in course laid down its conditions the service of which Djilas had on precisely this point; it has also provided its Social Democratic agents who, while touring

> The Yugoslav leaders have partially yielded to this pressure, playing the dangerous game of party's fulfilling its role of vancamouflaging the workers state with bourgeois democratic trap-

doing these past several years is International when he arbitrarily tendency? The CC takes action mings. As long as the party to put us at the vanguard of the expelled them. But that is the against Djilas today in the name remained in the way, however, liquidation of a whole series of only way you can learn from of the letter and the spirit of the no gains made by reaction were sixth Congress. In reality this solidly guaranteed. Djilas was at revolutionary conquests. Is it any errors. To turn them to positive filed with the Senate Judiciary Committee by sixth Congress, in its decisions to this point already politically ripe wonder that after all of that the advantage you have to acknowl ensuing demoralization should edge them. transform the party into a to try going to work on his own

WHAT IS NEEDED

"league," seems to have been the party. He made the attempt and produce people like Djilas? result of a compromise between ended in failure. WHY HE FAILED

ed by Djilas and the partisans of Why did he fail? We could the status quo, whose whole policy easily point to a whole series of consists of "holding tight." Like all compromises, this one benefited old and fresh clues showing the resistance of the Political Bureau. the more dynamic and more agor more exactly of Tito pergressive side, that is, Djilas. sonally, to Djilas' bold opportun-For some months the Yugoslav Communists had the opportunity ist sallies.

The current represented by to read articles in which Djilas expounded the theory that the Djilas thus either prevailed inside withering away of the party was the Political Bureau or else was a necessary condition for the accepted and tolerated by the withering away of the state. It other leaders. Why did the crisis was Djilas who introduced in boil over into the isolation and Yugoslavia, at first surreptitiously, crushing of Djilas? It is probably the profound thought that the the result of a polarization o being challenged. And those who would keep Stalinist dictatorship over USSR political forces in Yugoslavia. It and the Communist parties is the was observable more than once

fruit of Lenin's "genius-like but what a powerful boost the inoutmoded" democratic centralism. ternal bourgeois forces received writes, "It is highly probable that such would He adds with an air of profundity: from the new foreign entanglements and the rightist orientaparty of the Leninist type should tion of the government and the become transformed into its op- party. A few months back there

> deputy, thinly disguised as defender of the peasants, who openly protested

These conclusions passed beyond the framework of Yugoslavia and limitation of land holdings to 25 hand. There is a reason for it. While the Amer- the transitional society. Outside acres. Dilas adapted himself ican workers remain bound to the capitalist of Yugoslavia, there is no need more and more to these reacfor a communist party at all, so tionary forces who were crawling parties that spawned McCarthyism, the Brit- ror a communist party at an, so back out in the open. Other lea- when he attempted to visit his ish workers have built a powerful Labor Party. of Moscow. What's needed are ders, more deeply attached to the mother in a Harlem hospital, has politically and organizationally." Whatever its shortcomings, the very existence people of good will working to revolutionary achievements, must moved in the Supreme Court to spread democracy within the have become alarmed.

framework of state capitalism, the But the outcome would have the city necessary preliminary stage for never been so sharp if not for \$1,000,000.

being made public. turn to their leaders and tell The majority of the Fourth International and its well-wishers, such as the Socialist Workers "You have saved the party Party, on the other hand have

ask class - conscious workers to

consider the issues in dispute. The

confines of the party.

from those who want to destroy everything to gain from putting the orthodox Trotskyist side of it - good. You have reaffirmed Yugoslavia, waxed eloquent the need for the party in the this struggle on the public record. framework of proletarian demo- This meant, of course, that we eracy - better yet. But it isn't also had to acknowledge errors enough just to reaffirm that need; we had made, particularly in it has to be justified by the siding with Pablo, despite serious doubts, against the majority of guard. Net all you have been the French section of the Fourth and Stewart Alsop report in their

