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Breitman Defends N. J. Victims of McCarthy Smear Been Key to Election Trend

By George Breitman

Republican opponent, Clifford Case. The other was a pro-

fessor of theology in Cambridge, Mass., who died in 1948. I want to defend both women from the attacks of the McCarthyites ---and Clifford Case.

The attack on them began on Oct. 14, when the Newark Star-Ledger, a McCarthyite newspaper, published a smear against Clifford Case in the form of a charge that his sister, Adelaide McAlpin Case, had once been involved in various "Communist Front" activities. The Star-Ledger's informant was Bella Dodd, a former Communist Party leader turned professional informer. who alleged that she knew a middle-aged woman named Adelaide Case, who helped in certain civil liberties fights during the late 1930's and early 1940's

The description did not fit Clifford Case's sister. It might have fitted Adelaide Teague Case. Perhaps Bella Dodd concocted the whole story. At any rate, on the word of this informer the charge of "subversive" was hurled against the sister of my Republican opponent.

Behind the smear was Joseph ing Article I of the Bill McCarthy. He announced a few Rights - these are crimes in days before the Star-Ledger story appeared that he would Well, they are not in mine. I not support Clifford Case for admire, rather than condemn reasons that would become known before the elections. Clifford Case appeared on TV

October 17 to vindicate his sis-ter and himself. How did he answer the McCarthyite smear? this kind of activity is disloyal. Now that a member of his own I condemn Clifford Case for family had to run the gauntlet, switching the accusation from as thousands of other victims of the witch-hunt have had to



GEORGE BREITMAN

McCarthy's book and in Case's. the "guilty" Adelaide Case for signing to uphold the principle of freedom of speech.

business.' I condemn Clifford Case for Bowles also made the head- to work. agreeing with McCarthy that his sister to another person instead of showing that no crime conference of that organization. protest against compulsory overbefore, did Case repudiate the had been committed in the first In an insulting reply, Bowles ac- time. They demanded that overwitch-hunt which had spawned place. I further condemn Case cepted the invitation. The parent time be made voluntary.

McCarthyism? Unfortun- for running to J. Edgar Hoover, organization called an end to The bosses are sticking tough ately not. He accepted McCar- chief of the F.B.I., to report, this sort of foolishness by post- against this change on the poning the conference. Had grounds that it would open according to his own account thy's premise that Adelaide Case had committed a crime. He that his sister once belonged to a "left-wing study group" durpleaded, however, that it was a ing World War II. Thereby Case matter of mistaken identity: showed that he regarded the ac-"It's not us! The other Adetivities of a study group as a laid Case is the guilty party." matter for investigation by the Robeson riots which were mark- overtime, secret political police. Further- ed by anti-Negro and anti-Se-WHAT IS "DISLOYAL?" mitic violence. Guilty of what? According to more, by rushing to the cops ed a petition addressed to the studies, Case endorsed the code segregation — in Hillsboro, Ohio and Birkenhead were already ing." He added that "defense ted to the entire auto industry. have been badly hit by the drop New York State Parole Board. of the informer, which seeks to back when U. S. District Judge She asked for the release of a transform every person in the man who she thought had been U. S. into a stool-pigeon, informjailed because of his political ing on neighbors and closest ideas. She believed this was an relatives. Finally, I want to point out infringement of the Bill of Rights.

didate of the SWP would

when elected: "In strike situ-

ations such as we saw at Square

strikers, we would order the

"The workers and farmers

government, which we would

establish," he said, "would en-

law of the land barring racial

segregation in schools and take

ment. Instead of the General

Motors principle of government,

Weiss analyzed the national po-

she is visiting on her current

tour. "The solidarity of the De-

troit workers with the Square

intervention of the workers."

After the meeting, which took

buffet supper was served and a ter.

drastic action to end unemploy-

us!'

pressions of the various areas just ordinary observers.

by new cries of alarm!

been satisfactorily settled."

I want to speak in defense of Adelaide McAlpin Case and Adelaide Teague Case. The first is the sister of my Racist Mob Organizer **Still Active in Milford**

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In Milford, Delaware, the foes of school segregation have scored another legal point but the ten Negro students, who are legally entitled to go to Milford High, are still forced to attend a Jim?

Crow school 17 miles distant. National Association for the Nationwide Strike Advancement of Colored People lawyers won an order from the Chancery Court for the re-instatement of the Negro students in Milford High School. Vice-Ports in Britain Chancellor William Marvel, how-

OCT. 21 - The most powerever, immediately suspended his order to permit the pro-segrega- ful demonstration of maritime tion Milford School Board to workers in the past 25 years appeal to the State Supreme has sewed up Britain's major ports. The spreading strike of Court.

In the Milford area the Na- longshoremen now involves an tional Association for the Ad-vancement of White People dis-workers.

Despite opposition to the played growing power. Bryant Bowles, leader of the racist or- strike by their officials, rank ganization, now demands that and file members of the big local political candidates take Transport and General Workers nositions for or against the Union have shown their solidar-NAAWP. He has already endorsed one local candidate. docks.

Bowles also told a mass meeting The British cabinet considers at the Harrington airfield to put the situation so serious that it economic pressure on merchants. has been meeting almost daily Threats of boycott, he declared, at 10 Downing Street to conwould mean that no Delaware sider government action. They business man would dare refuse have inspired rumors that troops to "jump on the bandwagon of will be used against the strikers this organization to help his unless they capitulate to the demands of the bosses to go back

lines when he called the bluff. The strike began Oct. 4 when of the Peekskill, N. Y. NAACP, the National Amalgamated Stevwhich had invited him to air edores and Dockers union called his views at the New York State out its 7,000 men in London in





Wilson Deplores War **Costs -- But Not for GM**

By Joseph Keller | fact that during the first eigh-| and "faith" in capitalist system In their justified ire over Sec- teen months of the Eisenhower voiced by Harlow H. Curtice, retary of Defense Charles E. administration, and while Wil- successor to Wilson as GM pres-Wilson's crack which likened son had commanding position ident, when he announced last found in severe unemployment the unemployed to dogs, the over armaments procurement, January that GM would spend in some areas, reduced incomes workers should not overlook an- General Motors just happened \$1 billion in two years for ex- of many other industrial workup other statement he made on the to receive a net increase in war pansion. This was headlined as ers, and widespread loss of in-

But Many 'Don't Care

Who Wins'

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By Art Preis If C. E. Wilson, General Motors' contribution to Eisenhower's cabinet, had made his insulting analogy between the unemployed and dogs in a period of maximum employment, he might not have created such a stir. The Democrats pounced on his crude remark with such glee and some leading Republican candidates hastily reoudiated it precisely because there are so many million unemployed and so many millions more who fear they may be out

of jobs tomorrow. Eisenhower's lieutenants in the Commerce and Labor Departments may issue reams of drycleaned statistics to show that conomic conditions are just fine. But the evidence to the contrary is becoming so apparent, that responsible political observers of all hues regard the economic situation as the main factor in a widely-predicted shift in political trend

A POLITICAL AXIOM

come in farming areas.

As the Oct. 22 U.S. News & World Report puts it: "It is axiomatic in politics that loss of ncome creates irritation and that voters tend to express that irritation against the party in power . . . One of the factors working against Republicans is

Republicans are particularly

edgy about a shift in the farm

licans a big part of their lead in

Nov. 1952. Now, reports the Oct.

Eisenhower farm program is

headed for a rugged test in the

November elections. It's sure to

get some bumps and bruises." It

adds that "far more frequently

. . a Midwest traveler encount-

-who are downright angry now,

and ready to support the Demo-

crats. They're distressed at fall-

ing prices and shrinking incomes

ers rural citizens - many of

And that's enough to make a episode, McCarthyism is the person "disloyal" and "subver- gainer. Because anything that sive" - according to Joseph spreads the poison of the witch-McCarthy and Clifford Case. Pe- hunt creates the atmosphere in titioning the government for a which the fascist movement will redress of grievance and defend-I grow.

DETROIT ELECTION RALLY HEARS MYRA T. WEISS

By Patricia Stall

DETROIT - The Michigan cialist Workers Party rolled into high gear this month with the Weiss, National SWP campaign plant closed until the strike had director, at an election rally held Oct. 3.

Rita Shaw, SWP candidate for U.S. Senator from Michigan, force immediately the present chaired the meeting. In introducing the first speaker, Robert Himmel Jr., candidate for state representative, she said: "Unlike the candidates of the capitalist parties who claim to be tually fighting for the workers country." on the Square D picket line before this fight became frontpage headline news and up to litical scene and gave her im-

the last moment of the strike." Himmel described how the rank and file unionists of Detroit came to the support of the Square D picket line despite D strikers," she said, "shows conservative Big Business enered-baiting and the false policy how the atmosphere of reaction upon the workers to display the same solidarity and independence in the political fight for the working class as they did quarters, 3000 Grand River, a the working class for that mat- thinks about Joe." on the Square D picket line.

Frank Lovell outlined the long period of informal discus-SWP program and what a can- sion followed.

Bowles spoken in Peekskill it is the possibility of higher over- same occasion. The former head contracts of \$1,704,300,000, while a "bet against a recession." quite likely he would have or- time rates. At present the aver- of General Motors said, with the rest of the auto industry was a sure-thing bet for GM ganized a NAAWP branch there. age British longshoreman makes The town achieved notoriety in \$28.75 a week, of which approxi- war contracts in unemployment 000,000. August 1949 for the anti-Paul mately \$8.40' is for compulsory

Workers at Southhampton and

- the NAACP received a set- out.

Some \$120,000,000 in import H. Druffel in Cincinnati refused goods and \$90,000,000 in exports to enjoin the Hillsboro Board of have piled up at the wharves. Education from continuing Jim With storage space filled up, Crow schools. The decision is some manufacturers have althat in the whole disgraceful being appealed. Another develop- ready begun cutting back proment in the Hillsboro situation duction. Plants may be affected other tune when it comes to the to Dec. 1952, found this total tem without resort to the enorwas the conviction of Phillip as far away as New Zealand be-

Partridge, a religious white man cause of parts shortages. who believes in racial equality. Britain's maritime workers constitute one of the most stra- That tune is the clink of gold Last summer in the middle of the night he burnt down a Hills- tegic links in the island's indusboro Jim Crow school and then trial set up. Their demonstration fers at an ever faster rhythm gave himself up. His purpose of power today is an indication was to prevent the continuation of the key role that will be as head of the whole war de- war production and war spend- year which began July 1 at \$41,of school segregation in Hills- theirs when British labor decides partment. boro despite the Supreme Court it's time to shift over from capitalism to socialism. decision

distress areas, that "the whole idea that defense is prosperity 1954 GM received 6.4 percent of Wilson lived up to GM's expecis just not so. It comes out of all arms contracts issued to tations. But smaller auto com-

business" is "too serious" to GM's total of contracts from in the auto market. July, 1950, to December, 1952, "just make work." Wilson here expounds the view was \$5,285,200,000. By June,

that military spending is really 1954, the cumulative total reachnot desirable from the economic ed \$6,989,500,000. The other and hower administration's claim point of view and is bad for the smaller auto corporations, which that it has solved the economic whom voted Republican in 1952 workers. However, he plays an- had received \$6,004,400,000 up instability of the capitalist sys-"standard of living" of the cor- cut to \$5,609,400,000 as a result mous war expenditures of the poration with which he was so of a \$395,000,000 excess of can- Democrats is a brazen lie. The long and profitably associated. celled orders over new contracts. Oct. 11 Wall Street Journal ad-

WHY GM's 'CONFIDENCE' dollars pouring into GM's cof-These figures throw some re- spending is on a "slow downvealing light on the relation of grade, being estimated for the since Wilson procured his post ing to the prosperity of the cap-

Senator Henry M. Jackson (D- italists, if not of the workers. from actual outlays in the 1953-(Continued on page 3) Wash.) has made public the It accounts for the "confidence"

reference to the placement of showed a net decline of \$395,- so long as Curtice could depend on Wilson not to discriminate vote. The farmers' switch from From July, 1950, to June, against GM on war contracts. the Democrats gave the Repub-Hull were the latest to join the the pocketbooks of the country U. S. corporations. It obtained panies, with insufficient arms 12 Wall Street Journal, "the In its test case of Northern strike action. London, Liverpool and reduces the standard of liv- 55.6 percent of the total alloca- contracts to bolster them up,

> War spending, moreover, continues as the major prop to the economy as a whole. The Eisenmits the significance of military

> > Such a battle will not be end-

York 11, N.Y.

In this same vein, the prospending. It reports that such Eisenhower N.Y. Times of Oct. 17 reports the sentiment in industrial areas: "The effects of unemployment and the fear of 900 million, down \$4,309 million those effects, are more widespread than Washington had supposed."

BOTH PARTIES AGREE

Wilson's allusion to the unemployed as "dogs" provides the Democrats with a juicy point of agitation against the Republicans. But if we disregard the contemptuous figure of speech, which accurately reflects the ruling class feeling toward the workers, there remains the question of their attitude toward unemployment as an economic factor. On this, both capitalist

parties essentially agree. Sen. Herbert Lehman of New Skoglund Improves York said back in 1950 that "there are those in this country who like the prospect of a float-Carl Skoglund, 70-year old ing pool of unemployed so that Minneapolis labor leader, is they can frighten the workers showing marked and steady into working harder for less improvement in his recovery wages and hold the threat of from a major operation perlayoffs over the heads of unions formed on October 12. The and their leaders." But Truman himself considered such a "floatformer leader of Teamsters Local 544 was taken ill just ing pool of unemployed" to be two days after his release on "healthy" situation. He said so, openly, in a special interbond from Ellis Island. Skoglund, who came to this counview with Arthur Krock, published Feb. 15, 1950, N.Y. Times. try in 1911, is still fighting attempts to deport him to The former President told Krock: Sweden. Funds are needed. "A certain amount of unem-Defenders of civil liberties and ployment, say from three to five opponents of political persecumillion, is supportable. It is a tion should send contributions good thing that job-seeking to Civil Rights Defense Comshould go on at all times; this is healthy for the economic mittee, 19 W. 10th St., New body.

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Hasty Funeral Orations Won't Kill M'Carthy Everything McCarthy has done | can capitalism - and fight the erful capitalist circles, is anti-|'GOP candidates have been slow |

"He's staggering, he's down, McCarthy. That is to say, it is to invite him to speak in their points to the fact that he is battle accordingly, he's badly hurt, he's through opposed to taking McCarthy's campaigns they say: "But it is playing a long-range game. In Such a battle will By L. P. Wheeler . Watch out! He's coming at fascist way out — right now. equally true — and much less his own way he banks on the ed until the political power of But speaking to a circle of cap- widely cited — that the failure deepening of the political crisis the workers is established and

How many times during the italist readers, it tries to see the of most Democratic or Republi- of the American capitalist sys- American society reorganized on last four years have we heard reality with eyes wide open, in can candidates to attack the tem. He builds his fascist net- new and deeper democratic founown policy. is finished," only to have the

shouts of victory drowned out REVEALING SURVEY

On Oct. 15, they published a If there is one thing we should have learned by now in the fight survey of McCarthy's strength against McCarthyism, it is that around the country. This is their with citizens around the country that no one will call them "reds" they are cowardly, treacherous, make it plain that he must still The main speaker, Myra easily alarmed, and more easily be reckoned with as an imporlulled to sleep. They are equally

worthless as analysts or even prisingly popular. The reports of Mr. McCarthy's political death I will say quite frankly that so far seem to have been great-I prefer the openly avowed ly exaggerated."

opinions and observations of the The survey, which samples the fact that he has been able mies of the workers, such as of the labor officials. He called can be dispelled by the militant are found in the Wall Street population notes: "There is every indication that the Senate has suffered in his faction war Journal, to the phrase-mongergroup's findings are having liting of the capitalist liberals, or tle effect on what the public publican Party. He is also aware place at SWP campaign head- of their labor lieutenants within

In reply to the argument that young racist hoodlums in the The Wall Street Journal, echo- McCarthy's political power has Baltimore and Washington, D.C., the focal point of infection in ing the opinion of the most pow- proved to be negligible, since area.

the liberals cry that "McCarthy order to lay the basis for their Senator is a sure sign of very work in the military; he experi- dations. widespread continued McCarthy ments with the creation of organizations directly controlled by

and in selected spots he tries a smear assault. (Clifford Case in

In the meantime McCarthy is playing his own game. He is

The workers must also adopt estimating the significance of a long-range view in fighting McCarthyism. They cannot be opinion of every stratum of the to retain a hard-core following guided by the ups and downs of the liberal mood. But for this they must free themselves of the understand that McCarthyism is

the diseased organism of Ameri-

popularity.' This puts a finger on the key himself, (Students For America, point. The two capitalist parties I'm For McCarthy, Minute Wom-After Operation aren't fighting the fascists. The en, etc.) he works to entrench Republicans are cagey about "us- his faction in mass veteran orconclusion: "However much Joe's ing" McCarthy, and the Demo- ganizations; he continues to for the workers, Bob was ac-the workers is good for the ficials are worthless as fighters: popularity has slipped, talks the workers is good for the ficials are worthless as fighters: workers is good for the ficials are worthless as fighters:

before the election is over. tant force because he's still sur- McCARTHY'S GAME

New Jersey.) But all along he is gathering forces for a big push - aimed at establishing a

McCarthy Dictatorship. eyeing the national scene and despite the tactical set-backs he



within the Senate and the. Reof the emergence of bands of

official policy of the labor bureaucrats. The working class must

THE MILITANT

Socialist Reply to Wilson

DETROIT. Oct. 17 - "The Socialist Answer to C. E. Wilson on the Issue of Unemployment" was presented today in a fighting speech over Station WCAR by Frank Lovell, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Covernor.

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"Wilson compares the working force to dogs and states his preference for the lean and hungry kind," Lovell said. "He welcomes unemployment because he thinks it will set the workers to snarling and fighting among themselves for the limited jobs General Motors will dole out He hopes this will create the economic and political conditions for a union-busting drive by the giant corporations - so that the standard of living can be driven down and corporation profits forced up."

Truman, he recalled, had expressed a similar view. On Feb 15, 1950, the Democratic President had said: "A certain amount of unemployment, say from three to five million, is supportable. It is a good thing that job seeking should go or at all times. This is healthy for the economic body."

Such frank statements by representatives of both capitalis' parties are a warning that neither of them can or will provide a solution to the problem of unemployment, Lovell said. Labor must take an independent political road:

"Just as it was impossible for the workers to win substantial improvements in wages and

It has been many years since strikers

live in. party of the working people would

FRANK LOVELL

old company unions, so now it is impossible to find • protection from the evil effects of unem- Car Porters, and Local 6 of the ployment in the old political Mechanics Educational Society parties of the corporations. To- of America, which recently af lay the unions must launch their filiated with the CIO.

own independent Labor Party." A Labor Party would fight members listened to her talk nemployment by establishing with close attention and ap-he 30 hour week at 40 hours plauded her spontaneously and pay, raising unemployment com- enthusiastically when she finishpensation to the level of trade ed. At the MESA meeting an union wages and starting a pro- old worker took the floor to regram of large-scale public works call that he had voted for Eum socially useful and necessary gene V. Debs as a youth, and projects such as schools and unit that it did his heart good to see

versities, hospitals, child care young people like Rita Shaw centers and day nurseries, hous- continuing the struggle for soworking conditions through the ling, highways, parks and spa- cialism so vigorously today.

By A Sit-Downer

cious outdoor theatres and art By George Lavan

centers - all to make America gles in Baltimore and Washing- demonstrations. a better and happier land to ton have brought a number of

A government based on the interesting facts to light. One of these was the threego even further, Lovell week delay between the opening a number of weeks - during predicted. It would "reorganize of the integrated schools and the which Negro and white children more carried signs reading "Keep before the wind." the whole of American economy outburst of anti-Negro rioting. Washington and Baltimore classand lay the foundations for a For almost a month the limited new society - a society of the amount of integration instituted rooms - before this Ku Kluxfree and equal, where such so- by the school officials went minded minority felt bold enough Delaware.

ial evils as unemployment and smoothly. Then came the ex- to act. war will be unknown.' plosion. How can this be ex-The current election campaign plained? here is viewed as the most suc-Obviously one factor was the cessful in the history of the arrival of full-time racist or-Michigan SWP. In terms of the ganizers from the deep South,

numbers of people reached by the party through radio talks, er of the National Association appearances at union meetings for the Advancement of White the sequence of events: (1) The and financial backing. As the and distribution of election lit- People. erature, it surpasses all previous These sinister organizers of

efforts of the SWP. During the last week alone U. S. Senator, has appeared before three union locals - Dodge Local 3 of the UAW-CIO, the AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping

At these meetings the union

The encouragement came from

ant Bowles et al in Washington headed by Bryant Bowles, lead- and Baltimore. Three lessons emerge from

could not have caused the outwhites remain unorganized and Rita Shaw, SWP candidate for bursts. But they were apparent- inactive Thus while they do not support the racists they do noth- not openly risk. As such they ly a very important and necessary ingredient, Throughout the ing to oppose them. The Negro are the nuclei of a fascist move border states there are many people and their allies - eswhites bitterly opposed to school pecially the labor movement integration. But the riots in must bend every effort to win join hands with the McCarthy-Washington and Baltimore indi- over the majority of whites to cate that they are a minority of action against the racists.

(2) A victory over integration the white people. At no time in these two cities did the racists - even in a small community succeed in getting a majority of emboldens the racists every

Someone Who Likes Wilson

Defense Sec. Charles E. Wilson, shown with President Eisenhower, got the White House blessings after the former General Motors head made his insulting comparison of unem-ployed workers to "kennel-fed dogs." Wilson apologized to the Republican big-wigs for his "inept" remark, but not to the workers he insulted.

Our Readers



felt itself unable to do anything gationists in Baltimore and above political pressure. stuwhen the schools opened. It took Washington. It was significant dents of history know that it is that the demonstrators in Balti- notorious for trimming its sails Negro people, the labor movepeacefully sat side by side in the Germ Spreading." The germ

two sources: the racist victory missed as inconsequential screw- tual riots to point to. The matches the boldness and energy over integration in Milford, Del- balls and adventurers. Though growth of the NAAWP will of their enemies. aware, and the arrival of Bry- ignorant and with shady pasts, they are not inconsequential They are dangerous figures and now have important political racists can mobilize only a mi- fight against segregated schools nority. of the whites in urban moves deeper South they will be racial violence by themselves centers. The majority of the the organizers of acts of vio lence that the Byrnes and Tal madges will secretly back but ment in the South that could in the future, if things in this country go from bad to worse,

> Bowles' organization has nushroomed following the "organizing riots" of the NAAWP. While his claims that he has 12,000 supporters in Philadelphia waging an inspiring struggle and that he has received numerous letters from policemen's wives may be exaggerated, they Party and the Stalinists to undoubtedly have some basis. smash its administrations. In Delaware Bowles has built up a strong NAAWP movement In the elections the UNP and with political connections and ample financial support. It has both of them the LSSP was the held repeated mass meetings, the main enemy. In Colombo, where last of which, on Oct. 17, was attended by a reported 3,000 people. In Baltimore Bowles held sis, the Stalinists rejected an two mass meetings at Ritchie Raceway in a six-day period --against the UNP. Instead they and boasted that the NAAWF ran a number of candidates against the LSSP to the advanwas receiving \$2,000 a day in initiation fees. To the threat to tage of the UNP. As a result take away the organization's the Left parties won 15 of the 31 seats even though they polled charter in Delaware, Bowles replied: "There's plenty of South-51 percent of the vote. ern states that'll give us a char-The LSSP elected the largest ter. Why, in Florida we got single block to the Council. Of seven county judges, three cirthe 15 Left members, six are cuit judges and 34 sheriffs LSSP'ers, and three are, inde-

> who're members." pendents elected with LSSP sup-The admitted presence of port. udges and sheriffs in the NAAWP calls attention to the relationship between it and the UNP and support of the LSSP politicians of the South. Bowles' s so strong that they cannot work is of great advantage to the Southern politicians. They are ready to defy any Supreme trick in the book to stem the Court ruling against segregation LSSP tide. with teeth in it.

They learned this lesson in The Court has reaped great credit for the first part of its decision. The second installment will come in 1955. The court has

the white parents or white stu-where. The cowardliness of local invited argument meantime on strengthen their arguments and The school segregation strug- dents involved in the anti-Negro politicians before the segrega- how its decision should be en- perhaps the Court will hand tionists in West Virginia and forced.' Despite the carefully down an enforcing order that is completely toothless.

But the Supreme Court is open to pressure both ways. The ment and other opponents of The principal argument of the Jim Crow schools represent a referred to was the easy victory Southern governors is that in- far more powerful segment of over integration in Milford, tegration would cause rioting the population than do the Jim and bloodshed. Now with the Crow forces. All that is lacking (3) The professional racist help of their emissaries - is that the anti-segregationists agitators can no longer be dis- Bowles et al - they have ac- organize a campaign which

> Ceylon Stalinists Cross Class Lines By Harry Ring

The Trotskyist Lanka Samasamaja Party now heads eleven local governments in Cevlon, including that of the capital city of Colombo, where N. M. Perera, a leading

LSSP'er has been elected May-3 UNP. Earlier a demonstration, Basing itself on the power of comparable to an LSSP demonthe workers and peasants move- stration in Colombo, marched ment that gave it 48 percent of through the town . . . (to) where the popular vote, the LSSP is the meeting was held."

Several weeks later when the against unceasing efforts of both Colombo Council met to select capitalist Unite'd Nationalist a Mayor, a vast throng assembled outside the Council Chamber to make clear its desire for an LSSP Mayor, Loud cheers resounded through the Chamber Stalinists made clear that for and were echoed by the masses outside when a UNP-elected 31 members are elected to the he had decided to cast his vote Council member announced that Municipal Council on a ward ba- for N. M. Perera as the "fittest LSSP offer for a united front man for the job." But the Stalinists, while not daring to again risk the anger of the masses by openly supporting the UNP, made a last ditch effort to defeat Perera by continuing to put forward their own candidate who could not possibly command a majority.

The Stalinists finally decided o gamble their way out of the deadlock by insisting on drawing lots for a single Left candidate when Perera won the draw the Stalinists had no The Stalinists have come to choice but to cast their vote for earn that mass hatred of the a Trotskyist Mayor of Colombo. But the Stalinists and the UNP are determined to change isk an open block with the this situation. The Sept. 30 is-UNP, but must use every dirty sue of Samasamajist reveals a new UNP-CP plot to wreck the LSSP administration in Colombo. It is disclosed that the Stalinists are planning to send several

the town of Moratuwa where the new Council consists of five of their members of the Councils LSSP'ers, three Stalinists and on a trip to China and the Sovfour UNP'ers. There the Stalin- jet Union, thus giving the UNP sts openly cast their vote a temporary majority and the Liberals Dissected against the LSSP candidate for possible Chairman of the Council and LSSP. against the LSSP candidate for possible opportunity to oust the

thereby returned the town to a The Samasamajist declares: UNP administration which the "We have warned them (the



utilized the sit-down on a big scale as a weapon against the bosses. But the tactic has not been forgotten. This was proved at the American Safety Razor plant in Brooklyn where scenes reminiscent of the great sit-down battles of the Thirties recently took place.

By Sept. 29 the company hade made it clear that they were not going to sign the contract they themselves had drawn up. After lunch on the same day, at a prearranged signal, we sat at our machines and refused to work for the rest of the afternoon. Despite the pleas and threats of the company, which were broadcast over the PA system, we sat tight until quitting time.

When the night shift tried to enter the plant they were locked out by the company. But they didn't go home. They joined the supporting picket line outside.

Inside the plant we organized for a long

rounded a small group of women strikers who had partially undressed and were trying to get some sleep. They locked themselves in the room with the women and tried to terrorize them.

One worker crawled out of a window and threatened to jump if they didn't let the women out. Between the screaming and shouting of the pickets and observers outside and the worker yelling from the window, the company stooges got scared and released the women.

Meanwhile a flying wedge of pickets had broken through a police guard and entered the plant to help the victims. We never had that kind of trouble again.

We controlled one department over the entrance that the company flunkies used to leave the plant. Every time they came or went we leaned out the windows and jeered and shouted at them. They finally got so demoralized that the company had to replace them with private detectives. We had good conditions inside the plant, plenty of food (we posted a menu outside the plant every day), smokes, blankets, etc. We brought a lot of it into the plant be hauling it through the windows with long ropes.

fight. We took over departments on five floors from the roof to the basement, including the cafeteria, locker and shower rooms.

We set up committees to handle the kitchen, sanitation, defense, etc., and every worker was given a specific assignment.

As the strike went along, we hung signs out the windows like "Hotel - Free Room and Board," shouted slogans and sang labor songs. We organized recreational activities like dancing, checkers, ping pong, and card playing. I had to wait for a sit-down strike to finally learn how to play pinochle. In the early days of the strike we had

some unpleasant experiences with the company stooges and police inside the shop. Once a gang of these flunkies sur-

Our friends and relatives visited us daily and we were able to talk with them through the steel fence that surrounds the plant.

We left the plant after 14 days at the request of the union leadership. We didn't come out defeated. Instead every union militant felt inspired. We decided to make the picket line outside the plant as effec- mittee. These candidates were tive as our sit-down had been inside until invariably "friends of labor" enthe company comes across with our con- dorsed by the Committee or by tract.

In Latest Issue Take the Floor

the candidates as being involved of the U.S. A, who has had

in the usual political deals or the honor to serve as a trea-

ord. After hours of discussion S.P. since 1949, to all fellow

no endorsements were voted and members of the S.P., to those

Phila. Unionists Score Boss Parties Editor:

You will be interested in the real attitude of union members to this election campaign.

Westinghouse Local 107 UE has followed the usual pattern of endorsing candidates presented by the Political Action Comship. united committee of PAC and LLPE, and usually turned out

personal experiences and mem-

ories the members showed up.

having an anti-labor voting rec-

whole labor movement. They ask

Urges Socialists to be local Democratic politicians. At the last 107 meeting To Vote For SWP every candidate proposed came Editor: under criticism. Out of their own

Of Fourth Int'l. The lead article in the Fall

ssue of the magazine Fourth ings to expect a close tab on their actions. This reluctant acthe newsstands, is an analysis tion of the members points up of the "schizophrenia" of con- before, was held last Sunday to litical coffin instead." the reason for the weakness and temporary liberalism in pessimism that political action U. S. Examining in detail the appeals make inside the labor destructive record of the Senate movement. Had the Westing- on civil liberties, culminating in

H. L.

This is a direct plea by a

member of the Socialist Party

surer of Local Nassau-Suffolk

socialists in the ISL, U of AS

Philadelphia.

house local supported or even the recent hysterical session sponsored an independent labor which passed the "Communis slate there would have been Control Law," Art. Preis con broad support and enthusiasm cludes: "The irrefutable fact is and initiative from the memberthat the New Deal-Fair Deal liberals have been the chief

authors and sponsors of the first laws (1) to make mere opinion a crime, (2) to establish concentration camps in America where political dissenters can be sent without trial in a "national emergency" and (3) to outlaw a political party. In short they have been chiefly responsible for setting up the legal machinery which the McCarthyite fascists can use, if they come to power, to suppress all other political tendencies, including liberal Democrats them the selves."

and YSL - as well as to those This is the dilemma of the who aren't tied to any faction Another timely article is John G. Wright's "The Farm Crisis - to unite in support of the us to take political action but candidates of the Socialist Workin the Soviet Union." To those

papers. "Manny, Myrl, Paul and Greg sold four Militants and two copes of Fourth International at a YMHA forum and John A. sold 15 Militants on a street corner. We received an enthusiastic re-Militant to the pickets at the American Safety Razor plant.

the

In an article entitled "Does 'Co-Existence' Mean Peace?"

of the Kremlin's "co-existence" line as well as Eisenhower's "modus vivendi" response. Neither of these, the author contends, in any measure changes

something. Stand up on the side World War III. and Bob have a new customer Friday Bert and Alice sold nine A valuable contribution to the who told them it was a pleasure Militants and 16 Trumbull Park cism. Members questioned them representation, production for understanding of the colonies to read the Militant after the pamphlets on the campus. Saton their stand on specific is- the need of the many and not and semi-colonies is David Mil- daily papers. Those papers, to urday Snow sold 20 pamphlets intendant I. D. Hinton and the guards are sues and their relation to the the profit of the few - in ler's "The Role of Statism in quote from him, print only what and one paper in a half hour at back running the woman's prison. Back Democratic Party. They answer- short for Socialism. Vote So- the Colonial World." This is a news they want the working the El stop. Ken has established in their tender mercies also is Mabel ed that they would be loyal to cialist Workers Party all the study of what the need for people to read. The Militant a new sale at an El stop newsplanning does to capitalism in prints everything that the work- stand. Friday Dot and Mary Lou

George R. Stryker the economically backward areas ing people want to know. He sold 20 pamphlets at an NAACP also bought a ticket to the meet- membership meeting." Bayport, N. Y. of the world.

masses had decisively repudiated Stalinists) that we shall go at the polls. The Samasamajist, English- try to sabotage our administra-

straight to the people if they language weekly of the LSSP, tion in Colombo or elsewhere. If reports the response to that they go through with this Stalinist move: "A mammoth scheme, they will speedily learn International, which is now on meeting, the likes of which has that they have not sabotaged the never been seen in Moratuwa LSSP, but nailed their own po-

> (Next week: The LSSP fights. protest against the treachery of the Stalinist Front in handing to carry out its program in the town's administration to the Colombo.)'



Literature Agent John Tabor ing. Frank and Ann also found reports continued good sales of a new enthusiastic reader of the the Militant at New York street Militant. One that told them he

> corner meetings. wants to read it all the time because it tells what is really "Saturday afternoon in West Hargoing on in the world. The more ground we cover the more friends lem we sold 51 pawe unearth. pers and three

"Ann and Leon sold six copies Trumbull Park on recall work today. This is pamphlets. Janet their second time over that sold 20 Militants route. Frank and Clara sold 11 and Pete sold 13. papers on their route. They have Other comrades combined their route with Leon selling were Earl, and Ann's old one. Clara and I Lester, Art, Tom. went out Tuesday night and sold John T., Myrl and Larry. That 10 papers. Clara and Ann disevening at another meeting in tributed the special issue we East Harlem comrades sold 35 ordered at the lumber-workers union and were very well received with people waiting in line to get their copies."

"The Philadelphia comrades were very pleased with the election edition of the Militant." response to a distribution of the ports Bob Chester. "Especially with the novel format that gave every section a front page. The total effect of the national SWP campaign is quite powerful."

Chicago Literature Agent Carol Houston writes, "Our literature campaign around the Milipamphlet is in full swing. We

read the story with a great deal tant and the Trumbull Park

the basic drive of imperialism to the Myra Weiss meeting. Clara 19 papers at a union meeting.

The strikers on the line after reading the story in the Militant shouted, 'Hurrah for the Militant!" Hurrah for the Militant!' Strikers inside the plant also

of interest."



who have been puzzled by news paper stories and rumors of

it. Members arose to express Governor, Dorothy Haines for Other witnesses testified that the girls their dissatisfaction that there Lt. Governor, Catherine Gratta threatening food shortages in the USSR or cold war propaganda - this obvious ground that no socialist article will come as welcome

member. The other two kept and they alone deserve it on pointing to their records as their proven records of devo-Then again wouldn't it be practically union members. They claimed tion to our class and the great Milton Alvin shows the logic subversive of white supremacy in the that they were the only union cause of socialism. I urge you South if jurors were to take the word of candidates in Pennsylvania run- to vote SWP because that party Negroes and those suspect characters, po- ning in either major party. They has the moral courage to condidn't realize that this only tinue the good fight where our

Make your vote count for these parties and their role in

Each speaker met with skepti- of Peace, Civil Liberties, Negro labor no matter what the Dem- way. ocrats would do, and left with

John Thayer the endorsements and also warn-

A Broken Neck The American public is becoming more was "incorrigible" and "very difficult to and more acquainted with police brutality control" and that therefore ropes and gag were "necessary restraints." A fellow-in- a follow-up meeting was called

American Way of Life

and prison conditions.- This is mostly through revelations in the press and in books. Most of the recent books about prisons

are about northern prisons. But what about Jim Crow prisons where to the sadism, which is the occupational disease of cops and prison guards, is added the sadism of race prejudice?

A glimpse into just such a prison was afforded recently by a coroner's jury investigation of the death of 18-year old Eleanor Rush, a Negro girl, in a woman's prison in Wake County, North Carolina.

This young girl died in confinement, severely bound and gagged. An autopsy revealed a broken neck. Surely it seems impossible for a girl tightly bound and gagged to kill herself. Yet this is what the all-white, all-male jury decided. She had struggled too much, they said, and thus broke her own neck. Testimony of another inmate suggested that her neck was broken by the prison superintendent when that official and four guards forcibly tied her up and gagged her. Then she was thrown alone into a confinement cell to die without her moans being heard.

What terrible actions had she committed? The jury was vague, saying the girl

mate, Mabel Wright, testified that on the for the next Sunday. fatal night, August 20, 1954, she and the late Eleanor Rush had been crying because they were hungry but were not don't offer any real way to do ers Party - David L. Weiss for otherwise making noise. in the prison were in general mistreated, were no candidates they could for Attorney General and Har-the USSR — not knowing endorse wholeheartedly. Others old Robins for Comptroller. 1 whether these are based on fact

But this testimony was disputed by wit- spoke directly of the need for make this plea not alone on the nesses for the prison administration who labor's own party. declared the treatment of the women prisoners was good. After all, what good never run for office before, apare political machines if they can't pick peared and asked for endorse- call upon you to join with me his present article on a close the right juries, and find witnesses ment. One was a member of the in supporting and voting for the scrutiny of the current Soviet who will back up officials when they are local and another the wife of a SWP candidates because they press. accused of wrong-doing?

litely called "Negro-lovers," who threaten showed up the real nature of leaders have not. the jobs of chosen officials?

At any rate the whole case is closed. them. Eleanor Rush is now buried, her 18 years of the American way of life over. Super-Wright, who testified to their brutality.

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declaration of opposition.

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A Demonstration of Labor's Power

The New York area truck strike, which began Oct. 16, gives another inspiring example of organized labor's might in action. Once it became clear that the truck drivers meant business and that AFL teamsters President Dave Beck would not oppose the strike, the formidable employers' front began to fold up. The big food chains agreed immediately to accept the full union terms, including a 25-cent an hour package wage boost. Thereafter, individual trucking firms began to flood into the union's offices to sign up. By Oct. 20, the "spirit and most of the body" of employer resistance, as a New York daily put it, were broken. It appears the truck drivers will be able to claim a complete victory before long.

This strike is a timely reminder of the real power that labor can wield. There is no obstacle that labor can't overrun, no enemy that labor can't defeat, if the workers fight unitedly and don't get sidetracked from the path of real struggle.

In Sept. 1953, construction employers in this same New York area held out for two months against a drivers strike. The drivers were herded back to work by Beck who ordered them to submit their just demands to arbitration. Beck's willingness to play ball with the employers and with the anti-labor city officials emboldened them to "get tough" with the strikers. It was not the power of the employers made public Sept. 28 just five top union leader that broke the back of the rearming of Germany, rethe construction drivers strike 13 months vealed that the American peo- line, he was applauded by the ago.

are expressed in its

This time, too, the employers forced a strike undoubtedly in the belief that Beck The vote was so impressive that would rescue them as he did before. But the Gallup Institute declared it the opposition in the union ranks was too to be "one of the most convincing majorities ever recorded in large for Beck to risk a strikebreaking intervention. He expediently chose to indicate he did not oppose the strike. The "tough" talk of the employers changed to ever hope to drag the American eign affairs. I wish I could a whine, and the workers, unimpeded by people into another war? Surely agree. But those of us who are their leaders, quickly began to sweep everything before them.

Over and over again it has been demonstrated that organized labor can scale any heights if the union bureaucrats do on the labor bureaucracy of the much more Meany is impressed not hold the workers back. If labor were freed of this bureaucratic grip, if a fight- lead the people into another people who have expressed their ing leadership replaced the present class- slaughter. And their confidence opposition to war in innumerable collaborating dues collectors, labor would in the labor bureaucracy is quickly drive forward, build its own party, challenge capitalism on every front and begin to remake the country.

Number

Labor Fakers' Role in Rearming Germany

By Joseph Hansen

polling annals."

Germany!

reached.

mine the Kremlin regime - by Weekly reports that the West On the surface it may seem the denial of trade and ex- German trade union conference that the Eisenhower administrachanges - that it would col- has rejected German rearmation, in pressing for the rearmalapse. ment of Germany as part of the Recognizing that this would The vote was 391 to four. The preparations for World War III. mean war, the AFL "statesmen" acted in blind arrogance, paying called for "full rearmament --little heed to the universal opmilitary, political and econom-

position felt throughout the ic . . . world to another conflict. When Seaborn P. Collins, na-A Gallup poll, for instance, tional commander of the ultrareactionary American Legion, circumstances" was rejected beers. It was not the power of the employers days before the nine-power Lon-but the demoralizing misleadership of the don decision to go ahead with the Soviet Union should forces sibilities of "international ne-

ways

other lands.

of that country cross a fixed gotiation" had been exhausted. The delegates actually indiple are opposed to war against AFL delegates. cated that they are not opposed the Soviet Union by an overin principle to the rearming of MEANY AGREES whelming six-to-one majority.

World War II "and so under-

capitalist Germany. They did Meany himself expressed solthis by rejecting "an alternative idarity with the bomb-rattling resolution which disapproved of commander of the Legion and all German rearmament and told the convention: "Some of which welcomed the decision to the delegates may feel that this effect of the union's youth In the face of such a decisive there is, perhaps, too much em- movement at Dusseldorf."

ppinion, how can Big Business phasis on this question of for-The correspondent of the Man chester Guardian noted that "the fact that the unions are now they left this fact out of their in contact through various sourt solidly aligned with the Social calculations in deciding to rearm ces with what is going on feel Democratic party should not that there is cause for worry." make it impossible for the Fed-The fact is that America's This veiled reference to the eral Government to bring the ruling 60 families count heavily State Department indicates how London agreement into force; but it will make it more diffi-

CIO, AFL and independent by a handout from Dulles than cult." unions to act as judas goats and he is by the will of the American The problem for the labor fakers in Germany is to ride really tremendous opposition to another war. The imperialist The stand of the AFL was task of diverting this into a seen from the position taken by one more assurance to Dulles blind alley requires that really the moguls of the AFL at their that he could depend on the radical-sounding lip service must convention in Los Angeles which bureaucrats to back Wall Street be paid to the sentiments of the began Sept. 20, some two weeks in its war plans. It was the

people.

before the London accord was most flagrant kind of support TREACHEROUS MOVES for his alternative version to

The Social Democrats have been busy at this for some time. Besides the American labor Leon, one of America's great so-| bureaucrats, Wall Street counts The July 29 Manchester Guardcialist leaders, called them, went on a kind of foreign legion of ian Weekly noted, for instance, back the Iron Curtain to the and gull the union ranks in Ollenhauer at the sixth post-war 23: "The outstanding fact of the While the imperialist delegates military means."

congress has been the party's London about rebuilding the acceptance of Herr Ollenhauer's formula of support for German many, delegates of the British participation in common defense measures if a certain 'case' infinitely to be regretted and to be worked against - should about." The reporter also noted from a big section of the dele- the stress "at this congress of point of view. gates, managed to put over a the great importance of getting

ment of Germany. The vote was from the beginning to democra-

a good part of the majority That topic could hardly have been stressed at the congress was a mechanical vote based on a weighted system favoring the unless it was aimed at sugarcoating the poisonous pill that right wing. Nevertheless, it put the British Labor Party on rec- was being concocted by Dulles ord in favor of again militariz- and Adenauer. The report in the war ended in July 1953, unemployment twice ended depressions only ing the German people. And Aug. 5 Manchester Guardian inthat was sufficient for Anthony dicates this still more clearly: ". . . puzzlingly the party de-Eden to throw Britain's weight decisively in the scales at the clares itself to be altogether on But not everyone has forgot-London conference where the the Western or free side in the ten the facts of history. Many people have learned from them. official decision was made to grand contest of human aspira- the partition of Ireland by which attempted to oust the puppet These figures certainly do prove that They have come to feel — and bring back the steel-helmeted tions and it also has accepted Great Britain retained the north- government imposed on them by correctly-that there is no basic Reichswehr. the principle of a German de- ern counties. In France, where the National fense contribution of some sort difference between the Repub licans and the Democrats, that Assembly had previously killed if 'freedom' is threatened. Herr both parties serve the interests the first plan to rearm Germany Ollenhauer seems to be slightly of the rich, the ruling Big Busi-(EDC), the Social Democratic hardening the Social Democratic ness class. Thus, in spite of twins of the Attlees and Meanys acceptance of such an armed growing unemployment and deplayed a similar foul role. They contribution every time he clining income for workers and reached a secret understanding speaks of it." farmers, there is little expecta-As J. Emlyn Williams, Berlin with Premier Mendes-France, assuring him of their support for correspondent of the Christian

Strike Paralyzes London Docks

Page Three



view of the Royal Albert and King George V docks with ships and cranes idle as the result of the dock workers strike in port of London. The walkout, which spread to Scotland and other parts of Britain, is the largest the country has experienced in the maritime industry in 25 years. (See story page 1.)

seemed to be to effect a compro-|eralization from these facts. The mise between those favoring and trade union fakers act as conthose bitterly opposed to Ger- scious agents of the capitalist

man rearmament. In the end, he class. In the case of the rearmadeclared, "both the pacifists and ment of Germany, the American, the neutralists were out-number- British, French and German laed. And the party agreed that bor bureaucrats played their so far as to advocate rolling similar finks to high pressure in reporting re-election of Erich if necessity should arise it would treacherous roles like a wellbe ready to support efforts for coached gang of international congress of the party on July the defense of freedom, even by conspirators.

The lesson that must be drawn All this, it is now clear, gave by workers who are determined Adenauer the green light he that our planet shall not underneeded at the London confer- go another world war is clear. ence. The role played by the The labor bureaucrats must be Social Democrats enabled him replaced. In place of tools of to say to Dulles that the oppo-American Big Business, the unions must have at their head sition to war in Germany was in used the whip with all his force, after all efforts still come the hands of the best possible representatives of the rank and leadership from the imperialist file. It is more than a question of union democracy — it is a It is necessary to make a gen- question of life or death.



IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY | spies," according to an admisnembers staged a commando sion of the Oct. 6 Daily Worker. raid on a British Army barracks This brought to thousands the in North Ireland October 17. The number of workers rounded up IRA, a secret underground or- since June 17, 1953, when the ganization, has never acceded to working class rose in revolt and oscow. Against this backgroun of terror, the Stalinists limited STARVATION AS A WEAP- voting to a single slate, no op-ON. The British imperialists in position candidates being permit-Malaya have finally announced ted to run. On top of this, workthat the inhabitants of the Ni- ers were rushed through the bong Tebal area on Malaya's polling places in long lines. Each West Coast would be taken off worker was handed a ballot the starvation rations imposed which he was supposed to drop upon them by military decree. in a ballot box held up for him Eleven months ago the govern- by a Stalinist election official. ment claimed that 39 anti-British Private voting booths were provided for those who dared to guerrillas were operating in the area and that the inhabitants use them, but this was taken to signify opposition to the regime. regarded them with sympathy. Such a gesture meant that the Thereupon the government prevoter's identity card would be vented the area from purchasing food and put all men, women checked when he left the booth. and children on a tiny ration of Despite this Stalinist terror, it rice. This was justified in the was reported that in some places this dangerous form of registername of saving the people from ing opposition was used 'frethe ruthless "reds" who are "calquently by courageous workers. lous" to human suffering. BURMA has again brought IN JORDAN, long considered charges in the UN against the by the imperialists as the most politically backward and "safest" Chiang Kai-shek regime in Formosa. Chiang's troops in north of the Arab states, a leftward rend was revealed in the recent Burma are pillaging and burning villages. The U.S. and elections. Two candidates of the National Front, a leftist party Chiang assured the Burmese over a year ago that these which the reactionary governtroops would be evacuated from ment calls "communist," were elected to the parliament. Burma. MEXICAN defenders of the "GREAT MISTAKE." A high right of political asylum have official of the Stalinists-dominchallenged the government's ated government of Hungary admove to deport Guatemalan refmitted, according to an Oct. 14 Associated Press dispatch, that ugees into the hands of dictator Castillo Armas. The move insti-'many comrades" have been untuted by the Mexican Foreign justly tried and sentenced on Office has been countered by the false charges. The official, Istvan Mexican Interior Ministry. The Kovacs, first secretary of the Foreign office bases its depor-Budapest Communist Party in a tation attempt on the technicalspeech to the party which was ity that Jaime Rosenberg, offipublished in Szabad Nep, declarcial of the overthrown Arbenz ed: "We may frankly admit that the leaders of the former State regime is not a political refugee because he fled into Mexico Security Office arrested many over the border rather than takcomrades, using criminally iming refuge in the Mexican Emproper methods, and they were convicted by the court on the bassy in Guatemala. grounds of invented and forced charges and testimony. This was **NEW YORK** a great mistake." Kovacs indicated that hundreds of party **Election Rally** members who were tried in the Hear mass witch-hunt purges of 1947 and 1951 have been released SWP Candidates from prison and restored to good • David L. Weiss standing. • Dorothy Haines • Catherine Gratta EAST GERMAN STALINISTS took no chances about letting • Harold Robins the workers register their real Friday, Oct. 29, 8 P.M. sentiments in the "election" stag-Adelphi Hall ed Oct. 18. At the beginning of 74 Fifth Avenue the month mass arrests were made, 9 netting 547 "western

Condemned by Their Own Figures

A frantic appeal to the Republicans to
answer the Democrats on the issue of un-
employment has appeared in the Scripps-
Howard newspapers. On Oct. 19, they pub-
lished an article by Charles Lucey to show
that the Democrats also don't have such
a hot record on unemployment. An ac-
companying editorial concludes that when
it comes to unemployment "the Demo-
crats haven't any magic formula either."

Lucey bases his article on government figures back to 1929. The average number of jobless each year, Lucey states, shows "that only in wartime — with millions of men in the armed forces and the rest producing for war — has unemployment been licked." These figures, although cited by pro-Republicans, are unassailable.

We do not like to clutter up editorials with figures, but those cited by Lucey are conclusive and devastating.

In the year of the big stock market crash, 1929, there were 1,550,000 jobless or 3.2% of the labor force. By 1932, the last year of the Hoover administration, the unemployed total reached 12,060,000, or 23.6%. During 1933, Roosevelt's first

Unemployed Year 11.340.000 1934 10,610,000 1935 9,030,000 1936 7,700,000 1937 10.390.000 1938 9,460,000 1939 8,120,000 1940 1941 1944

10.0 5.560.000 670:000 We see from these figures that even with stepped-up rearmament in the U.S. and the British and French war orders, there was 41/2 million unemployunemployment did not fall below 51/2 mil- ed and the threat of a major lion until 1942, when Roosevelt took this depression. They then talked like country into full-scale warfare.

employment until January and February with the corrupt Democratic 1950 it averaged 41/2 million. The figure machine by covering up the real was brought down to less than two mil-lion only by the Korean War. Since that capitalist class character and views of that party. They con-ceal the fact that the Democrats has risen officially to past the three mil- through wars-in 1941 and in lion mark and, if accurately reported, 1950. would be shown to be really above five million.

Elections

thoroughly justified as can be

These labor lieutenants of the EDC.

capitalist class, as Daniel De

boundaries of Russia prior to

That was the view of the Democrats when they were in power and had to explain why Republicans of today.

After 1945, there was a slow rise in un- tain their dirty political alliances

Percentage of

Labor Force

21.7

20.1

16.9

14.3

19.0

17.2

15.0

(Continued from page 1)

Scarborough. On Sept. 28, Clement Attlee and, despite bitter opposition

The labor leaders try to main-

resolution favoring the rearma- any German army subjected close, 3,270,000 to 3,022,000, and tic influence.'

of the nine powers plotted in

armed forces of capitalist Ger-

Labor Party were meeting at

year in office, the average unemployment hit a peak of 12,830,000 — or 25%. Here is the record of the subsequent years before U.S. entry into World War II:

"The Monstrous Risk

In the lead editorial of the Oct. 16 liberal magazine, The Nation, Freda Kirchwey discusses what she terms "The Monstrous Risk" of rearming Germany.

She notes that while the European Defense Community, the first form of the plan for rearming Germany, was rejected, the rejection itself gave "the counter-proposals of Premier Mendes-France almost magisterial authority." Details of control and of the particular role of the various Allied powers can still be discussed, but "it came to be taken for granted that German rearmament was no longer a matter of dispute but was inevitable."

Freda Kirchwey challenges this "major premise." She argues that "Germany rearmed presents monstrous risks which cannot be averted by Adenauer's promises or Western controls." As proof she cites the past record. After World War I, she recalls, "Germany was pledged by its signature to rigid disarmament." But this pledge was violated as soon as Germany's economic recovery permitted. "Will Germany act differently today when the principle of rearmament is overwhelmingly endorsed, and when the policy of the West, directed from Washington, is concentrated on a race to pile up military power greater than that of Russia?"

Miss Kirchwey believes that an honest effort should be made to reach some kind of agreement with the Soviet Union that would permit reunification of Germany but prevent Germany's rearmament. She hopes that Moscow will come forward with a genuine and sincere offer that will make this possible. This offer must come soon "otherwise the plans now being hurried toward completion will probably be accepted, however half-heartedly, and the hope of peaceful coexistence postponed if not destroyed."

Of all the things wrong with Freda Kirchwey's arguments, the most prominent is the calmness with which she appears to accept the arming of the United

the Democrats have no formula to solve unemployment "short of war." They also show the Republicans have no formula "either."

States in preparation for World War III. much of voter "apathy." Compared with the mountains of arms piled up by Washington, what Germany will have or could build in decades to come shrinks to relative insignificance. crats because of the economic The U.S. starts out at the level of 1945 situation, nevertheless observes plus almost a decade of subsequent development and stockpiling of so-called whelming Democratic landslide. "conventional" arms plus atomic and He concludes in an Oct. 18 bacteriological weapons. Moreover, there Scripps-Howard article: is a new factor: Germany was once a going outcome of many Congressional rival concern. Now it is like a small contests uncertain is the unbebankrupt competitor that has been taken lievably low interest in the elecover and reorganized by a giant corporation.

What Miss Kirchwey should fear, therefore, if she is to be consistent, is Wall Street's preparations for war. And the wins.'" fact is that today hundreds of millions of people fear precisely that. They fear America the way they once feared Hit- candidates racing for control of lerite Germany.

The second big error in the reasoning pulled the fans to their feet in of this liberal editor is the idea that fact, the CIO paper finds a "peaceful coexistence" is a practical pro- "strangely ominous silence from gram for achieving enduring peace. The the sidelines"-that is, from the real "guilt" for war should not be placed people.

on any country as such whether Germany MAY RAISE "RED" CRY

or America. The guilt belongs to the eco- The Republicans may well seek the epoch of the death agony of capital-ism, the intervals of peace grow relatively ward war. In marie Antoinette replied, "Let to reassure the businessmen that ism, the intervals of peace grow relatively them eat cake," when told the the war prop will not be pulled

ence" is to foster a delusion.

Enduring peace can be won only by expect the Democrats to respond replacing the war-breeding anarchy of in kind, by trying to show capitalism with the planned order of so- they're even better red-baiters War II. It is the procurement of cialism. To achieve this in America would and witch-hunters than the Reassure the end of the reactionary Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union. The the edge, the outcome of the Such procurement totals perhaps practical alternative to the war plans of dections for the workers and \$15 billion to \$20 billion a year, Wall Street is thus to struggle for so-long as the capitalist parties re-to that rate as far as we can cialism.

The decision to put the Germans in party of labor, such as the So- our business system need not uniform is another sharp reminder that cialist Workers Party candidates brace itself for any important there is no other way to avoid World propose, can push the political change in this major particu-War III.

tion of a big rush to the polls on Nov. 2. We hear and read

Samuel Lubell, an astute student of voter trends who forsees a drift back to the Demochange in Congress or an over-

"One factor which makes the tion. Almost without exception feporters surveying these districts express amazement at 'how

many voters are completely indifferent and don't care who The Oct. 18 CIO News anx-

iously notes that in the campaign home stretch "the political the 84th Congress.still had not

nomic system of these countries that to turn the tide in their favor forces them inevitably toward war. In by a raucous last-minute hue and are likewise still growing." For spending now suffices to shake

shorter and shorter. To give such inter- people demanded bread, so the from under the capitalist econvals the fancy label of "peaceful coexist- GOP may answer the unemploy- omy. It concludes: ed and low-wage earners, "Let them eat reds." We can also

Whichever boss machine gains

workers.

Science Monitor observed Aug. rearming Germany, and so he staked his government on a vote 25, "As one looked around the delegates at the congress, one of confidence over this issue. saw well-situated independent-Without the Social Democrats, Mendes-France could not have thinking workers and officials put over the London variant of as well as a few employers and EDC cooked up by the U. S. managers of big enterprises. that he does not expect any big State Department in collusion These were hardly revolution with the British Foreign Office. | aries. . . . For them, the cry In Germany it might be Workers of the world, unite, you

thought that things are differ- have nothing to lose but your chains' meant little except a ent. Here, surely, the trade union bureaucrats have learned past recollection."

Williams reported the follow their lesson! And as a matter of fact, the ing day that Ollenhauer's aim



ploring of the dependence o (Continued from page 1) 54 fiscal year." This is less than government war orders does not a 10 percent drop from the war alter the fact that military prospending of last year, which in- duction, under the Republicans cluded the last phase of the as well as the Democrats, is the

only thing that keeps the whole Korean war. While the Air Force, at the capitalist system from collapsing moment, is the only one of the at once. The government pro four U. S. military establish- vides one assured market for ments which is growing, points commodities and a field of inout the Journal, "other military vestment open to the capitalists through the purchase of federal outlays, including aid to allies, bonds. But even this is no longatomic energy, stockpiling and er able to keep the system staaircraft procurement (which alone takes \$8.5 billion a year) ble. A small decline in war

Vida D. Scudder, professor emeritus at Wellesley College, died at the age of 92 on October 10. Throughout her "This outlook still leaves the long and rich life she was an American economy with the ally of the working class. In equivalent of a major industry 1912 she jeopardized her rethat did not exist prior to World cent appointment to the Wellesley faculty by addressing armaments, mostly in the form meetings of the great IWWof hard goods - ships, aircraft, led Lawrence Textile strike. tanks, guns, electrical machines. Not a Marxist but a socialist on ethical grounds, she wrote such books as "Socialism and Character." One of her last contributions in the field of main in control. Only a fighting now see . . . for the present civil liberties was to serve as a member of the National Committee of the Kutcher Civil **Rights Defense Committee.**



C. E. Wilson's pretended de



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It used to be generally accep-

ducking the issue every time they are put to the test.

One such test has been provided by the current national tour of James Kutcher, the legless veteran who has been fighting persistently for six years now against the totalitarian threat of the Attorney General's subversive list which all labor and liberal and minority groups opposed when it was first put into effect.

Many "leaders" who saw the issues clearly and took a principled stand in support of the Kutcher case five years ago, today are confused, unsure, or just plain scared. Some of them have capitulated to the premises of the witch-hunters and adopted the subversive list method to club their critics. Some of them still give lip-service to the principle of civil liberties for all, but argue like government lawyers in favor of so many exceptions that the principle is buried.

But the rank and file are not lawyers, thank goodness! And an encouraging example of this was provided at the public meeting of the Cleveland Civil Liberties Union last week, when James Kutcher was speaking in a panel discussion with two others about their experiences with the witch-hunt.

After refuting the charge that either he or the Socialist Workers Party to which he belongs is subversive or advocates the use of force and violence "to overthrow the government," Kutcher said:

"Actually, the most flagrant use of force and violence I know of in this country today is the shameful business of attacking and intimidating Negro school children who are attempting to exercise their legal right under the Constitution. And I don't think the groups responsible for this violence are even on the subversive list."

The audience spoke with the most enthusiastic burst of applause of the whole evening when he added:

It used to be generally accepted in labor and liberal circles that "circles of maintains, circle liberations, circle listerations, circle liberati

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"Buffalo Evening News" Shows Alarm **Over Surplus Food Campaign for Jobless**

BUFFALO, Oct. 19 - The | "crimes" . were not mentioned alarm of the Buffalo Evening (1) that he is far from rich and News over the campaign launch- does not belong to any of the ed by candidates of the Socialist exclusive clubs that Butler be-Workers Party to secure surplus longs to; (2) that he dared to food for the unemployed in this raise the question of the plight area is a good indication of how of the unemployed on the Niagwell the SWP candidates have ara frontier.

voiced the feelings of voters in And naturally, in accordance the lower-income brackets here. with the McCarthyite smear tech-As reported previously in the nique, it did not mention the Militant, a delegation of Buffalo fact that the SWP was never nousewives, headed by Dorothy given a hearing when it was ar-Haines and Louise Ellis, SWP bitrarily listed as "subversive." candidates for Lieutenant Gov-This, you might think, would ernor and State Senator from prove sufficient to knock the the 55th District, went to Wash-SWP candidates right out of the ington to see about getting free water and also stop the unemsurplus food for the Buffalo ployed in Buffalo from even area. They were told by officials wanting to "yelp," to use the of the Department of Agriculnotorious term that comes natture that the food was available ural to such voices of Republicbut that the government could anism as the Buffalo Evening not release it without a request News favors. from New York State officials.

But the problem of unemploy-The favorable reaction of the ment is not so easily disposed of. working people in Buffalo to Today's issue of rich man Butthis campaign and the black eye ler's paper showed that it is still ministration is what appears to alarmed. It took more than a half yard of its editorial column to "reason" about the wonderful The publisher of this capitalist job the Republicans have done

newspaper is Edward Hubert in providing jobs.

Butler, who fell heir to the en- REFUSED TO GET PANICKY the latest edition of Who's Who, the latest edition of Who's Wh an open letter to Mayor Frank American Newspaper Publishers not panic at the first symptom "The one of unemployment." thing the President refused to do . . . was to get panicky." So Assembly from the Second Dis-trict, scored the city's "civil de-Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. if you want candidates that don't trict, scored the city's "civil defense" plans as an unrealistic and American Airlines, and be- get "panicky" about unemployment, the editors urge you to vote accordingly.

In view of the obvious panic of the Buffalo Evening News over the campaign for surplus food for the unemployed, which was started by the candidates of

the Socialist Workers Party, this Such a pillar in the world of Republican advice should get a

Sentenced by Imperialism



Four of the thirteen members of the Puerto Rican Nationalist party who were convicted in a federal court in New York on Oct. 12 of "seditious conspiracy" because of their fight for Puerto Rican independence. The above defendants, Mrs. Lolita Lebron and Irving Flores (seated right) and Andres Figueroa Cordero and Rafael C. Miranda had previously been given long prison terms in connection with their shooting demonstration in the House of Representatives last March.

The main pitch is that "the SWP STEPS UP ELECTION **CAMPAIGN IN CALIFORNIA** By Tom Kerry

SWP California Campaign Director

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18 — The California branches of the Socialist Workers Party are conducting an intensive Lillian Kiezel for Lt. Gov., and election campaign to acquaint the workers in the main Errol Banks for U.S. Senator. industrial communities in the

form and program of the party. been trying to "explain" Defense propose to stop the stalling and weapon, but that it would most Big Business is obviously in a sardonic laugh in the sections of Campaigner, special four-page lusion to the unemployed, the ernment departments as well as

weapon, but that it would most big business is obviously in a sardonic laugh in the sections of election tabloid are being distrib-certainly be opposed by the land- position to know when his circle Buffalo where the unemployed election tabloid are being distrib-firemen. The Board of Fire lords because of the effect it is under effective attack. He is want jobs and relief right now. uted in Oakland, San Francisco shocked and have given vent to pose a united front of the unand Los Angeles. The Campaign- fake indignation over the inci- ions and the organizations of the Alderson plan as "without

Urge Militant Defense Against Racial Bigots

By Thelma Clyde

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18 - The year-long fight to end segregation in the Fire Department is heading for a showdown as the movement to end the stalling of city officials and remove bigoted Fire Chief

John Alderson gains ground. The latest stalling move of the segregation forces is the so-call-"report on integration" by

the Los Angeles Fireman's Fact Finding Committee. This "report" caps a full year of devious maneuvers to maintain the 20year Jim Crow set-up in the department which has been sanctioned and operated by Republicans and Democrats alike.

The Los Angeles Daily News characterizes the report of the "fact finders" as "an unabashed effort to uphold the discredited doctrine of white supremacy." This is entirely correct. But the problem is: How can the "unabashed" racist Fire Chief, and all the Jim Crow forces gathered around him, be defeated and the shameful segregation practice in the Fire Department stopped?

Only the Socialist Workers Party candidates answer this question. All the candidates of the capitalist parties are either on the side of the racists or, while expressing concern over "sorry state of affairs," the have no proposal to offer that would defeat the tactics of the

pro-segregation forces, The California SWP ticket, Frank Barbaria for Governor, propose the immediate removal state with the candidates, plat- While the Republicans have of Fire Chief Alderson. They Twenty-five thousand copies of Secretary Wilson's infamous introduce full equality in the the Socialist Workers Party "bird-dog . . . kennel-dog" al- Fire Department and all gov-



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ERROLL BANKS, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from California, has called for militant action by Negro and labor organizations in Los Angeles to end Jim-Crow segregation policy against Negro firemen.

grated throughout the Fire Department within six weeks.

Within a week the Chief made three proposals which in the words of NAACP spokesman Loren Miller were nothing but a "scheme to retain and extend segregation."

Chief Alderson submitted another plan at the end of the sixweek period. It was merely an elaboration of the original "plan" which had already been rejected by the spokesman of the Negro Commissioners, while rejecting



Stergar Scores Milwaukee Mayor

On 'Defense' Plan

P. Zeidler, Albert Stergar, Soatomic destruction in World War Buffalo, Saturn, University, Buf-III.

Zeidler has advocated decen-

agreed that this scheme, if real izable, would probably help minimize the danger from a nuclear

the anarchy of the capitalist sys-

italism must go; Stergar de-

clared. Even in World War II,

shelters that were adequate for

the first bombs proved to be

death traps when block-busters

were developed and then com-

bined with napalm, as was seen

when the U. S. Air Force fire-

bombed Hamburg and incinerat-

In the light of this experience,

what kind of bomb shelters

would be needed to protect en-

tire cities like Milwaukee from

ed some 80.^00 civilians,

"But then, I'm not trying to reform the subversive list. abolished al-



MILWAUKEE, Oct. 15 - In Butler was president of the Assn. in 1928-29, was a director cialist Workers candidate for of the Associated Press in 1940way of meeting the threat of longs to the following clubs:

falo Athletic, Buffalo Country, and Yale, Finally, and this is tralizing the city by spreading not the least of his associations, it into the countryside. Stergar he is a Republican.

IN POSITION TO KNOW

would have on the value of also in position to do something land and buildings in the heart

together!"

Dunne Radio Talk Heard in Minn. **Despite Censors**

By Sam Jordan

ST. PAUL, MINN., Oct. 17-Vincent R. Dunne, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U. S. Senator from Minnesota presented on the radio today the SWP platform for Labor to solve unemployment and to end the danger of Senator McCarthy leading an insecure America into fascism.

the effects of an H-bomb? V. R. Dunne spoke only after The difficulty of finding any the intervention of the American real defense from atomic weap. Civil Liberties Union when the ons, Stergar declared, should radio station refused to approve drive home to all of us the need the SWP platform as a radio tc change over from capitalism Buffalo Evening News. script. to the planned economy of so-

The power and timeliness of cialism, the only kind of system that can assure enduring the SWP platform was acknowledged again by the cappeace to humanity. Those who attempt to deceive italist-controlled radio station the people with a soothing sywhen it felt necessary to disclaim in an unusually long rup about the efficacy of sirens Party, levelled its guns on Vinand tin-hat wardens are noth-|cent Copeland, SWP candidate statement all sympathy and restatement all sympathy and re- and thi-hat wardens are nother concentration. Such as the least language while they beat sponsibility for Dunne's mes- ing less than participants in the for Congress in Buffalo's 41st her about the head, face and sage.

crime of trying to take America District. What a blast! It established that Vincent Copeland is stomach. Myra Tanner Weiss, National into World War III, he said. Campaign Director of the SWP, Stergar appealed to the tradition of Eugene V. Debs in militant labor record, that his introduced Dunne as a worker urging workers to vote for the candidacy is backed by the Sowho has devoted his life to Labor's cause and as a symbol for Socialist Workers Party. He re- cialist Workers Party and that called Debs' firm stand against the SWP was included on the the workers to express by vote imperialistowar and pointed out attorney general's "subversive" their opposition to capitalist insecurity and their desire for a that the SWP has consistently list.

Two of Copeland's main held to the same program. Labor party. MINNESOTA On TV In DETROIT DETROIT See and hear **Meet Our Candidate** Election Rally Frank Lovell Vincent R. Dunne Discussion • Entertainment SWP Candidate for Socialist Workers Party • Dancing Governor Candidate for U. S. Senator Refreshments **Rita Shaw** Speaks on: Meet the SWP The Bosses' Assault Candidates SWP Candidate On the Trade Unions for U. S. Senator Sat., Oct. 30, 8 P. M. SUN., OCT. 24, 3 P. M. Station WWJ-TV 3000 Grand River (Channel 4) 10 So. 4th Street Admission Free Sat. Oct. 30, 5:15 to 5:30 P.M. MINNEAPOLIS

about it. Perhaps this is th of the present city. The social best explanation for the fact N. Y. Cops Beat planning such a move would re- that his paper, the Buffalo Evuire runs in direct conflict with ening News, which boasts the "greatest daily circulation in the New York State outside New Girl, Arrest Her The threat inherent in use of York City" decided to answer atomic weapons means that cap- the barrage that has been level- For "Assault" led on the Republican adminis-By Tom Denver tration by the candidates of the Socialist Workers Party.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19 - An-How was this to be done? By other shocking case of police meeting the issue raised by the brutality was exposed today as SWP candidates in behalf of a result of a claim for \$25,000 Buffalo's unemployed? Not if in damages filed against the you know the Buffalo Evening city of New York by Miss Jennie which they have presented the News. This authoritative voice Ramirez, a resident of East

of Buffalo's bosses regularly Harlem. prints on its editorial page the

Carthy. Not one, but two-David Lawrence and George E. Sokolsky, And their method of disposing of political issues seems and started to "break-up" the to be much admired by the power crowd. Miss Ramirez didn't move

ing cop and she was struck on the chin. Another cop pushed SINGLE OUT COPELAND and slapped her when she tried Consequently, in the Oct. 13 to defend herself. She was arissue, this wealthy and powerful rested on the charge of assaultpropaganda organ of the house

ing an officer. of Butler and the Republican In the patrol car several cops started cursing her in the filth-

She was then driven to the a radical-minded worker with a 25th Police Precinct, where 250 rookie cops were recently assigned to fight "crime," and the beating continued.

The doctor who later examined her said that she had received "injuries to her buttocks

back, thighs, nose, eyes, lacerations of the mouth and cheek, internal injuries and other injuries to the body." In a statement to the press Miss Ramirez said, "I can remember for hours I was being hit and kicked." Meanwhile, New York Police Commissioner Adams is engaged in a campaign to get 7,000 more cops on the force. Just think! Seven thousand more cops on

the loose in New York City, all of them trained to think with their clubs.



dent. But neither have offered the SWP national election platform which hits hard on any solution. Only the SWP canthe issue of McCarthyism as the didates have presented an effecmain danger to labor and the tive program to combat unemminority people. It contains ployment: the 30 hour week at material on the fight against 40 hours pay, full pay for unsegregation with emphasis on employed workers, nationalizar was launched last October at a General Edmund G. Brown handtion of industry under workers the struggle to eliminate the Jim Crow setup in the Los Ancontrol, etc.

Myra Tanner Weiss is on a geles fire department. The SWP candidates, Frank national speaking tour for the

Barbaria for Governor, Lillian Socialist Workers Party and will speak on the subject: McCarthy- lays, the Board adopted a reso- sumed violent form. Kiezel for Lt. Governor and Erism: Key Issue in the 1954 Elecroll Banks for U.S. Senate, have addressed election rallies in Los tions.

In San Francisco the election Alderson. Angeles and the Bay Area in rally for Myra will be held at main issues confronting the peo- campaign headquarters, 2337 ple in this country. In contrast Mission St., and in Los Angeles

After leaving an ice 'cream to the candidates of the capital- at the Embassy Auditorium, columns of two spokesmen of the parlor last July 30, Miss Rami- ist political parties who have North Hall, at Ninth and Grand. The Socialist Workers Party six months. He "promised" there rez, an 18-year-old working girl, ducked every important problem joined a crowd gathered at the and resorted to mudslinging and is calling on all its friends and would be a "gradual correction" scene of a street shooting. Al- name calling, the SWP candi- supporters in California to at- of the "unsatisfactory policies." most immediately cops arrived dates have analyzed the main tend the final election rallies in

economic and political problems San Francisco on Oct. 29 and NO ACTION and presented a realistic pro- Los Angeles on Oct. 30 and to that controls the policy of the fast enough for one club-swing- gram to meet the needs of the vote for the SWP candidates on 7. The waiting period was over

working people. November 2nd.



whose "loyalty" firing by the government is now in its Fire Commissioners saw fit to on the offensive. They mean to eleventh appeal, paid an extended visit to the Minnesota reverse its Dec. 10 decision in put pressure on the Supreme

area in connection with his na-Dsupport of Fire Chief Alderson tional tour to raise funds, ing. Despite a heavy rain, an and passed a resolution recogthrough the sale of his book, enthusiastic Farmers Union aud- nizing the fact that 82 Negro ience attended from a fifty-mile firemen of Los Angeles are con-The Case of the Legless Vetsurrounding area and contributed fined to two stations on Central eran, to carry his case to the

U. S. Supreme Court. generously to aid Jimmy's case. Ave. except for one in the sup-He also gave short talks be- ply department and seven others Twin Cities supporters of the fore a considerable number of in the fire prevention detail. Kutcher Civil Rights Committee welcomed Jimmy back to Minne- AFL, Railway Brotherhoods and But the segregationists now sota at a social on Sept. 25. He independent union locals in sought to gain their ends by described the more recent de- Minneapolis and appeared at a stalling. The City Attorney was velopments in his fight to be re- house meeting in St. Paul or- asked for a legal opinion. Mayor instated on his Newark Vet- ganized by, the Fellowship of Poulson also had to shift ground. erans' Administration clerical Reconciliation. At the latter af- In the face of rising indignajob from which he was fired in fair while pointing out his dif- tion he sent a letter to the 1948 because of his socialist ferences with the Communist Board using strong language Party, Kutcher strongly urged against the Fire Chief-but took views.

The victimized veteran had a support for the civil rights of no action. City Attorney Arnefive-minute TV news broadcast the Stalinists and opposed out bergh got into the delaying act on Sept. 30. Another recorded lawing of the Communist Party. with a request that the Fire interview was broadcast on Oct. He spoke before the Duluth CIO Chief "explain" the manner in 10 over radio station WCCO, Council which invited him for a which segregation promotes dewhich claims the largest audi- 15-minute talk. partment efficiency, implying Copies of Kutcher's book, The that integration might be incomence in the area.

schools.

A highlight of Kutcher's visit Case of the Legless Veteran, patible with "efficiency."

was his meeting in Willmar on are on sale at the Labor Book Finally on July 20 the Board Sept. 28. The pioneer liberal Store, 10 South 4th Street, of Commissioners moved to break Willmar Tribune publicized the Minneapolis. Royalties are used the stalemate: the chief was askmeeting. Farmers Union locals to finance Kutcher's court aped to give his recommendations aided in building up the meet- peal. on how Negroes could be inte-

minority peoples to set in mo merit" gave the Fire Chief antion a counter-campaign to that other two weeks to come up of the racists and see the fight with an acceptable plan. through to the finish.

The current attack on the Fire RACIST VIOLENCE

Department's segregation policies | Meanwhile State Attorney public hearing of the Board of ed down an opinion that segre-Fire Commissioners by attorneys gation of Negro fireman in Jim for the National Association for Crow units is illegal. But this the Advancement of Colored did not settle the dispute. On People. After a number of de- the contrary the struggle as-

lution on Dec. 10, expressing "complete confidence" in Chief Tribune reports: "Six hundred brawny city firemen planted

against the door of the Fire NAACP Attorneys then an-Commission hearing room yesnounced their intention to file terday barred lawyers for the suit to test the legality of the NAACP from the hearing for segregation. Mayor Poulson, askmore than an hour." ed the NAACP to hold off for

The Tribune says, "Comments were heard on all sides of the chamber of 'It can happen here,' just as 'it,' shameful racial out-

breaks, had been happening in The six months expired July Baltimore, Md., and other Dixie cities all week as valiant Negro children pressed forward in their - but nothing had changed. Again the NAACP announced determination to exercise their constitutional right to enjoy inthat it would file suit. This time tegrated education." the decision to renew the fight

It is clear that the battleline was strengthened by the action for and against segregation exof the U.S. Supreme Court tends clear across the country against segregation in public and penetrates every community and every field. The racists are

At this point the Board of Court with violent actions in the hope that they can stall all efforts to implement the recent U. S. Supreme Court anti-segregation ruling.

Los Angeles has become a hot-spot in the national fight. What is badly needed here is a united fighting front of Negroes, Mexican-Americans and every trade union in our area. In this

connection the AFL Fire Fighters Union's segregationist resolution, blitzed through the AFL Central Labor Council, is a shameful act that must be reversed.

On the other hand the firm anti-segregation stand taken by the CIO Council in a resolution introduced by Woodrow Rito, prominent member of the NAA-CP Labor Committee, is a welcome step in the right direction.

