Supreme Court Opens Hearings On School Bias

By George Lavan

On April 11 the U.S. Supreme Court finally began to hear arguments on how and when its school desegregation ruling of almost a year ago should be put into effect. Lawyers for Negro children and O-

their parents urged the court to | tell the court that "the Southern make a ruling that would start states have made no sincere desegregation rolling in the South attempt to advance constructive at the beginning of next year's plans . . . as to how the May 17 school term or at the latest the decision outlawing segregation in school year after the next. Law-yers for border states — those plemented." The NAACP lawyers Southern states which were not called Florida an exception to this boycotting the hearings — pre- statement. This, however, appears sented a line of argument which to be a case of over-generosity. would make the Supreme Court's While the friend-of-the-court May 17, 1954, ruling a dead letter arguments submitted by the as far as compulsory desegrega-Florida Attorney General were tion was concerned. not as rabid as some of the

The announced purpose of these others, 'they certainly do not hearings - the implementation represent an effort to find the best and quickest way to begin school desegregation. Florida installment of the Court's decision - was to decide ways, means and time limits of enforcing the argued against immediate inteearlier decision that school seggration. It also asked that the regation was unconstitutional. Yet Supreme Court leave the details the attornies-general and legal up to district courts and tell them representatives of the Jim Crow that petitions of Negro children school states didn't argue about to enter hitherto lily-white schools how or when desegregation should should be refused as "capricious" begin but tried to prove that if the motivation was desire to desegregation was impractical, advance a racial group. Petitions unhealthy, undesirable, impossible should be considered as being in 'good faith" solely on the grounds and dangerous.

This led the lawyers of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to

Encouraging Vote Given Los Angeles SWP Candidate

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LOS ANGELES, April 9 -Robert Morgan, candidate for the Board of Education sponsored by the Los Angeles Local of the Socialist Workers Party. received the encouraging total of 17,293 votes, it was announced here this week.

This compares with 12,588 votes which he received in running for the same office in 1953

Morgan ran on a platform of opposition to the witch-hunt He advocated that funds now earmarked for war by the capitalist government should be used for education.

that the Negro child's education City mayor and for U.S. senawas being impaired in a segretor. Until last week, he counted gated school. Secretary of State Dulles, At-This would be a gimmick by torney-General Brownell and Rewhich segregation could be main- publican National Chairman Hall South states are appropriating money for the horribly inadequate Negro schools. They hope in a few years to be able to claim that the improved Negro schools are 'equal" to the white. Then state petition from a Negro child for transfer to a white school was a 'capricious" desire "to advance a racial group" since no educational

impairment was being suffered. Thus would be revived the old legal trick of "separate but equal" which the Supreme Court supposedly outlawed last May.

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tained. Florida and other Deep among his close personal friends. Three months ago, Dulles urged Corsi to take a job with the State Department to administer the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. On April 8 Dulles fired Corsi after Rep. Walter (D-Pa), officials would declare that a now head of the House Un-American Activities Committee, charged that Corsi had once belonged to "Communist front" organizations. Corsi, who was born in Italy,

INSULTING ARGUMENT

One of the most insulting arguments was presented by Archibald G. Robertson representing Virginia. He alleged that Ne-

Department toward the Con-

ference served to whet interest

all the keener and give the

gathering a still greater anti-

imperialist coloration. Rep. Powell

expressed this sentiment of the

Negro people in his way when he

said on the floor of Congress

March 31: "I do not believe we

or any country is strong enough

to be indifferent to a conference

representing three - fifths of the

Yet just how representative is

the Bandung Conference? Invita-

tions have been extended to

Egypt (population, 17 million),

earth's population."

opposes those features of the 1952 Walter-McCarran Immigration law that discriminate against South and East Europeans and Asians. For instance,

under the act, normal 1954 quotas allowed 65,000 immigrants from England as against 5,600 from Italy and 185 from Japan.



anyway.

hunters.

Since 1952 Republican Party

presidential election campaign

to say they were wrong in sup-

tration in each of these wars?

That they were wrong in voting

and taking joint responsibility

duct of these wars? No, they

they are merely stating a fact,

In the meantime they hope

porting the Democratic adminis-

ugee Relief Act. Under its pro- lions of American people who visions 209,000 non-quota per- are feeling alarm that borders sons supposedly could enter the on terror concerning the ghastly U.S. on the plea that they were results of the atomic tests. victims of "Communist persecu-tion." But with half the operat-

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- Rail Strikers Solid

Witch-hunted STRIKE Red-baiting is still in vogue as a means of settling an opponent's hash. The latest politician to find this out is Edward Corsi, can. Corsi was former Republican candidate for New York

Striking railroad workers reaffirm their stand at mass meeting in Louisville, Ky. The Louisville & Nashville railroad and two subsidiaries, branching through 13 southeastern states, have been halted by a strike of 25,000 members of 10 non-operating rail unions since Mar. 14.