"SAFEGUARD," WE SAI D

The necessity of holding our - NOT "SPLIT" ground against the combined The Pabloites take this perorces of imperialism and the

fectly clear and legitimate action Stalinist bureaucracy does not in of ours and misrepresent it. They way justify unprincipled any capitulations which have even say that it means we think the Fourth International is "finished." eached the point of condemning that it has "betrayed." Therefore New China. In reality, you have that our action in making public not been free of Djilasism yourthe issues in dispute constitutes selves. And today Djilas, even

a "split." though expelled, is still a danger. First of all, the SWP cannot He is on the road to becoming the most serious candidate for the post of hero of the Yugoslav restorationists, left vacant by the inglorious death of Draja it. But nowhere in its Open Letter Mikhailovich. To remove the or anywhere else did the SWP call on Trotskyists to "split" causes of Djilasism, a party is from the Fourth International. needed, one which actually plays ts role of communist party. orthodox Trotskyists to organize With Djilas now out of the way as a theoretician, the party must Fourth International. be completely rearmed, through the democratic preparation of the 7th Congress of the Yugoslav

(Translated from La Verite, French Trotskyist paper.)

> Pvt. Clifford Hamp, a Korean war veteran, who was brutally beaten by a New York policeman

from \$100,000

is a decision the White Ho not likely to make lightl though some of the tops in Pentagon and McCarthyite ments in Congress are pressur for the U.S. to leap into Indo China with both feet

Aside from considerations broad strategic diplomatic and military aims, which now appear to dictate a "stretch-out" of the war preparations and a more pro longed build-up for war against the Soviet Union and China, th Indo-China nut would be hard for U.S. imperialism to crack.

After four years of trying to set up a "native" army to carry the brunt of the struggle for them, the French have recently suffered large-scale defections to the Vietminh forces. Thus, Joseph Feb. 3 column in the N. Y. Herald-Tribune:

"And now there has come bad news of large scale defections by Viet Namese pro-French army units in the supposedly pacified territory near the southern capital. Saigon. These Viet Namese army defections to the Communists seem to have been wholly voluntary, without any serious preliminary fighting. They come after the 'affair of Bui Chu' last September, when raw Viet Namese units surrendered en masse when attacked by smaller Communist forces."

Tillman Durdin, N. Y. Times correspondent in Saigon, wrote on split from the Fourth Inter- Feb. 3 of the loss in South Vietnational because, due to a reac- nam of more than "two-scor tionary law, it does not belong to defense points to the Vietminh "as a result of defections. Eisenhower in an indirect way acknowledged in his press c ference on Feb. 3 that the In-On the contrary. It called on the Chinese do not support Fran and its puppet-emperor Bao Da a factional struggle to save the He conceded under ques that the situation in Indo-

The Open Letter specifically was "critical" and added the "heart and soul of the asked the orthodox Trotskyists tion" was always the throughout the world - not to split - but to "safeguard the ad- factor in a situation like ministration of the affairs of the China. A few hours later Fourth International by removing State Department felt it neces Pablo and his agents from office to have an "explanation" relea: and replacing them with cadres that the President "in no who have proved in action that wished to reflect on the

they know how to uphold orthodox being waged by the armies France's native puppets. Trotskylsm and keep the move-The American people want no ment on a correct course both part of the war in Indo-China

Naturally we recognize Pablo's They must demand of the govincrease his damage suit against right to disagree with this and to ernment: "Not a cent, not a to fight to retain his post. But we not a man for the Indo-Chi do not recognize his "right" to war!"

against the

even turned up a bourgeoi

Jommunist Party."

The Negro Struggle By Jean Blake

The Rejection of Mrs. Beulah Whitby

Events of the past few weeks in Detroit provide such a classic example of what happens to social reforms in a period of reaction that they should be carefully studied throughout the country.

The bare facts, as reported in the Michigan Chronicle of January 30, are as follows:

Mayor Cobo rejected Mrs. Beulah Whitby for appointment to the post of director of the Detroit Commission on Human Relations because she is opposed to Detroit's policy of segregation in public housing.

Mrs. Whitby was chairman of the Community Service Division of the Detroit Urban League.

Mayor Cobo said he did not believe she should have served as chairman of a committee which was fighting segregation in public housing. He said further that she should not have permitted the committee to pass a resolution supporting the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its suit against segregation.

Edward Turner, president, and other representatives of the NAACP met with Mayor Cobo Jan. 22 to discuss his rejection of Mrs. Whitby, his refusal to appoint a director of the Commission on Human Relations who advocates non-segregated public housing and the effect of his attitude on the functions of the Commission.

