Harlem Firetrap **Tenants Threaten Rent Strike Call**

By Joyce Cowley

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—Some 500 angry tenants at a Harlem protest meeting here yesterday threatened land-lords of firetraps with a permanent rent strike. The meet-ing was called by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell after several Harlem tenement fires during the

last few days in which three people lost their lives, others were injured and many families were left homeless.

"There is no difference between a man walking down the street with a gun and a man who with callous indifference knows the life of people living in his property can be snuffed out overnight," Powell told an audience which the N.Y. Times reports "buzzed in anger at frequent intervals."

They responded with loud applause and approving shouts when he said: "I call for a permanent rent strike in Harlem wherever there are housing violations."

SHOCKING CONDITIONS

Powell called housing the "number one problem facing people in this area," where the Negro people are forced because of residential segregation to pay high rents for overcrowded death traps.

The meeting came on the heels. of the admission by Fire Commissioner Cavanagh, that in a 10-day period fire inspectors had found 14 single-exit slum-area apartment houses with inoperative stairway sprinkler systems. "Shocking" conditions were described by inspectors, who reported that some sprinkler systems were "completely disconnected from water supplies." Cavanagh threatened the usual "crackdown" on these "firetrap landlords."

Rep. Powell explained that tenants in Harlem will obtain the list of violations in their apartments from the Department of Housing and Buildings. Then those with violations ("probably nearly all," said Powell) will tell the landlord: "Fix these violations or we withhold your rent." Powell also criticized Magistrates Courts, as being too lenient with landlords who violated the law, the city for not providing more housing inspectors and the Department of Housing and strike techniques. Buildings for not having a pub-

If this committee starts serious lic education program. Personally, I think it's the preparations for a rent strike and builds a strong tenants organizalandlords, not the public, who need some educating and it looks tion, it will be a big step toward like they're going to get it. I a solution to housing problems. can't think of anything quite so I'm confident they won't stop at twenty years of treason, accuses educational for a landlord as not an emergency measure like collecting his rent. Jail sentences patching up firetraps, but will for landlords whose gross neglidemand adequate new low-rent gence resulted in loss of human housing for millions of people life would be another excellent jammed into the dark, filthy, method of education. dangerous slum buildings of this There's at least one story in city.



Own Party Seen Aim of **McCarthy By Daniel Roberts**

DEC. 13.-Sen. Joseph McCarthy continued his course of building a fascist movement in the U.S. when on Dec. 7 he broke with President Eisenhower. The break came after Eisenhower

behind the scenes.

ism in Government.'

praised Sen. Watkins (R-Utah)

who headed the Senate commit-

tee that recommended McCar-

thy's censure. Eisenhower was

pushing for the censure move

munism" and said, "I feel . .

ising the American people that

hower Administration that they

forceful fight against commun-

On Dec. 8, Eisenhower respond-

ed by declaring in his press in-

McCarthy accused Eisenhower

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the papers every week about helpless people trapped by fire in the tenements of Harlem, East Harlem, Bedford Stuyvesant or other sections of rapidly spreading slum areas. Desperate people of a "shrinking show of weaktry to use sprinkler systems that ness" in the fight against "Comhaven't worked for years or frantically search for fire exits that I should apologize for promthat don't exist. The landlord may pay a small fine but no matter if they would elect the Eisenhow flagrantly he has violated building codes, he won't go to could be assured of a vigorous, jail. I don't know of a single landlord in this city serving a

jail term. PREPARING ACTION

terview: "If people wanted to As a result of the tragic fires, split off (from the Republican tenants in Harlem are preparing Party) . . . that would have to to take action. Bernard J. Gilroy, be their business." Thus, the split Commissioner of Housing and of the incipient fascist movement Buildings, agreed to see a group from the Republican Party, from the protest meeting this where it incubated during the week. On Jan. 1, delegates will last four years, appears closer.

set up a committee to work out "TREASON" THEME

As Roscoe Drummond stated Sen. McCarthy now accuses the Democratic administrations of two years of treason, accuses seventy members of the Senate of being the 'handmaidens of Party. Its aim is to remove the D Communism.' and levels the same most advanced of left-wing forces charge against the President of - the supporters of Socialist the United States." Outlook, left-wing weekly banned The treason theme is a hallby the leadership which suspendmark of fascist demagogy, which McCarthy now employs against ed publication early in October. all traditional agencies of cap-At its last meeting, the Naitalist class rule. A prominent ional Executive Committee of the Labor Party expelled six Herbert Morrison, the right-wing McCarthyite recently declared: "Those for McCarthy are com-Labor Party members, three of plete Americans. Others serve the whom are members of the Man-Communist conspiracy, unwitagement Committee of the Labor tingly at best, and deliberately Publishing Society, which puband treacherously at worst." That ished Socialist Outlook. These is the Hitlerite fuehrer principle three are also labor councillors. -the notion of the "savior" who

Signs Pact with Dictator



U.S. Sec. of State John Foster Dulles and George K. C. Yeh, foreign minister in dictator Chiang Kai-shek's cabinet on Formosa, shake hands in Washington after signing a "mutual security" treaty. The treaty formally binds the U.S. to defend Chiang's seizure of Formosa and other Chinese islands and symbolizes the intent of American imperialism to continue its schemes to overthrow the revolutionary Chinese government.

RIGHT-WINGERS PURGE in the Dec. 12 N.Y. Herald Trib-une: "In effect and in sum total, BRITISH LABOR PARTY

By John White

LONDON, Dec. 7 - Under the banner of a witch hunt the first to be tried.

15 Years in

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possessing radical literature in his library, newspaperman Carl Braden was sentenced yesterday to 15 years in prison and fined \$5,000 in the notorious Louisville, Ky., "sedition" case.

Last June, Mr. Braden and his wife Anne sold their home in an all-white neighborhood to Andrew Wade IV, a Negro contractor. The night after Mr. and Mrs. Wade moved in, a cross was burned in he neighborhood, rocks were thrown through their windows and six shots fired into their nouse. Then on June 27, despite the guard that white and colored friends of the Wades maintained around the house, a bomb shattered a wall and the porch.

IGNORE KU KLUXERS

Instead of looking for the Ku Klux Klan elements who were undoubtedly responsible for the crime, the police proceeded to investigate the victim Wade and his friends. The cops raided their homes and arrested Carl and Anne Braden and four other white friends of the Wades, charging that they had committed the bombing as part of a 'Communist plot."

The six were indicted under a 1920 Kentucky sedition law and a state "criminal syndicalism" law. Braden, a copyreader for the Louisville Courier - Journal, was

Braden Gets Two Debates Reflect **Concern over Latest** Ky. Frameup Blows of Reaction

By C. Thomas

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10 - The sixteenth constitutional convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations concluded its five-day session here today with the re-election of all its officers with-

out opposition. The great bulk of the convention resolutions were also adopted unanimously. This surface unanimity was marred only by (1) an undercurrent of difference manifested in the discussion on one of the main policy declarations of the convention, the resolution on organic unity with the American Federation of Labor, and (2) the unexpected criticism of CIO political policy coupled with the proposal for an independent labor party voiced by Michael Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union. CONDITIONS FOR UNITY

Judging by the report of the CIO "organic unity" committee and the remarks of leading CIO spokesmen, organic unity between the CIO and AFL is posed as a realistic proposition slated to be carried through in the not distant future. In his report to the convention, David J. Mc-

Donald, president of the United Steel Workers and chairman of the OIO subcommittee on organic unity, made a "prophecy" that followed by secretary-treasurer the organic unity would be James Carey who, with president achieved soon.

In the course of his remarks, comprise the CIO organic unity McDonald several times spoke subcommittee. Carey reassured out against any attempt to "lay the delegates that the unity lown any pre-conditions as to the would be accomplished On the witness stand Braden terms upon which organic unity loss of principle. Joseph Curran, president of can be achieved." Such "pre-conditions," he maintained, "would the National Maritime Union, be a guarantee that labor unity went further in assuring the ofcannot be achieved." ficials of the smaller unions that These remarks by McDonald the CIO "wanted organic labor served to increase the alarm of unity, but it wanted it on a basis the officials of the smaller CIO where the integrity of all CIO unions who were already disquiet- unions, large and small, would be



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ed" by the larger AFL units in the proposed merger. He was Walter Reuther and McDonald,

ILA Ranks Vote Down "No-Strike" Contract

By Art Sharon

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 — The newly-negotiated contract of the independent International Longshoremen's against any and all odds, will Association was turned down this week by the union lead the nation to victory against rank-and-file in a secret ballot. hiring and firing on the New

The, contract, a result of months of negotiations by ILA leaders had secured a 17-cent hourly wage and welfare package and a union-shop clause. But the contract had included a no-strike pledge which barred stoppages of any kind for a two-year period. This concession to the shippers put the entire contract in doubt.

During the past decade it has been the strike weapon that has given the New York dock walloper an even shake against the sell-outs of the union leaders. No waterfront in the world has had as many so-called wildcat strikes. Time and again, a miserable contract negotiated by former ILA leader Joseph "King" Ryan was repudiated by rankand-file strike action. It was his inability to make his sell-outs stick that eventually led to Ryan's forced retirement.

Virtually every gain made by the New York dockers has been the result of their own rank-andfile action. The strike weapon

figures large in their experience. The press reports the ILA 'conservatives" into one party and leaders stunned by the action of the ranks. Enemies of the ILA all the liberals, or "radicals" as are seeking some comfort from this vote by seeing a repudiation of the ILA leadership. But if the these realignment proponents, vote expresses non-confidence in once this sorting out has been the ILA's present leadership, it accomplished, American politics certainly gives no support to any will be free of contradictions and

of the other contenders for the inner-party struggles. Reuther's latest pronouncement dockers' allegiance. The AFL on the realignment theme was gang who failed in a year long battle to take over the water- made at the recent CIO convenfront lost out mainly because of tion in Los Angeles. Reuther

the strike-breaking role they sounded off on Dec. 8 after played during the spring dock Michael Quill, President of the strike and the support they gave OIO Transport Workers Union, tacked by Reuther. He described superior to this reshuffling of If the existence of a "fixed" to the government waterfront made a proposal from the floor. Quill's proposal as "yielding to capitalist politicians within the working class and capitalist class call the 1937 sit-down strikes in commission efforts to control Quill said: "Serious consideration frustration." Quill had cited the two-party system with the inevi- are recognized, the next step is

DENOUNCE EXPULSIONS

Further expulsions have eviinternal and external enemies." dently been planned. To carry out In pursuing his fascist course, this purge, right-wing members McCarthy has been deserted by of the N.E.C. have set up a new purge machinery - a committee most of his Republican allies, including senators who stood most of enquiry consisting of two staunchly by him during the cenright-wing leaders plus two paid sure fight. Sen. Knowland (Cal.), officials of the party. The comthe GOP floor leader, who had mittee has operated behind the voted against censure as a means backs of the party and was of expressing his disagreement denounced by Nov. 26 Tribune the vote was always announced with the Eisenhower administra- the Bevanite weekly.

In his weekly column, the (Continued on page 4)

against Trotskyists, the right-wing leadership has begun a purge among the rank-and-file of the British Labour denied that he had ever belonged

to the Communist Party and exeditor of Tribune acidly complained his ownership of radical literature (a constitutional right mented on the activities of Miss which should not even be ques-Alice Bacon M.P., witch-hunter in tioned) by the fact that he had chief, who was "chairman of the once been a labor reporter and traveling tribunal searching out had acquired a considerable Trotskyists in the constituency literature dealing with all phases Labor Parties." Miss Bacon is of the labor movement. notorious as a loyal supporter of

STOOL-PIGEON TESTIFIES machine politician. She heralded However, in the rebuttal, the the witch hunt against Trotskyprosecutor rang in the testimony ism in her speech at the last of a professional stool - pigeon, Labor Party Conference, when Alberta Ahearn, who claimed that she defended the ban on Socialist the Bradens belonged to a Com-Outlook on behalf of the Labor munist Party cell in which she Party N.E.C.

had been working for the FBI. **RETURNS TO ATTACK** Attempts by the defense to subpoena her reports to the FBI were The Tribune returned to the unsuccessful. attack when the N.E.C. carried through the expulsions recom-The prosecuting attorney wound mended by this "traveling tri-

up the presentation of his framebunal." In a front-page article, up case by stating that "sedition the last week's issue declared: is communism and communism is New and sinister issues are sedition - there is no distincraised by the latest Labor Party tion." Robert Zollinger, Braden's purge instituted against so-called defense counsel declared the issue 'Trotskyites' or those once associwas whether "a man has the right ated with 'Socialist Outlook.' For to an opinion different from those in his community."

ed by the fear of being "absorb-(Continued on page 2)



There has been an alarming spread of vigilante Citizens Committees from Mississippi to Alabama and Georgia, where anti-Negro meetings are being held. This movement

is the answer of Deep South white supremacists to the de- teresting because he came right mand of the Negro people for to the heart of the question of segregation. Taking as his text compliance with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against the NAACP's slogan, "The Negro school segregation. In Linden, Alabama, an audi-

shall be free by 1963," he declared it must be fought against ence of over 400 were told that because its realization would ruin the South's economic system. "blood will be spilled on the campus" the first time a Negro | This system is based on superexploitation of Negro labor. tries to enter a white school in

The Citizens Councils origithe area. The meeting was called nated in Mississippi, where they to organize the Marengo County White Citizens Council. One of have been called "uptown Ku the main speakers, Democratic Klux Klans." This is because the the main speakers, Democratic State Senator Givhan declared movement is headed in each county by the "best people"bankers, cotton planters, lawyers, Colored People in fighting racial officials, etc. Citizens Councils bias in schools "is to open the are known to exist in 53 of Mis-

VOTE RESTRICTION

These Councils were largely responsible for the passage in the recent elections of a voting restriction amendment - which was defeated two years agodepriving Mississippi Negroes of what few voting rights they had.

The Councils also have engaged in numerous cases of economic coercion of Negroes suspected of "dangerous thoughts" about school segregation. Such "troublemakers" find the local bankchairman of the Dallas County | er foreclosing on them, merchants refusing credit, utility companies turning off service, etc. White boasting of this economic boycott of Negro "troublemakers," spokesmen for the Citizens Councils admit "there are some operations of the Coun-

The speech of the Reverend cils which for obvious reasons M. H. Clark was particularly in- | cannot be publicized."

What Kind of "Political Realignment"? should be given to building in | fact that 14 of the 17 states that | table domination by one wing of | to recognize the existence of the

By Murry Weiss It is clear that American America a really and truly indenendent political party of CIO, so politics, with its two-capitalistthat the workers will have the party system, is suffering from choice to stand up separately and a chronic and incurable crisis. That's why we hear the call for apart from any of the existing "realignment" from representa- parties." ives of the most diverse political MODEST PROPOSAL

endencies within this two-party system.

York and New Jersey docks.

This is appounced as the first

contract ever turned down by the

rank-and-file dockers. The truth

is that this is the first contract

voted on in a secret ballot super-

vised by an outside professional

balloting association. In the past

as Ryan wanted it.

Actually Quill's proposal was not for a "really and truly inde-From the reactionary, pro-Mcpendent" party of labor. He said, the Sparkmans and the Lister Carthy N. Y. Daily News to CIO for example, "I am not talking | Hills coming out of the South." President Walter Reuther, the proposal is made: get all the about a political party that.

would nominate its own candidate for President of the United States, the Daily News calls them, into but I am talking about a party another party. According to all that would be strong enough to have something to say about that nomination." Quill also suggested that "we should at least give serious consideration to forming labor parties in the states basic political forces" in the

throughout this country where United States. it is impossible for us to walk with the existing Democratic CLASS REALIGNMENT Party."

tion of a Labor Party, that is, But even this modest proposal was promptly and vigorously at- a class realignment in politics, be facturers.

have union - killing "right to the capitalist politicians over the class struggle. The class strugwork" laws on their books are party to which labor gives its gle, however, is a reality that Democratic states. To this allegiance? Why not take the Reuther and his colleagues cannot Reuther replied: "There is a new representatives of labor out of face. They prefer to build their beginning in the South. Sure, we know something about the Byrnes | the representatives of Big Busi- | equilibrium of capitalist war and the other apostles of white ness from a party of labor?

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supremacy . . . but the encourag-Reuther answers: "A labor party, here, would commit the ing thing in America is the fact that we have the Kefauvers and American political system to the same narrow class structure upon which the political parties of Briefly, Reuther's political for-Europe are built." He argues: 'Unlike Europe with its rigid mula is as follows: put all the class groups, America is a place conservative, reactionaries, and Dixiecrats into the Republican where social groups are in flux, Party, and put all the liberals without a rigid class structure. and the labor movement into the In Europe and other countries Democratic Party. This, he labor parties are natural because claims, would bring about a you have a fixed and class movement, representing 17 mil-"fundamental realignment of society."

The whole philosophy of the summed up in these phrases, istence? which are lifted bodily from the

But why wouldn't the formational Association of Manu-

that the aim of the National Association for the Advancement of bedroom doors of our white wo- sissippi's 82 counties. men to Negro men."

prosperity." After all, that is what this mildewed theory about the "no fixed classes" in the United States is based on - the relative improvement in the conditions of workers resulting from

If Reuther were to follow his thoughts through to the end he would see that he is presenting an argument against the existence of trade unions. Upon what is the American union lion members, based? Is it not a 'fixed" working class? And how

Didn't the formation of the place through some of the sharpest class struggles known to history? What would Reuther dues.

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the capitalist parties and exclude political policy on the precarious ORGANIZING MEETINGS At this meeting, Lawrence Crawford, chairman of the Perry County White Citizens Council,

reported that the effects of organization were already visible in nis area. In Selma, Alabama, a similar neeting was attended by an audience of some 1,200 whites. Speakers included Alston Keith, who is head of the Democratic Party of Dallas County and

White Citizens Committee, a Democratic State Senator, a Democratic member of the State

House of Representatives and a preacher from Lexington, Mass. At the end of the meeting some 600 men joined the vigilante organization and paid their first



the war-production boom.

American labor bureaucrat is did these unions come into expropaganda arsenal of the Na- CIO during the Thirties take

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A Punishment to Fit the Crime

1953-1954 has not spiralled into a Justice Benjamin Brenner of the New York State full-blown depression." Needless Supreme Court will admit it was one of his toughest cases. to say, this is a burning question His heart is no harder than any other judge's but the law for labor. Reuther's explanation merits close attention. allowed him no leeway. He had to impose the maximum penalty on the four defendants. After all, they were charged with the worst of all crimes in a capitalist society. They were guilty — the three men and one woman — of being old and sick and poor. The bosses couldn't grind a bargaining strength of the trade nickel's worth of profitable labor out of the lot of them.

They were guilty as charged, all right. That was clearly proved in the judge's five-page opinion handed down on Dec. 9. One is a 78-year-old woman who "has a permanent hip injury, is unable to walk, is overtalkative and almost blind." ,The others are a 78-year-old man who has suffered several strokes and loss of memory, an 84year-old man "whose senility is rapidly worsening" and a 64-year-old man with a speech defect.

The four were brought before Judge Brenner as homeless patients. "made so because care and attention cannot be given them by relatives for financial or other reasons." He added: "Some of them are unwanted or neglected in their advanced years. Additionally, the Welfare Department of the city claims lack of funds for their placement in private institutions or old age homes."

In imposing sentence, he stated clearly their crime. "They are merely helpless old people. . . Like children, they may not be left alone and must be cared for, else they are capable of self harm. . ."

that "since denial of custodial care and hospitalization to these people would probably result in their death, I find myself compelled to certify them as mentally ill." Thus, he "reluctantly" directed that they be sent to an institution for the insane, although, as he emphasized, they "are not in fact mentally ill."

mental illness "would forever stigmatize" the four, but what could he do? As he pointed out, the law does not permit the certification to insane asylums of persons who are merely "helpless due to old age." And the alternative to the sentence figured out by the judge is condemnation to death by neglect, exposure and starvation.

But the judge's solution may turn out to be only temporary. Dr. Arthur W. Pense, deputy commissioner of the State Department of Mental Hygiene, stated that the four would be admitted to a mental hospital for 60 days' "observation and treatment" and if they are found not to be mentally ill they will be released into the streets, the only home left for them.

in the richest country in the world, you're crazy - and they'll probably certify you, too.

By Art Preis

can be protected," the leaflet con-

cludes, "is to shorten the work

week to 35 hours per week (with

40-hour pay) so that other jobs

would be available to the dis-

This demand of "35 for 40"

is a modification of the program

pay, first advanced by The Mili-

tan't and now endorsed by many

unions. The demand was adopted

The workers felt that such a

Now, instead of a 6- or 7-hour

day, the packinghouse workers

would have to work a 10-hour

day to earn enough to pay their

As the packers hurry more and

more to install new equipment

replacing workers, the workers'

struggle to save their jobs by

adequate wage will take more

than cutting down demands when

bargaining. It will require a firm

demand-30 hours per week at

40 hours' pay-and it will require

a militant leadership capable of

picket-line struggle.

shorter work week with an

per hour.

bills.

HOW TO SAVE JOBS

placed worker."



The judge deplored the fact that his certification of

CRUX OF HIS THEORY According to Reutherite economics the country was "saved" It is contained rather in the from a full-blown depression, and key role Reuther assigns to the we quote, "by the collective New Deal-Fair Deal legislation, or more accurately the meager unions and by the legacy of social remains of this legislation. It is and economic legislation enacted not hard to demonstrate, figures under the Roosevelt and Truman and facts in hand, whether or

By John G. Wright

presented a report to the CIO

Convention at Los Angeles which

contains an alleged explanation

of why "the economic decline of

administrations." not this legislation played the Trade unions play a tremend- part Reuther claims it did. But Reuther produced no facts ous role in defending labor's interests in periods of prosperity or figures. He saw fit to dispose

Backs 'Right-to-Scab' Law



Henry G. Riter, 62, of West Orange, N. J., newly-elected president of the National Assn. of Manufacturers, receives the gavel from outgoing Pres. Harold C. McClelland (right) at the NAM's convention in New York. Riter defended the open-shop "right-to-work" laws that have spread to 17 states and which have been correctly called "right-to-scab" laws.

and depression alike. But it is of the whole matter in three CIO President Walter Reuther beyond the power of unions as, brief paragraphs, 26 printed lines the GI Bill of Rights were in- by plunging into full-scale such to alter the basic course of all told, out of the voluminous the economic process under capi-117 page report. Later, in his talism - that is, to avert ecokeynote speech to the Convention, the total would still amount to he touched upon the subject only nomic crises that flow from the very structure of the capitalist vaguely. Why such brevity and system. It is miseducation of reticence on so vital an issue? workers for labor leaders to tell Because there is not a particle them otherwise. But this is not of fact to substantiate Reuther's the crux of Reutherite economics. contention.

To begin with, it is false to ascribe to Truman's Fair Deal any significant part in the socalled "social and economic legisabsurd claim, a child above lation." Suffice it to quote kindergarten age would have Reuther himself in this conneclaughed in his face. That is why, tion. In a moment of forgetobviously, he preferred to be so fulness, in his keynote speech brief and reticent. Reuther asserted, "There has TWO-THIRDS FOR WAR been not one significant piece of

each budget dollar.

Had Reuther tried with facts

and figures to substantiate his

Huge arms expenditures plus

s the real legislation whereby

social legislation since 1938." The economic truth is that in This happens to be correct. ecent years, under Truman as But if so, how could this failure under Eisenhower, two-thirds and since 1938, both under Roosevelt more of the budget has gone for and Truman, have played the role arms expenditures. Under Truof "saving" the country that man the appropriations for "so-Reuther says it did in his cial and economic legislation" report? This is a case of legislawere maintained at roughly the tion that simply wasn't there. same levels as now under Eisen-But let us turn to what is real. hower, i.e., less than a nickel out of each dollar. THE FACTS OF 1954

Take the 1954 federal budget. inflation, as a component part of The "legacy" of the New Dealthe whole arms program - that Fair Deal must have played a decisive role in this budget, U.S. economy has been "stabilizotherwise the country couldn't ed" in recent years. Reuther possibly have been saved in the face of Eisenhower's "inactivity,' as Reuther politely phrases it. But the truth is just the opposite. The New Deal-Fair Deal legacy" occupies an insignificant place in the 1954 federal budget. It is to be located under the following three headings: 1) Sothe workers the truth. cial Security, Welfare and Health (which, by the by, includes appropriations for such progressive purposes as "Prisons and Probation," plus "Defense Community Facilities and Services"); 2) up on him. Housing and Commuinty Development (which covers such items as "Civil Defense," "Defense Housing, Community Facilities and Services;" and, finally, 3) Education and General Research (in which expenditures for war preparation are likewise hidden). The grand total of all these appropriations in 1954 came to less than FOUR CENTS out of each depression again erupted, out of which Roosevelt and the capitalbudget DOLLAR.

and get away with it. But if you think you can get away with being old and infirm and penniless in the richest city

Action" resolution came as a sur- Democratic party in general and | groupings," it would not do for prise to the convention. Michael Tammany Hall in particular. He America "in which social groups Quill, who spoke in opposition to was followed immediately by are in flux."

"A labor party" asserted Reuthe resolution, had no counter Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer resolution to offer although he of the United Automobile Work- ther, "would commit the Ameriwas on the resolution committee. ers. Mazey departed from his can political system to the same He made no official minority re-port and ended by voting "for" He had always been, he said, a which the political parties of Eu-conquered by capitalism and the resolution which was carried strong advocate of a labor party. rope are built." Instead, Reuther

Even if the appropriations for lists whom he served escaped only cluded (and these properly also for the second preparations belong under war expenditures), World War.

less than FIVE CENTS out of "Fair Deal" (sprinkled with dribs Yet to believe Reuther this and drabs from the "New. Deal" niserly "legacy" of 4 to 5% of "legacy"), there came the Truthe annual budget is what spelled man depression of 1949-50. How the difference between salvation and disaster for U.S. economy.

did it happen that the same legislation that allegedly worked such miracles for Eisenhower failed so miserably for Truman? Reuther prefers not to recall the Truman depression. It does not serve his political aim - support of the Democrats.

It was not the operation of "New Deal-Fair Deal" legislation that averted the Truman depression. As is well known, it was Furthermore, despite the huge averted by plunging into the arm budgets under Truman's Korean War, with even bigger arms expenditures, and with still

more inflation. And the same thing applies to the Éisenhower depression. It has been temporarily averted by resort to further inflationary measures plus hiked arms spending. The "New Deal-Fair Deal" legislation had no more to do with it, than the mixture of ignorance and demagogy which constitutes the gist of Reutherite economics.



A Dec. 7 Wall Street Journal editorial, entitled "Alarm Over Automation," attempts to allay labor's fears of unemployment because of the latest technological ad-

gives the following typical capitalist argument:

knows this. But he supports the "The evidence, of course, shows arms program; he supports U.S. that increasing mechanization imperialist foreign policy, whethdoes not displace workers, but, er laid down under Truman or on the contrary, creates greater Eisenhower: and his chief poliemployment opportunities. The tical aim is to corral the labor United States has the most mevote for the Democrats come chanized economy in the world, 1956. Consequently, he can't tell yet its employment has long since and by far exceeded what Henry He must cover up; he must concoct "explanations" such as ideal of sixty million jobs. The ideal of sixty million jobs. The the foregoing. He banks that the relationship is simple: Introduce, workers will simply take his an assembly line into an arito word, and never bother to check plant, and you immediately multiply production and create de-Even in the heyday of the mand by lowering costs; more, not fewer workers, are needed. 'New Deal," prior to 1938, when

appropriations for social and eco-The same principle applies to tonomic measures did make up a day's more advanced techniques substantial part of the annual of automation." federal budget, even then, this The editors of the Wall Street legislation was unable to pull the Journal. "of course," are famcountry out of the Great Depresiliar with the history of capital-

sion. In fact, by 1937 a sharp ism. They distort the real story of the effects of the mechanization of the labor process in order to disarm the American people and to provide the defenders of 'free enterprise" with arguments in the great automation debate.

The introduction of the assem-

THE REAL HISTORY bly line in the production of What are the real historical automobiles, the new radio inacts? The first industrial revdustry and other industrial deolution occurred during the rise velopments in the period up to of the capitalist system in Eu-1929 could play a part in the exrope at the start of the 19th pansion of American capitalist Century. Despite the fact that the economy. Then the world crisis of capitalism caught up with the U.S. The economic edifice colthere was still plenty of room The assembly line didn't

American way of life!

not the time" opponents of the

vances in industry. The Journal were worked beyond endurance.

The situation in England, the mother of capitalist nations, became so bad that the very existence of the working class was endangered. Children died at an alarming rate or grew up stunted. Organization and struggle to limit the working day became inevitable.

The capitalists then learned how to exploit labor more intensively even with a shorter working day through the widespread introduction of powerdriven machinery. The workers who were displaced by the machines, as pointed out above, were absorbed in the new colonies, although this meant uprooting their families and suffering terrible hardship in wild country.

PICTURE DIFFERS NOW

The picture is entirely different for the modern American vorker. Even if we could please Defense Secretary C. E. Wilson by acting like bird dogs instead of kennel hounds, where would we find the primeval forests to hunt in for our subsistence?

Jobs in Packinghouses

Mechanization Imperils

By A Packinghouse Worker

SOUTH ST. PAUL-A tremendous program to replace workers by new techniques and machinery is now being carried out in the packinghouse industry. Each week packinghouse workers hear reports of

new developments and processes force working on curing and that mean less jobs in the pack- smoking processes in the plant." inghouse and possibly the elimi-SHORTER WEEK URGED nation of their own jobs. "The best way workers' jobs

At the Armour plant here 50 mechanics were laid off after a time-study program. This is approximately one-fifth of the mechanical gang. Now, to install new machinery, especially in the canning department, these 50 mechanics and more have been hired. Once this installation is completed, these mechanics will for a 30-hour week at 40 hours' again face a layoff.

MECHANICAL MONSTER

Reports have been heard of a by the CIO United Packinghouse mechanical monster now in use Workers convention which met in which rips off the complete hide Sioux City, Iowa, last summer of a steer in one operation, therebefore the contract negotiations by eliminating dozens of workers this fall. But in negotiations the "35 for who formerly cut off the hides

by knife. 40" demand was not pushed at A new saw for splitting hogs all. Instead of mobilizing the has been developed and is in workers of the whole meat packactual operation at a plant. Two ing industry for concerted action, splitters using the new saw split the only action capable of makcarcasses at a "rate of 500 per ing the packers listen even to hour, whereas four splitters are their modified demand for a required to do this without the shorter week, the union leadership impaired the workers' will saw.

A union leaflet calling atten- to fight by deciding to strike, if tion to this mechanization was necessary, only the Armour distributed at the Swift plant plants. here the other morning. Explaining a new process of smoking one-at-a-time strike policy would meats by electronic devices, the risk defeat. Rather than strike, leaflet said, "The amount of la- they were forced into a position bor 'saved' is estimated to be of accepting the company's offer as much as 55% of the present of an increase of 5 to 61/2 cents

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the "cardinal principle that the unanimously. It would be incorintegrity of every affiliated union would be fully protected." Thus reassured the resolution on organic unity was adopted "unanimously.'

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fully respected and fully pro-

tected within such a labor move-

ment." Walter Reuther concluded

the discussion by making direct

reference to the question of "pre-

conditions." "We make no preconditions," he asserted, "but . . ."

class struggle.

right.

workers.

American labor.

POLICIES CHANGE

nd then proceeded to reiterate

A message from AFL president George Meany was read to onalities involved. the convention urging a meeting

Quill, a fiery speaker, got a of the AFL-CIO unity commitround of applause upon the conees "a soon as possible." The debate on the "Political clusion of his speech flaying the



One of these voices is the (Continued from page 1) newest affiliate to the CIO, the auto, or the armed attacks of the

Mechanics Educational Society of steel barons against the workers America. The MESA Educator, of Little Steel in 1936? Would he Nov. issue, in an editorial called call that "social groups in flux?" "The Next Few Years" says: The fact is that the whole "Both these mammoth labor history of the modern American groups (AFL and CIO) are polilabor movement is irrefutable tical parties without any political proof of the existence, not only programs. A political party can of "fixed classes" in the U.S., but have members on the basis of of the existence of a profound their common place of work just

as well as on their common geographical residence."

Reuther's policy is supported The editorial refers to the overwhelmingly by the mass of problem of a political realigntrade union officials today. It ment: "It is a curious situation must also be frankly recognized as the Northern Democrats are that this policy is supported by more liberal than Northern the great majority of the work- Republicans but Southern Demers. But that does not make it ocrats are more conservative than Northern Republicans. This is all

At one time the policy of the very confusing to two labor labor officials was overwhelmfederations that are in effect ingly opposed to industrial unions political parties."

and the organization of the un-Then the editorial gives its organized. The rank and file of forecast of the outcome of this the craft unions of those days political situation: "It is almost also supported this policy which inevitable that a merger of the served the interests of a thin two politico-labor federations will privileged stratum of skilled be negotiated in 1955 and almost as inevitable that a labor party

Only the radicals called for the opposed to both the Republican organization of mass industrial and Democratic Parties will be unions. The Reuthers of that launched during the next few time preached the impossibility years. This forecast was the main of achieving this "utopia." factor in the determination of the Replying to Quill at the CIO MESA to become a unit in the convention, Reuther said, "Every CIO."

try for a third party has failed This conception of a political miserably." Therefore? Therefore realignment in the U.S. makes a it is obvious to the Reuthers that every try must fail in the future! idea of a class-collaboration Democratic Party of labor and company's failure after repeated Such is the mentality of the generation of bureaucrats who the "pure" capitalist liberals. replaced the audacious young

militants who founded the CIO. Despite the unanimity around A Delaware judge has dismissed Reuther's political policy at the charges against white supremacist leader Bryant D. Bowles, who taneously and within 24 minutes CIO convention, there are signihad been accused of blocking in- management had agreed: 1) to ficant voices calling for a more leading the workers in a real far-sighted political policy for tegration of Negro school chil- slow the assembly line down; 2) dren in the town of Milford.

and elsewhere, who for years about a "fundamental realignurging the formation of an independent labor party represent- have said now is not the time to ment of basic political forces." ed any significant tendency in launch out in the building of a This OIO "elder," who had prethe CIO officialdom. The incident political movement of our own, viously been one of the "now is is of interest mainly in disclosing and I find myself in the embarthe political evolution of the per- rassing position of having to re- labor party, now concludes that

peat what I used to condemn in the very idea is repugnant to the others.' Mazey's "defense" of CIO po-

And he added. "I have been crit-

The two major policy questions itical policy was hardly calcuwhich came before the conven-Will Ford or GM workers migrate tion, namely, organic unity and lated to inspire the enthusiasm political action, will have farof the case-hardened officialdom reaching significance for the fuin attendance at the convention. ture of American labor. Self-Reuther was constrained to step defense against the blows of redustrial revolution came as a reinto the breach with a speech action have provided the greatest sult of the first organized outlining his political philosophy. workers' struggles. Capitalism spur to the movement toward or-The whole concept of the labor ganic unity and an intensified party, asserted Reuther, was conprolonging the working day. concern with political action. The trary to the American historical More profits could be obtained development, culture, and social reaction of the officialdom is a structure. While it was all right | reflection of the ferment in the | by just working people longer hours. Men, women and children for Europe with its "rigid class ranks.

24-MINUTE SIT-DOWN GETS RESULTS

it would uncover and discipline

3) provide adequate protective Local 333 in an exposed position. OAKLAND - A sit - down strike by auto workers here, gloves. Then the line started up achieved in 24 minutes the settle- lagain. The company's declaration that

ment of grievances that many weeks of complaints and negothe "ringleader" was rendered tiating had failed to effect. This difficult by the fact that there sit-down was provoked by a company speed-up, wage cut and spontaneous group action. Howdisregard of safety in the lower ever. General Motors can make men's Union, is again on trial body shop of Fisher Body, a division of General Motors.

victims if it can't make ring- for "perjury." Four times previleaders. Soon two men were ously the government had at-Welders, members of CIO suspended for 30 days and re- tempted to deport him to his United Auto Workers Local 333, had been trying to get a primands were issued to 36 satisfactory adjustment of workothers. These are respectively the charges of alleged Communist

protective gloves to the men who must continually handle and

work on sharp-edged metal. The sit-down began sponrestore the ten cents wage cut:

proposes to reform the American for expansion, the widespread in prevent this; it gave the fall rect to conclude that his speech ical of my elders in labor, CIO two-party system by bringing troduction of machinery displaced greater impact. so many workers, together with

taken by the membership.

Longshoremen's and Warehouse-

war when Bridges supported the

no-strike pledge he was shielded

hunt needs more victims so the

Neither the assembly line nor expropriated peasants, that a any other technical progress got steady stream of poor emigrants us out of the depression. It took was created for the settlement the preparations for a second of America.

world war, government-guaran-Where is the new virgin conteed markets and profits and war tinent to which the dispossessed itself to obtain renewed induscan travel in the so-called "sectrial expansion and relatively full ond industrial revolution" that is anticipated with, automation? employment.

During this year, right with the beginning of the push toward to the African jungle? No one automation, we have had 5 milhas found a way to get to Mars. lion unemployed and millions re-The impulsion for the first induced to part-time work. And this despite the fact that the American people were subsidizing capitalist war production to sustained its earliest growth by the tune of two-thirds of the federal budget.

The American workers have good cause for alarm at the prospects held forth by automated production under capitalism. It is being used not to give the workers more goods and services, but to cut labor costs by getting more production with fewer workers. But alarm is, not enough. The Probably because of this, the workers must evolve a program local union leadership publicly that can meet this threat to deplored the militant action their jobs. The shorter work week -embodied in the widely-endorsed demand for the 30-hour week HARRY BRIDGES, president at 40 hours' pay—is the direcwere no ringleaders in the of the west coast International tion that this struggle must take.

> LOS ANGELES New Year's Eve native Australia on trumped - up **Gay Nineties Ball** Party membership. Four times he **Dec. 31** From 9 P. M. on Militant Labor Forum old charges of his alleged "Com-1702 E. 4th St.



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voted to hire the men to work their suspensions.

Subsequently the union local succeded in getting the suspen- from persecution. Now the witch sions reduced to 15 days and a membership meeting of the local

eighth and second steps in GM's ing conditions and piecework system of "progressive corrective has been set free. During the rates on the 1955 model bodies discipline.' which the company is producing at a feverish pace. New methods of assembling the 1955 bodies amount of work to be done, but

meant a great increase in the management did not increase the working force.

In addition, wages were, in effect, cut ten cents an hour when th lower body department was kept on the "basic earning rate" weeks after production on the

new model had begun and was lot more sense than Reuther's not put on the "normal earning

rate." Finally, there was the requests to furnish adequate

By mistake, the by-line of

the author of the article on birth-control in the Dec. 13 Militant was omitted. Our regular readers. however. will have detected the lively, interesting style of Joyce Cowley.

tant or opposition locals, puts







A True Defender of Civil Liberties

The hard-pressed forces defending civil liberties in this country have lost one of their most courageous and skillful fighters-Arthur Garfield Hays. He died on Dec. 14 in New York City at the age of 73.

Hays, a very able lawyer, made big fees from corporations and wealthy clients. But he considered this secondary to his main work and a means of facilitating that work, his life work, which he did for nothing. This was the defense of civil liberties. Whose civil liberties? Why those that were being violated. It did not matter to Hays what the person's or organization's views were. He believed in civil liberties for all, unconditionally.

Here is part of his record since World War I. In the early '20s he was fighting for the right of striking coalminers to hold meetings in the company towns of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. In 1925, with his friend and mentor Clarence Darrow, he fought religious bigotry in the famous Scopes "monkey trial" in Tennessee — where the issue was the right to teach the theory of evolution. The next year he was fighting a book and magazine ban in defense of the right of modern American writers to write honestly on social and sexual themes.

One of the greatest cases he was associated with was the defense of Sacco and Vanzetti. This case-a vindictive follow-up of the witch hunt of the early '20s-saw two noble figures electrocuted because of their radical anticapitalist views.

In 1933, Hays appeared in Berlin and Leipzig for Communist leader Dimitroff and other defendants in the Nazi Reichstag Fire frameup. In the same period in the U.S. Hays was defending the Scottosboro Boys, as well as

Fred Beal and other Communist strike leaders on trial for their lives in Gastonia, N. C. In partment unionists" - agents of 1937, he was in the forefront of the fight against Mayor Frank "I am the law" Hague,

Jersey City. He continued his civil liberties work even after his 70th birthday. In 1950, he was in Washington protesting the Communist registration Act as a violation of the Bill of Rights. In 1951 and 1952 he was defense counsel for hower) . . . on all basic foreign the Trenton Six, framed-up victims of anti-Negro cops. To the very end, he remained general counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union

who would not let striking seamen picket in

lt is sad to lose such a soldier when the battle is so far from won. Hays was one of the last of a vanishing tribe in America - the principled liberal who really believes in civil rights for all. That is, all without exception.

Most of today's liberals are turning cowardly and, while they claim to be civil libertarians, use the kind of lawyer's formula that Hays never stooped to. They say, "We'll defend all civil liberties but those of the Stalinists. Heresy, yes, conspiracy, no." This covers up the fact that the "conspiracy" the Stalinists are being railroaded to prison for is "conspiracy to advocate," i.e. to talk or write. They hide the fact that every heretic burned at the stake by the Inquisition in the past was accused not merely of abstract heresy but of active conspiracy with the Devil.

The Bill of Rights has meaning only if everyone and every organization enjoys them in full.. Arthur Garfield Hays knew this and devoted his life to the defense of all whose civil liberties were violated. His life was long and honorable. His death is a loss to the defense of freedom in America.

Union Officialdom Serves Wall St.'s Foreign Policy

By Carl Goodman We have often called the top CIO and AFL officials "State. De-Wall Street imperialism's man in the White House - was getting the U.S. State Department in the "soft" toward the "reds.

ranks of the labor movement. The truth of this designation was REUTHER MORE NIMBLE amply demonstrated by Walter Reuther's opening address to the

16th CIO Convention. In those portions of his speech evoted to the CIO's foreign policy, Reuther declared: "We supported the President (Eisenpolicy matters." Thus, in the dispute between Eisenhower and Sen. Knowland (R-Cal.), Reuther lined up with the Administration.

He supported Wall Street's. present policy of seeking a temporary agreement with the Soviet bloc and China and opposed Knowland's refusal to compromise.

Reuther's stand appears less favorable relation of forces on jingoistic than George Meany's the world arena. They are indeclaration to the N. Y. State troducing a tactical change in Federation of Labor Convention their war plans, without abandonon July 19. Meany then ranted ing their longer range objective

ne is a labor "statesman."

However, as the Militant has

explained, the Eisenhower Ad-

ministration is not cancelling

Wall Street's drive to war. The

ruling circles of Big Business are

merely slowing down the pace,

because they confront an un-

against the "danger of massive | of launching World War III to appeasement" and "coexistence" establish world domination for and asked whether Eisenhower the American capitalist class. Reuther is thoroughly tied to

this imperialist course (the real 'basic foreign policy" that Reuther endorses), as shown by what he said at the CIO con-Reuther is more nimble than vention about U.S. policy in Asia.

THE MILITANT

Meany in following the twists WHY THEY REBEL and turns of Wall Street's for-

Here Reuther strikes a critical eign policy. Since Eisenhower, note. He thinks the Truman and Dulles, Truman, Stevenson and Eisenhower Administrations all the other political spokesmen for the ruling capitalist should have done a "more positive job of fighting communism." The circles are now for "coexistence," gimmick he proposes is more eco-Reuther is too. This shows that nomic aid to Asia. Reuther's

notion is that the Communist Parties win recruits solely because the masses are hungry and poor. He wants the U.S. governnust be kept from spies. ment to say: "We will give you a gun to help defend yourselves against the Communists; but . . we want to also give you the tools with which to fight poverty and hunger in your country." Reuther never mentions by so changes. much as a word that what the

workers and peasants of Asia, Africa and Latin America, are unknown but certainly large rebelling against is not just size," which includes "the lowerhunger and poverty but an entire ed morale, the lost time and social system that perpetuates. their misery. They are in revolt efficiency, and the denial to the nation of the use of some persons against foreign imperialist domif great talent. . ." They add: nation and its native agencies, the landlord and capitalist iveness so wasted for any other classes.

reason, those responsible would Hunger by itself, poverty by be considered guilty of sabotage itself could never bring the of the first order.' workers and peasants to the For some time, the Association point of revolt. Starvation deadens the will to struggle. What impels them to fight is the by prominent members to take a program rest not on the need of stand. While the statement is recognition that an outmoded and oppressive social system cautiously worded, it clearly instands in their way and that a better one can be built.

WALL ST. BLOCKS WAY

Wall Street stands squarely in The protest is limited, howthe way of realizing their aspirations. It wants to perpetuate their colonial slavery. As part of its account the larger sweep of counter - revolutionary schemes, which include napalm bombings of defenseless populations, U.S. Big Business uses the device of arming sections of the colonial well as public. people. This is what Reuther Moreover, the AAAS directors refers to when he says "we will accept the war program of Amer-

cientists.

give you a gun." ican imperialism and, therefore, accept in principle the necessity Who takes the gun? Who makes up the U.S.-sponsored ROK, Viet-Nam, Chinese "Nais the excuse for the witch hunt. Their main argument is merely tionalist" or other so-called nathat the present form of the tional armies in the colonial countries? The sons of the native "security and screening" proruling classes enlist as officers gram is interfering with the use to help preserve the imperialist of scientists for war preparaorders. The soldiers are drafted tions. They say: "This (seco the population against their will. The genuine freedom fighters in Asia want no part of these puppet armies and struggle against them wherever they can. But Reuther favors them. However, since as a labor "statesman" he is supposed to have the welfare of the working people of Asia at heart, he adds: "Let's also give them some economic aid.

Science Group Hits Methods of Govt. 'Security'

By Roy Gale

Breaking an overlong silence on the government's witch hunt against scientists, the board of directors of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has issued a criticism of the

"security and screening pro-succeed in reducing the danger gram." The protest is published that information now in our in the current issue of the organpossession may leak to a potenzation's magazine Science. tial enemy, the more risk we run

of interfering with scientific pro-This statement of conservativegress and of reducing the techminded scientists, who have benological superiority and the come greatly disturbed by the moral and physical strength upon lowered morale of scientists which victory in the ultimate test plagued by surveillance and would depend. smear attacks, hits at the heart

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The two specific policy changes of the pretext given by the witchasked by the American Associahunters for their persecution of tion for the Advancement of scientific workers, that is, the Science are: (1) "That greater claim that scientific "secrets" weight be given to a man's

potential contributions. The risk "The basic fact is that there involved must still be considered, simply are no such things as but for any given position, we ermanent scientific secrets," afcan afford a larger risk if we irm the AAAS directors, who stand to make a great gain, than point out that once this fact is if we expect only a small one." ecognized, "the whole picture (2) "That the risk be measured more with regard for the nature

They charge that the attacks of the work to be done than has on scientists "add up to a bill of frequently been true in the past. No satisfactory justification has yet been advanced for screening persons engaged in unclassified esearch . . . by the standards appropriate for screening those who have access to details of war Were time, talent and effecplans and advanced weapons.'

Needless to say these pious hopes of the scientists for a moderation of the witch hunt will be torpedoed by the police-state minds of the higher authorities. has been under heavy pressure Their decisions on the "security" the scientists for a more favorable climate in which to work dicates the extent of the thought- but on the continuing demands control and intimidation exercised of the witch hunt for ever more

by the political police against the victims in order to silence dissent. Robert C. Cowen, science writer for the Christian Science ever, to the witch hunt against Monitor, observes that "to the scientists and does not take into matural scientist this (AAAS) program will mark the difference thought-control and police-state between the dwindling of theactions against persons in all stockpile of scientific 'advances' professions and in virtually all under the present policy and a spheres of activity, private as virile research program that will expand the stockpile to its fullest.'

What Cowen and the scientists don't understand is the inner logic of the witch hunt. It will for a "security" program which take more than declarations and desires to stop or even slow down the witch hunt. The only thing that will help the scientists regain freedom of expression and research is to organize mass pressure on the powers in Washington and the Pentagon

nd demand that all restraints

Billions for War, Dimes for Polio

The announcement of the development of a new polio vaccine by Dr. Jonas E. Salk is very welcome news. Dr. Salk himself expressed the view that this may lead to the virtual elimination of polio within five years. According to the Dec. 11 N.Y. Times, the "vaccine, if properly prepared and administered could produce an immunity considerably more potent than that provided by natural infection. Furthermore, such an immunity would last for many years, possibly for life.'

But why must the victory over the crippling disease of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) take as long as five years? Indeed, why has it taken this long to get close to a victory? Why must many thousands of children each year still be maimed for life or doomed to death when medical science has come this close to a solution? Is it the inadequacy of the scientists themselves or a failure to provide the means to do the job quickly? The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was established in 1938 and has run a March of Dimes campaign every year to get private donations. But the Foundation has been able to spend only 14 million dollars on research to end polio. Compare this with the billions the government provided science for the discovery and production of A-bombs and H-bombs, far more difficult scientific problems than polio presents. Can anyone doubt that polio would long ago have become a thing of the past if anywhere near as much had been spent for research to defeat this disease?

Look at the difference in the way in which these two problems have been tackled. For the hydrogen bomb, a concentrated campaign was organized with the full resources of the government, at the disposal of science. For the defeat of the dread disease of polio, private institutions go begging for dimes.

The same day on which Dr. Salk's important announcement was made, a new warship, built with tax-raised money, was launched. The Forrestal, a super-aircraft carrier, cost the American people about \$200 million. This expenditure alone, if used for polio research, might already have given us the victory and saved numerous persons from terrible afflicfion

Got Himself in a Sling



For war, the capitalist' government goes to any lengths. For the health of the people, it does almost nothing. The capitalists are concorned first of all with their project of conquering the world for the present and future profits of Big Business. If the cure for polio would win a few new profitable markets for businessmen, you could be sure no one would now be dying from this disease.

A socialist government would give top priority to the job of winning the struggle against polio, cancer and all the major killer diseases. Without the profit system and the need to protect it with warships and hydrogen bombs. science at last would get the full support of the nation in its struggle to protect life. The victory then would not be long in coming.

The Battle of Hostages

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There are indication's that Washington may get off its high horse and make a deal handing over the 35 Chinese students it has been holding in this country in exchange for American fliers jailed in China as spies.

The whole development of this possible students-for-flyers deal has brought to light some interesting facts. First is the number of jailed Americans involved. Originally, the headlines screamed the figure 13. Now, however, they keep talking about 11. Why? Because the U.S. press has virtually had to admit, as did the United Press on Nov. 24, that two of the 13 worked for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Another interesting fact to come to light is that the U.S. has been holding 35 Chinese students, men and women, as hostages here for the last four or five years. These Chinese entered the U.S. openly before the Chinese Revolution. They weren't sent here as spies, nor did they fly over dropping napalm bombs and strafing roads and villages. They were strictly civilians and students. When they had finished their studies and wanted to return

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home they found that they were prisoners. Some wanted to go home undoubtedly to help build up their homeland, others to see fathers, mothers, wives, children. It made no difference to the U.S. State Department. It used the pretext that their technical skills and scientific training might be employed by the new regime in China and therefore they must be held in

the U.S. under constant FBI surveillance. Great pressure was put on these students to renounce the New China and to declare for Chiang Kai-shek. Those that did so received all sorts of favors and had no trouble leaving of the accusations against them." this country to go to Formosa.

State Department spokesman Lincoln White says that the imprisoned U.S. airmen and the student-hostages are in entirely different categories. That is quite obvious. The Chinese students are held by the U.S. and according to 'the "ethics" of diplomacy that is a "good" category. On the other hand the U.S. airmen are held by the Chinese, and any State Dept. logician can tell you that is an "evil" category.

Washington has been using the sufferings of the imprisoned U.S. flyers and the anxiety of their families to whip up hatred of China. The truth is that U.S. foreign policy is as responsible for the sufferings of the American airmen as it is for the graves of the casualties of the Korean "police action." When the families of the imprisoned American airmen and other Americans in sufficient numbers realize this, they will intervene in politics and take U.S. foreign policy out of the hands of To be singled out as the chairthe Wall Street imperialists. Then American man of a special sub-committee flyers won't be imprisoned in China because they won't be shot down in bombing raids and Chinese students will be able to travel where denials that she witch-hunted in of thought police backed by they wish in peace.

His right arm in a sling, Sen. Joseph McCarthy is shown displaying injured elbow he claims kept him in a hospital 12-days

during the Senate debate on censuring him. After the Senate voted the condemnation, McCarthy made an open break with Eisenhower. His new party aims are discussed on Page 1.

deep opposition at every attempt

The expelled left-wingers are

campaigning against their ex-

nulsions. Five of them have

ssued an appeal to the Labor

"We are the victims of a witch

unt" they state to Labor's rank

and file. "Like thousands of other

rank and filers we have fought

for socialism in the Labor Party.

Clearly, our 'crime' in the eyes

of Morrison and Co., is that we

condemned attempts to line the

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FLAGRANT VIOLATION

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EXPELLED APPEAL

...British Laborites file of the Labor Party will be

(Continued from page 1) under no illusions. Her resigthese expulsions are instituted nation will give them added con-AGAINST the will of the local fidence to fight the purge as it parties concerned." discloses a crisis in right-wing It is a fact that the local concircles who come up against a

stituency labor parties to which the expelled members belonged were opposed to their expulsions. In the case of two of those expelled, they were first excluded on the ukase of a local paid official. Neither the constitutional rights of local parties nor any principles of party democracy restrained the right wing in carrying out their purge. As the rank and file respected and supported these local leaders and left-wing

militants, the Labor Party tops were forced to step in from above and pluck them out of the party. The Tribune condemns the inquisition conducted by the purge tribunal and the fact that the accused members were "called upon to answer a whole series of vague inquiries without being told what was the precise nature It concludes: "The purge must be

stopped right now and those already expelled should be readmitted to the party at an early date.'

DEFENDS DEMOCRACY

The Bevanite paper thus continues that defense of party democracy which it courageously carried forward when it rallied in sharp protest at the ban on Socialist Outlook. Its articles have already resulted in Miss Alice Bacon resigning as chairman of the Organizational subcommittee of the N.E.C.

"... It appears to be impossible to act as a member of that committee," she complained to the secretary of the Labor Party, "without being singled out for attacks in 'Tribune' and misrepresented in other papers. . which goes round witch-hunting sinst untrue." Notwithstanding Miss Bacon's

McCarthy style, the rank and thought tribunals."

NO REAL SYMPATHY

Reuther, Meany and most of the other officials of the labor movement have no real sympathy for the workens and peasants fighting for national independence and social change. They represent. a privileged social grouping in the U.S. labor movement labor bureaucracy that rules dictatorially in the unions. This bureaucracy is imperialist-minded and corrupt to the core.

The bureaucrats want to enlarge their income, power and prestige by sharing in the gains the ruling capitalist circles hope to make from U.S. exploitation of the world. They have even carved out special careers for themselves as "labor relation exnerts" for the State Department China. in its dealings with the working

party behind an Eden-Dulles forpeople abroad. ign policy by opposing German There is a whole corps of

global troubleshooters from the e - armament and S.E.A.T.O.; that we fought within the framerank of the labor officialdom work of the party for a socialist foreign policy and a domestic programme to end capitalism. In other words, we endeavoured to number.

"It is for this and no other government always to conduct its eason that we have been exforeign policy in such a way as to mix a little demagogy and "We have not been expelled some token reforms with its for any breach of discipline or brutal counter-revolutionary the constitution. We were among measures. That way the labor the most active workers in our Constituency Labor Parties. .

can get in on the act. That is Allegations that we disrupted the what Reuther has in mind when party could not and cannot be he calls for more economic aid. It is certainly the duty of the American labor movement to "We appeal to the rank and demand that the U.S. government file of the Labor Movement to extend aid to the working people abroad. But Reuther's is a strictly fight these bureaucratic exphony brand of internationalism "... The right-wing leaders of in the service of a counter-revo

A genuinely internationalist ideas. They can only continue by program must begin by demanding that the U.S. government recognize the right of peoples of other lands to freely chose what ever form of government or social system they want. The demand Felleghas are fighting for the for economic aid must be tied to that.

(y) program necessary, but it poses a serious and restrictions on scientists and dilemma: the more completely we science be junked.

World Events

ICHIRO HATOYAMA, NEW | THE WEST GERMAN SO-APANESE PRIME MINISTER, CIAL DEMOCRATS decided on is just as conservative as Mr. Dec. 12 to wage a vigorous cam-Yoshida (the defeated premier), paign of opposition to the Lonin his political views," says the don-Paris accords providing for Dec. 9 Christian Science Monitor, W. German rearmament. Accord-"but being a professional politi- ing to M. S. Handler in the Dec. cian, he is expected to be less 13 N.Y. Times, this means that autocratic in voicing them." "the Social Democrats will em-Hatoyama, who heads the Demo- bark on a determined effort to crats, a conservative businessslow down the ratification promen's party, was elected prime ceedings in the West German minister by the Japanese Diet Parliament and will intensify (parliament), with the support their agitation among the Gerof the Socialist Party. One of the man people against the agreeconditions for this support is that ments." Chancellor Adenauer is new general elections be held by pushing for ratification of the March 10. The new prime minisagreements, alhough he knows ter favors Japanese rearmament that rearmament is unpopular and close ties with the United with the German people, Handler States, but at the same time reports. On Dec. 10, the upper house of Parliament provisionalfavors diplomatic relations and more trade with Russia and ly voted for rearmament. The issue will now have to be acted

on by the lower house, where JAPANESE RIGHTWING Adenauer has a majority. In PARLIAMENT LEADERS Y. the meantime, new anti-Adenauer Nakasone and M. Tsuji attacked coalition governments in Hesse ex-Presidents Roosevelt and Truand Bavaria, in which the Social man and said "both U.S. and Ja- Democrats hold the biggest numpan are to blame for the war on ber of votes, have altered the a 50-50 basis," according to the composition of the upper house. Dec. 8 N.Y. World Telegram. The Social Democrats' capitalist Genuine socialists throughout the allies, however, are not comvorld have contended all along mitted to oppose rearmament that World War II was fought when it again comes up for a by Germany, Italy and Japan on vote in the upper house of Parone side and the U.S., Britain liament.

and lesser allies on the other A NEW TREATY BETWEEN for the sake of capitalist profits. PANAMA and the U.S., replac-Each side fought for a monopoly ing the 1903 treaty, may be of the markets, colonies and raw signed next month. Under the new agreement, the U.S. will increase its annual payments to IN SOUTH KOREA, 1/2 As-Panama from \$430,000 to \$1,930,emblymen quit the Liberal Party 000 for use of the Canal Zone. in revolt against President Syng-This is still far short of the \$5,man Rhee, the U.S. puppet. The 000,000 Panama asked for. In valkout followed an Assembly 1903, the U.S. government under dispute following passage of a President Theodore Roosevelt encontitutional amendment allowineered a "revolution" that ng Rhee to run for President as roke Panama away from Columbia, after the Columbian Senate had held up ratification of a IN TUNISIA, French and Tuntreaty granting a canal zone to the U.S. American marines were rushed to support the Panamanian "revolutionaries." Roosevelt

material sources of the world.

ong as he wishes.

from despotic French rule.

isian officials threatened to wage war against Fellagha bands that refused to lay down arms under terms of an amnesty offer. The recognized the Republic of Panama and signed a treaty which granted the territory the U.S. complete independence of Tunisia demanded for a trifling sum.

agents of the State Department

the party can no longer control tutionary power. it by winning support for their using the party machine to bludgeon back all those demanding a fight against Toryism and war, by flagrantly violating party democracy and creating a corps

roaming the world for the State Department. Walter Reuther's brother, Victor, is one of their assist the socialist wing of the WANT SOME DEMAGOGY The bureaucrats want the U.S.

"It's a Free Country" By Amargo

It's a free country, isn't it? Not if you're a "subversive" or a "potential subversive." What are subversives and potential subversives? In 1948 the Attorney General (a Democrat, if you please) dug into his, and the FBI's, store of knowledge and came up with a political blacklist. The list was added to, and it now numbers about 100 organizations.

If you are, or have at any time been, a member of one of these organizations, even before it got "on the list," you're a subversive. The list contains the Communist Party, as well as a host of organizations which, in the personal opinion of one Attorney General, are to one degree or another "infiltrated" by "communists." Organizations for the aid of the Spanish Republic are on the list. Book clubs are on the list. Nature study groups are on the list. Socialist parties with any socialism left in them are also on the list. The Socialist Workers Party and even the Independent Socialist League are there. So is the IWW, which is just a union.

Did you ever attend any meetings of these organizations, subscribe to their periodicals, go to their parties? You're a subversive. Were you bold enough to sign a petition or contribute money in defence of the Scottsboro Boys in the thirties, or the Trenton Six in the forties? You're a subversive. Are you so unfortunate as to have a relative, or a girl or boy friend who did any of these things? A radical uncle, perhaps, who starts political discussions at family gatherings? You're a subversive.

But don't let is worry you. Being a subversive is no bother at all - unless you want a job in the government, or with a company having contracts with the government. Or

NO FREEZE ON DIVIDENDS. Oil refineries

reported cash dividends amounting to \$760 mil-

lion in the first ten months of 1954 as compared

to \$732 million in the same period in 1953. All

demands by the workers for wage increases were

A SHORTER WORK WEEK was won after a

five months battle by Engravers Guild Local 28

and Engraved Steel Plate Finishers Local 29.

The work week was shortened from 371/2 hours

to 361/2 hours accompanied by a wage increase

of \$2 a week retroactive to July 5, 1954. They

will receive an additional \$1 a week starting

July 5, 1955, for the duration of the 18-month

* * *

year at the Murray Body plant in Detroit. Less

than 50 workers are left in the plant and they

are working on aircraft contracts about to ex-

pire. Most of the laid-off workers had more than

30 years seniority and were in the 40 to 50 years

age bracket - too young to draw pensions and

social security and too old to find other jobs.

OVER 7,000 JOBS have evaporated in the last

rejected during the same period.

contract.

unless you want to teach school, become an official in your union, get a passport to travel, get an apartment in a public housing project, get an honorable discharge in the Army, enter the boxing ring in the state of Indiana, or have any relatives who want to do any of these things. Of course, in a "national emergency" you can be thrown without trial into a concentration camp. But our American concentration camps are sure to have steam heat, TV and ice cream on Sunday - at least, that's what the police-state liberals who authored the bill assure us.

What is a subversive? Anyone under the slightest suspicion of having a serious criticism of Amenican foreign policy, or the present American economic and social system. And, sometimes, you need to be only slightly critical to get tagged. It's a free country for those who say "ja."

So what are you going to do about it, Mr. Subversive? You can plead innocence, say it was all a mistake, confess your sins. But it is not enough to confess your own sins. To prove your good faith you must implicate others. Who sold you the ticket to that meeting, who gave you that petition to sign, what books do happened to Remington." Auyour friends read? Tell all you know about that radical uncle of yours. You must become an informer and a rat, and lose all vestige of human dignity or decency.

The other alternative is to fight for your right, and for everyone else's, to express opinions - any opinions - freely, and with- Leather Workers Union (Indeout persecution of any kind. You must join pendent), is a shameless political with others to struggle every inch of the way against the attempt by the government to make a police-state of our country - against Brownell and Eisenhower, as well as Mc-Carthy; against Humphries, as well as Dies.

number of defective individuals in future genera-

tions. Atomic Energy Commission officials pooh-

pooh the possibility of long-range radiation dam-

age. The only thing these officials fear is that

scientists they have no intention of abandoning

future tests unless compelled to do so by con-

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CEDRIC H. BELFRAGE, editor of the National

Guardian, was ordered deported on Dec. 10 "on

grounds of Communist party membership." Bel-

frage said that he would appeal the deportation

order and carry on the fight as long as the National Guardian, a news weekly, had the re-

sources. He chargd that the present order was

issued because his "politics were wrong seven-

teen years ago." "The fight to protect the right

of any publication to criticize the Government

in any way it sees fit-for that is the essence

of this fight as we see it-is an enormously cost-

ly one, but our many friends and readers are

siderations of international politics.

back of us," he declared.

Jailed Victims Of Witch Hunt Fear Assault

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As Department of Justice of ficials continued to keep a veil of secrecy around the prison murder of William Remington, fears for the safety of other imprisoned witch hunt victims grew. Irving Potash, first of the eleven Communist Party leaders railroaded in 1951 under the Smith Act to complete his sentence, was re-arrested before

he had passed through the gates of Leavenworth Prison. He asked that he not be taken to Wyandotte County Jail in Kansas City for fear "I might be the victim of the same thing that thorities, apparently recognizing the validity of his fears, took him to an undisclosed jail in Eastern Kansas.

POLITICAL PERSECUTION

The re-arrest of Potash, a former official of the Fur and persecution. He is being held under an indictment returned, but purposely delayed all these years, by the same Grand Jury that brought the Smith Act indict ment against him in 1950.

At Lewisburg (Pa.) Federal Penitentiary where witch hunt victim William Remington was recently beaten to death Myrl Alexander, an aide of the Federal Director of Prisons, completed an on-the-spot investigation. Depart-

ment of Justice officials, however, have refused to divulge the contents of his report or even say if it ever would be made public.

"radiation scare stories" will affect their weapons testing program. Despite serious warnings by

Rumors and theories that the former government economist, was killed because he somehow was mixed up with rival prison

gangs have been seized on by the capitalist newspapers. This theory would present Remington's nurder as a sort of accident inconnected with the political witch hunt. Asked about the gang theory, Warden Fred T. Wilkinson at Lewisburg replied: "I personally discount reports of gang warfare or similar defects as a basic cause for the murder of Remington."

Wilkinson's statement again raises this question: Was Remington beaten to death by THERE IS NO JOB SECURITY in the foreign fellow prisoners because they

were inflamed by witch hunt den death. they

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Expose Cruel Treatment Of Immigration Detainees

By John Thayer

The Department of Justice stooped to the release of false news in an attempt to quiet mounting protests against its barbarous treatment of detainees whom it has thrown into federal and city prisons since the closing of Ellis Island.

A protest by the famous author, Pearl Buck, led the conservative New York Times to start a crusade against the imprisonment and treatment as ommon criminals of aliens. whose only crime is that they were not born in this country. Repubican Attorney General-elect of New York, J. K. Javits has described the treatment of these aliens as that of "second class human beings." Democratic Governor-elect of New York, Averell Harriman sharply denounced the McCarran Act under which the aliens are being held and also denounced their being thrown nto jail "alongside thieves and

noodlums." Under this barrage the Department of Justice on Dec. 9 told the N. Y. Times that it had re-

political work and personal

How great then must have

been his inner turmoil —

and kindness.

AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY

On November 24, the day before Thanksgiving. a young man tried to hold up a bank in Milwaukee. Shot by a policeman concealed in the bank, his dying words were, Why did you have to shoot I Party. His comrades, unbelieving

me?' and dismayed by the tragic act Behind these poignant last of desperation which cost Rayvords and the attempted armed mond Shepherd his life, have obbery lies a tale of human sufonly the highest praise for his

B. Navidzadeh, 30, a Uni-

versity of Michigan student, is

shown in Detroit as he said he

will fight deportation to Iran

where a possible death sentence

awaits him. He charges he is

falsely accused of "Communist"

sympathies at home because he

exposed graft in Iran. The Iran

government canceled his pass-

port. His wife and two children

are in Iran.

Faces Death

fering and human desperation. Search of the body revealed no identification. The dead man's pockets yielded a total of seven cents. All Thanksgiving Day while throughout the city families and friends gathered together for holiday celebration — the unknown youth's body lay in the morgue unidentified. Finally a deputy sheriff recognized it as that of a man he had once worked with at the Nash-Kelvinator factory.

> burden on family and friends keeping with his personal char- plane. A man from Immigration

seinded its former policy and that | were not given anything to eat "under no circumstances may alien detainees any longer be placed in jail." The Times further reported that immigration officials in New York had been ordered to place all present and future detainees under guard in the Empire Hotel in Manhattan pending the establishment of

detention quarters in the Department of Justice building in Manhattan.

The N. Y. Times gave this news front page prominence and congratulated the Department of Justice in an editorial entitled, 'Order Revoked." This stated: "To imprison people by act of an administrative official is deeply alien to American tradition." No sooner was this off the press than the truth came out.

The Justice Department had adnot ended its policy of ministrative imprisonment of detained aliens. It had merely moved eleven of these harried people from jail to an inexpensive hotel. The majority remain in the rules are very strict. I was prison and are treated like criminals. The Department of Justice will not move them out of jail unless popular protest sent to take a shower."

forces it to. PEARL BUCK'S LETTER

The official "justification" is that those still kept in jail are "possible" subversive or criminal types. This is the personal judgment of some Department of Justice bureaucrat. If the whole American people were subjected to such screening by bureaucarts who are either scared by McCarthyism for their jobs or, in some cases, are outright Mc-Carthyites, the majority of the letainees since the closing of population would be in prison.

qualities up to the final drama. His outstanding personal Pearl Buck, in a second letter qualities — as was noted by to the Times, gives an example of the type of "possible" subhe reporter for the Milwaukee versive or criminal the Depart-Journal who was struck by the paradox of a music and art lover ment of Justice is mistreating. begin shot down as a hold-up She quotes a letter from a m'an - were his sensitiveness Chinese friend "detained" for eportation:

"We arrived at the West Coast at 11 a.m. today with three elderover unemployment, approaching ly looking Chinese men and one blindness, the thought of being a Malaya young man. They were taken out from prison in New doctor's care. that led to an act so out of York before they boarded the

Skoglund is out on bond but acter and so contradictory of his in. New York, wearing civilian it can be arbitrarily cancelled by clothes with a gun, guarded us the Department of Justice at any

WHY DID HE DIE?