Minn. Ballot Ban WASHINGTON HUSH-HUSH **Measure Dropped ON BOMB TEST DANGERS After Protests**

By Theodore Kovalesky [implication" of subversion; it is "Is a studied attempt being worse, if possible. It is not fair made on a world-wide basis to sponsible government authorities hamper the American program are handicapped in several ways for improvement of its atomic about correcting alarming statethat the human race might be ments they know to be false." in the number of signatures re-Mr. Finney then sympathetically accidentally poisoned by too Mr. Finney then sympathetically many weapon tests?" Thus be lists four different ways the Italians, Poles and other minoria gins a feature by Nat S. Finney long-suffering Washington offiof the Buffalo Evening News cials are being taken advantage of.

bias, the Eisenhower Adminis- begins also the governmental WOULD END IGNORANCE tration sponsored the 1953 Ref- counterattack against the milhuman race changed by freakish Party spoke against the propo-This is not a subtle move on

ST. PAUL, April 6 - A vicplay, not cricket, because "re- tory for democratic rights appears certain in the Minnesota ballot fight. The drastic increase quired for filing by petition, originally proposed in an administration-sponsored bill (House File 1292), has been dropped. This action came on a unani-

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GM Seeks to Handcuff UAW

With Another Five-Year Pact

mous vote of the House Elections Committee of the Minne-First, by countering the state- sota State Legislature after a ments of those alarmists who hearing at which V. R. Dunne, don't want to be poisoned by state organizer of the Minnesota radiation or see the form of the section of the Socialist Workers PRICE: 10 Cents

Workers Need Eyes In Back of Heads to Watch Slippery Moves

By Art Preis

General Motors has launched a drive to handcuff its production workers with another long-term contract like the detested five-year agreement that expires May 29. This may be the price the world's D

argest industrial corporation is tract worked out by the UAW asking in return for concessions and General Motors in 1950." The ad then boasts that GM on the guaranteed annual wage

plan sought by the CIO United today employs 511,792 persons compared with 383,688 in Jan. Automobile Workers in current 1950. The implication is that the negotiations which began April 7. The huge monopoly corporation

plugging the five-year pact is due to the long-term pact. The through costly full-page ads in comparison, of course, is with a leading newspapers throughout recession period and simply omits the country. These ads appeared the fact of the Korean War boom almost immediately following the that was the principal cause of opening of negotilations. A hint the employment increase. But of the line GM would take had GM employment declined in 1954 been given by its president over 1953 — a fact not cited in Harlow H. Curtice last month the ad. The new automation prowhen he issued a statement gram is likewise aimed at still fulsomely praising the 1950 long- further reducing the working term contract that CIO and UAW force. President Walter Reuther helped

to foist on the GM workers. OLD PACT PROTESTED

year contract that is about to rose one-third, its payroll inexpire aroused bitter criticism creased only a little more than and protest from the auto union's 18%. ranks. This reached such a pitch in 1953 that Reuther was forced to seek reopening of the contract

convention.

increase over the past five years

The ad also claims that GM wage and salary payments rose from \$1,719,491,556 in 1950 to \$2.398.465.867 in 1954. In short. From its start in 1950, the five- while the number of its employes

WHAT GM OMITS

What the ad leaves out is on wages and to threaten strike GM's profits - the real reason action. The five-year pact became why the corporations "enjoyed a major issue of the 1953 UAW five great years." Last Jan. 26 the company announced 1954 net GM has kept strict silence on profits of \$806,000,000, about the guaranteed wage issue and given no hint of its stand in the newly connect it is in the day in the stand in the stand in the day is not stand in the newly opened negotiations. But drop in net sales. GM's claim that "five years of labor peace" made gains in employment and wages possible falsifies the facts. In March 1953, Reuther was compelled by the The ad claims that "General GM workers to demand reopening Motors and their employes have of the wage portion of the fiveenjoyed five great years" and one year pact. Faced with the of the reasons "certainly traces possibility of a strike at the (Continued on page 3)

By Bob Dixon

The peoples of Africa, numbering some 200,000,000, have the smallest representation in the so-called "counprocessed. cils of the world." This lends special attractiveness to

Bandung Afro-Asian Conference Oin the eyes of 50,000,000 Arab people. So much so that, five and 150,000,000 Negro Africans. American Negro journalists will It appears to be a forum promis- attend as observers. The famous ing to give voice to their views Negro novelist and publicist and opinions on some of the most Richard Wright as well as the Harlem congressman Rep. Adam burning questions of the day. In the United States itself the Clayton Powell will also be

Bandung Conference has excited present. great interest among the Negro The cold attitude of the State

Overflow Crowd Hears Dobbs In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, April 8 - At a meeting chaired by James P. Cannon, an overflow crowd tonight jammed the newly decorated hall of the Socialist Workers Party to hear Farrell Dobbs in the concluding speech of his coastto-coast tour.

Ethiopia (10 million), Liberia Dobbs flayed the arrogant American imperialists for their (two million), Libya (one million), and the Gold Coast (four warlike attempts to bully the Asian and African people into million).

Of these, the most significant submission to Washington and Wall Street. From McArthur's invitation is the one to the Gold march to the Yalu some four Coast, since it is the first Negro years ago to the present day, government to arise directly out Dobbs pointed out, the revolu- of the struggles of the African tionary people of China have suc- peoples against colonial dominacessfully fought off the repeated tion, even though it is still a attempts of Yankee imperialism colony within the British Empire, powerful weapon during the to foist upon them a counter- its one-crop cocoa economy comrevolutionary regime friendly to pletely under the thumb of British and was instrumental in electing dragging us into a war in the sy diplomacy" can be dangerous, capital. Wall Street.

Time, he said, is on the side Thus the Afro-Asian Conference line goes like this: "Don't forof the formerly helpless colonial gives a voice to those claiming get, it was the Democratic Party to speak for no more than 18 milthat was in the administration masses who seek to end the exploitation of capitalist imperial- lion North Africans and 16 milduring World War I, World War II. and the Korean War." lion Negro Africans. ism and to determine their own What then of the millions of But, are the Republicans ready

fate. Africans engaged in bitter and Dobbs reported that during his tour he had observed a growing often bloody struggle against resistance in America to the French, British, Portuguese, