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By George Breitman SWP Candidate for U.S. Senator in N.J.

The newest Senate committee to "probe" McCarthy, Negro Official which will begin public hearings in Washington on Aug. 30, has been praised by McCarthy himself as "a good

New York SWP Names Candidates rect action on the Flanders For State Office



DAVID L. WEISS



New Probe Body Fear Studebaker Will Spark Will Not Curb Fascist Senator Industry Wage-Cut Offensive

bunch of people." McCarthy evidently believes he

> ed after the Senate ducked diresolution to censure the Wisconsin fascist. And in this belief McCarthy is justified. The six Senators have this in

common-they are all conservatives, and none is up for reelection to the Senate this year. The Republicans are Watkins (Utah), who will serve as chair-

man; Francis Case (S.D.), auth-The latest victim of guilt by or of an early version of the association is Theodore Griffin, Taft-Hartley Law; and Carlson 54, of Asbury Park and president (Kan.), a personal friend of of the NAACP branch in that Eisenhower. Two of the Democity. The job from which he has crats, Stennis (Miss.) and Erbeen suspended was supply invin (N.C.), are from the South, spector, paying \$80 a week, with and the third, Edwin Johnson the Air Force wing here in (Col.), also votes frequently with Newark.

the GOP-Dixiecrat coalition. At a Security Board hearing There is a third distinction shared by these six, however, last Wednesday, Griffin, who was suspended in June, was askwhich commended them most of all to the Senate leaders (and to ed to explain why he "maintain-McCarthy). And that is their ed sympathetic association" with record of never having taken a three persons alleged to be "communists." oublic stand on McCarthyism.

In other words, they either are not opponents of McCarthy or they haven't had the courage to of his duties as NAACP presicondemn him up to now. It is not likely that they will associated with any of them "sosuddenly change character over- cially." He said two of the three night. If they were afraid to "suspects" were members of the

get in McCarthy's way before as NAACP branch. about arousing his wrath now could not prove they were "com-

no time in granting McCarthy's ten to local newspapers, and had



ficial of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been purged out of his civilian government job here on the ground that he has as sociated with alleged "communists" although he contends that he tried to get them kicked out of the NAACP.

His answer was that he had "encountered" them in the course dent since 1951, but had never

Reuther Bureaucracy Capitulates to Threat Ot Company Shutdown By Fred Talbot

DETROIT, Aug. 8 - American labor would do well to watch very closely the events in South Bend, Indiana. There, the Studebaker Corporation, in a letter sent yesterday to each worker personally, threatened to end the union contract, close down its plant and throw 11,000 out of jobs unless the union agrees to a wage cut of from 15% to 20%.

AFL Leadership **Urges People to Censure Congress**

The American Federation of Labor executive council, meeting in New York on Aug. 10, charged that the 83rd Congress "has earned a vote of censure from the American people" because it has "failed the workers, the farmers and the nation's consumers.

The AFL indictment assailed hours. Congress for failing, among other things, to counteract "the corroding effects of continuing high unemployment," to amend the Taft-Hartley Law, to raise the 75 cent minimum wage, to provide necessary tax relief for workers in low income groups," to authorize an adequate housing program, to pass FEPC leg-

This is no small or obscure firm. Studebaker is one of the few auto companies that have survived the savage competition since World War I. Its name is known to every child. Its action, if successful, will have great symbolic significance.

If Studebaker puts over its demanded wage cut, it will embolden other corporations to try the same thing. It may well signal the launching of a general wage-slashing offensive by Big Business.

The corporation had asked for the cut in the form of elimination of an incentive bonus paid to all plant workers when production exceeded the quota for 20

(Acceptance of the company proposal was recommended by officers of the Studebaker Local 5 and by the Reuther leadership of the United Auto Workers. After first turning down the proposal by a 3 to 2 vote, the membership was argued into accepting the proposal at a meeting Aug. 12.) Included in the proposal were

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his fellow Senators, they will probably be even more cautious ty," Griffin added that while he ty," Griffin added that while he as investigators. In this connection it is significant that the committee lost is different tenor" of letters they had write tenor" of letters tenor"

HAVE ANOTHER SLICE, SIR

CATHERINE GRATTA

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 - A special legislative convention of the Socialist Workers Party met the 1954 election in New York probes.

and to select its candidates.

Those nominated are David L. Weiss of New York City for Buffalo for Lieutenant Governor, Catherine Gratta of Brooklyn for Harold Robins of New York City or. "The odds are that it will the Attorney General would have Journal approaches these gov for State Comptroller.

Weiss headed the party's ticket in the 1953 New York mayoralty contest. Catherine Gratta was the party's candidate for President of the City Council. Robins ran for President of the Borough of Manhattan in 1949. Dorothy Haines is running for office for the first time.

The keynote of the conference was the struggle against Mc-Carthyism, the American form of fascism. David L. Weiss declared that labor, which is the main target of McCarthyism, must begin mobilizing against the fascist senator if it is not to suffer the fate of the German labor movement.

thyism.

"The powerful American trade unions," he declared, "can easily stop McCarthyism dead in its tracks. But to do that it must take the road to independent political action. Once the unions

begin a militant struggle against McCarthy's fascist movement, it is a certainty that the bulk of middle class will back it to the end. "What America needs today is a revival of labor militancy,

above all on the political field. That is the only field where the - if not for McCarthy. burning problems of the day -Last February, the fascist war, unemployment, insecurity Senator badly needed a new that she had never belonged to began to look like what it was ens. and fascism can be solved." charge of "communist coddling" the Communist Party. She point- ____ a frameup.

major demand in return for his tried to get them removed from cooperation-his right to "cross-NAACP membership. examine" witnesses, which in But, he added, he had declined

practice always turns out to be to identify them to the Security his right to smear them. But the Board as "communists" because Senators who brought charges he had no proof. against McCarthy will not have Griffin also assured the press the right to question witnesses.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Whatever this committee does the national legal department of -whether or not it lets Mcwith counsel. Carthy dominate the proceedings

as he did at the Army hearings; SINISTER PRECEDENT whether or not it completes the This case, which has now gone hearings and prepares a report

to the Department of Air Force in time for the Senate to reconvene and vote on it before for decision, is significant in the November elections-there is several respects:

no reason for believing that the (1) A sinister precedent is bepresent probe will result in any ing set not only for the NAACP cording to the Census Bureau, more decisive action against Mc- but for labor too. If Griffin can which lists July unemployment around again in thirty days and population, what we have is not today to consider its platform for Carthyism than all the previous be fired for meeting and know-"Few Washington correspond-

ents, if any, believe that the what local union president in a contrives a fall of exactly a ing." The July figures contain Senate will take any significant plant with a government con-Governor, Dorothy Haines of action at this session affecting tract is safe? Senator Joseph R. McCarthy," wrote Roscoe Drummond in the munist infiltration" bill being seen. State Attorney General and Aug. 7 Christian Science Monit- demanded by the White House,

> find a dignified and honorable the power in this case not only ernment figures with caution: "COMPARATIVELY STABLE" not be lulled into a false sense way for the Senate to do noth- to fire Griffin but to order the "In contemplating such statis- The "guestimates" fit neatly of security by comparison of will remain an obstacle to the (Continued on page 2) NAACP to disband.

By Joseph Keller The government continues to mates, or even guesses, based on us that the economic decline is

manufacture weird statistics on pretty small samplings." the economic situation. Official HOW THE TRICK'S DONE unemployment figures border on

sheer fantasy. government improved its "gues-For the month ending the secthat the NAACP is in no way timates" to conceal the real exond week in July, farm employinvolved in his case, although ment fell by 142,000, according tent of unemployment.

to the U.S. Bureau of Census. the NAACP is now aiding him The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that in the same market after June graduations, assuring.

period non-farm payrolls depayrolls alone dropped by 227,-000

What does this add up to? Why, a "decline of 1,000" in the summer.

total number of unemployed, acat 3,346,000. Out of a rise in he might have something for

ing alleged "communists" be- farm and factory layoffs of al- you. The Census Bureau counts tual decline. longing to his organization, then most 400,000, the government you as "employed, but not work-

"1,000" in the jobless total. an estimated 298,000 such "tem-That's as neat a feat of statis- porary layoffs" which the Cen-(2) Under the Brownell "com- tical legerdemain as we've ever sus Bureau uses to swell, not

> the unemployed, but the em-Even the Aug. 9 Wall Street ployed total.

tics, it is well to remember, of into the pattern of the adminis-

slation, etc. course, that they are only esti-tration's campaign to convince But what does the AFL leadership propose to do about it? 'beaten" and that the economic What form of "censure" does it

future is rosy. They have a advocate? Stated briefly, the program of special phrase to cover the situ-

Here are a couple of ways the ation. It is "comparatively the AFL executive council is to as Secretary of Comreplace the Republican 83rd stable." merce Mitchell and Secretary of Labor Weeks agreed in a joint Congress.

Instead of the usual 1,800,000 statement. "Comparatively But would the election of a students who enter the labor stable" sounds pleasant and re-Democratic Congress result in enactment of the legislation sup-

ported by the labor movement? this year the government figures What it really means is that Recent history demonstrates creased 289,000. Manufacturing account for only 1,500,000. What everything is standing where it that the answer is NO. The 82nd happened to the other 300,000? was-nothing is moving ahead. For some reason, they just Nothing, that is, except the and 81st Congresses were both

"aren't looking" for jobs this population. That's growing at controlled by the Democrats, the rate of between 2,500,000 with a Democrat in the White Now, suppose the boss tells and 3,000,000 a year. If the House. Yet both stubbornly re-

you you're laid off, but come economy doesn't expand with the fused to pass any progressive legislation. The 84th Congress, if control-'comparative stability" but ac-

led by the Democrats, would not differ from its predecessors.

AFL COUNCIL WARNING The only effective way This fact is stressed in a "censure" Congress is by ending statement of the AFL executive its control by both capitalist council, meeting in New York parties and putting it under the

City on Aug. 10. It correctly control of the working people, organized into an independent

"The American people must Labor Party. Until that's done, Congress workers' hopes for a better life. (Continued on page 3)

seniority changes allowing company to assign jobs at its discretion, tightened disciplinary clauses, elimination of premium holiday pay, and reduced shift differentials.

The company has laid off 12,-000 out of 23,000 employes since Congress with a Democratic 84th last spring. It has given the rest an average of two days work per week since February. The averuge wage is only \$35 a week. Cut that by \$5 to \$7 and a worker

would be scarcely worse off if he were out of work altogether and drawing unemployment compensation.

"COMPETITION" ARGUMENT

In attempting to sell the deal to' the workers, the union officials said that wages at Studebaker average \$2.37 an hour while the average at the big three (General Motors, Ford, Chrysler) is only \$2.07. They claimed it is necessary to bring down the Studebaker wages to the level of the big three "in order to improve the competitive position of Studebaker, which will create more work for Studebaker workers in the future."

This is the latest in a series of moves by various companies in the auto industry to break union wages and conditions with the threat of going out of business because we can't compete."

In April of this year the workers of the Kaiser-Willys plant at Toledo were forced to accept a similar proposal, advocated by

auto parts manufacturer at

Marysville, Michigan, is now

A BAR REPAIRS CALLED FRANCE CALLED A CONTRACT OF A DESCRIPTION OF A

McCarthy Suspects Her for Getting Better So she was restored to her Moss was allegedly based on a thorities, not wanting it to fall Mrs. Annie Lee Moss is alto hurl against the Army after 3 the local union officers, the comjob - temporarily - and her report that a Communist Party into McCarthy's hand, called all typical victim of McCarthyism. Secretary Stevens protested his pany and the International. Willys card had been issued to an copies back in. To their consterna-She is also a living example of activities in the Peress-Zwicker

name dropped out of the news. jobs were then "stabilized" by Until July 27, on the eve of the "Annie Lee Moss" in 1943. tion one copy could not be shutting the plant for the sum-Senate debate over whether or Through her lawyer Mrs. Moss located. Fearing that "Joe had mer. At that time the Militant not to censure McCarthy. Then repeated her denial, saying she it" - "Actually, I didn't," he pointed out that this was only the fascist from Wisconsin, ap- had never even seen such a card, said - "the Army promptly the beginning. pearing before a Senate rules and promising to lodge an appeal suspended her. The ironic thing Pressed Metals of America, an

is that within an hour they found ommittee, served notice that he within 30 days. Was it the correct "Mrs. Moss" the missing copy." vas "not finished" with Mrs.

warns:

this time? Was there any more But there is nothing ironic Moss yet. threatening to go out of business The Moss case "smells to high substance to the new charge than about the plight of Mrs. Moss. if the union contract is not neaven," McCarthy said. With an to the old one? Was there any Out of her job again, she must junked and a completely new one arrogance recking of white real evidence against Annie Lee continue the costly and difficult removing many seniority rights supremacist and anti-working Moss? battle of proving to skeptical and lowering piece rates subfrightened Army officials that stituted. By its own admission,

class prejudices, he demanded to PENTAGON PANIC know how this Negro woman had The Pentagon didn't stop to mistaken identity, or both. And financial condition, but wants to obtained her job: "I am still

find out. McCarthy himself, speak- if she fails to convince them, be assured of good profits in spite curious why this woman, who had no education, was promoted from ing to the American Legion in then she faces the threat of im- of the depression, at the exi job in the cafeteria to handling Chicago on Aug. 7, laughingly prisonment for "perjury." told the story of Mrs. Moss' latest coded documents."

This hint was enough to throw suspension:

And why? Because a defense-REUTHER CAPITULATES less Negro woman is like a

she is a victim of a frameup or this company is in a sound

Copies of a new FBI report, So far the Reuther leadership Mrs. Moss probably would have tagon suspended her from her ed out that there were three the Pentagon into a new panic. pebble in the path of a fascist repeating the old discredited demagogue. And because the of the UAW has capitulated finished out her days in this job. Only after that did she get Annie Lee Mosses in the Wash- On Aug. 4 they announced the charges against Mrs. Moss, had been sent to the Pentagon. (Such capitalist way of opposing Mc-pany demands for wage cuts and routine and obscure occupation a chance to testify in her own ington directory. The professional second suspension of Mrs. Moss.

informer could not identify her Elated, McCarthy publicly comreports are generally composed of Carthy — as exemplified by the increased speedup. How this Under oath Mrs. Moss swore in the hearing room. The case plimented Army Secretary Stevhearsay, gossip and "unevaluated" Pentagon — is to imitate and jibes with Reuther's economic

The second suspension of Mrs. charges.) The Pentagon au- appease him.

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pense of the workers.



practiced by the capitalist poli- tions, the services of professional ticians and government bureau- informers were quickly made crats who are supposed to be available, and one of them was staunch opponents of McCar- brought forward to denounce Mrs. Moss as a former member Mrs. Moss is not the kind of of the Communist Party. That's person who usually figures in why and how Mrs. Moss became sensational headlines. A 48-year- a minor actor in the big drama old Negro widow, a lifelong of McCarthy's drive to infiltrate

the appeasement of McCarthyism affair. As is usual in such situa-

Democrat and an active churchand take over the armed forces. goer, she used to be a waitress

behalf.

in the Pentagon cafeteria. On qualifying for the job, she became a mechanical teletype operator. In this position, which she was pilloried by McCarthy paid her \$64 a week, she transthe minority peoples and the mitted coded messages, of whose indictment for perjury if she meaning she was "entirely igno- denied the informer's story. At rant," according to the Army.

Mrs. Moss to another job. Then and threatened by him with an this point, the frightened Pen-

PILLORIED AND PURGED

First the Pentagon transferred

ANNIE LEE MOSS

Monday, August 16, 1954

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As reported in last week's Militant, the biggest assemblage of fascist Jew-baiters since the heyday of the German-American Bund and Father Coughlin's Christian union-busting.

Front in 1939 gathered in New York's Hotel Astor Grand Ball- destroy the organized labor movement in order to safeguard room on July 26 for a \$7-a-plate testimonial dinner to Senator capitalism.

Since fascism has come into Joseph McCarthy's ex-aide Roy Cohn-a Jew. The chairman of disrepute, there has even been the banquet and the most stri- a propaganda attempt to link it dent advocate of fascist terrorism falsely with communism. This is intended to conceal the fact that against liberal groups like the Americans for Democratic Ac- decayed capitalism itself spawns fascism as a system of violent tion (ADA) was also a Jewpolitical rule designed to wipe Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, co-ordinator of the Joint Committee out the opponents of the pro-Against Communism. In addi- fits system and to crush labor. Proponents of this theory, that tion, the speakers included Alseeks to cast off capitalism's refred Kohlberg of the China Lobsponsibility for fascism, naturby and the American-Jewish League Against Communism.

Seldom has this country witnessed a weirder spectacle than this mobilization of leading Mc-Carthyites, the most rabidly anti-Semitic elements in New York, cheering for a Jew and howling their approval of the fascistic utterances of two Jewish speakers. At the same time, this mob yelled loudest for the chief speaker of the evening, fascist McCarthy himself.

How can we consider the Mc-Carthyites anti-Semites when they pay tribute to a Jew so publicly and their leader has ostensibly, to defend fought. him? And how can we describe McCarthy as the American Hitler and the leader of the American form of fascism when he has the support of some Jewseven a rabbi?

ANTI-SEMITE FOLLOWERS

Of course, the openly anti-Semitic fascists - whom every-

one recognizes as such-acknowl- a Roman Catholic. He is an aredge McCarthy as their supreme dent pro-capitalist who is being spokesman. They do not doubt financed by Texas oil billionhe is a fascist like Hitler. But aires. He is virulently anti-labor. some of them have expressed And, of course, he is the most by the labor movement in the puzzlement at his failure to aggressive opponent of socialism past as intolerable burdens. come out as an open anti-Semite, and communism, which include, or at least at the fact that he for him, anything to the left of has used Jews for his purposes. his own ultra-reactionary views. Thus, the American National-

in anti-Semitic scurrility, as long capitalism and opponent of soago as May 25, 1953, under the cialism, is also the most serious headline, "McCarthy Embarras- contender for the title of Amerised by Jewish Assistants," com- can Hitler, then this helps destroy the argument that fascism plained: is somehow linked to socialism

"Fighting Joe McCarthy's camand communism. paign against Communism has

been seriously set back by the ridiculous antics of his two prove, as we Marxists have alyoung Jewish chief assistant in- ways said, that fascism is a pro-

and Roy Cohn, 25 . . . McCar- stage, its most bestial political the next day. for putting down the method thy's real reason for surround

panies to come to terms. For

of Electrical Workers, CIO, re-

ones to be located in towns with

wage levels 80 cents to \$1 lower

Alexander Smith, Inc. perman- operating losses." On May 28 it ing"? About this, the TWU has

and cease operations unless the ently closed the company's car- offered to reopen the mines on a nothing to say. The union, a workers agree to a 15% to 20% pet factory in Yonkers, N.Y., "work harder, produce more" member of the powerful CIO, reduction in pay is part of a throwing some 2,000 workers out plan. has no program to offer, only a The plan would have entailed sermon and a prayer.

growing national pattern of of jobs. These workers, members of the Textile Workers of the same wage rate but a seri-The union leaders try to meet

America, CIO, were on strike ous reduction in the work force. each threat as it comes, and so a wholesale movement under for eleven weeks because they John L. Lewis, President of the then with nothing but blind, Besides shutdowns there is also a wholesale movement under refused to accept contract re- United Mine Workers of Ameri- stop - gap measures, or hairvisions proposed by the com- ca, accepted the plan, but the brained schemes, when they don't the South or in any case away from areas where they have pany. These changes would have Tamaqua, Pa. local of the United agree to undermine union conbeen established and where the undermined wages and working Mine Workers-one of seven lo- ditions outright at the employworkers have succeeded in or- conditions, cals in the valley-refused to er's bidding.