According to NAACP representatives, the Mayor "heatedly refused to be pressed on the issue of 'open occupancy' in public housing. He told the group he would not disturb existing racial patterns in housing. He indicated, however, that he favored integration in new housing projects as long as it did not 'disturb' the community in any way."

NAACP spokesmen concluded from their interview with Cobo that he looked on the Commission on Community Relations as a "control measure" for Negroes, and implied that good race relations to him existed when there were no frictions or complaints.

On Jan. 26, NAACP President Turner resigned as a member of the Commission, charging that the Mayor's policy of segregation Los Angeles Press Incites was in violation of the U.S. Constitution and Michigan laws. Those are the bare facts. From them the

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Carthyism.

By David Dreiser

here like the Zootsuit riots of

The Herald, followed by most

of the daily press, has coined the

"Zootsuiter,," and advocates use

of "the lash and the club" against

This campaign is particularly

ominous now in view of the sup-

port the Hearst press gives Mc

Here are typical headlines

teen-age neighborhood gangs.

Those are the bare facts. From them the Negro community of Detroit has learned sev- Violence on Mexican Youth eral important lessons:

(1) Jim Crow rules Detroit through Mayor Cobo.

(2) The establishment, by ordinance, of the Commission on Human Relations was an geles Herald Express, one of two (give the) Los Angeles police ... empty reform; worse, an institution for sab- taken the lead in a campaign otaging the struggle against discrimination which it admits is intended to since its function is to soft-soap Negroes, not promote action against Mexicans to remove the conditions against which they protest.

(3) Regardless of laws and the attempts of "respectable" pro-capitalist Urban League and term "rat pack" to replace NAACP leaders' attempts to make the "democratic process" work, the dominant "American way" --- in the North, as well as the South -is segregation and second-class citizenship for Negroes.

There is one further lesson that should be seen in the Detroit experience: It is not an isolated incident. It is part and parcel of the Citizens Demand." "Heart of City sailors roaming through the growing social crisis. With more than 100,000 Invaded by Rat Pack Killers." unemployed in Detroit alone, many must begin to question the capitalist dogma that we live based on what Hearst calls a of victims. under the best of all possible systems. Class rule becomes more open and naked as it throws gangs. aside its democratic camouflage, including Herald was able to refer to two implications of organized fascist sweet talk about "human relations."

-resigning and withdrawing support from the populated area. During this same Human Relations Commission - was correct. beries, assaults and other crimes The next step is to resign from all agencies of sary to recognize that reliance on court fights become a crime wave? For only Smith followers and other fascist the government. At the same time it is necesagainst segregation is not enough. Mayor Cobo by Mexican youth, a handful of biulding up McCarthyism. and his class do not respect the law; they make juveniles and young adults out of laws and institutions to keep the oppressed in Los Angeles' Mexican population time, they also have in mind the check.

The victims of discrimination must join together - black and white - and organize a counteroffensive before naked capitalist rule reaches its most brutal form, a Jim Crow Fascist America.

criminals feel the mailed fist. . (First of two articles.) We have become 'too soft' . . In recent weeks the Los An-Hearst papers in the area, has The similarity between this treatment and the campaign of

lynch hysteria in the press which preceded the June 1943 riots is amply apparent, but the Herald didn't want anyone to miss the point. A few days later, they concluded an editorial with the reminder that "Not too long ago the Herald-Express did its part in creating sufficient indignation to crush the Zootsuit gangsters." According to a former Hearst reporter, this campaign was ordered directly by Hearst from his San Simeon palace. It resulted in a wave of terror, with mobs of

"Smash Rat Pack Killer Mobs; Mexican districts beating and stripping Mexicans at sight and Such thinly veiled incitements to lynch violence are ostensibly invading peaceful homes in search This is what the Los Angele "series" of crimes by juvenile

press would like to duplicate, only In a summary editorial the today there are all the sinister cases of assault and one killing in motivation. They are not just in-The first step taken by the Negro leaders a month's time in this thickly terested in selling papers; they want blood to flow in the streets period ordinary murders, rob- of Los Angeles. Part of the motivation is to

prepare the ground for action by occurred scores of times. How did three or four incidents Ku Klux Klan and Gerald L. K one reason: all were committed Like the Nazi press in Hitler's

need to find a scapegoat. In Los In response to just one of these Angeles, one of the first obvious crimes the Herald editorialized, targets, among the minorities is