Thereupon a story began to be fitted together that disclosed a record of idealism, courage, love of life, suffering and a final act of desperation climaxed by sud-

political and social views?

"The Alameda prison is the ame as the Westchester County (N.Y.) jail. I was locked in a cell with six others, two Canadians, one Cuban and three Mexicans. One of them is a sevenmonth pregnant woman. In our cell there are four upper and four lower bunks. We are allowed to have half an hour fresh air each day if the weather is good. Except for three meals and in the

except one cup of coffee and two

cookies which the stewardess in

the plane gave to us. My husband

looked very pale when we ar-

rived at Alameda jail, and I felt

quite ill, too, from hunger and

from weariness of the trip. I am,

however, feeling better today.

SUFFER INDIGNITIES

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evening when they let us out to take showers, the door is locked all the time. There is no space to walk around, so most of the time we stay in our bunks. The matrons here are quite nice but not allowed to take anything, not even a tooth brush with me, and I had nothing on me when I was

Pearl Buck adds that her two friends "came to the United States twelve years ago on visas from the Chinese Nationalist Government. There has been no way to find out who accuses them or of what they are accused. When I inquired I was told that under the McCarran law people can be deported without trial and without being told why."

The inhumane treatment of

KOGLUND CASE

Ellis Island will cause Militant readers to wonder how this affects the case of Carl Skoglund. Efforts to secure the release on bond of the 70-year-old labor leader from Ellis Island succeeded one month before detainees were transferred to prisons. Less than two days after his release he was taken ill and rushed for emergency surgery to the Lenox Hill Hospital in New York. Released from the hospital, he is recuperating, though under

ADVICE FOR ADULTS. 500 Crane High School students in Chicago gave the following advice to adults on juvenile delinquency: "We live in an adult community which has much wrong with it. These adults are our models. So one of the answers is for the adults to clean up their own mess and produce better models."

FEAR GENETIC DAMAGE. Some biologists fear that enough atomic radiation has been released by the 64 atomic explosions to date to cause serious genetic damage and increase the

Davies Jr., recently ousted veteran diplomat who fell victim to the witch-hunt purge. Davies said that any candidate for a diplomatic career would be prudent to "know another trade."

service of the U.S., according to John Paton

ANSWER BLACKED OUT. Georgia radio and television stations which carried Governor Talmadge's tirade against the school desegregation ruling of the Supreme Court on NBC's "Youth Wants to Know," blacked out the answer given by Thurgood Marshall, NAACP spokesman.

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propaganda or because hoped to be rewarded for their "patriotic" act?

> **Police Brutality Victim Convicted For Complaining**

NEWARK, Dec.^{*}10 - Chief Police Magistrate Harry A. Pine today retaliated against Edward other. C. Taylor, New Jersey Negro

Labor Council Organizer, for having dared last August to place charges of atrocious assault Ferranti.

On Aug. 22 the two cops beat Mr. Taylor severely, breaking his nose, while they had him in the police wagon under arrest. They then filed trumped - up charges against him of interfering with the police, using loud and abusive language, and assault and battery. Pine today declared Taylor guilty, fined him \$150 and put him on parole under a one-year suspended sentence.

FACES NEW FRAMEUP

The cops also accused Taylor of carrying a concealed weapon - a 4½-inch knife that Taylor declares they planted on him. The knife-carrying charge has been referred to the grand jury, so that Taylor faces yet another frame-up count against him. The grand jury will also consider Taylor's complaint against the officers. Despite the numerous known instances of police brutality, this is the first time in Newark that a case has been carried as far as the grand jury. In handing down his verdict, Judge Pine refused to credit the testimony of Taylor's five witnesses - all colored. They bore out Taylor's account that he had simply slowed down to watch officers questioning people in a car, that Patrolman Ferranti pushed Taylor, and that the two cops arrested Taylor when he protested this treatment in a dignified way. Taylor's beating led last September to the formation of Citizens Against Police

Brutality who obtained several to Mayor Carlin protesting the outrage. Taylor's conviction will be apealed.

NO WORK, GOING BLIND

The body in the morgue with the bullet-ripped chest was that of 30 - year old Raymond C. Shepherd. He was an unemployed industrial worker whose unemnlovment compensation had run out six months before. His failure to find work was in large part due to the fact that he was going blind. He had already lost the sight of one eye and was

rapidly losing the sight of the But there was more to his life than unemployment and impeding blindness. As a medical corpsman in World War II he had been

against Patrolmen Di Orio and awarded the Bronze Star for heroism in exposing himself to enemy fire to rescue a wounded comrade. Characteristic of Raymond Shepherd was the fact that he had transferred from the infantry into a medical detachment because he didn't believe in killing.

HIGHEST PRAISE

similar qualities. In 1947 he became a member of the Milwaukee branch of the Socialist Workers

Racists Set Fire To Home in Conn.

Jim-Crow arsonists in Bridgeport, Conn., set fire recently to the home of Mrs. Marion Freeman because she refused to move out of a "white" neighborhood. The Fire was preceded by a series of threats and incidents,

including crowds gathering in front of the house and shouting "nigger" at her and her two sons.

\$3,000 LOSS The house was rented from Mrs. John R. Condon, who reported that 10 residents of the street had offered to pay her two months' rent if she would change her mind about renting to Mrs. Freeman. "One man cursed me and a women wanted to beat me up," Mrs. Condon said.

Mrs. Freeman lost \$3,000 in furnishings and personal possessions but says she intends to thousand signatures on a petition start saving for her next home. "I only hope the conscience of whoever did it will get them, even if the law doesn't," Mrs. Freeman declared.

fore desperation gained the upper total blindness.

He is mourned by all who knew him, not only for the terrible manner of his death, but for the loss of him as a kind. other. nonest, courageous and suffering

fellow human. This is truly an American tragedy.

That he had struggled hard be- all the way here. We were met time. Were this to occur by an Immigration officer at the hand is shown by the fact that airport and he immediately put he had started studying braille us in a station wagon that had in preparation for his days of an iron bar in front and an iron door in the back and drove us to fering from a cardiac condition, Alameda County Jail. My hus- might well be fatal. Those wishband and I were once again put ing to help fight the deportation in jail and separated from each

would, under present policy, be thrown into a New York prison. Needless to say, such treatment of a man in his seventies, sufof Skoglund and to help pay his heavy medical expenses should make a Christmas contribution to

"All day Monday, since 1 o'clock in the afternoon until 4 the Civil Rights Defense League, o'clock on Tuesday afternoon we '68 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N.Y.



(Continued from page 1) tion over foreign policy, dissociated himself from McCarthy's that the main sections of Big attack on the President.

Sen. Butler (R-Md.), who owes his election in 1950 to McCarthy's intervention and smear campaign against Millard Tydings, also soldarized himself with Eiseneuvers. hower. Sen. Goldwater (Ariz.)

whose speeches during the cen- CLIMATE HAS CHANGED sure debate followed the McCarthyite line closely, did likewise.

RATS LEAVE SHIP Then on Dec. 11, Gen. Van

Party policy itself is receiving Fleet, one of the prominent re-"liberal" face-lift, with the antired brass-hats who headed the ouncement by Eisenhower that 10.000.000 Americans for Justice his policy will henceforth be group that conducted a petition known as "progressive moderacampaign against McCarthy's tion" and his supporters as "modensure, wired the Wisconsin erate progressives." Senator: "This last attack on our The political climate for the great President causes me to time being-determined both by withdraw all support."

Even Sen. Mundt (R-S.D.) and the predominant trend in the lined up with Eisenhower. "There population towards a renewal of is a lot of room for honest disagreement as to the approach' able to the growth of the exto foreign policy questions, treme right. Even Right-wing Mundt said. He thus rejected dissidents in the capitalist po-McGarthy's treason theme and announced in effect that, unlike Mundt and Van Fleet prefer to McCarthy, he remains bound to adapt themselves to these shifts, the Republican Party machine which they realize are merely

and ties his fortunes to those maneuvers of the ruling circles of the GOP. designed to adjust the methods of

Big Business rule to the probnot desert him because they hate lems of the present conjuncture. his crimes against civil liberties. McCarthy, on the other hand, They are among the most ardent prepares for a longer range obwitch-hunters in the country and jective of Big Business to crush even cheered when McCarthy the labor movement with a fasturned the witch hunt against the cist dictatorship.

Democratic Party. McCARTHYITE STRENGTH They have no storrch, how-And despite their current isolaver, for the difficulties that the McCarthyites now face in buildtion in the Republican Party, the ing an independent fascist move-McCarthyites are not operating ment. The McCarthyites will not on a shoestring. The judgment of share in the political plums. They the N.Y. Post's liberal columnist will be boxed off in a corner in- Max Lerner that McCarthyism is

| sofar as the old-line political ma- | a "was-m" rather than an "is-m, chines are able to do so. Now is as wrong as all the previous announcements of the liberals

Business are following a policy that McCarthy is finished. of easing the tensions of the cold It must not be forgotten that war, the ruling circles do not McCarthy still enjoys a substanwant to encourage McCarthyite tial popular following numbering demagogy, which interferes with in the millions among the middleclasses. He still enjoys financial their tricky international mabacking from a powerful minority section of the capitalist class

-primarily the aggressive Texas At home the Democratic-labor oil millionaires. He is the leader oalition is again coming to the of a considerable cadre of harforefront as a method of Big dened fascists. Business rule. The Republican

Blocked from using the Republican Party as a vehicle for building their movement, the McCarthyites in the next period might begin storm-troop activties, which they sooner or later must resort to, anyway. For

fascism does not aim to come to power necessarily by means of the ballot box. It plans to the tactical shifts of Big Business hurl private military formations against the labor movement and to march to power by that road. New Deal illusions-is unfavor-There is therefore no cause for complacency towards the fascist menace that the continued exstence of McCarthyism repreitical ranks like Knowland, sents to the labor movement.

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