The Alexander Smith company go along with the proposal and ganizing and forcing the com-A LOAN FOR THE BOSS

lic and the union.

then announced the permanent convinced workers in the other instance, James B. Carey, Presi- closing of the Yonkers plant, locals not to return to work. Another device is to back dent of the International Union stating that the move had been The company then announced "good" employers against "bad" planned even before the strike the permanent closing of the ones. That is how the Internacently accused General Electric began. All the company's pro- mines. tional Ladies Garment Workers The Tamaqua local offered the Union is trying to meet the of planning to break up seven duction will be carried on in big plants into scores of smaller Greenville, Miss., where the company a substitute plan. The menace of garment shops movmembers proposed that no ing to the South where they can company has operated a factory

changes in working conditions operate under open-shop conditake place, but the miners would tions. According to the July 27 Greenville plant is the most grant the company 20 payless N.Y. Times, President David modern in the carpet industry. workdays per year in case the Dubinsky of the ILGWU has a company was not making any "double-barreled" program. The

"States are competing for new ernment which floated a muni- profits. This would have guar- union is building a plant in the businesses in a no-holds-barred cipal bond issue of \$4,750,000. anteed the company \$1,500,000 South at a cost of \$40,000 which per year. The local disputed the it will turn over to a New York company's claim that it was los- manufacturer to operate under ing money and demanded that union conditions. That is the the company open its financial first barrel.

Then the union is loaning books to inspection to the pub-\$20,000, interest-free, to another employer to expand a union

DO-NOTHING RESPONSE shop he has been running for The growth of unemployment years in the South. That is the in general and the attacks on second barrel. And this blast of union conditions through shut- a double-barreled pop-gun is all

downs or migrations in particular that the bureaucrats of this rich represent a serious threat to the and powerful union have to oftive inducements to employers tion will be continued for ten labor movement. What are the fer in order to preserve their The Greenville plant has no far they have confined themselves but a miserable substitute for union, and according to the to statements about the need for one.

TWU, the wage scales are 30 full employment and prosperity. Clearly the labor movement that he hasn't got the guts to to 50 cents below those prevail- But they refuse to even get tocannot solve the problem of lay- give his own theories a try. ing in the Yonkers plant. The gether, and they have no prooffs, shut-downs, "run-away" firms and migrations on an in-

Greenville plant also has higher gram. Thus the Textile Workers dividual basis. What is required \$60 saving on a \$2,000 car, and Union took out a large ad in is united action. That is why it they declined to state definitely the N.Y. Times on July 1 to is imperative that the union whether even that much of a cut financial difficulties increase, the only 400 workers instead of give the public the startling leaders call a Congress of Labor in price would be ordered if the plan were accepted. Studebakers news that if there had been and adopt a fighting program to now sell at about \$135 above the "prosperity, full employment meet the growing economic and a rising standard of living crisis. Such a program must inbig three low-priced cars, and it

Another battle in the "civil in the nation as a whole" the clude a united fight to win the is not believed that a \$60 cut in war" took place in Panther Val- Yonkers plant might not have 30-hour work week at 40 hours price would result in much inley, Pennsylvania in the anthra- shut down. "To this extent the pay; unionization of the South; creased sales.

> JOB ELIMINATION pensation at full union wages What is really involved in the for the duration of the period of

in others of the same character





Francis Cardinal Spellman (right) greets South Korea's dictator President Syngman Rhee at the Veterans of Foreign Wars 55th national encampment in Philadelphia. VFW Natl. Commander Wayne Richards is in center. Rhee called for immediate renewal of the Korean War and a world war against the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China.

Studebaker Threat

is an attempt on the company's (Continued from page 1) theories of increasing the pur- part to have a free hand in inchasing power of the workers to troducing new labor saving solve the problem of overproduc- devices and in speeding up the workers. Even the present phoney ion is not explained. It is clear

incentive plans act as a brake on the increased profits resulting from the tremendous increase in Studebaker officials said the production made possible by the revisions would result in only a fabulous new methods of automation.

It is at this point that the arguments of the Reuther leadership in supporting such proposals appear most ludicrous. They claim. that to save the jobs of the workers at certain plants it is necessary to grant the companies some "relief." This relief, so graciously granted to the corporations

out of the pockets and sweat of production workers, is going to be used to eliminate jobs.

In proposing a plan similar to the one at Studebaker, an executive of Pressed Metals said; What we want is that the workers take a pay cut and the union give us a contract that will permit us to streamline so that we can compete with other companies." "Streamline" means nothing more or less than doing

The attitude of the Studebaker

workers who have been living on



ROY COHN



conditions.

capital and labor. As the eco-

calities is an instrument for cite coal industry. At the end tragedy of Alexander Smith in the fight for unemployment com-

for the past year.

According to Raskin, the

It was built by the town gov-

pany from paying taxes on its

work quotas for its workers.

This will allow Alexander Smith

But if McCarthy, the most fighting the unions and restoring of last June, the Lehigh Coal Yonkers is a lesson to the naist, a fascist sheet specializing savage defender of American the more profitable open-shop and Navigation Co. announced tion," the union concluded. the permanent shutdown of all All this may be very true, but joblessness; and the building of Studebaker proposals as well as

Here are some examples of its mines in the valley. Some it doesn't win a single job back. a Labor Party.

is somehow linked to socialism and communism. On the contrary, it helps to ... New Probe Body Won't Curb M'Carthy

But his biggest weapon of in- and anti-McCarthyism, with a Clifford Case, Senate candidate in probe committee's report, assum (Continued from page 1) vestigators, David Schine, 26, duct of capitalism at a certain ing," echoed the Boston Herald timidation is his threat to smear big drop only among those who New Jersey who has been blessed ing that that happens. and drive out of public life as were formerly indifferent to or 'by Eisenhower and who used to get ADA and CIO support for will they take serious disciplin- liminating jobs.

nist" objectives.



ally don't like to see McCarthy than those in the present job tagged as a fascist. McCarthy is centers. NO HOLDS BARRED rivalry that has grown more The company invested \$10,000,acute as conditions make manu- 000 for machinery and equipfacturers increasingly cost-con- ment. Alexander Smith will pay scious," says A. H. Raskin in a rental to the town of Green-

ing himself with Jewish assist- working class and preventing the ants on the Senate Investigating triumph of any anti-capitalist cape discipline by the Senate? for total political power. Committee has never been clear."

McCARTHY'S GAME

But McCarthy is shrewder than some of his followers-or, placed in time by socialism. rather, there is a division of labor between them. Elements like the backers of the American Nationalist continue to spread anti-Semitic prejudice and propagandize the fascist ideology openly and fully. McCarthy seeks to win a huge following among people who might be swayed by his "anti-Communist" appeal but who would shy away if they believed he is a fascist.

Anti-Semitism has been so identified with Nazism and the to the fascists that they will get out of his reply most of what of McCarthuiam and the objectives some personal privileges, fascist ideology that open Jew-

The Nazis themselves used a baiting now arouses suspicion few Jews of this type who were and fear of fascism. McCarthy, at least at this stage of his ready to serve the, anti-Semitic murderers in return for personal movement, seeks to avoid the label of fascism even though he favors and a little better treatpursues its objectives. Consement. These miserable creatures. like those who turned stoolpigquently he has deliberately and cleverly used Jews, like Cohn eon for the Nazis during the that McCarthy does not exist. In by such people. They are too and Schine, to conceal the fascist heroic Warsaw Jewish uprising, character of his program and are described in John Hersey's novel, "The Wall." In America movement.

today, there are opportunist The anti-Semite's tribute to Cohn has helped McCarthy pull scoundrels like Cohn and Rabbi Schultz who are willing to sell the slickest trick of the year. themselves to the fascists. On the one hand, he has rid him-

self of an aide who, by virtue WILL USE ANTI-SEMITISM of the fact that he happens to be a Jew, embarrasses McCarthy drel like McCarthy, of course, with his main followers, the anti-Semitic fascists. On the other hand, he has done this under cover of an apparent friendliness to certain Jews that movement is too far along. enables him to escape the stigma of an anti-Semitism that would call too close attention to the parallel between McCarthyism and Hitlerism.

It is true that 6,000,000 Jews were murdered by the Nazis. This has misled many American Jews-and many American people generally-into believing that too slick a demagogue to miss anti-Semitism is the chief charthis trick. acteristic of a fascist movement They do not understand the social and class basis of fascism and that its basic objective is to

Highest Layoff Rate

The factory layoff rate was the spite its use of the Cohns and by McCarthy's staff (which is has been significantly weakened; quite understand what all the exhighest for any June in five years, Schultzes, is fascism; that it is financed by his big capitalist on the contrary, McCarthy's per- citement is about" and "just while the hiring rate was the deadly anti-Semitic; and that it backers). Others he has silenced sonal popularity has dropped can't see why it's an issue in lowest for that month since the can be defeated only in a fight- by threats to expose long-past only a few per cent nationally, Illinois." end of World War II, the Bureau ing coalition with organized la-lassociations with liberal, social according to the public opinion of Labor Statistics reported early bor and its allies to win the so- democratic or Stalinist front or- polls. What has taken place recialist future. this month.

movement. McCarthyism - the Sen. Fulbright (D-Ark.), accord-American form of fascism - is ing to the Aug. 6 Alsop column, es of the other Senators.

An opportunist fascist scoun-

If McCarthyism triumphs, it

SERVANTS OF FASCISM

FULBRIGHT'S ANALYSIS We actually find some Jews, primarily among the middle class knows how to "paralyze his ad- to challenge and refute it. and rich (most Jews are poor versaries by sensing their anger dle-class elements), who support furious frustration, thus reducthe anti-labor and anti-communing them to inarticulate sputterist aspects of fascism and who ings." Fulbright admits that durtor prevents them from playing resolution he got "so damned fascist role. Some very few mad" when McCarthy called Jews try to be of such service him "Halfbright" that he left

Why is McCarthy able to es-

he had intended to say.

him," especially among the old- munist" hysteria? er Senators who "have got into

HIS MAIN WEAPON

ganizations and individuals.

They don't understand and nouncing "anti-communism" both don't want to understand that as a cover for promoting fasthere is a fascist in their midst, cism (McCarthy) and as a preand that the old ways of parlia- text for the step-by-step estabmentarism are incompatible with lishment of a police state (Eisenhis presence.

calling on the American people On the psychological level, makes use of such Jews when it Fulbright's testimony probably to mobilize for a life-or-death serves his purpose. But such illuminates the behavior of the struggle against both of these purpose is limited. He'll use Senators he knows so well. But competing and complementary

asperated or willfully blind Sen-

Fascism requires scapegoats- ators who are not McCarthyites and racial scapegoats are the themselves there must also be a But fear of McCarthyism is most convenient. Anti-Semitism strong political motivation. It is is one of the most widespread barely mentioned in the Alsop prejudices permeating capitalist interview with Fulbright, but it society. McCarthy will undoubt- is the most compelling element edly resort to this convenient of all-namely, the fact that means for inciting his followers there are "those whom McCarthy and winning new recruits. He is can also paralyze with fear."

such sentiment has become. Not only some but most of will scourge the American Jews the Senators have been effectivewith a ferocity that will surpass ly bulldozed and terrorized by Hitler's. The Jewish people can McCarthy. Some he has brought last six months during which to the voters." escape the tragic fate of their into line by threats to blackmail the White House has been try-European brethren only by rec- them for financial irregularities ing to contain McCarthy. This can Senate candidate, Joseph

ognizing that McCarthyism, de- and personal scandals uncovered doesn't mean that McCarthyism Meek of Illinois, said he "can't

who get in the way of his drive

the inevitable end-product of attributes it partly to McCarthy's Senators - frustrating, blinding Senate was gingerly handling U.S. capitalism if it is not re- skill in exploiting the weakness- or silencing them-because they the Flanders resolution. As antigrant McCarthy's premise that McCarthyite resolutions go, it

"communism" must be crushed was nothing to brag about or at all costs or because, if they serve as a model. But Boston is For one thing, McCarthy don't grant it, they are unable one of the nation's strongholds Carthy's No. 1 Senate defender, of McCarthyism, and the Wis-

McCarthyism can be deprived consin fascist has considerable workers or insecure lower mid- and creating in them a sense of of its mass support only by exposing "anti-communism" as a whole-objectives AND methods hotly opposed by a number of -as part of a conspiracy to desregret that its anti-Semitic fac- ing the debate on the Flanders troy the last traces of democracy anyhow. Its mere introduction in this country. news.

But how can that be done by themselves to quibbling about its

For another thing, Fulbright methods? How can that be done says McCarthy has a talent for by capitalist politicians who year prevented it from killing rendering himself invisible to themselves seize every opportunthose who do not want to see ity to whip up the "anti-com-

The answer is that it isn't bethe curious habit of pretending ing, won't and can't be done a sense, they live in the past, in scared to stand up to McCarthy the Senate they used to know in the only way that would seriously damage him - by de-

hower and Truman), and by

open anti-Semitism before his behind the conduct of those ex- forms of capitalist reaction.

TWO FEARS

not the only motive for the Sen- tends to make McCarthy an isate's conduct. If it were, the sue in his campaign, they "have Flanders censure resolution drawn a total blank." would simply have been tabled. Besides the fear of McCarthyism Bender (R-Ohio), a candidate paigners, with a few notable ex-

country, or at any rate an un-stand he was going to take on certainty of how formidable McCarthyism, Bender answered: In our opinion anti-McCarthy- that situation any way at all, ism has become stronger in the and I propose to say so frankly

Another reactionary Republi-

they will act if they are called

This phenomenon extends to

A straw in the wind was the his congressional campaigns, ary action against McCarthy, CAN'T AFFORD CUT anti-McCarthy resolution passed came out with a hot blast against such as impeaching or removing This threat sends shivers by the Massachusetts Federation McCarthy. This produced strong him from committee chairmandown the spines of most of the of Labor convention while the resentment in his own party, ships. and even demands that he (2) Even a censure motion

withdraw, (ducked by this same body on So on Aug. 9 Case went to Aug. 2 by 75 to 12) will fall far Washington for a meeting with short of receiving a majority Eisenhower, Nixon - and Mc- vote.

Dirksen of Illinois.

support there even in the labor press that Case "has promised to of the anti-McCarthy voters), it asked question at the heated movement. The resolution was issue a statement repudiating will be a mild reprimand, ad- meeting which turned down the delegates, but it was adopted the ADA and to steer clear of any more unnecessary McCarthy himself in a more dignified and was rightly considered national statements. McCarthy is not and decorous manner in the future; never has been an issue in New and even this will be negated by

Jersey." And Dirksen announced Fear of McCarthy led the that he will go to New Jersey promoting worthy "anti-commu-Senate to duck the vote on the to campaign for Case. Flanders resolution. But fear of

"Wherever you look, from anti-McCarthyism in an election Massachusetts to California," the Flanders resolution outright. say the Alsops, "you will find Torn by two fears, it decided to candidates who 'don't even instave off any real decision by just as true of the Democrats to now. postponing the issue. Maybe in

the meantime something, someas of the Republicans. how, somewhere would turn up

DEMOCRATS TOO to relieve "the greatest parlia-

Sen. Douglas (D.-Ill.) answermentary body in the world" of ed the Alsops with a Shakespearhaving to offend the McCarthy ian quotation that meant if Meek camp or its opponents. wants a fight on the McCarthy CAMPAIGN PLANS issue, he can have one. But And meanwhile, what are they Douglas himself isn't going to

going to do in the election camstart anything." paign? As of now, it appears And Patrick McNamara, Demthey plan-most of the Republiocratic Senate candidate in Mich-

cans and Democrats alike-to igan and an AFL leader, replied: say nothing on McCarthyism, or "Things are in such a fluid state the next thing to it. it is difficult to put into words."

The Alsops, in their Aug. 9 Anyhow, he has "no particular column report that "after plans for making McCarthy an searching high and low in both issue right now."

The Alsops' explanation for parties" for a candidate who inthe Democrats' silence is this: "It is because so many hardcore McCarthyites have been When they asked Rep. George Democrats that Democratic cam-

there is also a fear of the anti- for the Senate who "used to ceptions, have tended to weasel McCarthyite sentiment in the have McCarthy tendencies." what on McCarthy.' That is part of the explana-

> tion. But a bigger part is that "I don't propose to enter into the Democrats share McCarthy's "anti-communist" premises and fear both him and the anti-Mc-Carthy sentiments of a large number of voters.

> > WHAT THEY'LL DO

If the capitalist politicians propose to be silent on McCarthy during the election campaign, then it is quite clear how

liberal as well as reactionary back to Washington before the cently is a polarization of pro- Republicans. A month or two ago election to vote on the new

\$35 a week due to short work schedules was expressed by one worker who said, "We just can't afford a cut. Sure, we want to see this plant running full speed again, but why take it out of (3) If any kind of motion is our hides? Why not raise the passed (and that will happen wages and get some decent con-When their luncheon was done, only if the Senate's fear of Mc- ditions at Ford and General a White House source told the Carthy is exceeded by its fear Motors?" That was an often

> monishing McCarthy to conduct international - sponsored proposal. The daily newspapers in Detroit are congratulating Reuther and company on their "civic respona commendation of McCarthy for sibility" in sponsoring wage cuts. The Studebaker workers showed greater responsibility, civic, Assuming, we repeat, that the union, and otherwise, and a little

Senate does anything at all be- good old-fashioned working-class fore the elections-which is a solidarity too, when they turned pretty big assumption in the down the cut and answered: tend to mention it'." And this is light of its cowardly conduct up "RAISE THE WAGES OF THE BIG THREE!"

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Hoover Close to McCarthy

Here are some of the main points former president Herbert Hoover made in his 80th birthday speech at West Branch, Iowa, Aug. 10:

The Democratic Party which ruled for "twenty years before this administration" committed the crime of recognizing the Soviet Union in 1933. This act "opened the headgates for torrents of traitors" in our midst.

It led to "giving aid to the Soviet government" when it was attacked by Hitler. This blunder "spread communism over the earth." The world-wide "communist conspiracy" recruits traitors in the United States: "The recruiting ground for their agents are from our minority of fuzzy-minded intellectuals (eggheads) and labor leaders."

But we are doing all right in ferreting out this type of traitor. "Our great concern should be the other varieties of Karl Marx virus."

The carriers of the Karl Marx "virus" are the "socialists" who advocate the poisonous idea "that the government should guarantee every citizen security from cradle to grave," an idea which is obviously in contradiction to the Biblical "judgment of the Lord to Adam about sweat."

Hoover concludes his tirade against the Democrats who opened the "headgates to torrents of treason" and the Karl Marx virus of "socialism" with the warning: "If anyone rises to say that all this is reactionary, you may class him as either fuzzy-minded or an ignorant enemy of free men."

There is a striking resemblance between Hoover's speech and the program peddled by the fascist McCarthy. The theme of "twenty vears of treason" is woven together with the industry with a nucleus of skilled idea that the same "fuzzy-minded intellectuals workers must be available to and labor leaders" who are the "recruiting devices in event of war.' ground of traitors" are also responsible for domestic "viruses" - the "Welfare State" and

'socialism.' By "socialism" Hoover means the whole cost. The Swiss bourgeoisie, who are deemed allies by the Eisenstructure of the modern American labor movehower administration, expressed ment. He means the security the unions have won for the working people. He means the talists of Western Europe voiced social legislation that has been won in decades their alarm that the move was of struggle.

Hoover is not a fascist. He is however a

representative of some of the most reactionary, ness. Not many workers will listen in sympathy of the Christian Science Monitor, to this symbol of breadlines, Hoovervilles, and armed assault on the Bonus Army. But his ficial one. "The decision against dictator Rhee of Korea demanded

Business circles. These are fascist-minded to the core. They

They will not rest easy in their Union League deal a severe blow at the economy we have of recent weeks to the Clubs and on their yachts until "free enterprise" is restored — that is, until they have smashed the unions and social security legislation, and all the rest of that "socialistic" stuff.