take off the gloves and let these

J. Parnell Thomas, former chairman of the House un-American Activities Committee has announced his intention to seek re-election to Congress from New Jersey. Thomas said Feb. 8, "One thing the Republicans need in Congress is fighters of the McCarthy type and the past has shown that I can fill that category." His past includes an 81/2-month stretch in a Federal penitentiary for padding his Congressional payroll and extorting kickbacks from his employees. He was granted a "Christmas" pardon by Truman

point of view against our

Seattle Unions Hear Roberts Score Red Hunt

SEATTLE. Feb. 6 - The campaign of Daniel Roberts, Socialist Workers Party sponsored candidate for the Seattle School Board, got under way in earnest this week when

the candidate began a round of? speeches at local union meetings. Roberts spoke at five meetings this week. He had already spoken at his own union local, Boxmakers Local 2635, AFL, last week. One of the union bodies Roberts addressed was Local 81 of the Meatcutters, AFL, whose international secretary, Patrick Gorman, has taken a stand in favor of McCarthy.

Roberts spoke there against Mc-Canthyism and for the reinstatement of Mrs. Hughes, whom the School Board had dismissed from the school system for refusing to divulge her political views.

He stated: "I don't know if Mrs. Hughes holds to the line of the Communist Party or not. She refused to divulge her views before the School Board, and I believe that in so doing she was fully within her rights. If she is Stalinist, then I know I disagree with her fundamentally.

But I am opposed to firing any teacher for his or her political views. There must be freedom of thought and speech in the schools.

DEFINITE SYMPATHY

Roberts' appearance before the Meatcutters was the most dra- would-be Hitler - feed on this matic of all his union appearances discontent as he is now already to date. There were a number of doing, especially among the articulate red-baiters in the crowd middle classs, and become strong who wanted him to stop before enough to take power in this his time was up. But at the end country? Roberts was highly gratified when

tully a third of the audience of over 100 gave him a hand. In the the applause was more than a definite sympathy for his stand

for free speech. Speaking later that evening beore the executive board of Local 119 of the Longshoremen, Roberts Big Business forever? oncluded by stating:

"The menacing rise of Mc-Carthyism on the one hand and natives confronting America. The the alarming growth of juvenile answer as to which will prevail delinquency on the other point to must be given by the working

once for all. "The all-important question

confronting America is the following: What shall be the nature of the change?

"Will McCarthy - America's

"Will he thereby be able to smash the unions and the Negro organizations, regiment the youth, face of the redbaiters' pressure, and plunge the country into a hydrogen-bomb war on behalf mark of politeness. It indicated of America's 60 ruling families?

"Or will the labor movement rally all the oppressed and discontented to a banner of insurgency that will smash the rule of

"Fascism or socialism; slavery or freedom - these are the alterone inescapable conclusion: There people of this country - espeis mass dissatisfaction and rest- cially its organized members.

When Benny returned to

by the Chinese good, and that he

could report no atrocities, was

"You Are Not Afraid" By Joyce Cowley

That's what Miss Sylvia Porter says. "Talk mounting unemployment and deepening reession is all around you yet you are not afraid about your own individual outlook. And that includes even you who are feeling 'it' where it hurts - in the pocketbook."

Miss Porter has been traveling around itry talking to people. "From a jobpenter in California to the chairman of the world's greatest corporations-1 no fear of the 1954 recession."

he unemployed she interviewed: "Not id accumulated any savings worth meng, all had wives and children to supeach admitted he owed money. 'Are you ried?' was the question I asked."

occur. The absence of such fear would have disastrous consequences.

I don't know just how Miss Porter put her questions or how she interpreted the answers, his job, who has no savings and plenty of unpaid bills, is worried.

I haven't talked to him myself, but I'm Humphrey of Minnesota and willing to bet that the chairman of one of the Morse of Oregon - all voted to and liberals to stop McCarthyism world's greatest corporations is worried, too. give McCarthy more money to is as futile as trying to stop a attack them. This constituted tank with a fly-swatter. They If not, he must be crazy. This corporation nothing less than a vote of con- don't like McCarthy, but they are chief isn't thinking about his rent. He has fidence in McCarthy and his paralyzed with fright of him, bigger problems. He is faced with two terrifying alternatives - another depression or another war, and he probably doubts that modern capitalism will survive either one of them. run he has more to hope for, too.

