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Reuther Voices Alarm at Defense Plant Witch Hunt Hunt Hunt China Closer to Entry in UN

By Myra Tanner

WHAT HAPPENED IN 1954

-- WHAT'S AHEAD IN 1955

(See Page 2)

In Walter Reuther's Annual Report to the 16th CIO convention, held in Los Angeles Dec. 6-10, he expressed the alarm of union officials over growth of the witch hunt in defense plants. "During the

past year," Reuther revealed, Department demands, the list Defense Départment pro- could then be used as evidence posed to require every defense of "communist infiltration" and worker with access to any clas- collective bargaining rights of sified information to fill out a the union suspended under the questionnaire naming under pen- Humphrcy-Butler Communist alties of perjury every person he Control Act of 1945. had ever associated with, no mat-HUMPHERY-BUTLER ACT

legal.'

ter how many years back, who, This Act, the most dangerous at any time in his entire life had ever belonged to any of the 240 or more organizations on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations."

CIO officials made the "strongthis "unfair, unfeasible and uncould get was a limitation of the compulsory stool-pigeoning period of the past five years.

ANTI-UNION WEAPON

"Even as limited, however," cerned lest the information on militant union men."

Reuther concludes with the observation that "this operation ... holds grave dangers as a potential vehicle of anti-unionism."

Still Reuther neither spells out the danger fully nor presents a program for defending the unized with this procedure, but the union itself. If a "defense" work-

er submitted such a list to his CAUSE FOR CONCERN boss in compliance with Defense

anti-labor legislation yet passed by Congress, barely got mention ed in Reuther's report. Without naming the Act, in a section called "Internal Security," Reuest possible representations" to ther notes that the "new law has the Defense Department against two principals provisions: (1) It makes the Communist Party il-American" proposal, but all they legal, and (2) It denies Communist - dominated unions the right to act as bargaining agents and, in effect, makes them il-

Actually Reuther must know that the Communist Control Act Reuther reported to the CIO, created a new category of organ-"many employees will find the izations to be persecuted by the questionnaire impossible to fill out witch-hunt: the "Communist inand abhorrent in principle. Your filtrated" union. Merely the preofficers are also particularly con- sence of a "communist" can be construed by the Internal Securthese questionaires come into the ity Board as "Communist infilhands of employers who might tration." Under the present law utilize the 'derogatory' informa- this is sufficient to deprive a tion thus gained by them against union of its bargaining rights.

Reuther played down this "repressive anti-labor legislation" answer to a prolonged and vicious smear by the GOP that the Democrats are 'soft' on comions. It is not just the "militant union men" who could be victimcal alliance with these same Democrats.

Better politicians. Big Business wanted amendment on Dec. 21 of the

The House of Capitalism



because according to his own re-port it "was voted for by numer-ous Democratic liberals as an Pass Racist Amendment **To Junk Miss. Schools**

counties the indication of a desire

forced, can prevent even lawyers

Passage of these amendments

in Mississippi shows the effec-

tiveness of the new vigilante

groups - the Citizens Commit-

tees. These "uptown Ku Klux

ing the neace.

By George Lavan

school integration on the grounds | coercion of Negroes favoring school integration was announced Another wall was added to the entitles it to prevent riots. Thus Dec. 16 by the National Assothat a state's "police power" Passage of the Communist Con-legal fortress the Deep South is trol Act was not just a result of trol Act wa the cowardice of the Democratic school system. This was the prevented in the name of preserv- formed Dr. T. R. M. Howard of Mound Bayou,

Will Use A-Bombs In Europe, NATO Council Threatens Rising Weight of China The Paris meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Dec. 17 — 19 decided to give formal As Big World Power

By Joseph Hansen

The decision of the General Assembly of the United

approval to the use of atomic and "other new weapons" in case of war with the Soviet bloc. This was the most important decision

Nations Dec. 10 to send Secretary General Dag Hammarin the two-day parley of the skjold to Peking to negotiate for the release of 11 immilitary alliance organized by Wall Street as part of its longprisoned American airmen and two civilians poses once range plan to open up the Soviet again the question of recognizing the Mao government. bloc to capitalist exploitation. The phrase "other new weapons" probably refers to the use of germs and viruses that could prove more deadly than the Hbomb.

Upon 'returning to the U.S., Dulles gave as the excuse for approving such weapons that they are only "tactical" and that they are rapidly becoming "con-ventional." If that is true then the leveling of the world's great cities is "tactical" and mass murder has become "conventional." Such are the uses of semantics in the era of the death

agony of capitalism. The NATO Council agreed not to use atomic weapons in Asia. How long this agreement is to hold was not indicated. Meanwhile

highly mobile air and sea striking power is to be used where the Western imperialists believe they might prove effective in putting down colonial rebellions. This means a repetition of the Korean type warfare where entire villages were blown up and their inhabitants incinerated with jellied gasoline and similar products of capitalist civilization. The Council announced that its

generals would not have au-The announcement of the thority to use atomic weapons. to the heads of the governments;

Whether the Chinese charge that the prisoners were spies" is true or false, the fact remains that the Mao • regime, in trying and convicting them, acted as a sovereign government, and the UN in delegating Hammarskjold to represent it at Peking recognized this reality in fact. The UN action constitut-

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ed a diplomatic victory of firstrate importance for China.

Plans to send a top-level,gov ernment-sponsored trade delegaion to China were announced in head of the United Nations to Japan Dec. 18. The delegation s to be headed by Shozo Murata, president of an amalgamation of pointing toward its admission to several Japanese business syn- the UN. For it would seem handier in negotiations - if only

delegation to Peking. pany president, a former ambasador to the Philippines during the Japanese occupation, and adviser to the Japanese Army Command in the Philippines, a Class-A war criminal, and more recently a top-level adviser to

and consequently couldn't be "spies." They would do better to thority to use atomic weapons. The announcement of explain why Truman sent U.S. The order for actual use is left Japanese effort to normalize forces into Korea without even elations with China followed a consulting Congress. Interested

only in making out the best

possible case, they tend to present

the UN action as simply one of

a series of efforts to get the

prisoners out of China, an effort

about on par with holding 35

The larger implications, how-

ever, have been noted here and

there. William R. Frye of the

Christian Science Monitor (Dec.

18) declared that whether the

mission succeeds or fails. "Its

impact inevitably will be felt on

Thomas J. Hamilton of the

as hostages.



Premier Chou En-Lai's acceptance Dec. 17 of the proposal of the come to Peking thus opens a new stage in China's formal standing as a world power, a stage clearly

dicates formed the past month. Murata is not a leftist. In fact delegation from China at UN his outlook would stand the headquarters in New York rather scrutiny of the National Associa- than having to send a UN tion of Manufacturers. He is an old-time Japanese shipping com-

is placing big emphasis on the problem of getting the airmen the Yoshida administration.

released. They insist on the fact that 11 of the men shot down over Chinese territory during the Korean conflict were in uniform

for practical reasons - to have a

The capitalists press, of course,

"Get Us a **Contract," Ranks Tell Heads of ILA**

By Art Sharon

shippers.

men's union were visited by rank- hunters in the plants and union and - file dockers and informed locals. They have worked hand in demonstrate to the U.S. Supreme that the membership wanted to glove with the FBI and congres- Court, which has yet to give a shut the piers down immediately sional "investigators," against decision on soft or hard imin order to force the necessary militant unionists. concession from the shippers. The union negotiating team, headed by ILA president Captain "further representations to the William Bradley, had to promise to set a deadline for strike action in order to prevent an immediate walk-out.

This intervention by the rank and file follows their rejection and the lie about a "communist Louisiana has passed a somewhat last week of a contract that was negotiated after months of bar-

gaining. The rejection of the proposed contract stunned union leaders, and surprised the watertance by the union leadership of a two-year no-strike clause that caused rejection of the pact by Mazey Explains Why He Joined the "Elders" front bosses. It was the accepthe ranks.

The new contract contains a 17-cent hourly wage and welfare increase, some provision of more regularized employment and provision for a union shop. It does not include any paid holidays nor does it legitimize the practices CIO, made some revealing comand customs prevailing on the

ments. He was replying to the WHY NO LABOR PARTY piers. These are extremely important conditions of work that proposal of Mike Quill, president have been established over many of the Transport Workers Union, years by job action of the workwho thought that the present for steps in the direction of a sociate himself with this limited ing longshoremen. The loss of political policy of the CIO should Labor Party was: "I don't be- proposal to merely "give considthe strike weapon would jeoparbe scrapped in favor of a Labor lieve, despite the maturity and eration" to such state Labor Pardize these conditions.

RELY ON THEIR POWER

Party orientation. In their own way the long-

"I believe the best possible and harrowing and harvesting to EMBARRASED shoremen have arrived at the conditions for making progress be able to launch a political partruth that only the exercise of in the political arena," said Ma- ty of our own at the present their strength through strike aczey, "would be for labor to have

the face of this new threat.