Hoover's ideas are close to McCarthy's. The difference is that McCarthy is organizing a fascist movement to carry out these objectives. And Hoover shows that he and his ilk have nothing but sympathy for this venture.

strong indignation. And the capibut the first of a series, aimed MALENKOV EISENHOWER at excluding them from the Amer can market Joseph C. Harsch, the well-in- an American delegation to a astute observers in the capitalist

bigoted and labor-hating sections of Big Busi- formed Washington correspondent Soviet agricultural fair opening press as the real line Eisenhower in Moscow on Aug. 1. In his Aug. 5 column, Harsch advances an explanation that dif-Kremlin. fers considerably from the ofdeclared that by its silence when 'MODUS VIVENDI"

What is the meaning of "peaceutterances reveal the mood of certain Big Swiss watches," he said July 30, immediate war with the Soviet ful coexistence" or a "modus fits a coexistence pattern of Union, "Congress has decreed

policy. If the United States is that there shall at least be a vivendi," as the capitalist spokesmen prefer to call it? prepared to coexist with the Com- period of attempted coexistence hate and fear the American working class. munist world, it can afford to before we again come as close as First of all, through such an

> of Switzerland, because Switzer-Soviet wars." land can compensate itself, more FOUR STAGES

the shooting down of Chinese in that direction.

or less, by trading with the Communist countries.

solid in view of his conviction into the Korean civil war, was Harsch notes the "growing that an eventual war between the universally interpreted abroad dualism in the course of Amer-United States and the Soviet as evidence of capitalist Amercan behavior." On the one hand Union is a certainty. As he sees ica's war-mongering tendency. inists did everything possible to that counts." he "American voice" has been

it there will not be "a simple The majority in every country louder in its denunciations of sow confidence in the Arbenz govthings done behind the Iron two-stage transition from the abroad viewed the facts as proof ernment. When this folded up should serve to alert every mili-Curtain" and "in protest against German wars to the Soviet wars" that American Big Business under attack from United Fruit tant to the real long-range in-(stage one being the falling apart sought to plunge the world into and the State Department, the tentions of Wall Street's repthe concept of coexistence." Guatemalan workers and peasants resentatives in Washington.

"Yet at the same time," he of the World War II alliance and an atomic conflict that could says, "many things have been stage two a decisive military doom civilization. done which belong to a co-struggle) but four stages. The Thus the shift to a softer line,

'The story of attempted coex- would aim at demonstrating the istence must first be written." peace-loving proclivities of the

two intervening stages are (1) an "attempt" at coexistence

... Unemployment Figures plutocracy. That is with Youngstown Sheet and (Continued from page 1)

current levels of economic ac- Tube. The speeding up of con-Secondly, an essential part of tivity with those of several years centration and monopoly of in-The possibility of some kind of the "modus vivendi" would be ago. It is not enough that there dustry is a sign of intensified temporary deal between Wash- utilization of the services of the be as many employed in 1954 as industrial warfare and instabil-

We cannot overlook the signi-"It is not enough to have 1954 forecast by the Militant. After lutionary potential of the masses Eisenhower won the 1952 elec- in Europe and in the colonial manufacturing production at the ficance of the Chrysler Corporaworld since this is the only real 1951 level but 9% below last tion's decision to cut its regular force that can definitively upset year. It is not enough to have quarterly dividend in half, thus purchasing power barely equal precipitating on Aug. 6 what the N.Y. Herald Tribune described The Malenkov regime is only to that of preceding years."

In fact, the AFL council cited as "one of the most hectic ses-The truce in Korea and then too eager to join in this un-Ambassador Zarubin and Sec- in Indochina were prominent speakably reactionary game. In government figures admitting sions the Stock Exchange ever retary of State Dulles held an markers in this course of foreign the case of Indochina, as recent that total wages during June and had." The N.Y. Times composite trainees' ordeal and, speaking of standing at amicable conference, not about policy. Now it is being increas- issues of the Militant have July were approximately \$6 bil- of average stock prices declined

> full prosperity had been main- sler's to bury the stock market tained, total wages and salaries would have risen some \$8 billion "comparative stability" in that. above last years' level." ANOTHER SHOT OF DOPE? If there is anything that in-This administration, like the dicates that the American capiprevious Democratic ones, has talist system is far from achiev. no way of keeping the capitalist ing "comparative stability," it system "stable" except by bigthe new wave of permanent ger and bigger inflationary government spending for war purmergers and the withholding of poses. Eisenhower's aides are talking about speeding up war When a corporation like Stuorders and advancing the issuance of government contracts by six months. The administration is pushing for expansion of the \$275 billion federal debt limit. There can be no significant pick-up for the capitalist economy except another shot of the Page 2. war spending dope. That's all A merciless competitive war that's left to keep the system going.

The Ft. Dix Cruelty Case

Few people are going to believe the Pentagon's propaganda about the "new" and "more democratic" Army after a special Army courts-martial of hand-picked brass handed down their Not Guilty verdicts in the cases of 1st Lt. Robert S. Morgan and Sgt. 1st Class Richard J. Witbeck.

Morgan and Witbeck were tried on the charge of "cruel and unusual mass punishment" to 225 Fort Dix, N. J., trainees who were forced to stand at attention for an hour under a broiling sun in 92-degree heat. A dozen men fainted, one of them twice. But they were ordered revived with water from the cigarette butt-cans and forced to line up again.

Lt. Morgan was acquitted on his own story - refuted by three eye-witnesses - that he was not on the scene but in his office at the know enough to get out of the sun. The officers

were not responsible.

existence policy.' LOWER TRADE BARRIERS Most of the capitalist press itself could Among the things he lists (2) "After that there must, dollar not repress an expression of dissatisfaction with besides the increased tariff on reasonably, be at least the story standard procedure in preparing the verdicts. The N. Y. Daily News, while watches is the agreement of the of its collapse before the war for war. Eisenhower administration "to tension mounts again."

dismissing the incident as "not of top imcut from 250 to 170 the number portance." observes that the Army is "hard up of items on the list of goods" tor volunteers" and fears that "when the news which the Western powers "are ington and Moscow was long ago Kremlin in containing the revo- in 1951 or 1952. gets around that Army judges have okayed the forbidden to sell to Communist countries." The new list goes into

Morgan-Witbeck performance . . . what will effect Aug. 16. be the effect on the recruiting campaigns?" Harsch also observes that at

The truth is that the "Morgan-Witbeck per-] the very height of the crisis over his administration making a turn the capitalist apple cart. formance" is nothing new or exceptional in the Army. Capt. Norman Tupper, Sgt. Wit- planes near Hainan island, Soviet beck's defense counsel, pooh-poohed the attention for long periods, boasted: "I've done the shooting, but about sending ingly recognized among the more noted, the Stalinists by way of the shooting, but about sending ingly recognized among the more noted, the Stalinists by way of the shooting, but about sending ingly recognized among the more noted, the Stalinists by way of the shooting, but about sending ingly recognized among the more noted, the Stalinists by way of the shooting in parades in New the shooting the shooting the shooting ingly recognized among the more noted, the stalinists by way of the shooting the shootin it many times. We do it in parades in New York many times. I've seen men passing out

planation offered by the White House was that considerations of national security required it. The explanation referred to a government report according to the July 28 N. Y. Times, that emphasized an "active jeweled watch produce fuses and other timing But if this move was part of preparations for immediate war, t included a serious overhead

Can They Coexist?

anticipation served up an enticing were left without leadership in dish to French and American the hour of crisis. The result was another victory for countercapitalism. Isaac Deutscher, who knows revolution.

how to anologize for the Stalin-These betrayals of promising ists, noted this in the Aug. 5 Manchester Guardian. "If the colonial movements are only small change in comparison to what struggle had continued," he said, the Stalinists can delivery by mis-Ho Chi Minh's armies might, in leading the workers of such a few sweeping offensives have countries as France and Italy. conquered the whole of Indochina

DECEPTIVE LULL as Mao Tse-tung's armies con-

When these betrayals have run quered the whole of China five their course and demoralization years ago."

Deutscher observed quite achas done its cancerous work, then curately that the "armistice Wall Street can end the chapter signed in Geneva makes little or of "attempted" coexistence. Meanno sense from the viewpoint of while it will have done everything the Vietminh alone. It does not in possible to strengthen its military any way correspond to the local positions abroad and its political balance of strength, which has and social positions in the United been much more favorable to the States.

A period of "peaceful co-Vietminh than are the terms of existence" can thus turn out to the armistice." He even calls it a "betrayal," be the deceptive lull before the putting the word in quotation catastrophic storm of World War marks, undoubtedly out of def- III.

erence to the Kremlin, and he How thoroughly the Eisenhower thinks that "some people in Ho administration, continuing in the Chi Minh's entourage and in the footsteps of Truman, is coms following in relation to the rank and file of his armies may mitted to eventual war with the well resent" what happened at Soviet Union can be judged from Geneva. the admissions July 31 of

In addition to such open and Assistant Secretary of Defense gross betrayals of the struggle John A. Hannah. In announcing against the capitalist west, the a sweeping new compulsory draft Stalinists can deliver in other plan approved by the Eisenhower administration. Hannah declared: ways

"The whole thing is geared to Their policy in Iran, for exunderstanding Wall Street would ample, deliberately paved the way the day of active war with the try to recoup its diplomatic for the counter-revolution which Soviet Union." He announced position which is very bad at swept the Mossadegh regime into moreover to a news conference present. The launching of the cold the ash can and restored British that "Everyone up to the Presi-

Harsch's opinion is all the more war, culminating in the plunge and American domination of the dent agrees that we must have country. an effective reserve to meet the

The same was true of their requirements of war with the policy in Guatemala. The Stal-| Soviets. And that is the only war That is plain speaking. It

time of the event and had not given orders for the punishment. At the subsequent trial of Sgt. Witbeck, the same three eye-witnesses again testified that the lieutenant was on the scene and had ordered water thrown on the unconscious men. This testimony was used to acquit the sergeant, on the grounds that he was carrying out the orders of his commanding officer, who had previously denied giving the orders.

Nobody denies the facts of the ordeal to which the trainees were submitted. But if the courts-martial verdicts are accepted, then we must believe the men stood for an hour in sizzling 92-degree heat just because they didn't

The announcement of the Stalinist government of East Germany Aug. 6 that it will accept Eisenhower's July 29 proffer of aid to flood victims in that country marks a 180 degree shift in Kremlin policy. As usual it was made without the slightest explanation.

Only a few days ago, Neues Deutschland, official organ of the East German Communist Party, denounced Eisenhower's offer as a dirty scheme for recruiting agents and spies for the United States. This was a straight continuation of the Kremlin's position following the historic rebellion of the East German workers on June 17, 1953.

At that time, the Eisenhower administration, seeking to take advantage of the uprising, sent millions of packages to Berlin for free distribution. This was attacked by Premier Otto Grotewohl as an "insult and a provocation." Eisenhower's offer at that time of \$15,000,000 in food for the starving workers was rejected as a crude attempt by American imperialism to recruit spies and saboteurs.

But on Aug. 6 Grotewohl thanked Eisenhower for his new offer "with expressions of highest esteem" for Wall Street's man in the White House.

How is this startling shift to be interpreted? Last year, the workers themselves, defying the oppressive regime saddled on them by the Kremlin against their will, took Eisenhower's packages the way they would have accepted arms - to strengthen their own independent position without the slightest concession to American Big Business. This fact was soon recognized by the Eisenhower administration, which stopped giving the food parcels away.

Before that happened, however, the East German workers by pouring into Berlin for the handouts gave a fresh demonstration of

sional officer caste who run the Army and have that is designed to crush the spirit and terrorize into unquestioning and unthinking obedience.

They do not hope to have an Army that will fight because the men believe they have something to fight for. The Pentagon knows that U.S. imperialism's objectives are world con- Hitler came to power the trade When Mayor Gullasch appeared quest and enslavement of other peoples. You can't get decent men to fight for that. You have to drive them with a whip. The "Morgan-Witbeck performance" is a top-important example.

Eisenhower Packages for East Germany

all around me."

their bitter opposition to the Kremlin puppets. has carried out purge after purge, seeking to isolate and arrest the rank and file leaders of the great resistance movement. At the same increase and a flat 6% increase and water and gas in the mains ists to maintain a low wage time they promised concessions in hope of for employees paid on a monthly remained at half pressure. basis. allaying the deep unrest of the masses.

The present acceptance of Eisenhower's offer of food will undoubtedly be presented to the working people as a fresh concession workers were pressing similar which controls river shipping on of the Stalinist regime. It is timed significantly enough with the new wave of strikes in West Germany which the Stalinists fear may provide the spark for another rebellion in East Germany.

It is also aimed as another demonstration of the willingness of the Kremlin to "peacefully coexist," that is, willingly cooperate with Wall Street. It follows the perfidious sellout at Geneva of the freedom movement of the Indochinese people.

and postal services. Last year, when the hungry East German PROTEST U.S. SEIZURE workers decided of their own volition to accept the Eisenhower food parcels, the Militant supported their action. We did it while clearly explaining and opposing the reactionary aims of erty for construction of a U.S. the Eisenhower administration in offering the Army project. Some 1,500 dockfood. For this we were severely taken to task workers used a bulldozer to drive by the followers of Pablo, who supported the surveyors, the police and Grotewohl's rejection of the free handouts and premises, who sneered at the revolutionary-minded workers who accepted them. The Pabloites even mis-strikers ordered maintenance represented our position as evidence of

"capitulation" to American imperialism! We await with interest the reaction of the

Pabloites to the abrupt reversal of Grotewohl's grant wage demands. position. Is it OK to accept Eisenhower's handouts now that the Kremlin gauleiters have pathy strike, walking off the job generously given their official stamp of ap-without permission from their proval?

In around me." Picket Lines Close German Plants sional officer caste who run the Army and have the power of life and death over the men. Cruelty is a system with them — a system In First Big Strikes Since Hitler

On the following day, the re-

tion, but before he was sworn in,

we predicted the likelihood of

By Paul Abbott The German labor movement, sistance movement at Bremerpotentially the most powerful in haven to the U.S. Army requisi-

Europe, is once again on the tion of property swelled until it

Vest Germany. The movement began Aug. 4 when 15,000 public service work-

union leaders.

hundreds of thousands of troops club their way through the in Munich. of the Allied powers occupying crowd to rescue the beleaguered official. than 50 years. The workers de- cipal streetcars, 360 subway a revolt against the effort of

On the same day in Duisberg

This was the first contingent Europe's greatest inland port to go on the picket lines. Else- the Public Services Transport where hundreds of thousands of and Communications Union demands under threat of strike. the Rhine, demanded negotia-The Coal Miners Union had tions on a 2.8 cents hourly in opened negotiations for a new crease. contract. The Bavarian metal

workers were scheduled to strike MOVEMENT SWELLS

Aug. 9 unless their demands In the Ruhr, 900,000 metal were met. The metal workers of workers made the same demand. the key Ruhr district and of And 300,000 coal miners asked North Rhine-Westphalia also de- for new wage negotiations. In manded an increase in pay. the Rhineland - Palatinate, the

Other workers in movement Metal Workers Union cancelled included forestry, textile, chem- its contract. cal, ceramics, construction, farm, The National Executive Com-

mittee of the Transport and Public Service Workers Union, rep-

resenting 825,000 workers re-On Aug. 5 the dockworkers of quested all government bodies in Bremerhaven joined homeowners West Germany to reply by Aug. to protest U.S. seizure of prop-11 to a demand to negotiate for higher wages. The Civil Service Union, with 1,000,000 members. put in a bid for a 15% increase. These unions were joined by construction details from the the National Textile Workers

428,000 members, who were said In Hamburg, meanwhile, the to have asked for a 50% increase. crews to reduce water and gas

pressures in the mains to half In South Baden, the Office Workers Union cancelled its pressure when the city governwage agreement as of Aug. 31. ment persisted in refusing to Their demand is for an 8% wage boost. In Cologne, municipal bus The Chemical, Paper and Cerdrivers staged a three-hour symamics Union likewise cancelled the island's economy." The 225

its contracts in the Rhineland- acres of beachfront provide "both Palatinate and Rhine Hesse. surf and sheltered bathing."

In Hesse even the policemen's plant closedowns, corporation mion wants a 20% increase.

By Aug. 9 the mushrooming dividends. strike movement had brought march. For the first time since involved 5,000 shipyard workers. 250,000 metal workers out of debaker threatens to close its some 600 plants in Bavaria. doors, it is highly symptomatic unions have launched what is before a crowd to make a speech, Pickets stoned a truckload of of an unstable economy. What rapidly shaping up to be a ma- he was surrounded by jeering scabs at an Ingolstadt auto fac- Studebaker threatens in auto. jor test of strength. The test is spectators. He fled to a wooden tory. And for the first time has already come to pass in sev all the more significant in that hut and locked himself in. It since Hitler smashed Germany's eral other industries, as reported it occurs under the threat of the took four carloads of police to unions, pickets were on the lines in Carl Goodman's article on

> As reports continued to pour in from all over of workers on is under way in the auto indus-

In Hamburg, the strikers voted the move, the special correspon- try. This has been marked by overwhelmingly Aug. 8 to reject dent of the N.Y. Times wrote mergers of some of the few reers in Hamburg struck for high- a proposal from city authorities from Bonn Aug. 8 that the rate maining companies outside of Since then, the East German government er wages. It was the first strike to grant them half their de- at which new demands are being the "Big Three," General Moof its kind in this city in more mands. More than 1,000 muni- received "would seem to indicate tors, Ford and Chrysler. Hudson and Nash formed the American manded a 2.3 cent hourly wage trains and 100 buses were idle, the Government and industrial- Motors Corporation on May 1. Kaiser took over Willys-Overstructure as the basis of the land. And Studebaker and Pack-West German industry." ard stockholders are to vote on Last year, when the East a merger proposition Aug. 17. German workers rose against The steel industry, which is the Stalinist government, the now operating at only two-thirds West German government and of capacity, is likewise witnessits Wall Street backers at first ing merger moves. It was conpoasted of the quiescence that firmed on July 30 that Bethleappeared to prevail among the hem Steel is discussing merger

workers on the "free" side of the Iron Curtain. On second thought, however, they indicated their fear that the East German movement might spread to West Germany.

It didn't then, although there vere some rumblings. Today, as the German workers once again organize picket squads, the captalists have real cause for foreboding. The present strike wave may be the first big signal of the revival of Europe's most dynamic labor movement. And that spells trouble not only for German imperialism and its Wall Street allies but also for the Stalinists who are trying to keep the East German workers in a straitjacket.

Stimulus of Bathing

"Coconut palms with crescent beaches" rim the 2½ miles of Puerto Rican shoreline purchased by Laurance S. Rockefeller, who according to the Aug. 2 N. Y World Telegram, "will develop" the property "to help stimulate

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The Negro Struggle

Negro Women and Their Jobs

The Decisive Difference

By Reba Aubrey

characteristic."

it was there."

There are proportionally more Negro women than white women in the American labor force. They work at the harder and less desirable jobs. They are hit harder by unemployment. They earn much less. More husbands and wives both must work among Negroes than among whites. More Negro women workers have children under 18 to take care of. More of them are widowed or divorced.

You don't have to take our word for it. You can read the statistics in a government report published by the U.S. Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor and entitled "Negro Women and Their Jobs." The highlights are:

Among Negro women, 40% are in the labor force; among white women, 32%. Though Negroes are about 10% of the population, they are 13% of the women labor force.

Most Negro women workers have jobs "where part-time work is widespread and where annual earnings are low." 41% of them are employed in private households, that is, as servants. 19% are in the services (practical nurses, waitresses, elevator operators, etc.). 15% are production workers (over one-third of them in laundries and dry cleaning).

Unemployment is "more frequent among non-white women."

The average wage or salary of Negro women workers is \$814 a year (or almost \$16 a week)

Two-thirds of the world's population go to

bed hungry every night. Such a broad sweep-

ing statement is not likely to make the other

one-third stop in their tracks, but if you've ever

tried to go to sleep at night so hungry that

your stomach hurts you'll be able to imagine

what it means to go on that way day in and

day out, year after year with no hope in sight.

Some of the desperate ways the "hungry'

two-thirds are combing the countryside for

food are reported by Labor's Daily of Aug. 4.

wild berry, rich in vitamins," which is growing

"right on their hillsides." The people there

had "neglected" this berry because it seems the

In Peru a "new food possibility" has been

"rediscovered" in the high plateau "where it

actually has been a staple food of the people

since the ancient times of the Incas." The

product, known as quinua, has a few serious

drawbacks - it gives a very low yield per

acre, ripens unevenly, is hard to thresh and

Aside from all this it "has a high content of

very digestible proteins, vitamins, starch and

other basic nutrients." Peruvian specialists are

working on the problem. "When experiments

worst of all, has "a strong, soapy taste,"

habit of eating it had become "unfashionable."