(Continued from page 1) In Spain, where the liberal and the minimum duty facing Sen- labor leaders controlled the Peoators who were elected as self. ple's Front government, they proclaimed liberals and anti-Mc. were afraid to crack down on Carthyites. But only one member Franco when he began to organize but I'm sure that any sane man who has lost of the Senate (Fulbright of his fascist conspiracy in the army, Arkansas) voted No, and he did waiting until it was too late and it without explanation. The others he had launched the rebellion that

including Lehman of New York, ended in a fascist victory. methods.

of nearly half a million.

DEMOCRATS JUMP WHEN **M'CARTHY CRACKS WHIP**

"The lash and the club would do a lot of good with these irresponsible hoodiums. . . It is time to (Next week: What to do about it.)

the Mexican community.



"McCarthy Type"

in 1952. Snooper.

Depending on the Democrats

A. A. Beres, head of the Norwalk, Conn., Veterans of Foreign Wars, defining a "subversive" as "one who goes around town and sort of shows

secret committee to ferret out

such "subversives" and turn

their names in to the FBI.

it so good' has gone into discard





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Apparently all of these jobless men told her that in spite of having no money to feed their amilies or pay the rent, they were not worried. It makes me wonder if the people she talked to were mentally deficient.

Any psychologist will tell you that fear of real danger is a normal emotion necessary for the preservation of human life. If you're afraid of fire, for instance, you'll take measures to prevent fires and to put them out when they

Unlike the big-time executive, his personal destiny is not bound to a dying social order. He has a stake in the socialist future of mankind.

and they either don't know how Why? Because they were afraid to fight him successfully or they

not to. These windbag; who are don't want to. so fond of making "fighting" What's need What's needed is a rejection of speeches at labor conventions and the McCarthylte - Trumanite lie In this respect the jobless worker has an Americans for Democratic Action that the American people are advantage. He's afraid he can't pay his bills banquets, shiver when ever Mc- menaced by communism and an Carthy even scowls at them. He understanding of the fact that but he doesn't lie awake nights wondering if knows their number. All he has the real menace they face today the capitalists system will survive. He's got to say is that he will attack is a fascist movement that is more to worry about right now but in the long those who vote against him as gaining strength at an alarming 'communist agents," and they pace.

run like rabbits. Two days after their capitulation McCarthy started out on the cism is something that can't be first of the many speaking tours he will make in connection with the 1954 elections. His theme was who realize that their stake in the "Twenty Years of Treason" (by fight against fascism is total; the Democrats, whom he had just and who are prepared to act bludgeoned into giving him a vote accordingly.

of confidence). tion and united action of those and decided to return home to The Senate vote was a test of who have the greatest stake in America, the Army utilized his strength. It confirmed what we have been telling the American the fight against fascism - the switch for a major propaganda labor movement, the racial and appeal to the 22 GI's who conpeople-that McCarthyite fascism religious minorities, the young tinued to refuse repatriation. is strong, and growing stronger people. all the time (despite all of Eisen-

What's needed is the repudiahower's and Brownell's so-called tion by these groups of the moves to "outflank" it). But the two-party system that producel other side of the test was even more revealing. It also confirmed the present witch hunt and of the now weak the Democratic and two capitalist parties that have embraced McCarthyism, whether liberal opposition to McCarthyism enthusiastically or reluctantly. is - now fatally weak, panicstricken, unreliable and worthless. What's needed is a new poli-These are the men whom the

tical party, an independent Labor Party that will run its own candieaders of the labor movement have told us we must support if dates for office, oust both the old we want to stop McCarthyism. parties, take over the government But who can have any confidence and operate it in the interests of the majority of the people. in the Lehmans: and the Hum-

What's needed is a new political phreys after their miserable exhibition on Feb. 2? From now on, program, providing a clear alterwhenever . Walter Reuther or native to imperialist war, unem-George Meany tell the members ployment, high prices, Jim Crow, thought control, insecurity and of the unions to help elect Democrats, the members ought to the other evils and ills of capitalism — a program that will really

solve the problems that Mc-"What for - so that they can vote to give some more money raised out of our taxes to a in order to recruit a mass fol- story is told in the Jan. 30 issue lowing. vould-be dictator to use against

To satisfy these needs is the It is the story of 25 - year - old No. 1 political task of 1954. The even have the courage to VOTE Socialist Workers Party, already against McCarthy, how can any- engaged in this indispensable Lowenberg. work, solicits the cooperation of body count on them to FIGHT

all other forces with a stake in That is how the liberal and the fight against McCarthyism.

labor leaders acted in Europe M. N. ROY, a former Indian too. In Italy they tried to duck a day he is the victim of a fierce their hopes on the king, who founding the Third International, and intimidation. Of what crime is Benny Smith

FAIRY TALES FOR ILLINOIS "ADULTS turned around and invited Mus. died at Dehra Dun, India, Jan. solini to take power.

lessness in the country — a "By building a Labor Party, genuine crisis of perspectives — the working people of America churches, schools, or system of and change is on the order of the will unfold a resolute course of government," won national day. notoriety when his VFW post was revealed to have set up a

political struggle that, will end "The smug, conservative slogan the menace of war, depression, of the Democrats, echoed by the and fascism and transform Amerofficial leadership of the labor ica into a land of peace, freedom,

What's needed are men and women who recognize that fas-How They Ganged Up on a POW cism is something that can't be compromised with, or run away from, or wished out of existence; who realize that their stake in the Who Wasn't 'Tortured' by Chinese

movement, that 'You never had equality and plenty.'

When Corporal Edward Dicken- propaganda campaign about reactionary press, the less they son, after electing to stay with "atrocities" committed by the cared to be seen attending What's needed is the mobiliza- the Chinese, changed his mind Chinese. This is his crime. classes."

His story of life in a Chinese prison camp bears little resem- Memphis, he was interviewed blance to the tales of "brainwash- by the local press for a story on ing," enforced indoctrination, and the tortures inflicted in Chinese other forms of pressure allegedly prison camps. His statements used by the Chinese to win over that he considered his treatment

One Army message to them POW's. said in part: "Cpl. Edw. Dicken-The physical treatment of the son returned home to his loved prisoners was good, he says, sufficient to bring on threatening ones and enjoyed a combined thirty-day leave and honeymoon. This fact explodes the Communist charge that you or your loved ones will be harmed if you return."

Within a few weeks after Dickenson returned, the Army demonstrated how much trust could be placed in their propaganda. They hauled him up for courtmartial.

This vengeful doublecross of Dickenson is but one sordid chapter in the story of what has happened to returned POW's epetitious, interest began to who dare to express views opwane. posing the reactionary U.S. policy

of intervention in the Korean Carthyism demagogically exploits civil war. Another chapter in that of the liberal weekly, the Nation.

> former Corporal Benny Smith, of Memphis, Tenn., as told to Milton

On his return to Memphis with by the press, radio and TV. To-

They were permitted to set up letters and phone calls. their own mess, sanitation, WITCH HUNT BEGINS library, recreation and camp-Soon one of the local papers affairs committees. Food was of the same quantity and quality as was running a series on how Benny had "turned his gaze on a provided by the U.S. Army. way of life strange to America When the Chinese first began - strange, evil and powerful,"

the "political orientation" lecand hinted that "at the end of tures, with attendance comthe road there may even lie pulsory, the men did not object treason." to going to them, Bennie says. In fact many were really in-

When Benny threatened a libel terested, particularly in the dis- suit the formulations were switch. cussions that followed. But as ed to "a changed and distorted the lectures tended to become perspective about the American way of life." The proof ----Benny's contention that people

The Chinese said they were who chose the communist path making lecture attendance com- had a right to do so. A "clear pulsory to protect those who admission of guilt" was Benny's wished to attend from possible belief that fascism is a greater victimization from those who op- menace to America than comcosed the lectures. It was the munism. That showed "he was "progressive" POW's, Benny anti-fascist, not anti-communist." maintains, who convinced the The series brought on a new Chinese to make attendance avalanche of accusations and

voluntary. After that attendance threats. He was pressured to work an honorable discharge, Benny varied with the speaker and sub-was extended a hero's welcome ject. for the FBI to prove his "loyalty." The VA sent him to a But in time pressure mounted psychiatrist.