By Murry Weiss

tion determines the conditions its own party, in association with under which they will earn their livelihood. What appears to be farmers. I think most of you tually realistic understanding of

how their fate is determined. tion and that I strongly believe Prolonged bargaining sessions

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this legislation passed as part of Mississippi Constitution to autheir union-busting plans. The thorize the Legislature to turn flood of anti-Negro legislation in Democrats merely did the bid- the public schools over to private the Deep South was another organizations and individuals ding of their masters. They are owners if school integration amendment to the Mississippi about providing credit facilities capitalist politicians first and threatens. The amendment was "friends of labor" last. passed by what appeared to be a Reuther and the rest of the little better than a 2 to 1 margin. the state. Of 500,000 Negroes being denied credit by Mississippi

labor bureaucrats have good As soon as the election was eligible to vote only 22,000 have bankers and merchants because NEW YORK, Dec. 21.-Rank cause for "concern." But can over, Democratic Governor Hugh and file longshoremen put their they organize the fight to pro- White called a special session of fists on the negotiating table in tect the unions from this new the Legislature for Jan. 11, 1955. the currently resumed bargaining assault? They not only support It will pass legislation for the to vote by a Negro is an indicasessions of their union and the the Democrats politically, but construction of more Jim Crow tion of a desire to be murdered). have acted from the beginning schools in order to commit the The new amendment, strictly en-The leaders of the longshore- as the police agents of the witch- state, financially to continue the

segregated school system and to and college graduates, who are plementation of its May 17

Aside from expressing "condecree, that Mississippi will not cern" and promising to make accept integration.

Defense Department" Reuther ad- MORE AMENDMENTS

for the amendments. Thus the vanced no program to defeat this Similar amendments authorizvoter qualification amendment, ominous spread of the witch-hunt ing the junking of the public with its union-busting objectives. school system have been passed few years ago, passed by over His support of the Democrats in Georgia and South Carolina. 4 to 1 this year.

Mazey's stated reason for op-

posing Quill's moderate proposal

we have done sufficient planting

time.

the progress we have made, that ty organization.

COUNTER MEASURE menace" leaves the labor move- different amendment. This is a ment disarmed and helpless in "police power" amendment. It

authorizes the prevention of the Citizen Committees' economic medicine.

But Mazey wouldn't even as-

Also passed in the current the Regional Council of Negro that is, humanitarians like Eisenhower and Churchill.

"50 YEARS"

constitution last November. This for Negro businessmen, farmers, may eliminate Negro voting in homeowners and others who are been able to get registered in of their support of school indeclaration Dec. 15 about "50 Mississippi (in many Mississippi | tegration. years" of armed tension, was simply a way of saying that there This is an excellent step. How-

is no probability of immediate ever, most at the mercy of the conflict. Citizen Committees' economic In the light of this, the open ampaign are Negro workers and announcement that the Allied sharecroppers. Plans should be powers intend to use atomic aid by Negro and labor organiza-Negro, from qualifying as voters. tions for economic aid to workers weapons in the war toward which they are heading as a strategic and sharecroppers when necessary objective, must be taken as a thus preventing thousands of Nediplomatic threat - Dulles' way groes in Mississippi from being of countering the denunciations starved into silence on the school

Klans" campaigned vigorously Another possible measure, hinted at by the NAACP, is a which was defeated at the polls a retaliatory boycott. This would give the Mississippi bankers, merchants and plantation owners, who started the economic reign of

issued by Moscow over the rearmsegregation issue. ing of Germany. But if it is no more than a counter-threat, so far as the immediate period is concerned, it is a grim warning

The first counter measure to terror, a taste of their own scientifically planned order of so- "ground floor" when this hap-

capitalism is not replaced by the only system that can guarantee enduring peace; that is, the that Japan wants to be in on the

cialism.

foreign-policy statement Dec. 12 by Foreign Minister Shigemitsu indicating willingness to resume full-scale trade with the Soviet The decisions taken by the bloc if it would not prejudice Council do not signify that World Japanese-American relations. War III is just around the corner. Moscow responded Dec. 14 with Chinese students in this country As a matter of fact, Eisenhower's

special broadcast beamed to Japan, welcoming the statement and promising that there would be no pressure from the Kremlin to disrupt relations between Tokyo and Washington.

Earlier this year, advocacy by the Yoshida government of recognition of China was denounced by the whole course of events in the Eisenhower administration.

Asia. . ." The current move was met by silence, indicating State Depart-N. Y. Times (Dec. 19) reported. ment approval. A reactionary Japanese spokes

that "some Western delegates" to the UN believe that if the mission man reportedly declared that it is fails, "the prestige of the United expected the U.S. will drop Nations will inevitably suffer, present trade restrictions with particularly in the United States." the Soviet bloc as it moves But if it succeeds, "the movement nevertheless of what to expect if towards "coexistence," that China for the admission to the United will be recognized "within the Nations of the Peiping represennext two or three years," and tative, which the United States is determined to keep on opposing, will be greatly strengthened."

> It would thus seem that instead of the new Chinese government being hauled before the bar of opinion of the United Nations, as the press claimed when that body issued its first noisy declarations over the sentencing

consequence of the long refusal of the UN to admit the government chosen in revolutionary action by the most populous nation. in their awakening to political on earth is sufficent commentary on how much real prestige the UN has today.

> According to the Monitor, Moscow is putting pressure on Peking to give Hammarskjold something to bring back to New York. "Of late, Soviet diplomats have not tried to conceal their impatience with Peking's tactics - tactics which repeatedly have put Moscow's men in embarrassing positions here (at the UN). The imprisonment of U.S. air-

men by China contrasts with the Kremlin's recent release of Allied prisoners and hostages, the latest being Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary. These concesisons reflect Moscow's desire to win "coexistence" through appeasing Wall Street as much as possibl

for years have said now is not have something to say about that the reasons - and not be "em- | led the fight against the no- | "harrowing" and "harvesting" to of the airmen, it is the United the time to launch out in the nomination." He even scaled this barrassed"? But it is not a ques- strike pledge at the 1943 UAW- do for an independent Labor Nation being hauled before the In the short debate at the CIO buildings of a political movement down: "If we are not ready for a tion of timing and tactics. It is CIO convention and introduced a Party all right, but the Mazey's Chinese government. This ironic Convention on whether or not to of our own, and I find myself in national Labor Party in this a question of working class prin- resolution for a Labor Party. won't do it. It will take a new build a Labor Party, Emil Mazey, the embarrassing position of hav- country, then we should at least ciples. Later as a sergeant in the U.S. generation of militants to lead Secretary-Treasurer of the UAW- ing to repeat what I used to con- give consideration to forming La-The truth is that Mazey has Army Mazey was elected by a

abandoned the militancy and class delegated convention, representbor Parties in the states throughout this country where it is imstruggle policies he advocated in ing 139,000 rank and file troops his "youth." He has capitulated in Manila, to membership on the class consciousness. possible for us to walk with the existing Democratic Party."

to the "elders," - the stodgy, top central committee which conservative, self-serving capital- headed a giant "Go home" ist-minded labor bureaucracy demonstration. Thus Mazey in action opposed capitalism in war which today rules the CIO. Mazey is a tragic symbol of and peace. He refused to become what happened to the whole gen- a creature of Wall Street's for-

who rose up in the Thirties. They abroad.

Now why was Mazey embarwere softened by the life and AN ELDER rassed by his convention speech? habits of trade union officials in

The reason is that he has no log- a period of drawn-out capitalist All that is gone. Mazey is now ical or principled basis for not war prosperity and this made one of the "elders." He has seen But Quill wasn't proposing a Labor Party right now. Actually supporting Quill's proposal. He them easy marks for the poison- the light and become a labor Quill was merely proposing an had no basis for abandoning his ous class - collaboration politics statesman. He supports American cynicism among these men is ac- know that I have been an advo- orientation, a policy, heading to- longstanding advocacy of an in- peddled by the Social Democrats capitalism in its foreign policy, cate of independent political ac- wards a Labor Party: "I am not dependent Labor Party in the and Stalinists. and he serves it domestically Mazey is a more tragic figure Advocacy of a Labor Party can talking about a political party first place. If Mazey felt that that would nominate its own can- now is not the moment to take than some of the others because now be filed by Mazey in his between leaders and bosses may in that kind of a movement, and didate for President," said Quill, a particular action for the prin- his militant class-struggle posi- folder marked, "My Youthful appear to settle conditions of I have been critical of my elders "but I am talking about a party ciple of independent class politics, tion was maintained for a longer Follies."

in labor, CIO and elsewhere, who that would be strong enough to why didn't he say so openly, state period. During World War II, he There is a lot of "planting"

eration of trade union militants eign policy either at home or







MAZEY



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THE MILITANT

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1954 In Review -- What's Ahead for 1955

Washington, Moscow Indicate Deal Dividing World in Power Spheres

By Joseph Hansen another world war and to seek a world balance of power. temporary deal with the Soviet Union was indicated by Eisen- ganda about "seeking peace," hower even before he took office. does not at all signify that Amer-State Department as early as

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EISENHOWER

| October 1953. As 1954 ended, Wall | only socialism can bring enduring The outstanding development in Street's government was clearly peace to our strife-ridden and foreign affairs during 1954 was proceeding in foreign affairs as war-torn planet, cooperation bethe further easing of world ten- if it had reached a fairly definite tween the Kremlin and the sion. A decision to take the "im- understanding with the Kremlin Western powers against revolumediacy" out of the threat of for the time being about the tionary movements means a new This course, with all its propa-

Genmany.

STALEMATE

stalemate.

war in the long run unless the people intervene.

In 1954 a dramatic example of how the understanding between During 1953 this course was ican Big Business has given up the Kremlin and the U.S. State marked by Washington's agree- its preparations for World War Department operates at the exment to a cease-fire in Korea. In HI, which were begun before pense of oppressed and poverty-1954, the highlight was the end- World War II had even come to stricken countries was provided ing of hostilities in Indochina. a close. As a matter of fact, the by Guatemala. There the Com-The fact that the Eisenhower ad- State Department took another munist Party was in position for ministration was considering a long step in this direction during a number of years to decisively definite "non-aggression pact" 1954 in reaching general agree- intervene as a political force. Inwith Moscow was revealed by the ment among the Allied powers to stead of leading the people toward complement the rearmament of freedom from the oppressive rule Japan with the rearmament of of United Fruit, the Guatemalan

Stalinists, carrying out Moscow's line, made possible the successful realization of a counter-revolu-

What the turn in foreign policy | tionary coup d'etat openly eninitiated by Eisenhower does gineered by the State Departmean is further postponement of ment.

the outbreak of World War III The fact that American Big and the opening of an interim Business felt compelled to change period, which from a military its course in foreign affairs viewpoint can be characterized as even though temporarily - after the years of rattling the atom

While the real relationship will bomb, lining up the Western be one fundamentally of antagon- Hemisphere, Western Europe and sm, Moscow will cooperate with Japan for war and finally plung-Washington in putting down or betraying or heading off colonial ing into the civil war in Korea, testifies to the profundity of the movements for national inderevolutionary movements in the pendence or working class move-Far East, the deep yearning of ments seeking to displace capital- the European workers for socialism in favor of socialism. These ism, and the anti-war sentiments two types of movements tend to of the American people. These coalesce in backward countries. forces, incoherent though they Both of them challenge the reacmay be today and cursed with tionary rule and privileged posiperfidious leaders of the Stalinist, tion of the capitalist class and the Social Democratic and nationalist Stalinist bureaucracy. But since stripe, are elemental and profound. Their ultimate victory is

NEW PROBLEMS

inevitable.

Recognition of the balance of power by Moscow and Washington, whether it is made formal or not, poses a new series of problems for the vanguard of the working class in the period immediately before us.

For instance, there is bound to be a wide tendency, carefully S. Supreme Court declared that school segregation violated murtured by the Stalinists and the capitalist propagandists, that therefore unconstitutional. For among the Asian and African the cessation of hostilities opens the preceding 58 years the U.S. masses that led the U.S. Su- up a chance for enduring peace Supreme Court had been ruling preme Court to rule against under the benign guidance of the

that "separate but equal" school school segregation in 1954 rather Wall Street wolves and the Kremlin oligarchy and their labor Only the first installment of lieutenants. To fall for that

the decision has been given. Not propaganda could prove fatal. The Supreme Court's decision to abandon the "separate but equal" formula for sanctioning



With Christmas just around the corner. Mrs. William Doerr wonders what is in store for the eight children gathered about her in their Pittsburgh home. Her husband is one of the millions of unemployed and the family furniture was supposed to be sold at a constable's sale to meet back rent.

PREDICT '55 PROSPERITY AND MORE UNEMPLOYED

By Tom Conlan

The season of economic forecasts for 1955 is upon us. Capitalist economists must, as they do, trot forward, each with a forecast. These are talented people. Each can see

farther into two feet of armorplate than his colleague. Thus throughout the postwar years, as equipped they are happily able to an Oriental wit put it, the capitalforecast the future in the present ists have been scared out of their deadlocked world and domestic seven senses. Small wonder, their economic situation. 1955 shall be postwar boom required by 1947prosperous, they forecast in vir- 48, injections of huge arms spendtual unanimity. They leave out a ing plus inflationary measures. rifle - Prosperity for Whom? And all of this ended in the Tru-Take the chief hired man man depression of 1949-50. Then

they plunged into the Korean pardon! - chief economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, one war. named Emerson Schmidt. He

That didn't help long, either. offers not one but two forecasts. In the wake of the Korean in-One a happy minimum; the flationary binge, spiked with the second a happier maximum (N. blood of the Korean and U.S. youth, came the Eisenhower Y. Times, Dec. 19). A minimum lepression of 1953-54. One inof prosperity, in his eyes, will result from a rise of \$4 billion flationary meaure on top of annext year in the gross national other finally pulled the economy product, as against 1954. That's back to the "heights" now so omething to hail, he assures. inviting to the U.S. Chamber of By labor, perhaps? Hardly. For Commerce and the rest of the

the workers, 1954 was marked by capitalists, but hardly to the the continuation of the Eisenworking class as a whole, hower depression well into September, with the business upturn coming only in the final quarter of the year. It was not a

McCarthyite Movement Checked; Trend Shown Toward Democrats

By Daniel Roberts. vivendi" with the Soviet bloc and

All the reactionary trends operating in the U.S. during the last several years came to a climax during 1954. Then in the second half of the year, because of the slowing down of the war drive, State Department in its diplomthe curb placed on McCarthy and the revival of the Labor Democratic coalition as a result of the ators who made up the Watkins ary trends were' moderated. Powerful trends in the opposite direc-

tion began to operate. In the beginning of 1954, the main centers of Big Business paign. Emboldened by the defeat welcomed Sen. Joseph McCarthy as the most effective propagandist in the "anti-communist" drive and as the witch-hunter in chief. The ruling capitalist cireles wanted his services in order to step up the red-hunt as part of the drive to intimidate and

ation for World War III. WENT TOO FAR However, McCarthy did not the Republican Party. They disconfine himself to red-baiting regarded the smear of "pro-Communism" applied to the reform the Democratic Party, as the main sections of Big Business measures and promises of the wanted him to do. He used the New Deal and showed that they opportunity to build his indepenwere again pushing for social

lent fascist faction. And he witch- reforms. A big majority of the workers hunted the favored instrument of Big Business, the Eisenhower determined to vote unitedly at the polls - to vote as a class -Administration, itself.

By March, McCarthy had bein support of the Democratic come a detriment to the ruling Party candidates endorsed by the lihood give the Democratic Parcapitalist circles. Writing in the Militant on March 22 just before revival of the Labor-Democratic dential election of 1956 to make the Army-McCarthy hearings, Joseph Hansen said: "The cal-

the army forced a section of the capitalist class primarily the Eastern section, to ask itself: Is it prepared to strengthen na-

sary to put a check rein on him.

ings the main sections of Big to act decisively for fear of endangering the witch-hunt. How- the witch-hunt. ever, when last August, Wall But the workers' experience equality through a struggle for

Street decided to slow down the with the Democratic Party in the a Workers and Farmers Governwar drive and seek a "modus next few years will probably be ment.



ublican high command kept Mc-Carthy out of the election camof the outright McCarthyites at the polls, the ruling capitalist circles proceeded to have the Senate censure McCarthy.

However, of even greater importance for the creation of a new political climate in the U.S. than the tactical shifts of silence the population in prepar- Big Business was the working class vote in the 1954 elections. The workers rejected the naked rule of Big Business exercised by

> TRUMAN won in 1948 on promise to repeal Taft-Hartley. Can Democrats do it again in 1956?

decisive. They will in all like-

When the working people discover through their own exper-

scene in the U.S. It will place civil rights. And it will not end people on the road to winning peace, freedom, security and

Not to smash him but to curb him." In the Army-McCarthy hear-



American Fascists

sults.



culated attempt to McCarthyize

tive fascism that much today? Is it ready to turn to fascist rule now or in the immediate future? . . The answer it gave was: 'No, not yet' . . . It was neces-

Jim Crow was a great legal victory for the Negro people. How will be weaker than the first. stronger unspoken arguments only token integration. Demonbacked them up.

the 14th Amendment and was

14th Amendment and was there-

fore constitutional.

ed that the second installment powers in the coming period could mean a series of new difficult problems fraught with danger. Some desegregation was achievsuasive as were the arguments ed in 1954. Most important was The "joke" of Mikoyan, Soviet presented by the National Asso- the desegregation in Baltimore Deputy Prime Minister and ciation for the Advancement of and Washington, D. C., though Minister of Trade, after a recent Colored People lawyers, still most of the schools there have visit to Finland is indicative: "I came to Finland a Communist. strations by racists there failed After what I have seen, I must be careful. Otherwise I shall to undo what had been achieved.

These arguments may be brief- In White Sulphur Springs and return to Moscow a capitalist."

ly summed up as follows: (1) Rupert. W. Va., Milford, Del., The steady pressure of the Ne- Sheridan, Ark., and Clarkton, Mo. gro people and their organiza- however, racists forced the tions in the past two decades abandonment of attempted inagainst Jim Crow. (2) The fact tegration.

School Segregation Ruling

And the Fight Since Then

By George Lavan

was the fight against school segregation. On May 17 the U.

segregation did not violate the than in 1944 or 1964.

The outstanding feature of the Negro struggle in 1954

that the Negro people no longer The Deep South made no at struggle alone but are firmly al- tempts to comply with the Sulied with the powerful labor movepreme Court's decision. Instead ment. (3) The changed attitudes most of these states have made of broad layers of the white legal preparation for evading or population in the U.S. as a re- defying the decision.

sult of joint action with Negroes Even more ominous was the in strikes and in unions plus the mushrooming of anti-Negro vig effect of education and agitation ilante organizations in the South against Jim Crow on the white such a the Citizens Committees population in general. (4) The in Mississippi and Alabama, the clinching argument, however, was Moonlighters in Texas, the Citizthe strength of distant allies of ens Protective Association in the American Negro people - Missouri, Bryant Bowles' Nationthe revolutionary, colored masses al Association for the Advanceof Asia. ment of White People as well

It was the cold-war attempt as a resurgence of the old Ku to neutralize anti-U. S. feeling Klux Klan.

MALENKOV



This map shows the school segregation picture at time of Supreme Court decision, May 17, 1954. States shown in black had laws making segregation compulsory; states that are lined had laws permitting segregation, while those that are dotted had laws forbidding it. Since then there has been a beginning of desegregation in the four states that had permitted it. Of the states with compulsory segregation laws, partial integration has taken place in Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Missouri. In Arkansas, two communities integrated as an economy move but only 20 Negro children were involved.

another expert (see, N.Y. Herald-Tribune, Dec. 19) the working class lost up to April 1954 in Puts Unions on Defensive class lost, up to April 1954, in wages at a rate of \$8 billion a year, their total pay declining from a rate of \$208 billion a year in July 1953 to \$200 billion in April 1954." Since April 1954, the same expert reports, the \$6 billion (wages having "levelled

off" at around \$202 billion). In the light of these rather

conservative figures what does Schmidt's, "minimum" of prosperity mean for the workers? Assuming workers are permitted o pocket the full \$4 billion 'minimum" increase (and what a pipe dream that is!) they will still be shy by at least \$2 billion of the share of the national income they received up to July out to be a smaller share of the national income for the workers, while the capitalist class cuts an even bigger slice for itself. How happy about this can labor get? Here we come to the Schmidt - U.S. Chamber of Commerce's maximum. This super-duper prosincrease of \$9 billion" in 1955.

again in the "gross national get not the lion's but the lamb's share. But what will happen if this maximum is realized in life? movement found itself on the Why, that will "equal 1953's un- defensive, often with the ques-Clearly, he isn't talking here workers were persuaded to take "unmatched prosperity," about for labor. Because the Eisen-1953. For labor this is no happy prospect, either. It means a return to levels of production, which spelled misery for. five million iobless. But that's the best Schmidt sees

As if to add to the joys of this 1955 prosperity, Schmidt an nounced, as have virtually all other forecasters, more unemployment in 1955 than in 1954. A "slight rise," he said. And this - not in a slump, but during an upturn! Schmidt is understandably reticent about it. But other experts speak openly about past unemployment, for example, among young people, and to a lesser extent among old people and women," and of more of the same ahead. Neither the young nor the aged are slighted; neither males nor females.

One is bound to ask: Are these eople sane? The truth is that



The year 1954 opened a new chapter in the post-war history of the labor movement. The deepening of the recession that began in 1953 put the economic squeeze on the living standards of the workers.

wage-loss has run at a rate of Five million men and women struggles in 1954 was demonwere unable to find jobs. Millions | strated most dramatically in the were working reduced hours, and long, bitter strike of the Detroit Square D workers, organized in their paychecks were cut. The old days of an expanding the independent United Electrical economy when union contracts Workers' Union. For months were negotiated with relative these 1200 workers were redease, were gone. In the changed baited by the capitalist press. economic situation the unions Contract negotiations were broken faced new problems of mergers, off. And finally, after passage runaway shops, automation and of the Communist Control Act, increased mechanization. These the employers organized scabproblems of the whole economy herding with the help of the could not be resolved solely on police for the first time in De-1953. The "minimum" thus turns the level of local negotiations. troit since the Thirties.

In addition to the economic As a result of militant rank squeeze the union movement and-file pressure, the UAW-CIO faced a growing anti-labor drive finally recognized the danger to on the legislative front. The u- its own existence and organized nanimous passage of the Com- limited support for the strikers. munist Control Act of 1954 by This was sufficient to save the Congress marked the official ex- Square D union from destruction. tension of the witch-hunt to the But the political alliance of the perity envisions "a maximum labor movement. Passed in an UAW with the Democrats preatmosphere of Senatorial red- vented the mobilization of enough Not in wages, of course, but hunting hysteria, the Act, de- forces to win a clear-cut victory. stroyed in one stroke the legal Union officials didn't want to product." Of this the workers will protection of the right to organ- embarrass Williams, the Demoize and bargain collectively. cratic candidate for governor of In this new situation the labor Michigan.

The union movement, frightened over the economic experience matched record of prosperity," | tion of the survival of the union of 1954 and the growth of antiassures Schmidt breathlessly. sharply posed. The Studebaker union pressure, concluded the year by returning the Democrats pay cuts as a result of a comto power in Congress. The labor pany "hardship" plea. Members bureaucrats like Reuther and hower depression started in July of the UAW-CIO in Kohler, Wis- Meany hope that the victory of consin, are still fighting for the the party will begin to solve their very existence of their union. problems. But the Democrats - liberals The defensive nature of labor's

ncluded — showed their colors

when they voted for the Communist control Act last August. One-third of the Democratic majority in Congress is composed of representatives of the Jim Crow open shop Southern capitalists. The next year will not bring a solution to the problems of the labor movement through support of the Democratic Party. However, all indications point to the determination of the workers to make a decisive attempt to realize their objectives through the road of a Labor-Democratic coalition. Meanwhile, every new experience in the class struggle will supply fresh evidence of the hopelessness of this course and the need to turn to independent working class politics.



Sen. McCarthy, fascist demagogue from Wisconsin, shown with his counsel Roy Cohn (left) during the McCarthy-Army probe last summer. For weeks McCarthy was main political attraction on nation's TV and radio sets. Later, leading capitalist circles decided to check his movement by having Senate majority "censure" the would-be American Hitler.







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Velde Group Hits Avowed Fascists

On Dec. 17 the House Un-American Activities Committee listed two organizations on the "lunatic fringe" of the American fascist movement as subversive. The Velde group took action against the avowedly fascist National Renaissance Party with headquarters in the Yorkville district of New York and asked the Justice Department to prosecute the group funder the Smith Act. The "party" advocates "the abolition of parliamentary government" and calls for deportation of Puerto Ricans, Negroes, Jews and Asians.

The Un-American Activities Committee also listed the magazine Common Sense an anti-Jewish, anti-Negro smear magazine.

As the Dec. 18 N. Y. Times says "Issuance of the report . . . marked the first time since World War II that the committee had turned its attention from the Communist menace to the possible danger of subversion from the extreme right." Why did the committee "turn its attention" in that direction at this time?

Undoubtedly the main reason is the attempt to placate the labor. Negro and lewish organizations who are becoming increasingly alarmed at the anti-democratic character of the committee's "red-hunting activities."

Also, by these token attacks on fascist grouplets the witch-hunting House Un-American Activities Committee seeks to strengthen its hand to carry out further attacks against democratic liberties. There is nothing new in this device. It was explained by the Socialist Workers Party National Committee in a resolution on "The Capitalist Witch Hunt" Feb 1950:

"Even when under pressure, government of ficials pretend to move against mobsters and Ku Kluxers," says the resolution, "they only make theatrical gestures to appease outraged public opinion without actually punishing the real criminals. For every slight tap the capitalist agencies offer the right, they deliver a hundred harsh blows against the left. . .

"'Under conditions of a capitalist regime,' Trotsky once wrote, 'all curtailment of political rights and freedoms, no matter against whom they may be originally directed, in the end inevitably fall with all their weight on the working class - especially on its most advanced elements.'

"Class-conscious workers should not fall into the trap of demanding infringement of anyone's civil rights, including those of the fascists. At the same time they should recognize the real. situation and make it plain to others. The civil rights of the fascists is not being threatened; the authorities are in league with them. They are in no danger of persecution or need of defense. They are not the victims but the sponsors and beneficiaries of the current repressions."

The validity of the SWP resolution is underscored by the fact that the House Committee is silen't about the main body of American fasscists - the McCarthyites. In fact Velde and other McCarthyites ran the House Un-American Activities Committee that issued the report against the fascist grouplets.

Eisenhower and "Right to Work" Laws

Both the CIO and AFL have launched fullscale campaigns against the "right to work" laws enforced in 17 states. These laws ban union-shop contracts. They are used by employers in conjunction with the Taft-Hartley act to maintain low wages and hellish working conditions by preserving the open shop. Both CIO and AFL rightly call them the "right to scab" laws.

Speaking before the CIO convention on Dec. 7. Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell denounced these measures, but President Eisenhower promptly denied that Mitchell was speaking for the administration. In his press conference on Dec. 15, Eisenhower straddled the lissue and declared that he was not prepared to take a stand.

The question is: Why didn't Eisenhower back his Secretary of Labor? Why didn't he speak out against these laws? From a partisan Republican point of view it was to his advantage to support Mitchell since eleven of the seventeen states having "right to work" laws are in the South where the Democrats rule supreme. The National Committee of the Democratic Party at its recent meeting said nothing about these laws out of deference to the Southerners. Why didn't Eisenhower try to steal the Democrats' thunder by announcing that he would introduce amendments to Taft-Hartley that would nullify "right to work" laws. One reason is that Big Business wants to keep the South a non-union preserve for all employers. The growing trend of runaway plants to open shop areas illustrates this. The strength of the entire union movement throughout the country is impaired by this migration.

why Eisenhower doesn't want to weaken the union-busting, white-supremacist Democratic South. It is one of the firmest pillars of Big the other, a woman, because she Business political rule in the U.S. today, precisely because of the role the Southerners play in the Democratic Party. That is the party to which the labor movement is attached. It is the party of New Deal reform demagogy. The Southern Democrats provide one of the main safety devices for keeping the Labor-Democratic Party coalition safely in line for Big Business.

Some 12 to 15 states have kept down the electorate to as little as six per cent of the adult population. The unions exercise virtually no influence on their politics. The employers and their agents rule without need of making concessions to the workers.

These states name nearly one-third of the U.S. Senators — a majority of the Democratic representatives will control the key committee How Rough and Tough Eisenhower, a faithful Wall Street servant, knows that although Big Business prefers to rule openly through the Republican Party in now has to adapt itself to a revival of the Labor-Democratic Party coalition. Should the labor movement make big headway in the South, this would blow up the whole present political structure in the country. By knocking down one of Big Business' most important political props it would force an entire political realignment in the country. The workers and farmers would take huge strides forward toward building a political party of their own. That is why Eisenhower sets partisan considerations aside and, like the Democratic bosses, does nothing to undermine the stability of the Southern Democrats.

THE MILITANT

"Thrill-Killers" of the "Silent" Generation

By Joyce Cowley throw any light on this funda-| satisfactory "adjustment" to so-The trial of the "thrill-kill" mental question. Ironically, no ciety.

gang came to a close this week. one during the trial said any-The empty, legalistic handling Two of the boys will go to jail thing about emotional distur- of one of the most sensational for life. One was freed for lack bances or character disorders. It crime cases of this generation of evidence and will be tried was strictly a matter of who was does not seem like a routine or later on a manslaughter charge on the pier, at what time, and accidental matter to me. I think in connection with another fatal did anyone see them there. that the judges and lawyers and

beating. The fourth, fifteen years AVOID MAIN ISSUE old, turned state's evidence and

will be tried separately. It's probable that he, too, will be released for lack of evidence. The startling case of the four Brooklyn boys who killed for the fun of it shocked many people into an awareness of the pro-

found crisis of young people today. Max Lerner in the New York Post sums up this reaction when he asks: "Are they like all our young? . . . The four Brooklyn boys involved in the gang adventures seem like perfecty ordinary middle-class boys. And they seem to come from good ceptions. homes, and to have been given parental love and solicitude . . Is there a disease rampant and in a curious display of bad taste epidemic in America today among summed up the case with a little the young generation - perhaps

even beyond the bounds of America - which infects all of its members to an extent while it affects some of them catastrophically?"

The trial itself was a legal absurdity which certainly did not

impire.

Detroit Strikers Are Reinstated

According to a Dec. 20 AP dispatch, 25 of 27 Detroit Square D workers, fired in last summer's fendants, it seems like the unstrike, were reinstated by arbitrator, Gabriel Alexander, former General Motors labor disputes chief." Legally, this was consi-

poem:

spree:

one do?

they must sit,

Two strikers were denied reinstatement, one for "serious misreport on the mental and emotional state of the boys. conduct" against strikebreakers,

WHAT NOW? allegedly "made a telephone

threat to a nonstriking worker." In depriving these workers of cided. The two who have been their jobs, Alexander apparently assumed the role of prosecutor,

judge and jury. The Square D strike became a national focal point of labor struggle last summer when the employers resorted to police

violence and scab-herding. The intervention of the UAW-CIO saved the strike from being dangerous to others and them- people how we can create a betproken. But the refusal of the Reutherite bureaueracy to give was subjected to the ordeal of where possibilities for growth all-out aid to the Square D testifying against his companions and fulfillment will be unlimited worker's union, the independent in order to save his own skin. and there will be no need to turn United Electrical Workers, result- It's not likely an experience of to a morbid escape in sadism and ed in an unfavorable settlement. this kind will help him to a more violence."



The real problem is more accurately and desperately stated by Max Lerner when he says: "Let their rebellion be against parents, against morals, against society even, but not against

SILENT GENERATION"

About three, years ago Time Magazine published a special issue on youth which they called "The Silent Generation." Today's young people, they said, were

tive and invariably upheld the status quo. At that time I asked what Time Magazine was complaining about, since it was part Three little bad boys, what did of the apparatus which pushed young people into this conformist pattern. Why weren't they satisfed? Or were they uneasy? Did they feel that the kids had been just a little too quiet and wonder

answer to that question - the beaten and tortured body tossed off a Brooklyn pier by four ordinary boys, four good boys from good Brooklyn homes.

The "silence" of a conformis generation is changing into a violence. Authorities who defend the social institutions of capitalism are afraid to look at this

phenomenon or admit its exis-The trial is over and the future tence, since it inevitably means of the four boys has been de- the doom of the whole system that they support.

sentenced to life imprisonment It is the responsibility of thos obviously have little perspective of us who want to change people of any kind ahead. What about and change society to understand the two who will be released? | what is happening to youth and There has been no effort made how their compulsion to meaningto understand their emotional less brutality and self-destruction problems, no steps taken to see can be turned into constructive that their behavior will be less channels. We must show young selves. A fifteen year old boy ter society and a happier life,

Witch Hunt Victim

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Paul Ault, 43, Bethlehem Steel worker at Williamsport, Pa., is ejected by guard from Senate investigations subcommittee hearing in Washington. When an undercover FBI agent alleged he was a Communist Party member, Ault shouted: "You're trying to take the food out of my children's mouths. You're trying to take my job away from me. No decent workingman will ever talk to you again, you lying stoolpigeon. . ." Sen, Potter (R-Mich.), who presided at hearing, demanded that Ault be fired and Bethelehem Steel obliged.



IN CYPRUS BRITISH SOL-| for such faults as "authoritarian DIERS FIRED on crowds dem- methods of direction, including and left-wing organizations call- Moerkerke. ed for 24-hour protest strikes. Anti - British and anti - Amercan demonstrations were held

onstrating against the United personal direction." The three Nations General Assembly's de- ousted leaders were removed from cision on Dec. 16 that shelved the Politburo, but remain on the Greek demand that the island be 25-man Central Committee. They granted the right of self-deter- were replaced by three little mination. The Christian Science known figures - Rene Beelen, Monitor reported that both right- Ernest Burnelle and Gerard van

EXPLOSIONS ROCKED TU-NISIA in seven widely separated throughout Cyprus. Students in points and were aimed at the Nicosia (Cyprus capital) battled homes of Tunisians belonging to teel-helmeted police, stoned Brit- the neo-Destour party. The neosh Army officers, tore down the Destour leaders recently conclud-Union Jack, and damaged Brit- ed a deal with French imperialism which would grant Tunisia

has been legalized for the first

time in that country by action

against bitter opposition of the

Roman Catholic Church. This fol-

lows an increased drive by the

Roman Catholic Church control

of religious education in the pub-

legitimate" from children born

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POLICE HUNGER-STRIKERS

have been seeking higher pay all

over India. New Delhi authorities have refused any increases in

wages which now amount to \$16

to \$20 per month plus food al-

lowances. Indian Army troops

were called out to break the

ish government buildings. In other actions the student concessions some time in the fudemonstrators "freed" Greek ture if the Tunisians would surschool girls who had been locked render their arms now. in by their teachers. * * * * * * DIVORCE IN ARGENTINA

provide an escape for these boys, the defense lawyers because they

legal insanity. The boys have been in jail since August and there was plenty of time for a thorough psychiatric study. But no psychiatric report was offered in the course of the trial. The lawyers were entirely preoccupied with humanity itself."

motions and objections and ex

The defense characterized the gang as "mischievous boys" and completely conformist, conserva-"Four little bad boys off on a

One turned state's evidence and then there were three. The judge said "No proof," and then there were two.

Two little bad boys in court where they would break out

And pray to their jury: please, next? please acquit." I did not anticipate the terrible While I believe in understanding and leniency for juvenile de-

derstatement of the year to describe two fatal beatings as "misdered a safer course for the defense than an honest psychiatric menacing destructiveness and

But there is an important political reason

In an instructive series of articles running currently in the liberal Nation magazine. I. Alvarez del Vayo describes the industrial resurgence of Germany and its reappearance on the world market as an energetic competitor to the other capitalist powers.

Germany "is penetrating into the underdeveloped areas of Asia and Latin America" with "extraordinary vigor," del Vayo declares. In Pakistan, India and Thailand, for instance, the German industrialists "are concentrating on such basic projects as hydroelectric and inrigation dams, steel plants, bridges, roads, and the supplying of heavy and light machinery."

In South America, they are "seeking to capitalize on the widespread anti-United States feeling which has grown out of this country's 'dumping' tactics and general reluctance to buy Latin America goods.

Discussions are underway on how German goods can be pushed into France's African possessions and also those of Belgium.

In Europe, German trade has made spectacular gains in France, Italy, Spain and even England. Not even the United States market has proved immune to the flood of German products.

As an example of what the Germans offer, del Vayo cites automobiles. "The Volkswagen sells in Finland for \$400; what American or European small-car manufacturer can beat that price?'

A Havana distributor for the Packard Motor Car Company "since 1913 gave up the firan-. chise in order to handle the small German Volkswagen." He is reported to have explained,

"Made in Germany"

"I can see nothing but a Volkswagen in the Cuban motorists future.'

What has enabled the German cartels to make this impressive industrial comeback? The answer is that they were protected at the end of World War II and nursed back to lusty health by Wall Street. The aim of course was to sional ethics." But following a provide a profitable field for investment of American dollars and to build up imperialist Germany as a powerful ally in the projected war against the Soviet bloc. Under this policy the Allied occupation forces, among whom Washington's voice was decisive, saved the Nazis from the wrath of the German people, barred German labor from moving toward government power and kept wages down in order to keep profits high.

The German capitalists enjoyed another advantage. Freed from the burden of supporting Free Press declared: an enormous military machine, they were able to keep costs down and to plow a high percentage of their profits back into plant ex- evidence, anonymous charges and pansion. Thus the German industrial machine reappears, stream-lined and ultra modern. The time is rapidly nearing when it can be converted into a powerful base for the rearmament demanded by Wall Street.

As competition stiffens among the capitalist powers can there be any doubt that the German imperialists will once again cast hungry looks at the vast potential market and field of exploitation offered by the Soviet bloc? In this they will see eye to eye with their Wall Street Square D workers when the campus in many years, the forapatrons and benefactors who have been methodically preparing to crush every force in have proven the simple fact that under severe attack by univerthe world that appears to offer a threat to the the Square D workers were sity authorities. system that puts profits above all other considerations.

ust Red-Catchers Be?

to destroy the good name of Dr.

By Patricia Stall When is a witch hunter safe ing in the police, the U.S. Postal versity was to suspend a student from being witch-hunted? How Inspection and anyone at all who who refused to testify before a he's the roughest, toughest Red- poison-pen writers who "sought Committee hearing. Catcher of them all?

Take the case of Dr. David D. David D, Henry." Fine. But why target of anonymous accusations Henry, former president of Detroit's Wayne University while he was being considered for the presidency of the University of Illinois, members of the board of they "coddled Communist ideas?"

that university and various poli-REAL CRIMINALS

ticians in Illinois were thrown The Detroit newspapers, the into a quandry when they remembers of the Board of Edu- fense of the Democratic liberals. candidate for the post because when he was president of Wayne Their use of red-baiting, their he "coddled Communists on the swaying before the wave of Mccampus."

Carthyism and witch - hunting, The Illinois officials set about their refusal to reveal the real investigating Henry, whereupon facts, their stifling of free and he withdrew his candidacy. open discussion helped create the "This." he charged, "has deatmosphere in which anonymous generated into a process of pubaccusers flourish.

lic review, repudiating profes-Dr. Henry, we are told, "built work. But the dockers see these in Wayne from a small 'city col- their true light as legal reflecseries of apologies and meetings, lege,' with only about 6,000 stu- tions of their own day-to-day try's independence from French Dr. Henry agreed to become dents and a handful of make- pressure and struggle. president of the University of Illinois after all.

shift buildings, into a school with The union leadership occupies the Aures mountains. Although 17,500 students and modern build- the position of arbiters between French troops have been re-enings." But those who are familiar the ranks of the working long-

FINE SENTIMENT forced with units from Indo-The Board of Education, Henwith the university can testify: shoremen and the shipping bosschina, military operations are ex- their charges against Yugoslavia every new building that was es. The latter have made their pected "to be long and arduous" ry's former associates at Wayne and Detroit newspapers were erected meant some democratic principal demand the inclusion according to a dispatch from said, were made by the USSR as quite indignant about this "viright was demolished. The state of a two-year no-strike clause. Michael Clark in the Dec. 19 cious attack on the character of legislature gave more and more The union leaders are seeking N.Y. Times. The Movement for the field of domestic and foreign money for bigger and better fa- enough concessions to enable man . . , in such an Un-Amerthe Triumph of Democratic Liber-

ican manner as to be frighten- cilities but there were strings them to sell some kind of no- ties - principal Algerian Nationing." In an editorial the Detroit attached - strings which Dr. strike clause to the membership. alist organization - recently Henry accepted and used to Meanwhile looming over the nesplit. "The rank and file," says "If this sort of thing is alstrangle political activity and gotiating table and looking over Clark, "appears to have remain-

their shoulders is the rank and ed rather solidly behind M. Meslowed to continue, if whispered free inquiry on the campus. The atmosphere in the univer- file longshoreman with the pow- sali" (Messali Hadj), who resecret witnesses are accepted at sity has changed so that today erful strike weapon in his hands. mains faithful to a revolutionary face value, then neither your teachers are afraid to openly dis-Regardless of what formula program of immediate indepenown reputation nor any other cuss social and economic soluthe union leadership comes up man's is secure in the United tions objectively - too many with it is clear they are going

instructors have been fired for to have a hard time policing and Three cheers to that statement! daring to teach the truth as they "disciplining" the ranks. But why isn't such a fine sen- saw it. Students are forbidden A core of battle-hardened militants on the New York docks sociated Press dispatch. Edgar timent put to work when news- to learn about the real world papers report "facts" about labor situation and the Socialist ans- have introduced a new factor Lalmand, Secretary General and isputes? Why did every paper wers to world problems. One of there. They are shaping their party boss for the last 11 years, in Detroit hurl the accusation the most promising developments "Red-inspired strike" at the for the intellectual life of the work more to the liking of the "National Secretariat." Jean work more to the liking of the union ranks. The day has come when the New York longshore- Jean Borremans also were deslightest investigation would mation of a Socialist Club, is man can hold up his head with posed from high party posts. fighting to keep their union, not All this, Dr. Henry helped the dignity and independence that trying to take over the country bring about while president of comes from consciousness of ship of political errors and "en-Wayne. Symbolically, one of his strength.

PLANS FOR A FOREIGN LEGION within the new German army, made up of East European The Board of Education is call- last acts before leaving the uni fascist groups that fought on of the Peronista Parliament Hitler's side in World War II, much must one do to prove that can help them track down the House Un - American Activities were revealed by Albion Ross in a Dec. 16 dispatch to the N.Y. Times. These groups believe government to eliminate official

When Dr. Henry became the "they have powerful allies in the United States who, they asdidn't they worry about the good of "red coddling" he experienced sert, feel that Communism is and lic schools and the passage of a names of all the teachers they the same fate as the Democratic was more the real enemy than law removing the stigma of "ildismissed on the grounds that liberals who initiated the whole fascism." The chief Sudeten Gerthey were "subversives" or that witch hunt under Truman - and man organ, Volksbote, carried a then became the object of Mc-

front page open letter to Sen. Carthy's red smear themselves. McCarthy asking him to come Dr. Henry's self-defense had the over and clean up the American same character as the self-dehousehold in Germany. It is now ing that Henry was an unfit cation and the leading adminis- It is not directed against the running a weekly series on "Our trators of Wayne University are witch hunt, but merely against Friends in America," aimed at the real criminals in this case. the "excess" of witch hunting right-wing Congressmen. "However," says Ross, "the breach be-"one of the boys" — a first class tween the Eisenhower administrawitch hunter himself.

tion and the man whom these people regard as their friend has called a halt for the moment to the further development" of the planned legion.

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A PURGE OF TOP BELGIAN

COMMUNIST PARTY leaders

was revealed in a Dec. 14 As-

Trefve, second in command, and

Following Stalinist custom, Lal-

mand accused the party leader-

thusiastically criticized himself

MARSHALL TITO OF YU-GOSLAVIA, now in New Delhi. India, on a state visit to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, spoke IN ALGERIA, an Army of Libto a combined session of the two

out of wedlock.

eration, fighting for the counhouses of the Indian Parliament on Dec. 21. Tito said he was imperialist rule, is operating in "convinced the Soviet Union's new friendly gestures toward his

strikes.

country had not come about because the Russians had seen that were false." These gestures. he "a consequence of the change in policy," according to the Dec. 22 N. Y. Times. Marshall Tito said he believed that he and Nehru were of like mind on the im-

portance of "coexistence."

CHICAGO Celebrate New Year's Eve Socialist Workers Hall 777 West Adams Dec. 31 9 P. M. on Dancing Food - Entertainment Featuring the FOOLHARMONIC "5" Donation \$1 Free for Unemployed

for Moscow?

States."

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The Negro Struggle By John Thayer

New Orleans Story

No Problems, He Says!

By Roy Gale

Another glimpse has been afforded the public of the brutality which is the standard operating procedure in police stations in the U.S. This time the revelations are about the New Orleans police. A Special Citizens Investigating Committee completed its probe and wrote a gruesome report. It was issued to the three daily newspapers in New Orleans which printed excenpts. However, city authorities have refused copies of the 1,900 page report to the Negro press. Thus we have to be content with the following excerpts from New Orleans papers reprinted by the Dec. 18 Pittsburgh Courier:

"It was alleged that members of the detective bureau consider brutality a standard procedure, especially, but not exclusively, in the handling of Negroes.

"Customary forms of brutality practiced by many members of the New Onleans police department allegedly included the use of fists on traffic violators who argue with them; forcing Negroes to put wads of paper in the toilet and then in their mouths; threatening to munder prisoners in an effort to florce confessions; the raping of women prisoners." One of the excerpts printed by the New Orleans papers was that a white woman prisoner had been raped by 15 police officers.

The Negro press is interested in getting hold of the full report because at present several young Negro men, are in the New Orleans death house.

Possible further light on New Orleans police methods was furnished by the dramatic case of 26-year old Alton Poret who awaits death on a rape conviction. This young Negro's case was totally unknown until Dec. 2 when the following advertisement appeared in the want ad section of the Los Angeles News: "DEATH SENTENCE. Young colored boy, ex-L. A. resident. I am sentenced to die in the electric chair for a crime I did not commit. My time to go to the electric chair is near. I have no funds to fight for my life. Without funds I am doomed. I swear I am not guilty. Won't someone please help me? Any help you may give to save my life will always be remembered. Alton Clifton Poret, Panrish Prison, New Orleans, La."

A businessman was moved by the ad and wired Poret that he could help with legal aid if a true detailed account of the case warranted it. Before he received an answer from New Orleans, however, he received a warning from the Los Angeles Ku Kluxers in the form of a fiery cross on his front lawn.

Poret wrote that he had been in prison in Tennessee on a gambling charge and that upon his release was turned over to the New Orleans police and charged with having raped a white woman two years previously. He said the first time he saw the woman involved was when she took the witness stand at his trial: "No one ever picked me out of any kind of a line-up or identified me in any way." The woman testified that she had identified him by the "light of the moon," but Poret adds the weather reports show that the night of the crime was one of the foggiest on record in New Orleans.

Poret added that this woman had apparently relented recently. She had called the police and district attorney about her identification of Poret but had been told the case was out of their and her hands now. Thereupon she called Poret's mother and revealed that she had made the identification from photographs shown her by the police but had been "coached" in doing

Nonetheless Poret is in the shadow of the electric chair. Several other young Negro men in the same prison who claim confessions were tortured out of them by the New Orleans police also are awaiting execution.

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Democrats Cook Up Plans



Paul M. Butler (right), new chairman of the Democratic national committee, is shown with New York Gov.-elect Averell Harriman (left) and former Pres. Truman after a conference in Kansas City. The participants announced that they discussed chances for capturing the White House in 1956. They did not say what campaign promises they intend to make to keep the labor vote corralled with the Democratic donkey.

Detainees Still Kept in Prison

Despite phoney statements by Department of Justice officials that its policy has been reversed, detainees are still treated as criminals and held in prisons. The im-

out trial began after the closing had been ordered "under no cirof Ellis Island. A protest move- cumstances" to keep detainees in ment started by Pearl Buck was prisons but rather to lodge them taken up by such conservative in hotels. In New York it was announced with great fanfare that detainees had been moved to an inexpensive hotel. Then it

Now the New York District Director of Immigration reveals that he has not yet received those publicized instructions from Washington and that the policy remains the same as before. Attorney General Brownell, who

N.Y. State CIO Insists Harriman Keep Pledges

By Carl Goodman NEW YORK .- Louis Holland-

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er, president of the state CIO, which numbers 700,000 members demanded on Dec. 15 that Governor-elect Averell Harriman act swiftly to implement his campaign promises.

Party. Hollander demanded that Harriman push for more liberal unemployment and workmen's compensation programs, and also demanded that he enact a statewide minimum wage law of \$1.25 per hour. The CIO hopes that such a state law would, if passed, become a yardstick for a new national minimum wage law. The demand was delivered in "tart tone," according to the Dec. 16 N. Y. Times. "We intend to give our full support to Mr. Harriman as long as he is true to the promises on which he was elected." Hollander told a meeting of 800 shop chairmen of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

"We are not bound to any po litical party. We are not interested in patronage. Our sole con-Governor if we find him sidetracking things the people of this state need."

Hollander's tough speech was n line with Mike Quill's remarks at the recently held CIO Convention. Quill urged that the CIO follow a more independent policy toward the Democratic Party He advocated that labor should build its own party in a number

of states, not in order to run candidates of its own, but to place greater pressure upon the Democrats.

ANGRY AT DEMO BOSSES

ulty. In N. Y., the CIO is still sore According to reports, the meetat the Democratic Party bosse came out that only a small group for having turned down Franklin ng was called because of conhad been taken out of prison. D. Roosevelt Jr. as candidate for troversy over the activities of the Socialist Workers Party in governor in last November's electhis area. Throughout the distion campaign and having made cussion, students expressed their Harriman the standard bearer resentment against the many instead. Of course, the labor pressures imposed upon them by bureaucrats swallowed Harriman the school administration, as well and campaigned for him, but A N.Y. Times editorial of Dec. they are still smarting over the as reactionary newspaper propa-16 concludes: ". . . things have fact that they have no voice in ganda, to refrain from examinnow come to such a pass that the Democratic Party councils. ing open-mindedly the ideas of socialism At the same time they refuse has final responsibility for the to launch a Labor Party running One young woman said, "If as

Immigration Service, should him- its own candidates in opposition self issue an order prohibiting to the Republicans and Democrats

"masses" have on a number of obstreporous with the Democrats occasions shown readiness to so as to win that greater rebreak with the Democrats in cognition. favor of independent labor po-At the same time Hollander is litical action. But each time, the mindful of the reason the work-

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labor leaders "isolated" them- ers voted for the Democratic selves from this sentiment and Party. He knows that they folprevented the building of a Labor lowed the lead of the union leaders because they want action in

The labor bureaucrats never the field of unemployment legisonce during those years cam- lation and social reforms. The paigned for the principle that labor officials therefore hope that working people must wage a class by talking tough they can keep struggle on the political arena. the support of the ranks and And they do not advance that involve them in their pressure principle now. moves.

But even if by these tough Conservative to the marrow of their bones, the labor bureaupressure tactics the labor officrats fend only for a more fa- cials should win a greater voice vored position inside the Labor- for themselves in the Democratic Democratic Party coalition. When Party - even if next time they Hollander protests that the CIO succeed in getting a Roosevelt leaders want no patronage, he instead of Harriman as candiwas not telling the exact truth. date - this will not solve any What the labor leaders want is real problems for the majority more influence — that is, more of the working people. It will control and more posts. Quill and not obviate the need of the work-Hollander recommend that the ers to enter politics as an indelabor leaders should be more pendent class force.

ed in patronage. Our sole con-cern is with program, and we shall not hesitate to attack the Converne if we find him eide Weigh 'Leftism'

By A. Ritchie

BUFFALO, Dec. 15 — A meeting at the State Teachers College here last week, called by the Student Congress to discuss "Leftist attitudes as they affect our campus," marked a break in the long pol-

itical silence among students buted on the campus, attending locally and indicated growth of "leftist" meetings, and accepting resistance to the witch hunt. The advertisements from radical meeting was attended by 70 stu- groups in the school paper. Some students feel that these pracdents and members of the factices should be avoided since the

ideas of radical groups might influence students who "may not be aware that these groups are listed as subversive.

This view was not based on acceptance of the thought-control precept that ideas can be outawed, but rather on considera. tions of a practical nature. Perhaps the most interesting 'comment in the discussion was made on this point by a student: "We'll have to sign loyalty oaths when we become teachers," she

One young woman said, "If as teachers, we're expected to mold the minds of our future citizens, and are ourschied in the said. "I'd like to attend a radical meeting, but I'd be afraid that if someone were to see me there and are ourselves restricted in it might jeopardize my chance

In the Sunday, Dec. 19, N. Y. Times, the tiny republic of El Salvador was described by Paul P. Kennedy as the only Central American Country "without any immediate

problems." A Central American Country without any problems would be very unique. As a seaman I visited Central America many times and could never find any country there without any serious problems, at least as far as the workers were concerned. I would be willing to be that the workers in El Salvador would give Kennedy an argument about their problems. When workers go around in rags, live in houses with dirt floors and don't have enough to eat they have problems.

The grinding poverty and the ruling-class fear of revolt is manifested by the system of internal passports needed by anyone traveling inside the country. One week end, when our ship was loading coffee at La Union, one of the principal ports, four of my shipmates and I decided to visit the capital city, San Salvador. We found that we would have to get permission from the police to make the trip. At first we thought this was because we were foreigners, but in conversations with the driver who took us to the capital, we found that these passes were required from everyone who wished to travel from one section to another. Questions about the barbed wire fences around La Union were also answered by the driver: the authorities use this method to keep. the workers separated and stymie any move toward organization for better working conditions.

high prices. I can testify to his accuracy on this point. When I was ashore there I found that fruit cost about the same as in the U.S. Beer, that staple commodity of all seamen in foreign ports, cost us 40 cents American for a small bottle. When Kennedy states that high prices are a common complaint of labor there I can well believe it. Wages are equivalent to \$1.50 to \$2.00 per day in the coffee-picking season and 40 to 60 cents a day in the off season.

El Salvador's economy is so closely tied to coffee that any fluctuations in the world market price are quickly registered in prosperity or depression. The 1954 crop is expected to bring about \$100,000,000 as against the \$80,-000,000 last year. This is called "prosperity" and has strengthened the administration of President Oscar Osorio, who governs for the planters. "The one serious shadow," says Kennedy, "is in relation to labor, which feels that its income is not keeping up with the pace of "Buy Studebaker" further imprisonment of de-tainees. He should also make fically rejected the notion. "When

prisoning of alien detainees withvoices as that of the New York Times and Republican Attorney General-elect of New York, J. K. Javits. Embarrassed by the attacks on

its policy of imprisoning people who have not been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor as well as by continuing revelations of inhumane treatment of the detainees in the jails, the Department of Justice tried to fake its way out of the situation. Immigration Service headquarters in Washington on Dec. 9 announced that district directors

Kennedy, in his dispatch to the N. Y. Times, describes El Salvador as a country of relatively

profits."

Class relations are sharply drawn with the workers and peasants making up the majority of the population. The coffee, cocoa, and cotton planters, although in a tiny minority, exert tyrannical power. Every administration must bow to their will.

The nearly forty labor unions in the country are stymied by restrictive anti-labor legislation. The "prosperity" that Kennedy talks about is confined to the planters and foreign investment capital. The workers and peasants, whose sweat, blood and tears, make possible any "prosperity" still live in degrading poverty. And let me tell you, Mr. Kennedy, poverty

may not make newspaper headlines, but it's a big "immediate problem" for those who suffer from it.

Or Else! NLRB Ruling Indicates In a Dec. 14 ruling, the National Labor Relations Board dismissed a case brought by 19 workers against Studebaker corporation and the CIO United Auto Workers. These workers said they were laid off for buying

new cars other than Studebakers.

They charged that the company policy, supported by the union, demands that workers purchase the company product or else lose has not been kept. their jobs for "disloyalty."

The case started in 1953 when Elmer E. Kovach bought a new car that wasn't a Studebaker. He and 18 others, who had also purchased "off brand" cars, were laid off at the South Bend, Ind., plant.