In Turkey, for example, the hungry eat "a

as compared to the white women worker average of \$1,976 a year (or \$38 a week). This means Negro women earn only 41% of what white women earn. (Negro families as a whole earn about half of what white families earn.

Among non-white couples, the number Foiled by Legion force rose from 23% in 1940 to 34% in 1950, while among white couples the increase was from 10% to 21% in that period.

Besides working, 48% of the Negro women workers have children beetwen the ages of six triotism of the American Legion and 17; and 25% of them have children under in Illinois.

six. Among white women workers the figures are 34% for the first group and 15% for the tle second. Almost half of all Negro women workers ground, were shocked and shaken

are widowed or divorced, as against one-third of white women workers.

Negro women earn less than half of what influences" in the seemingly patriotic organization known as white women earn (41%), and women as a the Girl Scouts of America. whole earn less than half of what men as a While loyal parents hastened whole earn (44%). There, in cold figures, is to grill their young offspring to proof of the triple exploitation of Negro determine which of them had women workers --- as workers, as women, and succumbed to the Marxist virus as Negroes. And there are the economic and the Legion moved vigorously to social conditions which will induce the Negro to by formally voting to withwomen workers to play a leading role in the draw "all support" from the fight for a society of socialist equality to Girl Scouts until they gave "irreplace the present society in which they are refutable proof" to the public the most oppressed.

that they had returned to a state of unalloyed Americanism.

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Girl Scout Plot

To Subvert U.S.

process that will "eliminate this objectionabl e citizenship precedence over on Aug. 1. American citizenship" and that

the writings of un-named pro-In Chile, a development is underway "to authentic historic material." shown that "during a 50-day period, 140 school children from seven to 14 years of age' knows that the UN is a tool of ate the fish flour "without even knowing that the Kremlin and that historians are eggheads.)

strike again?

The explanation Labor's Daily offers for the A Girl Scouts official weakly fact that two-thirds of humanity go to bed attempted to reject the charges hungry every night is that it is due to "in-as "unwarranted and unfair," adequate food production in many areas of the Girl Scout handbook is now beworld and poor distribution facilities for food ing rewritten to "revise" certain words which "apparently led to surpluses.'

It is true that there are "poor distribution a misinterpretation of our program.' facilities." In the United States, for example, the big problem is surpluses, which are so be misguided, however, if this line." great that the government leaves wheat in victory leads them to sleep great mountains in the open for lack of peacefully again. Who knows

storage. But the "poor distribution" which where, or when, "they" prevents these surpluses from going to the hungry in other countries is due to the capitalist system, not lack of ships. America's

ruling class would sooner see the wheat rot than distribute it without a profit or some sordid political gain.

The establishment of socialism would quickly Police Persecute end this insane state of affairs. By introducing Puerto Ricans

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Blocked McCarthy Censure



Sen. William Knowland (R-Calif.), majority leader, beams Vice Pres. Richard Nixon (right) after winning adoption of his motion blocking censure of fascist Sen. McCarthy.

GEORGE CASTERLINE

CLEVELAND-George F. Cas-lize Thompson Products and The Legion provided crushing terline, 46, affectionately known was the great disappointment of evidence of the deep inroads that as "Candy" to the thousands of his life when the union was narhave been made in the Girl Cleveland auto workers for whom rowly beaten in a vote, after a Scouts. It showed that the Girl he fought from the early days company campaign that employ-Scouts 1953 handbook "gives the of the CIO, died of lung cancer ed every anti-union trick ever

For the past seven years until

"Candy" was one of the prom- his death, he worked as a grindinent volunteer organizers in the er for the Ohio Crankshaft Co. communist authors "have been CIO organizing campaign here in He was an active member of cussing music of which they help older children who don't get enough milk." highly recommended in an of the Thirties. He is particularly UAW Local 91, serving as a de- were all very fond. They had Flour is being made from fish. Tests have ficial Girl Scout's magazine as remembered for his tenacious partment steward most of the been arrested for standing talkwork in attempting to organize time and as the local's vice pres-(Every well-informed American Thompson Products, one of the ident for one term, At various

auto industry. For over 15 years, he persist-Auto Council.

ed at the job of trying to crack nut in the industry. He was cialist Workers Party. In recent jail. The police are not picking proud of the fact that during years he had discontinued his up everyone-just those who one of the UAW's Thompson party activity, but he remained don't belong (in the raided

Products campaign, the company a believer in socialism to the areas)." president Crawford issued a end. leaflet attacking Casterline per-Friendly "Candy" was liked

sonally and carrying a cartoon by everyone-except the bosses. Redblooded Americans would of him labelled "'Candy' Caster- Many UAW militants and local

> ternational organizer for the were among the pallbearers at will UAW in again trying to union- his funeral on Aug. 4.



By Tom Denver

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 — Under pretext of fighting a mounting crime wave New York City Police Commissioner Adams has launched a campaign of terror against the outh and minority people.

From Tuesday through Sun- calling for recruits for the auxlay, Aug. 1, 238 persons were iliary police.

In order to prove his false arrested on the pretense they were "potential" criminals. theory that more cops mean less crime, he is going ahead with a Special squads are continuing their raids in the Times Square scheme to turn loose 250 "trigand amusement areas of the city, ger happy" rookie cops in a picking up many youths and precinct in East Harlem which is predominantly Negro and Puerto Ricans smeared by the capitalist press as "vicious hood- Puerto Rican. With this addition to the already "experienced" ums and undesirables.' The arrest of five Puerto Ricops in the area, crime may or cans for loitering in a congested may not go down but it can be area dressed in dungarees and expected that cases of police shirts is an example of brutality will go up.

Mayor Wagner, elected as a what is involved. When they were booked at the "friend of labor," has endorsed station house it was discovered this police campaign against the that dungarees and "T" shirts people of New York by pledging were the only uniforms the more aid to the cops.

young working men could afford BEAUTIFYING THE CITY? as members of a soft-ball team. Another capitalist politician, When arrested they were on County Judge Samuel S. Leibo-

witz, advocates diverting funds MUSIC LOVERS ARRESTED for beautifying the city into the Another group of four Puerto treasury of the police depart-Ricans were released after they ment.

explained that they were dis-If money is being spent to beautify the city, it is certainly not apparent in the workingclass districts, especially East Harlem.

ing in a group. What is apparent is that the One magistrate, completely infew remaining open-shops in the times he was a delegate to the different to the innocence of 42 Puerto Rican and Negro peoples CIO Council and the Cleveland similar victims who appeared be- and the youth of New York are fore him, told them, "You're gobeing falsely branded as breed-For a number of years "Can- ing to be picked up and picked ers of crime and a campaign of what is regarded as the toughest dy" was a member of the So- up again, and you're going to police terror has been launched against them.

New York has long been plagued with police brutality. Up intil recently it was largely con-

Meanwhile Adams is using the fined to the Negro and Puerto hysteria created by his campaign Rican communities. Now it is to "rid the streets of hoodlums being extended into other areas. and undesirables" to push for That is why it is no longer safe leaders paid their last respects his real aims. In a radio and to venture into even such a cen-

rancid butter. And, really, is the whether housewives or workers, I

one more beautiful than the think they are beautiful, no

After his discharge from the to him at the funeral parlor. television broadcast he asked ter as Times Square if you hap-Army "Candy" served as an in- Two UAW Local 91 members for appropriations to provide for pen to be dressed in work 7,000 more cops. He has already clothes, or if you belong to a plastered the city with leaflets minority grouping.

Our Readers Take the Floor

Jobs that Won't Be Missed

This is just one of the many | In the field of cosmetics we will be held responsible only for things that unions should do to might compare the frozen mask what I was aware of. protect the welfare of workers. of the neurosis-ridden bourgeois I think most of the The thing is for us union mem- clothes-horse with the primitive and norms of capitalist society

their way to a movie.

United Nations and One World in the Cleveland Clinic Hospital known and some new ones.

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are completed and final results made known the advantages of quinua should lead to its greater use.

In Indonesia, where there are very few dairy cows, soybeans and peanuts are plentiful. The only difficulty with these "foods" is that they "are not suitable for the young child." It seems that unless the soybean is "properly treated." it acts as a laxative on the child. The Indonesian government is experimenting with a

planning on a world scale, hunger could rapidly be stamped out. And the hundreds of millions of people whose stomachs are empty today

The difference between capitalism and so cialism boils down to that simple but decisive difference for humanity - going to bed on

Notes from the News

than in 1950.

"independent."

ONE OF AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING WOMEN, Dr. Mary Church Terrell, stubborn fighter for human freedom and equality, died July 24 at the age of 90. For more than 60 years Dr. Terrell dedicated herself to the strugg': against racial discrimination and for civil rights. She organized and became the first president of the National Association of Colored Women. In Berlin, Zurich and London, Dr. Terrell represented Negro women in their fight for equality. In 1909 she helped organize and became a charter member of the NAACP. In 1950, at the age of 86, Dr. Terrell and two other persons who had been refused service in a restaurant in Washington, began the fight that ended three years later in "a victory which opened the doors of restaurants to Negroes in the nation's capital."

A NON-PROFIT MEDICAL SERVICE COR-PORATION in San Diego has won its fight to continue operating. San Diego's County Medical Society started litigation six years ago "seeking an injunction" to smash the Complete Service Bureau "on the grounds it was practicing medicine illegally by in effect splitting fees with laymen for medical services in violation of the State law." The L.A. Times quotes the State Supreme Court's majority opinion in July that "there is no valid objection to the formation of a non-profit medical service corporation" under State law. * * *

IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG COLD WINTER for the increasing number of jobless in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchigan and Petersburg. Alaska's "construction boom of the last several years" is petering out. Lawrence E. Davies in the Aug. 7 N. Y. Times points out that "Jobs are scarcer and unemployment insurance claims have risen in numbers." He quotes Territorial Senator William Beltz, an Eskimo who heads the carpenters' union in Fairbanks, as saying: "The work isn't here. We have reached the peak and are tapering off." * * *

BIRTH IS UNACCEPTABLE to the New York State Censor Board. Walt Disney's true-life adventure film, "The Vanishing Prairie" - approved by the Roman Catholic Legion of Decency and the Motion Picture Association of America has been turned down by the board "because of a two-minute scene showing the birth of a buffalo calf," according to the Aug. 9 N. Y. Herald Tribune. "The MPA in giving the film its seal of approval, took note of the birth scene and said it 'saw nothing unusual or in bad taste. . .''

Editor: further expand production.

full or empty stomach.

Got a laugh out of your quota-The Militant should publicize and expose the program of fear tions from Karl Marx showing and conventions and in letters to nose, saucers in his ear lobes, and of wealthy bourgeois women. As could begin utilizing their labor power to and persecution which the police that crime and criminals are our union papers.

are unleashing against the least beneficial and even necessary for organized and most persecuted of the capitalist system. Come to New York City's people - the think of it, when capitalism goes and socialism comes, there are Puerto Ricans and the youth. Look at some of the things that going to be tremendous occupahave happened recently: The trial tional changes in this world. of three young Puerto Ricans Think of all the jobs there will

who were sentenced to death with be no use for: Soldiers and all the jobs supthe aid of forced "confessions"; the drive to clear the 42nd St. plying them, police (except area of "undesirables" resulting maybe to handle traffic), profesin the widespread arrest of sional politicians, most varieties Puerto Ricans in that area; of salesmen, advertising writers,

Let's Make Our

Mrs. G. L. R.'s letter (Aug. 2)

was very thought - provoking.

Wishes Known

Editor:

THE FARMER IS BEING SQUEEZED OFF announcers of radio and TV com-Folice Commissioner Adams' re-THE LAND. It is estimated by the Commerce mercials, lawyers, "labor rela-tions experts," FBI agents, guest for 7,000 more cops and his Department that the regular five-year farm census this fall is likely to find fewer than 23 selection of East Harlem (whose 'loyalty" probers and evaluators, million living there - more than a million fewer population is largely Puerto Rican jailers, censors, loan sharks, unand Negro) as the testing ground

employment agency personnel, etc. for his theory, "The more cops, COFFEE DRINKERS HAVE BEEN "TOOK" And this is only the beginning the lower the crime rate." of my list of jobs that won't be to the tune of millions of dollars by a phony All this seems to indicate certain pattern: Isolate and missed. Extend this list, think of coffee shortage that never existed. The Federal Trade Commission, after a seven-month probe segregate the Puerto Ricans; all the people whose labors could of why coffee prices took off for the wild blue slander them and identify them serve a socially useful purpose, yonder last December, came up with a detailed with all the crime and problems and it's easy to see what an exof the city; intimidate and scare pansion there will be under soreport that lays the blame squarely at the fee, of United States and Brazilian coffee speculators. cialism of production of the good them so that they'll be fall guys The report said that coffee price increases "canthings of life. for the city administration (and, not be explained in terms of competitive laws of incidentally, docile workers for L. N. Toledo, O supply and demand." the boss). * * *

And the whole thing in camou PUERTO RICO'S MINIMUM WAGE is 40c. an flaged behind a screen of They Lick Hand hour, but "some island employers are still trying to beat it." The Aug. 6 East Tennessee Labor delinquency, a rising crime rate, **That Jails Them** News says that Casa Baldrich Co., one of the the shooting of policemen and Editor: largest printshops in Puerto Rico, "has been found of course, sex crimes, the staple guilty of paying 35" of its 100 workers "less than of the yellow press. The theory the minimum." The firm has been "ordered to pay and practice of "club them down" munist Party can convince the period of their rise, when the them \$3,500 in back wages." get the widest publicity and en-

couragement. More and more the police are

VITO MARCANTONIO died suddenly in New York of a heart attack Aug. 9 at the age of 51. assuming the role of arbiters as should support the Democrats, that the perialist expansion, when the York of a neart attack Aug. 5 at the age of the assuming the tot the streets, at should support Marcantonio's political career began in the to who may walk the streets, at the elections. Republican Party, but at one time or another he what time they may do so, and had the endorsement of both Democrats and in what numbers. Under Hitler Republicans. He was first elected to Congress in you couldn't have more than five 1934 with Republican and City Fusion endorse- people at a house at one time; ment, but was dropped by the Republicans in in New York City it seems that 1936 and then joined the American Labor Party. if you are on the Police Depart-He was again elected to Congress in 1938 on the ment's blacklist you can't even strength of the personal machine he had built walk the streets or go to a movie. among minority groups in the Eighteenth Dis-So far this insidious campaign trict, but lost his seat in 1950 when the Repub- has not been challenged except licans, Democrats and Liberals ganged up against by isolated individuals or organ- Truly, there are a host of probhim and elected a Tammany wheelhorse. For the izations. I suggest that the Mili- lems workers have that our capitalist society and compare its will then be seen for what it bor. Angrily, she told them about last 18 years of his life he was backed by the tant and its readers get after the unions should but don't concern concepts of beauty with that of really is, one of the signs of the ner son and demanded: "Why Stalinists and in return generally followed their labor and community organizatwists and turns. But he was always ready for a machine deal with either Republicans or Democrats. When the Stalinists backed Wagner for Mayor last year instead of the ALP candidate, Marcantonio publicly indicated his displeasure. In Nov. 1953 he resigned from the ALP and in Feb. 1954 announced the formation of a "Good the lies and exposing the plans thing effective to obtain a federal an interesting subject for com- ridiculous" despite my good in-Neighbor" party, a new name for his personal of the uniformed hoods and their machine. He planned to make another bid for a bosses. Congressional seat this year, running as an

Ralph Torres New York City of their own.

Editor:

bers to make our wishes known who beautifies himself by filing are ridiculous and even vicious, - at union meetings, conferences his teeth, putting a bone in his including the customs and norms who makes his hair alluring with for so-called "ordinary" women,

other?

J. D. Newark, N. J.

Is Beauty Deeper Than Cosmetics?

Editor:

I appreciate Louise Manning's criticism in last week's Militant the ideal of the rich Chinese of my article "Sagging Cosmetic Lines Try a Face Lift." She raises devotion to beauty, bound her beauty lies in their character and some interesting and important feet. But then how do both comquestions that go beyond what pare with the sandal wearers? was intended in my report in the Or with those who go barefoot?

isagree with her. I do not be-

ieve that "beauty is predomi-

July 26 issue of declining From a materialist point of cosmetics sales and what the view, the norms of beauty like nucksters plan to do about it. the norms of morals, are functions of society. Although the On one point, however, I must

matter how toil-worn or seasoned Even in feet, it is difficult to in experience, for they are the find an absolute standard tran- ones who will be in the forefront scending society. The current of the struggle to build a new bourgeois ideal of beauty there ---and better world. a woman balanced on spiked They will be admired in future heels — is perhaps better than times the way we admire the

hardy, axe-swinging pioneer eauty lies in their character and it is manifest not in the cosmetics they indulge in but the deeds they perform.

Jack Bustelo New York City

'Why Don't You Help My Son?"

Editor:

nantly monopolized by the wealthy" and that the "wealthy" and that the "wealthy are far from fixed. And when a revolution comes along, they are Two FBI agents were conductare beautiful because the workers often deposed with startling ng a routine investigation of a swiftness. couple of suspected "reds" in

It appears to me that you might I think that when capitalist Brooklyn. They were going door just as well say that "morality society gives way to socialism, to door visiting the neighbors is predominantly monopolized by and the new generations take and trying to cajole or frighten the wealthy," and that the stock of what they have inherited, them into offering scraps of in-"wealthy are moral because the not much in the bourgeois lumberformation that could go into the workers are immoral." files as evidence against the room of morals and beauty will If you were to try to prove prove very useful. suspects. that the wealthy are beautiful by

relation may be remote, they are

determined in the final analysis

The new society will at first One woman who was confrontciting examples, certain difprobably be much more interested ed by these characters at her ficulties would at once arise. One thing I can't understand Among the bourgeoisie, what in truth, above all the truth door was confused until they went is how the leaders of the Com- period would you choose? The about the human mind, its into their routine. Then she bephysical under - structure, its came indignant and angry.

members of the Communist Party, close-fisted miser and the puriendowments, its relation to other It seems her 18-year-old son victims of a witch hunt started tanical house economist were the minds, its potentialities and how was recently drafted into the to realize them. Army and stationed in Texas. The From the study of such pat- only Jew in his outfit, he has

pigeon-breasted officer strutting terns in the world brotherhood become the butt of anti-Semitic Don Hennes his war ribbons and medals is the of enduring peace and well-being cracks and barrack-room "jokes." New York City model? Or a period of ostenta- will emerge - if I may venture As if that wasn't bad enough, a

a prediction - completely new couple of civilians in the small tious wealth when the stockholder lounging on a yacht deck and unsuspected fields where the town near the base have joined is the model? Clearly, it is dif. great artists of the future will in the Jew-baiting "sport" against ficult to find absolute beauty again consider the problem of him. On the whole, the lad feels within bourgeois society. The beauty on a qualitatively dif- pretty miserable. ideal seems to change. ferent level. All this was in the woman's

Seeking a firmer standard, we might go beyond the limits of themselves with. I am not a other societies. For example, the barbarism of the times. Lovers don't you help my son? Why tions and alert to them what is homeowner myself, but many post-war American bourgeois of beauty in the new society will don't you do something about happening. The situation is loaded union members are. If they would ideal of the beautiful bosom - feel no need, I believe, to decorate those people down there?" Then, with dynamite, which could ex- start demanding a union mem- the upholstered, steel-girdered lilies.

plode the worst reign of police bers homeowners league, as part front (or the flattened chest As to the feeling that Louise and before shutting her door, she terror ever seen in this city. Now of the labor movement, they could recently decreed by Christian Manning expresses of my presentis the time to begin answering get one and then could do some- Dior to replace it) - would make ing "women as being a little law to declare a moratorium on parative study with say the tentions, I am somewhat at a want to find out home payments by workers who Balinese ideal where women loss for an answer. I do not deny up and see them." lose their jobs through no fault prefer their breasts free of cloth- that the unconscious can play ing. tricks on us, but I hope that Il

The emphasis on cosmetics in mind as the FBI agents started our miserable, superficial society asking questions about her neighwithout waiting for an answer

told them: "The people you want to know about live two flights up. If you tentions, I am somewhat at a want to find out about them, go

Tom Denver New York City

are wretched."