Huge 1-Day Ruhr Strike Protests **Rearming Pact**

By Myra Tanner

The militant fighting power of the German workers was seen once again in the 24-hour protest strike of close to a million industrial Ruhr workers on Jan. 22. Despite government efforts to forestall the strike demonstration, the Pre-Dated' Waar Declaration

coal miners and steel workers of the Ruhr kept solid ranks and received pledges of support from the Railroad Workers Union and from hundreds of thousands of workers throughout West Germany.

Officially the strike demonstration was a protest against attempts to deny union representatives voting rights in the co-management holding companies set up in the coal and steel industries after World War II. The unions also protested the arrogant statement of the Ruhr industrialist, Herman Reusch, that the co-management concession won by the workers was obtained by "blackmail" when the government was too weak to

REARMAMENT FIGHT

While this protest was the imrecognized that the strike was a part of the growing opposition man rearmament that are now before the Bonn government for ratification.

The struggle against the respurn the dramatic Soviet offer armament program has been con- to reunify Germany on the basis ducted under the leadership of of elections to be held under inthe Social Democrats, the second ternational supervision.

largest political party in West West Germany figures prom-Germany. The Social Democrats inently in the World War III and the trade union leaders have plans of the U.S. State Departfundamentally accepted the line ment. Obviously they forgot to of Adenauer who in turn is firm- consult the real power in Gerly allied to the U.S. State Demany — the industrial workers partment. Popular indignation at _____ when they drew up their plans. the preparations for a new war That oversight was brought has forced the Social Democrats sharply to their attention by the to stand at the head of the move- Rhur, strike and the support it received throughout West Ger-

ment of Mendes-France has urged the French working class is war."

launched a full - fledged witch to solidarize itself with the strug-

hunt against all French workers gle of the Moslem masses in Al-

who support the Algerian strug- geria. It called on the working

Adenauer, in a special national many.



ADENAUER

broadcast, tried to reassure the Ruhr workers that their right to co-management of industry would mediate issue it was generally not be infringed upon and disassociated the government from the statement of the industrialist, to the Paris agreements for Ger- Reusch. However the bulk of his talk consisted of an appeal for support to the Paris agreements.

Scottsboro" case is one of the worst mockeries of justice in the long history of Jim Crow frame-ups. Two of Irvin's He urged that West Germany fellow defendants are dead. One was killed by a deputized

mob. The other, handcuffed at the time, was shot down in cold blood by racist Sheriff Willis McCall. He thought he had killed Irvin, too, at that time but somehow Irvin survived his wounds.

No execution date has yet been set. To save Irvin's life send telegrams, and have your unions and other organizations do likewise, to Governor Leroy Collins, Tallahasee, Florida.

45,000 VICTIMS

In Algeria, the French imper-

Send Telegrams Otis Elevator Terms Aim to To Save Irvin!

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Take a big slice in wages and give up your seniority rights or the plant moves! This is the trial means that his execution labor-robbing, union-busting ultican be ordered any day now. matum issued on Jan. 21 by the Irvin's conviction in the in-Otis Elevator Co. in Yonkers, famous Groveland or "Little N. Y., to 2.100 employes, members of Local 453, CIO International Union of Electrical Workers.

> These 2,100 union workers and 1,700 others at a non-union plant in Harrison, N.J., had previously been called to mass meetings addressed by Otis' president Le Roy A. Peterson. The meetings had questions.

> > He had arrogantly told the workers that if they did not "cooperate" in cutting costs in line with company demands, the plants would be moved to one single plant in some unspecified town in the "midwest."

Is the company losing money? Not on your life. Peterson boasted that the company is in a highly favorable economic position. "These statements," he said, "should not be interpreted as indicating that the Otis Elevator Company has ceased to be a profitable company or is on the verge of becoming an unprofitable one. On the contrary, it is anticipated that . . . the annual by the January issues of La ures against the Algerians and ment for the Triumph of Dem- report for 1954 will show an in-



Is Demanded by Eisenhower

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That huge volume being held up by U.S. Budget Director Rowland Hughes is Eisenhowers proposed 1956 federal budget. The chart below shows how each budget dollar will be spent. Direct war costs will take 65 cents; interest on war debts, veterans, etc., take 24 cents; all the rest, including government operations, will receive only 11 cents.

crease over the previous year in sales and earnings. In addition, PIE-IN-THE-SKY IN '65,

Risks Another Korea To Gain Formosa as **U.S.** Military Base

PRICE: 10 Cents

By Joseph Hansen

JAN. 26 — When the House voted yesterday 409 to 3 to back Eisenhower in using U.S. armed forces, if necessary, to protect dictator Chiang Ka-shek from being flushed out of his island rat hole by the Chinese people, it voted to take the risk of plunging America into another Korea, possibly into World War III.

For the truth — openly conceded by the most authoritative capitalist voices — is that the proposed joint resolution of Congress approving 9-Eisenhower's use of military (2) Formosa and all the is-

force in "whatever measures as lands occupied by the remnants he judges to be required or ap- of Chiang's armies belong to propriate for the defense of For- China. This was recognized by mosa and the Pescadores" could the U.S. government itself in mean war with China. an official statement of aims of

Dulles himself admitted it Jan. the Allies in World War II: "It 24 when Sen. Barkley (D-Ky.) is their purpose that Japan shall specifically demanded of the head be stripped of all the islands in of the State Department, "I ask the Pacific which she has seized you again if this resolution is or occupied since the beginning not, in effect, a predated declar- of the first World War in 1914, ation of war." and that all the territories Japan

"Yes, it would be construed in has stolen from the Chinese, such that way," Dulles confessed. (Re- as Manchuria, Formosa and the ported by columnist Robert S. Pescadores, shall' be restored to the Republic of China." (Cairo Allen.)

Today's Wall Street Journal Conference, 1943.) grants editorially that the resol-In 1950, after Chiang had been ution is "in effect, a prior 'depushed off the mainland. Truman claration of war," and then as President of the United States brazenly asks, "... is it a bad declared: "The United States thing to say that if other nations Government will not pursue a to certain things the United course which will lead to invol-States will immediately respond?" vement in the civil conflict in Is it a bad thing to risk a war China. Similarly the United States of atomic annihilation, the des- Government will not provide miltruction of civilization, for the itary aid or advice to Chinese sake of Chiang Kai-shek's neck? forces on Formosa."

Truman, of course, had already involved the United States in Before the bar of world opinion, China's internal affairs, and at

been closed — by invitation only. Peterson had refused to answer BOASTS BIG PROFITS French Trotskyists Persecuted For Defending Colonial People

Break Union Walter Lee Irvin, framedup Negro youth, still waits in the Florida death house. The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal in Jan. to grant him a new

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Verite, French Trotskyist paper: for removal of all French troops. ocratic Liberties, Algerian nation The French police have also alist organization. La Verite re-Verite were suppressed in Alge-launched an investigation of ports that Moulay-Merbah, a it is believed that our backlog ria. Also Libertaire, anarchist Daniel Renard, prominent Trots- prominent leader, and thousands paper. The French Trotskyists, kyist militant, because of two of others have been arrested and operations in 1955." the anarchist Libertarian Com- articles he wrote in La Verite tortured with the aim of extract- COMPANY'S TERMS munist Federations and several giving the facts on the brutal ing "confessions." The right of other organizations collaborate in French policy in Algeria, Tunis habeas corpus and all other demthe Committee of Struggle and Morocco. The articles charged ocratic safeguards of justice Against Colonial Repression. the Mendes-France government

The French imperialist govern-|No dirty war in Algeria!" It | negotiation (with the Algerians)

gle for national independence. class organizations to struggle ialists are visiting savage perse-

Here are the facts as reported for an end to repressive meas- cutions on militants of the Move-

2. A meeting called by this with wanting to launch a Korea- have been brazenly flouted by committee for December 9 in Pa- like police action in the moun- the police. ris, with the noted writer Daniel tains of Aures, where Fellagha Guerin as chairman, was banned. troops are operating against the The meeting was to hear a writ- French repressive forces. ten message from Messali Hadj, The government has taken all these witch-hunt measures under perialists massacred 45,000 Al-Algerian nationalist leader held incommunicado in France.

Article 80 of the 1947 Algerian gerians. 3. French Minister of Interior statute which permits the im-Mitterand has launched a police prisonment of thousands of Al-"investigation" of the Internagerian patriots. tionalist Communist Party,

ian nationalists and their French in the contract with Local 453. of the Korean War has been defenders, Mitterand states that

La Verite recalls in this con-

May 1945 when the French im-

4. Mitterand has taken action he wants to bring "reforms" to French section of the Fourth Inagainst Gilles Martinet, editor of ternational (Trotskyists) because the African colonies. The French the left-wing publication, France-Observateur, "guilty" of having Trotskyists reply: the only gen- threat to move to a low-wage, murky. He skipped the preview. years ago. of its Political Bureau's declaration on Algeria, published in isinformed his readers of the true uine reform is independence for sue No. 343 of La Verite. This military situation in Indo-China Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco. issue also contained a statement last summer. Recently, France-

by Messali Hadj smuggled past Observateur published articles exment was reprinted from La Ve- posing French rule in Algeria. his French guards. (The state-The French Trotskyists link rite in The Militant, Nov. 22.)

DURAS, the small Central Amerthese violations of freedom of ican country, have just won the "NO MORE DIRTY WARS" speech and press to French im-The Trotskyist statement de- perialist policy, summed up by right to vote and hold office on clared "Remember Indo-China! Mitterand as follows: "The only an equal basis with men.

The conditions for remaining in Yonkers, which company presunion several days later, include:

(1) drastic revision of piecework incentive standards; (2) elimination of the day-work the White House. nection the bloody repressions of bonus for production above the normal schedule; (3) the right

Yonkers plant without regard for fact that he admits the produc-Although he persecutes Alger- the seniority system as embodied tion decline that followed the end

Otis Elevator has been living made up only 50% so far. off the labor of Yonkers workers for more than a hundred years. nomic factor, unemployment,

unionization efforts at Harrison.