Notes from the News The company claimed that "dis-

THE EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COM-MITTEE at a meeting of its National Council in New York, Dec. 16, adopted a policy of "offering free legal service to selected cases which might check the most flagrant violations of the Bill of Rights." The National Council elected Harvey O'Connor, chairman; Corliss Lamont, vice-chairman; Edgar Stillman, Jr., secretarytreasurer; and Leonard B. Boudin, general counsel. * * *

TAXES AND STRIKE BREAKING. Walter Reuther, CIO president, recently called for a revision of present corporation tax laws. Companies can now deduct a loss suffered in any one year due to strikes from the taxes they paid in the last two years. Or they can carry the strike loss forward for five years. Reuther's plan would deny this kind of tax relief to companies that refuse to arbitrate union demands. He cites the Kohler Co. in Wisconsin, where the UAW-CIO has been on strike for eight months, as a typical example of a company which refuses to arbitrate because of the huge tax savings possible under the present law. "What it amounts to is that the taxpayer is financing strike breaking," Reuther said. * * *

USE OF OPEN SHOP SOUTH failed to break the strike of Kraft Foods Co. workers, AFL Dairy Employees' Union, Local 754, in Chicago. After a four-week strike the union won a substantial victory. During the strike management switched production to non-union plants at Decatur, Ga., and Garland, Texas, moving equipment from Chicago to those plants. Under the contract just negotiated the employers agreed to return to full production at the Chicago plant and return all equipment. Thus the 1,300 workers will return to work having won a 17 cents an hour wage increase, health, welfare and pension benefits, the right to refuse to load or unload "unfair" vehicles, and relief from speedup. Speed-up was one of the issues that triggered they said, refused to work alongthe strike on Nov. 11.

"A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF EMPLOYES" don't believe in the objectives of management, complained Clifford F. Hood, president of the U. S. Steel Corp. He blamed "an incessant, often dishonest barrage of propaganda" on behalf of socialism, reported the Wall Street Journal.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST, Rev. Jerome A. Drolet, pastor of the St. Charles Catholic Church in Thibodaux, Louisiana, received the crimination of any kind from the David L. Clendenin Award for Distinguished company and the UAW-CIO. It Service to Labor's Rights for 1954, an annual dismissed the workers' charges award given by the Workers Defense League. Father Drolet was honored for "his militant company nor the union had any support of 3,000 sugar cane field workers, members of the National Agricultural Workers ers to (AFL), in their hard-fought strike for union product.

recognition, a living wage, and decent working conditions."

"FULL-TIME EATING" was upheld in a decision handed down by Charles Rubinoff, referee making mandatory the purchase for the Michigan Employment Security Com- of company products. However plicitly provides for freedom of sire to do my patriotic duty, mission. The Great Lakes Bowling Centre had the NLRB trial examiner, Arthur speech and secrecy of the ballot. However, duty to the Constitucontested pin-setter Norman O. Rhodes' claim Leff, noted in his report, "for for unemployment benefits on the grounds that many years ... there has been Army to conform to a political country stands, and to the indihe had failed to accept "less than full time a feeling among Studebaker em- test, and inquisitorial device, op- vidual's conscience must take prework" during the summer months at the end ployees that one working at position to which is axiomatic in cedence in the belief of any Amerof the bowling season. "Those who in their Studebaker should drive a Stude- the history of this country from ican over transient hysteria. Thus, chaste aloofness argue that part-time work, which must be performed without the prospect pressed by some as a tradition, Independence. The arbitrary list- the continuing freedom of this of a minimum wage, forget the arbitrary fact by others as an unwritten law." that man must have visible means of support to go on with the business of living," Rubinoff "unofficial decision" supporting better suited to our enemies in be proud to choose the freedom said. He added that a man will be better off Studebaker's loyalty to-the-com- Korea than to the interests of a of my country. pany-product "unwritten law." with full-time eating than part-time eating.

loyalty" had nothing to do with the lay offs. Other employees, side of buyers of "off-brand" autos. Thus "production was hurt," and the 19 workers were

suspended to permit full production to resume. "UNWRITTEN LAW"

The NLRB, accommodating itself to this company dodge,

maintained in its ruling that the 19 workers did not suffer dis-Washington on the grounds that neither the "stated" policy requiring workbuy the Studebaker

The NLRB refused to take an open stand on the issue of

baker. That feeling has been ex- the time of the Declaration of if I am forced to choose between

sure that his district directors labor is ripe for independent polthese 'left-wing' movements, how receive the order and that they itical action," he said. "It will can we answer any questions not be a third party. It will be from our pupils concerning these act on it forthwith." movements?" U. S. treatment of detainees the first party."

"The reason third parties have has received attention in the European press. In its issue of Dec. failed is that they were the 16 the famous Manchester Guar- brainchildren of a few selfdian carries an account of N.Y. anointed leaders and not a legit-Possibly, groups like the Socialist Workers Party have some Governor-elect Harriman's attack imate expression of the desires

on the McCarran Immigration of the people. I refuse to isolate good which we can incorporate dents should not be exposed to in our philosophy. But, if we Act and the imprisonment of de- myself from the masses and join tainees. It speculates that the in a political ghetto by moving just look at one side of the story, in regard to radical political Eisenhower administration got toward a third party now." advance knowledge of Harri-Hollander thus excused his own man's speech and hastily an- failure to advocate a Labor Par- an /authoritarian system which nounced the end of this policy ty by pointing to the lack of permits only one set of ideas." a few hours before Harriman readiness for such a move among spoke. In any case the promise the "masses." He conceals the the "advisability" of allowing is only one conclusion - the

fact that since the thirties the radical literature to be distri-'SWP may have something."

of getting a teacher's job later." The school paper's editorial staff divided recently in a 4-to-3 vote against publishing an ad for a Socialist Workers Party Another teacher-to-be, said, election rally. The close division "We're all aware that democracy indicates how strong the tendenhas a number of shortcomings. cy to resist accomodation to the

witch hunt has become. In reply to the view that sturadical ideas one student said: "If democracy is so weak that the Socialist Workers Party can groupings, we may end up with convince us with a little propaganda, when we are subjected to the propaganda of democratic Part of the discussion was on capitalism every day, then there



Lieutenant Defies Army's Witch Hunt

(The following letter was sent o Army authorities on Nov. 18, sociation with, or sympathy to-Barrett, sent a copy to the Militant.-Ed.)

Certificate

FROM: Thomas J. Barrett, 2nd Lt. Infantry USAR

days, executed, Department of to . . ." etc. Defense Form 98 Loyalty Cer- Paragraph 4 of your letter in-

tificate for personnel of the Arm- forms me that I am subject to ed Forces. I am herewith returning this form to you unsigned. I had understood that my ser- complete this form. I volunteered vice in Korea was in defense of for the Army, for Officers' Canwhether a company may demand the Constitution and the tradi- didate School, for the Airborne

"loyalty" from its employees by tional American freedoms. The Infantry and for the Reserve, Constitution of this country ex- and have thus evidenced my de-

democracy.

Particularly obnoxious to free-| could with clear conscience answer | On the question of a Labor dom-loving individuals are the in the negative all of the ques- Party, only a few believed in a sections in DD Form 98 which tions put to me by this loyalty Labor Party as such. Nearly prescribe "Standards of Conduct" oath, if I were so inclined. The everybody believes that the Demand prohibit "membership in, as- interests of loyalty, however, ocratic Party is a labor party. seemed to be better served I asked a few who really showed 1954. The writer, Mr. Thomas J. wards" a vast number of organ- through its defense than through some interest in discussing just izations which have been pro- abject obedience to a few dema- what they thought of the Soscribed without benefit of due gogues who would destroy not cialist Workers Party, and, be-SUBJECT: DD Form 98, Loyalty process of law. Furthermore, the only loyalty to America, but free- lieve me, they seemed to think the Loyalty Certificate form leaves dom in America. time would come when it would

This loyalty oath obligates one be worth a try but at the present any American citizen subject to prosecution for a number of un- to reveal political affiliation, time the country was not ready TO: Headquarters Washington defined "offenses" when it states prescribes what may or may not for such a party.

Military District, Fort Lawton, that "conduct . . . (and) associa- be said, and dictates what organtions which may be considered as izations, may or may not be be-Reference is made to your let- establishing reasonable grounds longed to, associated with or symter of 29 October 1954 requesting for imposing appropriate penal- pathized in. I shall never lend that I return to you within ten ties include but are not limited my support to any scheme which

attempts to enforce these things on me or any other American. Very Truly Yours, Thomas J. Barrett, 01934994 "involuntary separation" from the

2nd Lt. Infantry USAR Army if I "decline or refuse" to Seattle, Washington Workers' Views on

Election Results Editor:

After talking to about 60 per-Yet now I am asked by the U.S. tion, the principles for which this sons throughout the plant I work in about what they thought of the elections, I found it was the consensus of opinion that the Democratic victory was the best that could have happened for the general good of labor. As for ing of organizations as "subver- nation and conformity to unconpreventing war, nobody thought In this way the NLRB made an sive" is a totalitarian practice stitutional "loyalty oaths," I shall that the Democratic Party could prevent war since war was inevi-In closing, may I say that I was in control.

K. R. Scranton, Penna,

10-Year Old English **Girl Wants Pen Pal** Editor:

My Mummy and Daddy both read the Militant. I also read the bits about the school color bar, because Mummy and Daddy are fighting against the color bar in Nottingham. I would like an American Negro pen pal. If you could help me to find one I would be very pleased. I would like a

> ten. I hope you will be able to help me find such a friend. Could you please send her name and address if you are able to find someone?

girl about my own age which is

Aileen Shaw

Nottingham, England (Anyone wishing to become pen pal should write us and we will furnish her address, which is table regardless of which party right in the heart of Robin Hood's