on those who continued to attend He has been informed that a showdown with Mussolini, pinning revolutionist who participated in campaign of vilification, slander lectures. "For one thing," says national magazine is preparing Benny, "a lot of guys got scared an "expose" of him. Hanging

when they began to learn things over his head is a summons to 25, of cerebral thrombosis. After guilty? He is not a communist. about our country that they never appear before the witch-hunting In Germany they were afraid Lenin's death, Roy became a He is a self-educated young work- knew before - about political Velde Committee. His chances for

to fight Hitler themselves, and Brandlerite - a right-wing ing man whose political views persecutions and the like. Guys a job are now slim. of books including Pilgrim's Progress, 20,000 they prevented the workers from formation that was expelled in boil down to the idea that capi- who had been hot pros at the That's the story of Benny. Leagues Under the Sea, Jane Eyre, Girl of the fighting him by telling them to 1929 by Stalin. Roy continued to talism is in need of improvement beginning, signing petitions, mak- Smith so far - the story of the support the militarist President drift toward the right until and that there are things to be ing broadcasts and all, started crucifixion of an honest young tian Anderson. The stamping was ordered to "make it impossible for school children to obtain smut." Hindenburg, who turned around invited Hitler to become up in the camp of British im-perialism. He talked about McCarthy, or the perialism. He talked about McCarthy, or the better America.

Notes from the News THE USE OF NEGRO STRIKE BREAKERS CHECK AND DOUBLE CHECK. A new Ala-

bama law requires that the author of any school text book must submit a statement as to whether or not he is a member of the Communist Party or any other organization on the Attorney General's "subversive" list; or an advocate of Communism or Marxian Socialism. Such a statement must also cover the author of any work recommended in the text for supplementary reading. Any book listing any author coming under the proscribed classification can be rejected on the appeal of any taxpayer.

PITTSBURGH STOOLIE MOVES UP LADDER. Mat Cvetic, the notorious FBI stoolpigeon, built up as a "hero" by the witch-hunting capitalist press for his unsavory role in railroading members of the Communist Party to prison for their political opinions has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination in Pittsburgh's 28th Congressional district.

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THE NOTED LIBERAL WEEKLY magazine, the New Republic, faces a financial crisis which may jeopardize its continued publication. From its inception the magazine was subsidized by major contributions from the Straight-Whitney Their contributions, which averaged a year since 1914, came to an end in In an appeal for financial support, the rs point out that despite doubling of cirn in two years to 33,000 the magazine is rently published at a deficit of \$1,600 per An estimated contribution of \$78,000 is eded to assure publication through 1954.

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RED FLAG FLIES IN KANSAS CITY. A atriotic citizen demanded action from the Kansas City school board when he spotted a red flag flying in place of the American flag over a local school. The school principal explained that the U.S. flag was not up because of bad weather and that the red flag was a warning to the children to come into the building and not play outside. "We've been using that storm signal for sixteen s," she said, "and this is the first time we've accused of un-Americanism."

of discriminatory practices that made it difficult to obtain jobs elsewhere - to leave the plant. The NAACP says it expects to get the rest of the strike breakers out in a short period. ANTI-SEMITISM CHARGED by N. Y. witch

hunt victim, Maurice Kurzman, a N. Y. high school teacher suspended for his refusal to answer questions in the current Board of Education witchhunting excursion, declared to the Board: "It is no accident that most of the teachers who have been called before this inquisition have been of

the Jewish faith. I maintain that this investigation is definitely anti-semitic." Kurzman, who holds that the Board has no right to enquire into his activities outside of school, was described to the Board by a school official as a "top notch teacher."

A WAGE HIKE FOR THE ARMED FORCES us and our rights and our organhas been urged on Congress by the CIO United izations? If these people don't Auto Workers. Such an action, the UAW wrote would be "timely, inasmuch as another committee established by Congress is presently advocating pay increases of 50% and over for members of Congress, members of the federal judiciary system and holders of other high governmental positions."

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ONLY." The Illinois Secretary of State has ordered the public library system to stamp the words "This book is for adults only" on a list Golden West, and the fairy tales of Hans Chris-

by the Hat Corp. of America in Norwalk, Conn., was succeeding in fanning anti-Negro sentiment among the strikers who are mostly white, until the Nat'l Ass'n for Advancement of Colored People intervened in the situation. NAACP representatives persuaded a number of the Negro strike breakers - many of whom were victims

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against him?"