THE WOMEN OF HON-

American Safety Razor plant in in such major industrial areas as chine remains the one solid prop

BUT JOBLESS RISE NOW

with the usual rosy-colored optimism, if it was vague about resisted their will and backed by should follow even while in pracident Peterson disclosed to the the next two years, it made up for this by a precise long- American guns and dollars, tice he was doing the contrary.

term forecast for "a glorious eco- nomic future" in 1965, when and York, Pa.; Youngstown, Cin- war. He lost in this war and fled CHOU'S POSITION Eisenhower is not likely to be in cinnati, Canton and Columbus, to Formosa. But he could not last Ohio; Detroit and Grand Rapids, there two weeks without the sup- | ier of China, broadcast a state-In case you can't wait for his Mich.; Los Angeles; Baltimore; port of U.S. military power. This ment Jan. 24, stating the posipromise of a \$500 billion "gross Seattle, Wash.; and Tulsa, Okla. support clearly constitutes inter- tion of his government, he stood to transfer non-union workers national product" ten years from The report further says that un- ference in the internal affairs of on grounds acknowledged by the from the Harrison plant to the now, you might take note of the employment will rise as much as the Chinese people.

a million in two months. New housing starts will not On the most important eco-Auto production is also expected It is bitterly anti-union. The Eisenhower's crystal ball became to fall below the figure of five

non-union area follows growing This was strange because his Why is Eisenhower "optimistc" own Labor Department had in about the economy? It was in-

Ironically, the IUE-CIO, now hand a report that 44 major areas dicated in his real economic threatened with plant runaway, of the country are now on the report - his budget message. had short-sightedly refused to "substantial" unemployment list, Government war spending, conaid the recent battle of the inde- compared to 20 a year ago and tinued at a virtual Korean war pendent United Electrical Work- that increased unemployment is level, will rise this year to more ers to stop the runaway of the expected in the next three months than \$40.5 billion. The war ma-

Chicago, Ill.; Pittsburg, Johnstown of U.S. capitalism.

the Eisenhower administration is the time of his statement U.S. in an untenable position. (1) The Chinese people, some and aiding Chiang on Formosa. 600,000,000 of them, exercised But that makes Truman's statetheir right to put a government ment all the more significant. of their own choice in office. The He felt forced to recognize the Eisenhower's Economic Report of Jan. 20 was tinted bloody dictator Chiang Kai-shek principle the U.S. Government

THE FACTS

military figures were advising

Thus when Chou En-lai, Prem-(Continued on page 2)

reach the previous peak figure set in 1950, according to the National 2 Cops in Phony Rape **Case Given Citations**

By Tom Denver

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 — Last weekend a citation for "meritorious police duty" was awarded to two city cops, Sergeant William P. Carboy and Patrolman Edward M. Caffrey. It reads as follows:

"At about 2:10 A.M., June 25, give his story the case against 1954, while on radio patrol, heard Santa and Caban blew up comcries of 'help' coming from the pletely. The witness confronted vicinity of a wooded area at 88th the "victim" and she was forced Street, west of West Drive, Man- to admit that she had falsely achattan. Upon arriving at the lo- cused the two youths and that cation, they observed two men the charge of rape was only who had assaulted and were in "what she imagined had happenthe act of raping a woman at ed."

The citation would have us be-

the point of a knife. They pur-The truth was that the woman cause it would alienate the South. and ward-heelers of the city and the Democratic Party, while la- chines and the electoral votes of prisoners were under the in- advances were rejected the wit-

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FBI Funds Hiked In '56 Budget

Eighty-eight million dollars is earmarked for the FBI in Eisenhower's budget for the 1956 fiscal year. This represents a 12% increase over last year in the costs of the "Secret Political Police," as Emil Rieve of the CIO correctly termed them.

Part of the increased cost is due to the fact that the FBI agents will now be paid for overtime and holiday spying on the American people in the search for political dissenters.

The Secret Weapon of the Southern Democrats

Brooklyn.

By George Lavan Early in this century John Hay, which was opposed to the Re-two of Big Business. ary background gave a definition still remains "a fortuitous con- can't be given much, if anything, ting city, state and Congressional groes none at all? Why do the and South Carolina out of the of the Democratic Party which course of unrelated" elements, because that too would alienate patronage and their hopes and Northern liberal Democratic column on election HEROES? became celebrated because of all though the roster has changed the "right-to-scab" Southern bloc appetites are being whetted by along with this? Why do they day. the \$2, words in it. He said: "The behavior beta and the Big Business interests thoughts of federal loot if they fall all over themselves appears- In 1952 Southern Democratic Party and the two cops performtoday still has the Southern Dem- who dominate the city and state take over the presidency in 1956. ing the Dixiecrats? Aren't they again split the party, delivering ed an act of heroism. However, Democratic Party is a fortuitous ocrats, stronger than ever; the machines. concourse of unrelated pre- big city machines, somewhat The most easily paid off ele-

judices.' ty had no unifying principle but voted solidly Republican but who son - money - in the form of was a hodgepodge coalition of since the thirties vote overwhelmgroups opposed to the Republi- ingly Democratic.

jobs, "honest" graft and (shhh!) good old - fashioned dishonest cans. There were the Southern Democrats who opposed the Re-ic Party consists in winning elec-

publican Party because it had led tions by not losing any of the SOUTH RIDES HIGH the North during the Civil War; disparate elements in the coali- Today no political observer has then came the big city machines tion. This is no easy task today. any doubt about who is getting words and promises, although it claghorns independent and stub-

people; next came the labor vote rights. But the Democratic chiefs it demands as was shown in the to the labor vote.

cause they wanted — by graft each group something, the task The South is riding high. It con- of the Democratic Party is even

On the other hand the Negro afraid of losing the labor and the electoral votes of Florida, closer examination will show that people - who voted about 80% Negro vote? The answer is no, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia to the exact opposite was true. weaker; the labor movement, im- ment in the Party are the big Democratic in the last two elec- they aren't. Bringing this down to earth it mensely stronger; and the Negro city machines - which after all tions - are getting absolutely They feel that these votes are note that J. Strom Thurmond, citation are two Puerto Rican meant that the Democratic Par- people, who in John Hay's day are in politics for only one rea- nothing. The opening day of the in the bag no matter what they leader of the 1948 Dixiecrat youths, Eneris Santa, and Victor 84th Congress made that clear. do. They figure that labor and movement (now Democratic Sen- Caban, both only 17 years old.

What about labor? It is still the Negro people have no other ator from South Carolina) and Last Dec. 10, after sitting in jail doubtful whether the Democratic place to go. Vote Republican? the pro-Eisenhower Democrats of for five months awaiting trial, congress will give it anything Not a chance, they tell them- the 1952 campaign are being as- their innocence was clearly estabmore than Eisenhower has offer- selves. On the other hand they siduously wooed by Stevenson lished and they were set free.

ed. That is in deeds. It may get have fears about the Southern and the other northern liberal Luckily, there was a witness to more in the way of Democratic Democrats. Not only are these Democrats. the "crime." Its true that this

witness was not questioned by who opposed the Republicans be- If it could be done by giving what in the Democratic Party. appears that the Southern wing born, but they have a place to go. CAGEY ON EISENHOWER the District Attorney's office un-The Southern Democrats show- It is not only this past record til five months after the arrests. and patronage - to cut them- would be easy. But this can't be trols Congress lock, stock and rationing the amount of sweet ed this in the last two presiden- of the Southern Democrats that After all who is going to bother selves into the wealth Big Busi- done. For example, the Negro barrel. Inside the Democratic na- talk that Northern liberal Dem- tial elections. In 1948 the Dixie- causes the leaders of the party about two "obviously" guilty ness was squeezing out of the people want legislation for equal tional machine it is getting what ocrats want to make with an eye crats split the ticket. J. Strom nationally to give them every-Thurmond and the anti-labor (Continued on page 2) ness did finally get a chance to

Eisenhower. It is interesting to The "thugs" mentioned in the

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The American Way of Life

They Wanted a Ray of Hope

When I was a kid in Boston we used to drive by the es in the world-shaking revolu-Charlestown prison a lot. You go through Charlestown to tion of November 1917. He pilotgo to the beach and an overpass takes you within a few ed the Soviet Union through its hundred feet of the prison. On the hot summer day you most difficult years. could look right into some of the cage-like cells at the prisoners. The prison was an oppressive looking, ancient in the capitalist press. The bigstructure. I see by the papers that it was built in 1803, gest lie told about him is that condemned as unfit for human habitation in 1885, but he is responsible for the Stalinnevertheless kept in use to this day.

I remember one time when we drove past the prison that Stalin came to power only some grown-up in the car remarked that anyone sent there was not only condemned to serve a sentence but to get Leninist principles and by detuberculosis as well. Another time I recall going past the prison on a hot August night. There was a lot of traffic going through Charlestown to the beaches. Some people ran between the cars crying (and some were literally crying): "They're murdering Sacco and Vanzetti."

I was surprised to see grown men running between the cars with cops chasing them. I had vaguely heard of Sacco and Vanzetti. In later years I learned about the long imprisonment of those great and noble spirits in Charlestown prison and their execution there for the crime of being radicals and foreigners.

Now again Charlestown prison is in the news. Four desperate convicts there forced an indifferent world to er. In the last days of his life take notice of their plight by seizing five guards as he broke off all personal relahostages and holding the police at bay. This was the seventeenth uprising of one kind or another in this prison in the the Stalinist faction which was last few years.

When the four convicts saw they could not escape the party. Only the stroke that they bargained for an improvement in prison conditions and procedure. Their complaints are very illuminating. First under Massachusetts' law prisoners can be given such long terms that they cannot hope by good behaviour or Trotsky, co-leader with Lenin of parole ever to get out.

Another complaint was the confinement of prisoners in solitary confinement for minor infractions of the regulations. Also men awaiting trial, and such trials were usually into harmless icons, canonize how to achieve world peace: "Le- of time is inconceivable. In the land. long delayed, were kept in solitary.

In Charlestown the average cell has no toilet, only a slop bucket. There is no dining hall. The men eat alone in their cells. There are no recreation facilities. The small, dark solitary cells have no beds or blankets and the diet emasculating and vulgarizing the an editorial in the Jan. 1955 is- of war to the arena of peace and diplomatic bargains with the capthere is bread and water.

Warden J. J. O'Brien, who the Boston papers sympathetically report is resting under sedatives after his "harrowing experiences" in putting down the revolt, nin after he died follows exactly cialism in one country." described the convicts as "psychotics." If that is so why aren't they in a mental hospital instead of a medieval prison? In 1803 insane people were kept in prisons. In 1955 apparently the same is being done.

giving the four desperate men "a ray of hope." A day later preparations were underway for a speedy trial which can add 20 years to their sentences.

The True Lenin -- An Answer to the Stalinist Lies

By Carl Goodman Vladimir Lenin died 31 years

ago on Jan. 21, 1924. He stood at the head of the Bolshevik Party that led the Russian workers and the neasants to victory over the landlord and capitalist class-

Lenin's name and memory is constantly slandered and vilified ist dictatorship that now rules the Soviet Union. The truth is by overthrowing the Marxiststroying the workers' democracy of Lenin's time. Lenin, himself, spent the last months of his life waging a struggle against growing domination of the country, he working class movement and the Bolshevik Party by a privilege-seeking bureaucracy.

"HARMLESS ICONS"

Lenin's last testament, written Jan. 4, 1923, called for the removal of Stalin from his post of General Secretary because of his "rude and disloyal" abuse of powtions with Stalin as a demonstration from his death bed against already beginning to strangle

killed him prevented Lenin from leading an open fight against the Stalinist usurpers. The leadership of this historic fight fell to the November revolution.

"attempts are made to turn them ty, falsifies Leninist teaching on imperialist states for any length struggle for socialism in every them. them, and surround their names nin . . . is the originator of the end one or the other with a certain halo for the 'con- idea of the co-existence of cap- triumph." solation' of the oppressed classes italist and socialist states, which and with the object of duping is the basis today for maintainthem, while at the same time ing the peace of the world," says have now passed from the arena real essence of their revolution- sue. "Lenin's projection of the ary theories and blunting their theory of peaceful co-existence is

revolutionary edge." What the Stalinists did to Leof the possibility of building Sothis pattern. He has been turned Stalin, not Lenin, is the author into an icon. His physical body of these ideas. The truth is that has been preserved in a glass Lenin taught the exact opposite case and kept in a shrine. But both on the question of peaceful try, Lenin said: "Having begun the sake of a diplomatic deal. his ideas have been completely co-existence and Socialism in one with brilliant success in one coun-

The committee of prominent citizens who negotiated mangled by the Stalinist over- country. Here is what he really try, (a revolution) may have to changed all that. Concerned sole- foreign policy which is being ployment. There is no unemploythe peaceful surrender attributed their success to their lords of the Soviet Union and said in March 1919 when the So-giving the four desperate men "a ray of hope." A day later their agents in the Communist viet Union was fighting for its final victory is possible only on er as the privileged ruling caste life against intervention from all a world scale, and only as a re- in the Soviet Union, it traded off parties throughout the world. For instance, this is how Polit- major capitalist powers including sult of the joint efforts of the revolutionary developments out during any cotton season. It one already perceived in the



V. I. Lenin, founder and chief leader of the Russian Bolshevik Party, shown addressing open-air crowd of workers and soldiers in the 1917 revolution. Waiting his turn to speak is Leon Trotsky (cross-mark), co-leader of the revolution and organizer of the Red Army.

After the death of great rev-

olutionaries, Lenin once wrote, cation of the U.S. Communist Par-| Soviet Republic side by side with workers and farmers in the must

In November 1920, when these wars had ended, Lenin said: "We we have not forgotten that war will come again. As long as cap- macy never cut across the indebased upon the Leninist teaching italism and socialism remain side pendent struggles of the working

the victor in the end." building Socialism in one coun-

uotations are only a sample deals with capitalist powers de-is desirous of a period in which among a wealth of such declara- signed to maintain the status they will maneuver for a better tions and explanations They rep- quo. The Communist parties, now opening to launch World War III. resent Lenin's authentic teach-dictatorially controlled by the But even such a period is punc-Kremlin became mere instruments tuated by one outbreak of belligngs.

of Stalinist diplomacy. The Sta- erence after another. The aggres-That does not mean that Lenin favored sending Soviet troops linists justified these acts of sive maneuvers for the "defense treachery by preaching "the pos- of Formosa," the drive to prevent cut to revolutionize neighbouring countries or that he organ- sibility of building Socialism in the unification of Korea, Indozed a Moscow-directed "world one country" and the necessity to China and Germany, all point to conspiracy" to overthrow capital- achieve "peaceful co-existence." | the nature of Washington's coism. What Lenin did teach was We have witnessed the recent existence strategy as a technique that we are living in an epoch turn of American capitalism to- for war preparation. The worldof wars, and revolutions. This is ward its own version of co-exis- wide victory of socialism alone tence. With an unfavorable world can end the death agony of capthe period of the death agony of capitalism, he said. relation of forces confronting italism and bring lasting peace It is a period of turmoil when

them, the billionaire ruling clique to the world.



Unique Planter

The only way to put an end to Editor: he death agony of capitalism with its wars, depressions and about the death of Thad Snow, fascist dictatorships is to extend that unique planter who actually the socialist revolution to all ountries. Lenin taught this openy without resort to "conspiracy" demonstration in Southeast Misas a truth he wanted all workers souri in 1939. In From Missouri, the book he

Lenin, Trotsky and other promrecently published, Snow denent revolutionaries of the day scribed the changes in Southeast organized the Third Internation-Missouri beginning in 1924 al. The purpose of the World when, because of the boll weevil, Communist Party was to arm the workers' vanguard in every counthat part of the state and along try with a class struggle prowith it Negro farm labor and gram and tactics around which feudalistic farming methods. He to rally the majority of the work- soon learned that the humble, ing people. The task of the Comreputedly stupid sharecroppers munist parties was to lead the understood their masters better than their masters understood

REVOLUTIONARY DIPLOMACY

He had this to say about the The Soviet regime in Lenin revolutionary leader in his and Trotsky's day did engage in book: italist states, but Soviet diplomurdered at the big flat desk

where we had laughed and realize it. chatted. I was grieved when I by side we cannot live peacefully people of other countries. It was heard what happened. To me he - the one or the other will be always subordinated to the needs was just a friendly and someof world revolution. The Cominwhat appealing human being, Denying the possibility of tern never even advised a CP to who had had a full share of life's

abandon the class struggle for buffetings.' The Stalinist bureaucracy

mighty positive drive, and the more advanced culturally are man's surroundings, the richer I am enclosing a clipping will be his pleasure. Knowledge

is one of the greatest pleasures, the arts and sciences, etc. It was for the sharecoppers when is in this kind of work that man they put on their sit-down should be free to engage. Socialists know that this is possible only when the fundamental needs are taken care of from birth to death.

It is sad to think that most people today have been so psychologized from babyhood that cotton planting was moved into they want security more than positive pleaures. A dull civil service job which is stultifying is preferred to one where the risk of unemployment is greater, for instance. The miserable pensions that come at the end of life condemn the recipients to retirement before they have Snow. after being accused of started to live, and their knowlbeing a Trotskyist, visited Trotedge of how to live has been sky shortly before his murder. stunted. Thus you see in Florida people who are living the dullest possible lives, completely outside the normal life of the coun-

"A year later Trotsky was try. They are part of nothing, and in a despairing way they

However, today it is true, the iggest fear is of unemployment, and corollary to that, of debt opelessly mounting. These two problems absorb much of man's energies. But I don't think it

In his book Snow came out very comforting to say, strongly against the present "You're worried about unemforced on the American people. ment in the Soviet Union," Southeast Missouri is still a cause that just opens up the door spot where trouble may break to an even worse hell than the George Lavan ical Affairs, "theoretical" publi- the U.S.: "The existence of the workers of all countries." These wholesale for the sake of its is not too well organized now, U.S. Socialists have to address but there is much dissatisfac- both the Soviet and the U.S. workers simultaneously, point-

D. C. ing out what you have said so St. Louis, Mo. well in your editorial about the economic conquest that could be

pleasure in this life.

made under socialist production,

and then point out that even

under deformed planned economy (in the Soviet Union) tremen-

dous strides were made, but not

losing sight of the fundamental

striving, which is for man's

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Southern Democrats ... 'Pre-Dated' War Declaration

Democrats. They are wooed by (Continued from page 1) thing they ask for but their the Republicans. They run Con-U.S. Government itself in the attack to beat the war drums, the islands along the coast. The in China. It would also help Eispresent policy as well. The South- gress. They have a one-party sys- past; namely, that the conflict ern Democrats are reactionary. They abhor pro-labor and social ocrats or Republicans win na- of the Chinese people and Forlegislation. Here they see eye-toeye with the Republican Party. The Democratic high command office. When the Democrats win wants to start a barrage against the presidency they get federal States must stop intervening in Eisenhower now so the chances patronage. They are now in a China's internal affairs and withof beating him in 1956 will be position to make a deal with Eisenhower so that, in return for better. The Southern Democrats, who determine what the Senate full support, they get full paand House will do, are cagey tronage from him and, in return for half-hearted support or parabout opening up on Eisenhower. tial sabotage of the Democratic

The bigwigs of the Northern Party, they get partial patron-Democrats are alarmed by this age. because it is a hint that the

Southern Democratic support is "HARD TO GET"

not in the bag for 1956. The This then is the secret of the paramount position of the South-|erican troops from abroad. In Dixiecrats may be toying with the idea of switching to Eisenern wing of the Democratic Parhower in 1956. If so, why should ty today. To the query - why they go out on a limb with harsh can't labor and the Negro get criticism of Eisenhower now? more by playing hard to get, the This mere possibility keeps the answer is you can't just play hard to get, you've got to be another example of how Stalin-Northern Democrats subservient to the Southern bloc. hard to get. And to be that you must have an alternative party of reaction. How can they con-

GOP IN SOUTH

to cast your votes for. To add to the consternation of Labor and the Negro people the Northern Democratic bigwigs can't threaten to give their votes Eisenhower is doing some susto the Republicans. Even if the picious things to the Republican leaders of these two powerful segments of the population threaten- spiracy for a so-called cease-fire machine in the South. In the guise ed to do so, the Democratic poli- through the United Nations . . .") of clearing out former supporters of the late Senator Taft he is ticians would laugh it off. They purging the Republican machine know, the rank and file would never vote Republican even on sparked by the crisis over Forof Negro leaders. Thus Perry W. order from the union bureaucrats mosa? To answer this, we must Howard of Mississippi, who has the greatest seniority on the Repand Negro leaders. ublican National Committee and The only possible alternative is is its only Negro member, has a Labor Party. But this can't be been cut off from all federal just talk either. The politicians patronage in his state. Similar

may not be honest but they are starving out of the Republican clever. They can tell the real Negroes by Eisenhower is taking thing from empty talk. That is place in other parts of the South. why Mike Quill's fake threat of marskjold mission to Peking. Os-The purpose appears to be to forming a Labor Party didn't tensibly arranged to negotiate for machine. This could indicate Re- scare one Southern Senator or the release of American fliers

one Northern ward-heeler. publican hopes of winning over the bulk of the white supremacist southerners sometime in the future. But immediately it would ty - a Labor Party - then there make a switch of Dixiecrats to will be an alternative to the Demthe Republican column in 1956 a ocratic Party. But a Labor Party lot easier.

All of this underlines the uniquely favorable position of the bargaining power of the labor Southern Democratic politicians. They are wooed by the Northern

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| hower, instead of utilizing the | steps: (1) Go ahead and take | cognition of the new government (Continued from page 1) called for patience. tem in the South. Whether Dem- with Chiang is an internal affair ed press interview, Eisenhower troops. (2) Permit the United the GOP. followed up with a most signifi- Nations then to arrange a ceasetionally they always win in their mosa and the other islands are an cant diplomatic move. For the fire which would (a) establish states. Thus they are always in integral part of Chinese territory. His demand that the "United ment official - none other than authority and refurbish the repdraw all its armed forces from terested in seeing "two Chinas." membership. Taiwan (Formosa) and the Tai-The reaction in Chiang Kaiwan Straits" thus flows consisshek's circles was immediate. tently from the premises ac-They took this - correctly it

knowledged by two Presidents of would seem — as public acknowl- | tute a victory for American imthe United States (Roosevelt and edgement that the Eisenhower perialism, for it would mean leg-Truman.) (Since the end of World War

with Moscow.

especially over Formosa.

chen islands.

so attractive, and so much can

be gained for the working people

by putting it in office, that

made by desperate Democrats

the workers, farmers and Negro

people will rally around a Labor

Party as an alternative to both

capitalist parties.

administration had given up alization of U.S. efforts to conhope of "unleashing" Chiang, of II, the Militant has consistently restoring his rule on the maindemanded the withdrawal of Amland. Recognition of "two Chinas" contrast, the Stalinist position, the Mao regime. particularly in Korea was for a

Neal Stanford reported that "cease-fire." With Eisenhower himself now calling for a ceaseinsisted Eisenhower's move "was fire in Formosa, we are given part of a well-laid-out plan by the administration to cut itself ist slogans play into the hands loose from General Chiang's wide-ranging ambitions and their sistently reject in the case of embarrassments to the adminis-

Formosa a slogan they insisted tration." (Christian Science Monwas correct for Korea? Yet Chou itor, Jan. 19.) in his statement scored Eisen-

In the same interview. Eisenhower for "engineering a conhower indicated his "sympathy' for a cease-fire effort by the United Nations, and indicated How acute is the danger that that his administration was com-World War III will actually be mitted only to the defense of Formosa and the Pescadores. What was the meaning of this? study the fast-moving events of Clearly it is a big retreat from the past few weeks and see how 1952 when the Republicans were they fit into the over-all pattern of Eisenhower's cautious steps toward a balance of power deal Eisenhower was at once follow- time of their arrest.

First, we must note the Hamed by a big increase in tension follow from the perspective of a the District Attorney's office. On convicted as "spies" by the Mao cease-fire. For before it went into the contrary, District Attorney When the American people start government, in reality it was a seriously to build their own par- big step toward establishing normal relations with China, toward maximum gains. The same kind bringing the United Nations to of sharp increase in fighting ocbear as an arbiter in China's recurred in Korea when the ceasewill have far more profound con- lations, particularly with the Unfire there was about to take efsequences than merely raising the ited States. The main topic of fect.

discussion was undoubtedly the More than a cease-fire proposal movement. Such a party will be problem of easing the tension, was involved in Eisenhower's statement. It signified an offer It was not until after the Hamto the Mao government: If you

will concede Formosa and the episode as an unfortunate mismarskiold mission. be it noted. despite all the attractive offers that the Chinese government Pescadores to Chiang as an Am- carriage of justice. The record of launched the attack on the Taerican puppet, then we are prepared to move toward normali-

Then in face of the vociferous zation of relations. reaction of the China lobby in If the Mao government agreed America, both Dulles and Eisen- to this it could proceed in two from day to day.

U.S. will even facilitate this by enhower save face in relation to On Jan. 19, in his first televis- helping to evacuate Chiang's the bellicose Knowland wing of

But the question still remains open - will the Mao regime acfirst time, an American govern- two Chinas and (b) establish the cept this "generous" offer? Can it agree to apply to China itself the President himself — suggest- utation of the United Nations the formula it agreed to in Koed that the U.S. might be in- preliminary to granting China rea and Indochina? Does it have the power to take the Pescadores

drops This solution, while it would and Formosa in any case? And mean recognizing the Mao gov- if it decides to act in its own interests along this line will the ernment, would actually consti-Eisenhower administration really take the plunge into war? Or it Eisenhower bluffing? These questions cannot be ans-

wered as of now. The dangerous directly off the coast of China. thing is that the Eisenhower admeant in effect recognition of It would mean that the Mao gov- ministration has decided to take ernment would give up any at- what the Scripps-Howard press tempt to push Chiang off his calls "Our Gigantic Calculated 'some quarters" in Washington precarious perch into the sea. It Risk," that is, risk World War would provide that saving of III on the chance that the Mao "face" so essential to American regime under threat of the pistol Russian worker even though the imperialism in taking a step its at its head, will accept the kind latter doesn't have to fear unown interests call for and its of settlement Wall Street would mployment. What does a person work for?

... Rape Case Cops

At this moment three Puerto (Continued from page 1) ness saw her invite the two boys Rican boys, Estrada Corea, 17; Henry Matthews, 17; and Pedro into the park.

The citation also falsely claims, Rios, 22; face electrocution at that the police had to disarm the Sing Sing. They were convicted boys. They merely found a closed of murder. Their trial was conpenknife in one of their pockets. ducted in an atmosphere of hys-In addition, no evidence was in- teria following the shooting in demanding the restoration of troduced showing that the boys Congress last February by Puer-Chiang as dictator of China. Yet were under the influence of nar- to Rican nationalists. The New paradoxically this retreat by cotics as was charged at the York Police Department was highly instrumental in whipping When Santa and Caban were up this hysteria. There was not

over Formosa and the outbreak released they received no apology one Negro or Puerto Rican on of fighting. This, of course, would from the police department or the jury.

During the trial the boys testified that confessions had been effect, both Mao and Chiang Hogan tried to whitewash the beaten and tortured out of them. would naturally seek to establish frame-up by referring to the But on Jan. 4, the Court of Ap-"apparent respectability" of the peals upheld the conviction by a woman and the "suspicious and vote of four to three. The minorindecent" appearance of the boys. ity opinion held that "several er-Even the N.Y. Post, which re- roneous statements" had been gards Hogan as a fine District made by the trial judge, and Attorney, was forced to declare that only a new trial could dethat these statements revealed termine whether the defendants' "deeprooted prejudice." rights had been "seriously pre

It is impossible to pass off this judiced by these errors.' The case of Corea, Matthews and Rios has aroused a movethe Police Department is one ment of protest. Such a movelong list of violations of the basic ment deserves the unqualified rights of the Puerto Rican and support of every labor and mi-Negro people. This list grows

nority organization.

Comments on **Our Editorial**

Editor:

tion.

It is true as you say in the Jan. 10 editorial, "Why Soviet Union is Catching Up," that the Soviet Union is able to maintain full employment on a planned basis. I also agree that when there is a cut in war produc-

tion, employment in the U.S. **Cleveland Militant** But is't it true that a great deal of the work in the Soviet Union is done by forced labor? Even when not actually prisoners, the people have to work long hours under pretty grim "Lessons of Negro conditions and can't change jobs. The bureaucracy takes such a History for 1955" huge portion of the production, that the people still live at a low level. I should think that a worker reading your editorial would think to himself that he was well off compared to the

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mental needs. After this, he

wants pleasure. Pleasure is a

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THE MILITANT

Plot Against Indo-China World Events

By Art Preis

pattern.

American imperialism is play-Washington is moving to blow ra playboy Bao Dai.

up the general elections scheduled for the whole of divided Vietnam next year under the terms of the Geneva agreement. There is further evidence that Wall Street's government is seeking to take over control of South

Vietnam through a puppet government and to permanently divide the country in the Korea Only a few weeks ago leading

U.S. pro-imperialist newspapers and magazines set up a hue and require." cry that "we" were going to "lose" South Vietnam, as well and stall off elections until they as North Vietnam, to the Ho Chi can be "free" - that is, unti Minh regime. American corresthey can be held under the con-

pondents on the scene painted a trol of U.S. agents. vivid contrast of conditions in

This policy is described in the two sections of Vietnam. CONDITIONS CONTRASTED foreign correspondent of the N. They admitted that in North Vietnam, despite terrible obstaline of the chief capitalist circles, the economy was being or ganized, land was being distributed to the poor peasants, the eign policy turns and tactics. government was held in popular esteem and the Ho Chi Minh regime would win any popular election in both South and North

Vietnam. The South Vietnam government, on the contrary was disclosed as utterly corrupt This enormous step of moving maintaining itself without the

prop of French troops and U.S. the retreating French is made known to the American people squad, the same papers and mageditorial page of the Morganazines that cried "all is lost" controlled Times!

face. As if the State Department Washington is "gambling whole had barked a command, these hog on the Ngo Dinh Diem propublications' are wheeling in a gram. At present only the Unitdifferent direction. "All is not ed States consider Ngo Dinh Diem's regime efficient or rep-The Reporter magazine, for rentative."

This "representative" regime, instance, which carried in its Dec. 30 issue a graphic detailed originally installed by the French elections rolls around," Sulzberreport showing the true state of affairs in North and South Viet- has shown its "independence" by

nam, on Jan. 27 published a further report, by Joseph Buttinger, imperialist master, Wall Street. hopes to deprive the Vietnamese 1951 with the left-wing refusing weather were drenched when powho claims that "the information So now, Sulzberger' says, the people of the right to pick their to accept the San Francisco Peace lice turned fire hoses on them. about the hopelessness of the French "make no secret of their own government and plans to Treaty. The Japanese unions are German unionists and socialists Vietnamese situation was of dislike of the little Catholic maintain South Vietnam as an-also split with the bulk of the claim that government offices French origin." And he gives the statesman who was extricated other U.S. military base in the workers led by the left-wing so- are filled with former Nazis who tip-off on what Washington will from a Belgian monastery and Far East.

aim for in attempting to main- flown to Saigon. Ngo Dinh Diem tain the capitalist-landlord re- has not yet demonstrated any

But, reveals Sulzberger, "the cans to England, where they are encountering Jim Crow attitudes made during the intervening pervance."

flimsy South Vietnam regime more detailed and authoritative and "develop an establishment terms by C. L. Sulzberger, chief (military) big enough only to maintain internal security and to Y. Times. This paper reflects the serve as a glass windshield that ports — an area of 198 square would have to be broken if an breaking would be sufficiently ,461 square miles and over half reaction.

. . . extricated from a Belgian monastery" would be a "glass windshield" against the Indo-Chinese people putting their own would provide a pretext for U.S. intervention, like in Korea, if they of the two parties - each of which has a large representation agreement and the elections in

in the Diet (Japanese parliament) -have drawn up a statement to

"Neither the United States nor ing party conventions. The statethe Ngo Dinh Diem Government ment proposes joint slogans and called to consolidate about 20 candidates in the coming elec-Therefore, if they so desire, they tion, the aim of "overthrowing by a German General who called capitalism" but rejecting "Com-

Here is the formula under The split in the once united So- Thousands of workers marching

cialists.

yet of apparent use to the cause politics with demagogy and red- practically all the demands they baiting. He will be succeeded by raised when they scheduled their Norman W. Manley, head of the general strike against the nationis considered "socialist" and was canceled after the authorimore radical than Bustamante's ties made a partial settlement of Labor Party. The 1¼ million 70 cents to \$1.12 increase a week population of Jamaica depends for 60,000 of the men. upon the sugar industry, the is-* * * land's main crop. Sugar has been SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES in a slump in recent months and so far have shown little interest unemployment has become very serious. This is one cause of the increased emigration of Jamai

ELECTIONS IN JAMAICA, 260,000 BRITISH RAILWAY

British West Indies, has toppled MEN have won weekly pay in-

in more trade with the U.S., Commerce Secretary Weeks has revealed. This despite the fact that the U.S. has already eased regulations concerning trade with the USSR and allied countries. Heretofore Washington had imposed a virtual embargo on trade with the Soviet bloc and China.

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WEST EUROPEAN BANK-ERS and industrialists now feel strong enough to resist further encroachments by U.S. capital. In secret meetings in Switzerland -- will be ceded to India proper. | they have decided to try to divert large-scale U.S. investments in India now are the Portugese away from Europe to Latin America, Africa and Asia. It was also revealed, according to the financial section of the Jan. 24 N.Y. Times, that in the post-war period, when European capitalists had to accept American capital ful socialist parties - right-wing for recovery purposes, they were and left-wing - are discussing terrified "that American capital would flood into Europe, picking off all the best investment opportunities and driving European competition to the wall."

A NAZI RALLY in Hamburg be sumbitted to their approach-on Jan. 18 was protected by West German police. The rally, neo-Nazi groups was addressed for annexation of the Sudeten munism," opposition to rearma- area of Czechoslovakia. A protest ment, and a foreign policy in- demonstration was called by the dependent of U.S. imperialism. German Federation of Labor.

are sympathetic to the neo-Nazis.

On the morning of Dec. 29, 6:30 A.M. at Fort Bragg, N. C., six young GIs were ordered to fall out for a work detail. They were in the stockade for being AWOL or as insubordinates. Instead of obeying the order by reflex action as soldiers are supposed to do, they just sat on their beds and refused to move. The non-com called the captain. When the captain entered, the boys didn't even stand up and salute. They were told that they could get the death penalty for such insubordi-

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of themselves."

figures.

Will automation benefit the workers? What-

ever reasons the industrialists have for in-

stituting the new and revolutionary productive

processes called automation, these reasons have

nothing to do with the welfare of the work-

ers. A management official, cited in the CIO

United Automobille Workers Report on Auto-

mation, summarized the big capitalists' point

of view at a Fortune magazine round-table

conference. He said: "I don't think we are

consciously trying to ease the burden of our

workers, nor consciously trying to improve

their living standards. These things take care

If improving living standards through the

production of more goods is not the "con-

scious" purpose of automation, what is its

aim? We can answer this question best by

considering an outstanding example of auto-

mation in the auto industry, General Motors.

nounced, it will complete modernization and

expansion of its plants that will increase its

total output capacity by 15%. This 15%

increase will have been added in just a year

and a hallf - a rate several hundred per cent

higher than normal. It will include 74

Does General Motors see a 15% increase

in the market for cars? Not at all. Harlow

Curtice, GM president, said on Jan. 17 that

he forsaw an increase in the country's total

output of goods and services of only 3% over

the estimated 1954 level. He expected the

automobile industry to produce 6,800,000

passenger cars and trucks, or about 600,000

more than last year, a rise of only 8.8% -

if we accept Cartice's highly optimistic

What does GM expect to do with the

extra capacity? It does not anticipate new

markets, therefore it must seek a bigger share

of the existing markets. It intends to "out-

separate projects in 54 cities in 25 states.

By next fall, General Miotors has an-

compete" the smaller auto firms and push them to the wall. It will destroy the jobs of scores of thousands of auto workers in other firms, if it can. It will also eliminate all the jobs it can in its own plants.

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Peculiarly enough, even with all their automation, the big auto conporations don't expect to match the record output in 1950 five years ago. A large part of capacity will remain idle. CIO and UAW President Walter Reuther said recently that the industry actually could have produced twice as many autos as it did last year - 11,000,000 instead of 5,500,000 cars - if all facilities of the major companies and independents had been used.

They were not used because their use in dependent, under capitalism, on the possibilities for profits, not the needs of the workers. The latter "can take care of themselves," according to the monopolistic private owners

The conception that "things can take care of themselves" permeates the whole anarchistic. chaotic, planless profit system. That is why GM can enormously expand its capacity without consideration for the workers or for the industry as a whole and despite the existing ability to produce far in excess of the market.

It is precisely this senseless, crazy, wasteful and inefficient, incapable of and anti-social economic setup that socialism will eliminate. It will use every new device and method for increasing production, but within the framework of a carefully drawn-up national plan, formulated by the workers' organizations, that will coordinate production are performing a right-aboutand distribution on a national and international scale. Socialist expansion in productivity will automatically bring reduced working hours and increased goods and services lost" after all, we are told. for the workers. Automation will not be a "competitive" weapon to cut labor costs and grab more of the shrinking market for fewer companies; it will be the means to greater abundance and leisure for all.

The fact is, the U.S. anny can't inspire genuine discipline and high morale. It must exact obedience through force. The youth are drafted and drilled by a Prussianized military caste that must compensate for lack of morale with severe punishment.

Before a youth gets a chance to plan his future, he is forced into military service with what prospect? All he can realistically see before him is an endless series of Koreas, Indo-Chinas, Formosas - battling the people of those countries in order to keep them enslaved to landlords and despots.

"Mutineers" The Six GI

gime headed by South Vietnam political sex appeal. Foreign obing a very slippery role in Indo- Premier Ngo Dinh Diem, the ap- servers report with uniformity Prime Minister Bustamante, who creases of 98 cents to \$1.82. This China. There is evidence that pointee of ex-emperor and Rivie- that he is neither popular nor for ten years dominated Jamaica means they have been awarded we advocate.' STALL OFF ELECTIONS Buttinger says that "it is dif- United States has decided it must People's National Party, which alized railroad system. The strike

ficult to see how elections in the take a calculated risk in Indo-Communist-dominated north can China and replace absence of polbe free. If elections are to be icy with something positive." free, we must reconsider the What does the "calculated risk" Geneva agreement, which did not involve? Sulzberger points out: insist on U.S. supervision or any "It is recognized that in July, other guarantee. Time would be 1956, elections throughout Vietneeded for that, but time is ex- nam, including the populous Comactly what the consolidation of munist North, are scheduled unfreedom and the firm establish-der the Geneva agreement. Therement of a democratic order would fore desperate efforts must be Scrap the Geneva agreement iod to check Ho Chi Minh's ad-

> "A GLASS WINDSHIELD" The U.S. will try to bolster the

The "free democratic" regime

In a dispatch from Paris in the visible to touch off international of the "little Catholic statesman

into Indo-China on the heels of government into control and

1956?

THE NEW FORMULA

when the time for all-Vietnam



(The author is a German the old Russo-Polish frontier. Rumanian oppressors had now price to become collective-farm Besides, they held that all riter who spent eight years in That is how the partisan become allies. Nevertheless the workers and prefer to remain in- resistance in the camp was void Stalin's concentration camps, six movement was born in the West collapse of Germany once more dependent peasants. Are they of meaning, because of their of them in the Arctic Circle. Ukraine, which to this day keeps rekindled hopes for an inde- backward, incorrigible petty fanatic clinging to the notion that After she became disillusioned the Soviet army busy. After a pendent West Ukrainian state. bourgeois? Perhaps so. But the a war would set them free in the

signed the Geneva agreements. may declare they are not bound

condoned by the Tory government.

PRIME MINISTER NEHRU has paid an official visit to Pondichery, the French colony on India's east coast. The visit symbolizes the conclusion of an agreement whereby the five French miles and a population of 286,000

The only foreign held territory ports which comprise an area of

million population. . . . JAPANESE SOCIALISTS DIS-CUSS UNITY. The two power-



cles in America and frequently outside invader sought to congives advance notice of U.S. for- quer South Vietnam. The act of

Jan. 17 Times, Sulzberger announces in his opening sentence: "The American Government is now taking over from France responsibility for maintaining independence in rump Indo-China."

Now, like a well-drilled army via a newspaper column on the try. But what of the Geneva

We are further informed that

and held up by French bayonets, ger observes.

inviting the dictation of a new which American imperialism cialist Party of Japan came in in the protest parade in freezing

mation. But not even this threat moved them. Nor could they later explain their behavior.

Five of the six boys are only 18 years old. The sixth, 21 years of age, is a veteran of the Korean war. They were charged with "mutiny" and sentenced to seven years of hard labor.

A liberal New York newspaper expressed outrage at the sentence. Several Congressmen are "investigating" the case in behalf of their constituents. Seven years of hard labor and a dishonorable discharge is shocking punishment for teen-aged youths who just couldn't respond to an officer's threats in a stockade. Why this sullen and reckless rebellion? Why this demonstration of utter disgust, lack of hope and defiance?

much about politics and their reading may be many, she was sentenced to 15 report the story of "kulak" to them nonetheless.

Korea is still 7,000 milles away. It is still have been translated from the their liberation. a small and poor colonial country. Formosa French Trotskyist newspaper La Verite.) and China are a long way off too. What business does the U.S. have trying to tell the Chinese people they should be ruled by Chiang Kai-shek?

There is nothing in these projects of the American youth. And this makes the hardship the two Polish provinces, Volto endure.

The six GIs were not guilty of "mutiny." They were only guilty of despair.

Now It's the "Yonkers Plan"

Last August, the Studebaker corporation, prior to its merger with Packard, had threatened to shut down its South Bend plant unless the workers, members of CIO United Automobile Workers Local 5, took a wage cut of approximately 15%. At first the workers had rejected this demand, but under pressure of the top UAW leadership they finally submitted.

Five months later, on Jan. 21, the Local 5 membership voted 7,188 to 806 to strike unless the Studebaker plant management cease its violations of the union contract on production standards. That same day the Studebaker workers received a letter from James J. Nance, head of the Studebaker-Packand Conp., complaining that the company was "still losing money" and calling for additional "improvements in work standards." That means more output for less pay. The Studebaker letter ends ominiously: "Our company can't keep on losing money as it has been doing for a year now, and stay in business.'

At the time of the first Studebaker threat to close down if the workers didn't accept a big pay cut, we warned that if this move succeeded it would not give the Studebaker workers security. It would just inspire other companies to make similar demands. The Studebaker workers are now learning through bitter experience that they can't yield a finger to the company without being asked for an warm. Moreover, the Studebaker Plan, as we dubbed it last August, spread to hundreds of plants throughout the country where workers

have been faced with the ultimatum: Take pay cuts or we close down or move.

The Studebaker formula has been "improved," however. Some companies no longer else -. Companies which openly boast of making big profits are adopting the Stude- without any social and economic their forest hide-outs to greet baker Plan. This is the case with the Otis rights within these capitalist the new liberators, omitting this threatens to close down and throw 2,100 out invariably suffered every sort of jobs as an open wage-cutting, union- of persecution. busting device. Thus, the Studebaker Plan has evolved into the Yonkers Plan.

The Yonkers Plan is undisguised laborhating capitalist greed. Made brazen and pressors, the Polish and Rumaarrogant by the fact of the numerous states with open shop "right-to-work" laws and by the "floating pool" of unemployed, the diers as liberators, showering state which the Germans had corporations are putting the squeeze on the them with garlands of flowers promised in return for economic unions and seeking to tear down union and treating them with food and assistance. To their disappointstandards. They don't even hide behind the vodka. But the first flush of ment this state was never creatpretext of "losing money."

The runaway of the Otis Elevator plant estates hoped for by the would be the second terrible economic blow to Yonkers workers within a year. Previously, the Alexander Smith Carpet Co. had gone down to open-shop Mississippi leaving more than 5,000 workers and their families tion - by incapable and igno- up of arrests, concentration stranded.

We see in the Yonkers Plan the real evil ists rich. We see how the capitalists unhesitatingly tread underfoot thousands of profit advantage.

The majority of GIs may not understand with Stalinism in East Ger- few embarrassed attempts to The peasants were convinced that punitive expeditions,

As the struggle against col-

verish haste, grew more and In 1939, at a time when Stalin and Hitler agreed to divide

the Soviet army entered Volhynia, Galicia, Bukovina and U.S. military to inspire, instruct, and ennoble Bessarabia. Beginning thus with the Siberian taiga on a big war was not over. The partisans Belgium are a part of Germany, marching against the East. And of army life a thousand times more difficult hynia and Galicia, and the two rooted, insofar, that is, as it meanwhile new generations had are part of England. was possible to round up the grown up and the disintegrating As late as summer, 1953 the if they didn't disdain to reply Rumanian provinces, the Soviet Republic of West Ukraine came inhabitants. In most cases only German army left behind large Soviet government had still not altogether.

into being; and the curtain rose on a new act of the Ukrainian the newly born could be found; At least this problem of arms quillity and order in the Ukraine, every ablebodied individual had seemed solved for a number of drama, the most tragic and already left to join the par- years. bloody in history. It would go far beyond the tisans.

scope of a newspaper article to

RIFLE REPLACES PLOW enter into details about the many wars, uprisings and desper-

Into this atmosphere, amid diers. But the peasants continued Despite this, despite huge losses,

lion Ukrainians of Poland, Ruma- up the friendship pact with plead "poventy" in demanding wage cuts or nia and Czechoslovakia were al- Stalin like a scrap of paper. rifle. For them there was no road ways an exploited minority, The Ukrainian peasants left time the flowers, not to mention states. Whenever they fought for pected, no longer the division This is why the poor Ukrainian of big estates, but the dismempeasants, who had never sub- berment of the hastily formed

mitted without gritting their collectives that lacked mateeth to their enemies and op- chines, cattle and, above all, workers. nian nobles and landlords greater impatience the forma-("Pans" and "Domnuls" respection of an independent Ukrainian tively), greeted the Soviet sol-

enthusiasm was soon dissipated. ed; on the contrary, the com-Instead of the division of big rades and allies found themselves suddenly branded as "sub-Ukrainians, who owned only tiny landstrips, they were faced with Master - Nation conducting a lectivization was carried out -

vide the necessary technical and territories of the German state. organizational premises for the these measures. Buildings were Ukrainian SS (storm troopers) burned down, the torch was set and the German labor camps.

and the peasants took to the changed was the face of the on and on, simply because several spies and because they refused

the Western powers would keep hostages, burning of villages ---limited to the propaganda of the American selice the selice of the are limited to the propaganda of the American capitalist press. But the reality breaks through in Malenkov's general amnesty around the fierce resistance of a emissaries; and that, at long last, It is hard to answer such a ques-to believe in a reform of the in December 1953. Her articles sister people, disappointed in the eternal minority would be- tion in the affirmative. The right Soviet bureaucracy; while hope in come a nation.

> But nothing came of it. The was ever a part of the Bolshevik Soviet people, which would bring lectivization, enforced with fe- victorious Soviet army made its program. The bureaucratic epi- them freedom as well, was comsecond entry. This time no one gones try to get around this by pletely beyond their comprehenmore desperate, the bureaucracy met them with flowers, and it claiming that West Ukraine is sion. Their political activity was resorted to ever harsher methods wasn't just because the tanks and merely an appendage to East thus limited to reading news-Eastern Europe between them, to extend its power over the armored cars had destroyed every- Ukraine. But one might with papers, listening to the radio, and newly conquered lands. Finally thing. For the West Ukrainians equal justification claim that Hol- concluding from every bit of news they resorted to deportations to liberated from "the yoke," the land, or the Flemish sector of that the Americans were already scale. Entire villages were up- had suffered great losses, but or that Normandy and Brittany anyone who dared to contradict

the grandparents, the sick and stocks of weapons and munitions. succeeded in establishing tran-

Soviet soldiers now swarmed in endless waves of arrest and of fulfilled or should all the prisonthe West Ukrainian villages, just unending punitive expeditions ers resort to passive resistance as previously did the German sol- keep arriving in the camps. on every occasion? The West

ate conspiracies which com- the blood-red glare of burning to live as before in the holes not from battles alone but also program formulated and urged prise West Ukraine's past. Suf- huts, the Germans launched their they had dug amid the vast from cold, hunger and disease, by members of the communist fice it to recall here that 15 mil- invasion, after Hitler had torn marshes, having forever discard- the partisan movement has not resistance movement. This proed the plow in exchange for a been wiped out. UKRAINIANS IN CAMPS

back. To surrender meant a 25-The Ukrainian guerrillas, in year term in the camps. So they their stubborn resistance, have no preferred a hopeless struggle for freedom. Their women came along precise ideas about the future Elevator Co. in Yonkers, N. Y., which the most elementary rights, they the food and vodka. But once and gave birth to their babies on state for which they are waging again, full of hope, they ex- the rotting leaves in the marshes. so bitter a struggle. They ought At night the grandparents to have independence and the inbrought milk and bread until terests of the small peasant should they, too, were caught by the be protected - these are their

soldiers and sent together with sole watchwords. They do not the grandmothers to the North worry about the form of government. Ideologies, doctrines, ques-Pole or the remotest corners of But they awaited with an even Asia. tions of party policy scarcely in-

Year after year this whole peoterest them. They regard the Rusple was engaged in desperate sians as their most dangerous combat, even the children par- enemies.

In their eyes all Russians are ticipated, serving as scouts and messengers. They were likewise communists and therefore espearrested, clapped in prison and cially hateful. Communism to later sent to a camp. Bridges them means - expropriations and were blown up, warehouses pil- forced collectivization accomlaged, munition depots raided by panied by chaos and anarchy. human Orientals," fit only to surprise, small groups of soldiers In camps where West Ukraineke out a miserable slave exis- killed in ambush. The enemy took ians play an important role by prisoners. And it was only toward forced collectivization. This col- tence in the factories of the revenge by burning half-abandon- force of numbers, they lived of the very last moments that among ed and half-ruined villages, and their own choice apart from the most of them the feeling of without any ideological prepara- victorious war. An era opened by deporting the inhabitants, at Russian prisoners whom they solidarity of the oppressed, any rate, those unable to hide. regard as enemies. This was one against the common enemy hated rant bureaucrats, unable to pro- camps and forced labor on the New punitive expeditions were of the most difficult problems by all, was finally awakened. In sent without cease, only to get which confronted the communist All those who were able once lost in most cases in the mer- resistance groups seeking to orface of capitalism, its cold indifference to- collective farms then created again took to the forests, taking ciless countryside before attain- ganize a common struggle of all tionalist sentiments, of prejudice ward the workers who have made the capital- overnight. The population react- along some of the youth who had ing their goal. From time to time the prisoners against the Soviet and bitterness' which 'they had ed with unexpected violence to no desire to choose between the a "nest of bandits" is uncovered bureaucracy. The difficulty lay in erected between themselves and - those who do not fall in battle establishing contact with the their only allies. are shipped to Siberia for life. | West Ukrainians, because they

human beings where this offers the slightest to crops, cattle were slaughtered; The struggle continued; all that So the insolvable tragedy goes looked upon other nationals as

of nations to self-determination a political revolution by the them was treated as a communist,

This terrible illusion was quite

near future.

One question, however, did provoke almost daily heated discusnot even the peace of a cemetery. sions, which sometimes led to Each month new victims of fist fights. Should the norms be Ukrainians sabotaged openly the gram was: Work as little as possible; organize "Do Virtually Nothing" groups. Despite their guerrilla past, these former partisans took the view that only utter submission could ease their lot and assure their survival, until the day when the Western powers brought them liberty, so anxiously awaited.

> Hard reality kept proving the contrary. Because the camp administration was interested exclusively in maintaining order behind the barbed wire fences, it loaded extra work upon those who were passive or unprotesting: but it yielded to all energetic pressures so long as these remained within reasonable limits.

The Vorkuta strike was decided and organized against the wishes of the Ukrainians who, in many instances, comprised half of the common action one saw tumbling down the barriers of blind na-

(Third of a series. Watch for the next installment.)

The Negro Struggle By John Thayer

Federal Officials Aid White Citizens Councils

Mississippi leaders of the National Assodiation for the Advancement of Colored People have charged that federal officials have joined in the campaign of economic terrorism against supporters of school integration.

Already affidavits have been submitted to the White House naming two officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These men, it is claimed, are collaborating with the White Citizens Councils in preventing Mississippi Negroes, who support school desegregation, from getting or holding jobs, credit, farm loans or mortgage renewals.

The two Agriculture Department officials are Walter E. Strlider and S. O'Neal of the Jackson, Miss., office of the Farmers Home Aldministration, which is administering loans for the drought-stricken areas of Mississippi.

The affidavit of one Mississippi farmer states: "Because of my activities in bringing in about 25 members in the NAACP branch, economic pressure is being exerted on me." This man owns a 73-acre farm in good delta soil, a seven-room house, a barn and tractor. His farm has a record of high cotton production - a bale and a half an acre, but he is unable to get a loan such as the government is making on similar farms. "Anyone belonging to the NAACP," he declares is not deemed "worthy of financial assistance and is termed a troublemaker." Without the customary federal farm assistance he is in danger of losing his farm.

Another Negro farmer in the droughtstricken area testifies that federal officials O'Neal and Strider denied her a "disaster loan" stating, "It is generally believed that Mr. Strider refuses some loans to NAACP members because of local activities.'

A local NAACP leader testifies: "Because of my mere membership in the NAACP and my presence in the community, there exists a feeling of dislike for me by some white men who are in federal authority (FHA) and who have attempted to make my presence in the community impossible." He tells how his white neighbors have been able to obtain the federal credit assistance which Agricultural Dept. Strider has refused him.

A Negro businessman, who is president of the NAACP in a Mississippi city, tells how the City Council and the police have conspired to stop customers from patronizing his business.

This is part of the openly avowed policy of the White Citizens Councils to prevent any Negro who favors school integration, from getting or holding a job, obtaining credit, renewing a montgage or remaining in business in Mississippli.

The NAACP has started a campaign to prevent the economic annihilation of antisegregationists in Mississippi. It has already arranged for the deposit of \$40,000 in the Tri-State Bank of Memphis, Tennessee. This bank has agreed to make credit available on a business basis to Mississippi farm owners and business men in danger of ruin by the credit squeeze of the Mississippi banks in their campaign to drive out militant Negroes.

While this is a good first step the sum is still quite small. Therefore the NAACP is appealing to all Negro insurance companies, banks, fraternal organizations and sympathetic individuals to make substantial deposits in the Tri-State Bank to handle loans to Mississippi Negroes. A minimum of \$500,000 is being sought.

Credit, however, will assist only Negro farm owners and businessmen. It will not help Negro workers and sharecroppers, who comprise 99% of Mississippi Negroes. These brave people must be helped by the Negro organizations and the labor movement. Otherwise the White Citizens Councils can terrorize them tion for the crime of demanding in reality what the U.S. Supreme Court has given in world's.

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Can't Live with Himself

David Brown, who recently confessed to being an FBI stoolpigeon while serving as Los Angeles leader of the Civil Rights Congress, is treated at a Los Angeles hospital after police say he slashed his arms and wrists with a razor. Brown had previously disappeared, later claimed he was kidnapped and finally admitted his story was a hoax.

Akron Workers Fight into silence or impose upon them and their families unemployment, eviction and starva-tion for the crime of demanding in reality **For Right to Picket**

AKRON, Jan. 19 - Recent Anti-Labor Court decisions against the smaller AFL craft unions has resulted in a call to action by labor leaders of Summit County. The right to strike and picket are being seriously endangered by these sent them. When it came time to Court decisions. The banning of negotiate a contract the employer pickets against AFL Retail Clerks refused to recognize the union. the alleged chiselers brought

fired up the move. Common Pleas front of the employer's three ments would have to be substan- From Detroit Judge, Steven Colopy, issued a places of business. As is the temporary injunction ordering the established pattern, the employer

Union 427 posted what it calls a first used in the year 1806 against ployment Law. The more imporfree-speech picket at the store. the Philadelphia Boot and Shoe-

The Clerks Union began picket- WATCH-DOG COMMITTEES

Wedge Driven into L.A. Fire Dept. Segregation

By Thelma Clyde

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17 - Race-hating chief of the | came primarily from a list of Los Angeles Fire Department, John Alderson, is showing what he meant by his promise to begin a gradual transfer of Negro firemen from Jim Crow stations 14 and 30 - with serious or inconvenience be done to in-

consideration for the "welfare of dividual members of this departthe city as a whole," and "the ment as possible." welfare of the Fire Department John R. Rhetta, 44, a fireman

for 17 years, formerly of Station as a unit of the city government" taking care that "as little harm | 14, and George Winchester, 37, with the department for 13 years,

Ex-FBI Agent Heads Attack on **Calif. Jobless**

THE MILITANT

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23. ing on alternate shifts. California employers are waging A week following these hisa ruthless campaign to under- toric appointments the Califormine the State Unemployment nia Eagle, Los Angeles weekly Compensation system and to bar published by Loren Miller, promthousands of lower paid and teminent in L. A. Fire Department porary workers from its benefits. fight, revealed that Station 78 in

This drive to starve the unem- Studio City is "entirely manned ployed was launched in the summer of 1953 under a poisonous barrage of slander against California's unemployed. Smokescreen charges of wholesale chiseling were raised, and an ex-FBI agent, William A. Burkett regation policies." Changing the by step." was hired by an employer group entire personnel of a fire station ot snoop among the unemployed is unprecedented, according to

and uncover some scandals. The Ex-Secret Police Agent

'chiseled" by the unemployed in a friendly atmosphere." 1953. No proof of these fantas-

SLANDER JOBLESS

Gov. Goodwin Knight respondinjunction against the union. Upon hearing the case the Judge ed to these outrageous charges by appointing Burkett State Diruled that no labor dispute ex-Following the injunction pickets isted. He also accused the strik- rector of Employment. As Director Burkett has proposed 77

Amendments to the State Em-

those who refused to kick in with two bucks a piece to finance a 'study' of integration in other lepartments." This "study" was carried out by a Fact Finding Committee of the Firemen's Local. They brought in a report defending the department's 20year-old Jim Crow policy, and acted as the organizer of antiintegration sentiment among formerly of Station 30, were white firemen during the period transferred to Station 78 in Stuof greatest tension over the seg-

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dio City on Dec. 29 and 30 reregation issue last fall. spectively. This is the first time The California Eagle further that Negro firemen have served reports, "Although some of the from the same station as white firemen (assigned to Station 78) firemen in Los Angeles. While must travel long distances to their both men will work from the work all of them made it plain same station, they will be servthat they were willing to prac-

tice the democracy they preach. Complete harmony reigns at the station and the men believe it will set an example that will prove that the integration the chief feared will work."

Chief Alderson. on the other hand, shows no inclination to with new personnel - the two make such proof easily come by. Negro transfers, plus white firemen who were selected from a In his report to the Fire Com-'Spite List' compiled by the chief mission, he added: "I intend a from those who had indicated gradual integration, and according to Webster, that means step

Nevertheless, a step toward integration has been made. Fur-

old timers here. thermore, it represents partial Chief Alderson explained this submission of the Fire Departcame up with changes that action to the Board of Fire Com- ment, as well as the City and amazed and delighted the employ- missioners at its Dec. 30 hear- State Attorneys, to the pressure ers. He declared that 4 out of 10 ing: "We made a specific ef- from the Negro community, claims were fraudulent and that fort to transfer the men so the brought to bear in this case close to \$24,000,000 had been colored lads are surrounded by through the NAACP and supported by the local Negro press, According to the California for an end to segregation in the tic charges was offered, nor were Eagle, "The white transferees Los Angeles Fire Department.

WHAT FORD WORKERS THINK OF GAW

Eleven of 15 Ford and GM | you the information you want. vorkers interviewed by the Free sometime in the future but meantant of these would raise the Press on Jan. 17 "said they'd be while raise the production to the The picket is carrying a sign maker Union. Their crime being amount of money earned to qual- willing to strike for a guaranteed amount we want. Some of these saying this store does not employ that they had organized a union ify for benefits; eliminate tem- annual wage." But many of the fantastic requests for more promembers of Local 427 and asking for the purpose of raising their porary workers; make it impos- Ford workers were quoted as duction have been raised to 100% sible to collect if a worker quits feeling a 30-hour week at 40 of the present standards which a job; and doubles the penalties hours' pay "might be a better have been in effect for the past is Union began picket-ket after the employer At a meeting of the Akron the involved rules of the system. Keith Moore, 34, said he'd strike ing'... takes place in every de-

45? After By Roy Gale

I got a shock last week when I went to collect my unemployment check. It seemed like any other day, but I learned that my youth had suddenly slipped away. I don't mean that I got old all at once. But is was driven home to me that I was no longer one of the up and

As I was waiting in line I saw a man turn away from the counter, walk to an ash-tray and punch out his cigarette with a hard bitter twist. He then walked over to the window and slouched down in a chair with a defeated look on his face. After I had collected my check and been told there was no work in my line, I wandered over to where he still sat. We got to shooting the bull and he told me his



and I had made a few nights before to a friend's house. I was working then and the unemployed were just so many government statistics. It got closer, when I heard our friend's wife had lost her job. He doesn't

make very much and they need her income to help take care of the three kids. She apologized/because she had just washed her hair and wanted to rest. Her problem was that she had to convince the prospective employer that she was still young. I don't know her age but she must be under 40 and I would say about 35. which employ union help. In any case she was desperately concerned

We walked out together and he went his

thinking. I remembered a visit that my wife store.

FREE SPEECH PICKETS were again seen in front of the ing workers of a conspiracy. store. AFL Meat Cutters Local This ruling of a conspiracy was

that customers patronize stores wages.

Union 698 at West Point Market A picket line was then formed in to court where the libelous state tiated Clerk's pickets away from the rushed to the courts to get an

troubles.

He was 46 years old. That was his trouble. Just one year over that razor edge where no boss wants to hire a man. A couple of years ago he said he had no trouble getting work. Now, although he is still a good worker, no one will hire him. The kids out of school get the breaks first. At the last place he applied the personnel man told him that he would like to hire him because of his experience. But the company had a policy not to hire over 45 because of their insurance and pension plan.

Right then was when I got the shock. He looked at me and asked how much luck I was having at finding a job. Then I realized that it would not be many years until I would be over the hill on the wrong side of 45. Maybe I was already in danger! I am premature'v grey-haired so maybe he thought he was taiking to some one with problems like his.

with looking young for her interview with a personnel man the next morning.

I recall an article I read the other day that said the average age of the Senators and Congressmen was 54.4 years. The President's Cabinet averaged 58 years old. If an ordinary worker is old at 45, the government must be a hotbed of senility.

It is probably true that the younger workers can produce more, particularly on the assembly line. But the older worker has his points too. There is a place for both young and old. The youth have their problems too. But it isn't the problem of being tossed on the junk heap because of age.

I look forward to many more years of productive work. That is if I can find a job and keep it before I cross over that dividing line marked - 45 years old. The Plight of Juveniles in Delinquent Society

Miss., has ordered Dr. T. R. M. Howard, 47,

President of the Regional Council of Negro

Leadership, to state reasons why he should not

be reclassified into 1-A. He has been subjected

to constant pressure because of his efforts to

MICHAEL J. QUILL, president of Transport

Workers Union, CIO, demanded on Jan. 22 that

the New York Transit Authority open its books.

promote civil rights in Mississippi.

refused to sign a new contract. Federation of Labor, Sam Pollock Judge Colopy ruled that there AFL President of Meat Cutters the legislature, Burkett revealed guaranteed annual wage would

was a strike at the West Point Local 427 called for the establish-Market but that picketing would ment of a watch dog committee. not be allowed because the action This committee would act as a of the Union was causing irrepar- watch dog of Labor's interests, able damage to the employer. especially in the use of injunction The attorney representing the in strikes. Pollock said, "The com-

union asked the Judge: wouldn't mittee is needed to bring together has demanded that Burkett rethe injunction against the Union the full power of a trade union sign or be fired by Knight. Knight would find themselves without a Pollock went on to say, "With- single action is exerted. job? The Judge replied: the em- out the right to picket labor has

not irreparable. the Meat Cutters Local to repre- violence and racketering."

his personal opinion of the unem- create any more jobs. In fact, ployed worker by describing the with automation coming on, it fought in Michigan as well as the main San Francisco center as a may eliminate them. A guaran- South. In Benton Harbor the "Skid Row office."

Aroused by this attack the San to our problems. I'd much rather boundaries to make one school Francisco Central Labor Council fight for a 30-hour week."

cause irreparable damage to the movement to safeguard the right is unlikely to heed this demand Dodge Main Plant are running aid of the NAACP, keep taking members who are on strike and to strike and peacefully picket." unless more pressure than this as high as 100% of established production standards, charge U-Unfortunately the State AFL AW Local 3 president Joe Cheal ployer could have discharged the no economic power. . . If we fail declined to entertain motions of and vice president C. Pat Quinn workers at any time, therefore to make a fight to establish the censure against Burkett at the In October company officials

the damage to the employes was right to peaceful picketing, then State Convention last summer. agreed to make available to the we are letting the door open to At that time the state leaders workers "how they arrived at In another case employes of the establishment of the old of the AFL were extolling Knight the production figures they want Fairlawn Meats Inc. requested jungle law of a great deal of as a "friend of Labor" and urg- . . . The company (now) takes the position that we will give ing his election as Governor.

In making these proposals to for GAW, but: "I don't think a partment of Dodge Main Plant." * * *

> School segregation has to be teed annual wage isn't a solution school board has revised district lily-white and the other all-Negro. Negro parents, protesting Speedup demands at the big this Jim Crow setup with the their children to the other school, where they are denied admittance. * * *

Officers of the Citizens Committee Against the Trucks Law have written Gov. Williams a letter asking his new administration to introduce legislation to repeal the Trucks Law, which they say is "a needless step to police state rule in Michigan and is of highly questionable constitution. ality." Democrat Williams signed the law when it was passed in 1952.

Famous Lockett, 31 year old civilian clerk suspended by the Navy as a "security risk" last marry but couldn't get their reinstated to his job with back and the rigid conformity of our in a ferofm school. iKnsey point- peal won in the last year by ed out that most of the famous Lockett's lawyer, Charles C. lovers of history were teen-agers Lockwood, who also represented who would wind up behind bars Lt. Milo Radulovich and Carroll and Ethel McIntyre.

Reuther and the UAW executive board will propose that the Cleveland convention in March amend the union constitution to create two new vice-presidencies. Sentiment among local union presidents is mixed. Some distrust the proposition as a tendency toward further bureaucratization. Others, hoping for a berth on don't think it's a bad idea.

ister of the Greater King Solo-

8 P.M. sharp.

and full-length books have asked! where they got these attitudes "What's wrong with American of discrimination and intolerance. The toughest problem that an teen-age crime don't say much adolescent faces in our society about sex. Either they believe What parents expect their chilthis is an age of sex freedom is his indeterminate age status. dren to achieve is also vitally important in the development of and it's not much of a problem, He's no longer a child but he's delinquent behaviod. Parents nat- or they think that such questions not an adult. He is held responincrease when the contract is opened next month. and amateurs alike are agreed urally urge their children to go arise later when young people sible for his actions, he can be The union wants to know how the transit on the cure. Home, church and after the things they themselves reach their early twenties. No drafted into the army or sent authority can operate the system in the red and school can fix things up. A kid wanted and frequently did not adolescent subjected to the high- to the electric chair, but he can't is sure to turn out O.K. if you get. In this age of high presly erotic stimulation of our mass vote and is not entitled to most give him a good home, a good sure advertising, it's not difficult entertainment media could avoid of the privileges of adults. What education and teach him the fear to figure out what these things an early consciousness of sex. kids are trying to do is grow of God. This fails to explain why are - cars, homes, television This comes naturally, of course up. Consequently they model their the executive board themselves, many young murderers, dope ad-sets, deep freezers, fur coats and --movies, television and comic conduct on the adult world they

against a Negro union officer. All delegates were dicts, sadists and gunmen are ingly offered on the pages of up version of sex which exerts a in murder, rape dope addiction, well educated, religious kids from ingly offered on the pages of up version of sex which exerts a in murder, rape dope addiction, The 30th anniversary of Neevery newspaper and magazine. continuous pressure resembling sadism, sex perversion and other gro History Week will be cele-A great many young people have the appeal of advertisers to buy undesirable forms of behavior, brated in Detroit on Feb. 11 by no realistic prospect of getting unobtainable merchandise. The it's a pretty accurate picture of the Friday Night Socialist Forum, 3000 Grand River, with an imall this stuff. In the face of con- adolescent's normal interest in what they see. pressive list of guest speakers:

Milton Barron, in an interest- tinuous pressure to acquire some this subject is aggravated while ing book on the subject "The of the highly publicized material no satisfactory outlet is offered. ent social system, who are try- Rev. Robert L. Bradby Jr., minadvantages of American culture, In spite of Kinsey and a lot of ing to pass off wars, depressions, they may look for short cuts - talk about freedom, this situa- racial antagonism and the witch mon Baptist Church; Chester A. ing delinquency, the home, church short cuts suggested by the ac- tion hasn't changed much since hunt as a normal democratic cul- Higgins, reporter for the Detroit tivities of adults whom they are the Victorian age. A teen-afier, ture, wonder what's happened to edition of the Pittsburgh Courier: watching closely. In school, too, there is an in-is not in a position to marry and ing — what the hell did they editor of the Militant. Time:

proved much of a check on vio- sistent emphasis on competition activities regarded as normal for expect?

| lent crime. eDlinquent teen-agers | and achievement. Kids who have | adults are a serious crime at the A few months ago two youngchurch more regularly, than non- to play truant and look for more ters 15 and 16, who wanted to November, has been cleared and the investigations conducted by frequently racial or religious ciates. Habitual truancy is con- parents' consent, ran away from pay. He was dismissed on an ungroups organized for the purpose sidered an early symptom of de- home. They were discovered in supported charge that he joined of combatting other gangs of a linquency. It is certainly the first an upstate hotel and arrested as American Youth for Democracy emphatic protest against crowd- juvenile delinquents. This could at Wayne University in 1946. ed schools, inadequate teachers mean a sentence of several years This is the third successful ap-

Authorities who write about in modern America.

dicts, sadists and gunmen are thousands of other items entic- books merely provide a hopped- see around them. If this results

When apologists for our pres-

still salt away a treasure of \$38,000,000. THE TEXAS CIO COUNCIL moved its annual convention from the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio to a hotel in Austin because of discrimination

allowed to use the meeting rooms and attend the good homes. convention banquet with no segregation. But Negroes were not allowed to sleep in the Hotel or RELIGION AND DELINQUENCY

A ONE QUARTER OF A MILLION DOL-Juvenile in Delinquent Society", LAR grant by the Fund for the Republic, a Ford Foundation subsidiary, was announced on points out that far from prevent-Jan. 13, for a four-year study of the "effects and school may be major facof communism on American life." Last Dec. 22 the fund reported that it was granting \$100,000 tors in bringing it about. Religious convictions have not for an "independent" study of the government's "loyalty-security" program.

AT A SPECIAL CONVENTION the indetheir feeling about expressing unpopular opinions pendent Fur and Leather Workmen voted to merge in professional publications; their willingness to with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher take part in extracurricular and community affairs, and the influence of tenure on academic Workmen AFL. The merger still has to be approved in a referendum vote of the membership. freedom. THE LOCAL DRAFT BOARD of Mound Bayou,

Notes from the News

Patrick E. Gorman, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated said that he was sure the merger would go through despite opposition from the Executive Council of the AFL. A VETERAN SUBWAY CONDUCTOR, Max

Lerner, was fired Nov. 20 by the New York City Transit Authority for refusal to answer questions about "suspected Communist affiliations." Superior Court Justice Benjamin Brenner upheld the State's Security Risk Law of 1951 under which Brenner was fired.

MRS. ANNIE LEE MOSS has her job back in the Defense Department but the sword still hangs over her head. Secretary of Defense C. E. Wilson wrote a curious letter in which he said the record "does not support the conclusion that she is actually subversive or disloyal to the United States," but added that there was "certain derogatory information," about Mrs. Moss prior to 1946.

A NEGRO SOPRANO, Leontyne Price, made history on Jan. 23 when she sang the lead role in Puccini's "La Tosca" in an otherwise all white cast. NBC Opera Theatre produced the two-hour English version.

DOES FEAR HANDICAP the work of American college and high school teachers? A Fund for the Republic study was announced to assess "the degree of fear among teachers in such areas as the handling of controversial subjects in the classroom; their relationships with students, fellow-teachers and administrative superiors;

use the coffee shop.

By Joyce Cowley interviewed by social workers difficulty fitting into the set teen-age level. The Saturday Evening Post has were more devout, and attended patterns of our schools are likely just started The Shame of America, a series of five articles on delinquents. Juvenile gangs are interesting activities and asso-

watching closely.

the Senate Committee on Delinquency. The current Colliers features an article by Bill Meuldin, different race or religion. Tenn-Agers - What Gives? In The prejudices which foster this the American Magazine, J. Ed-

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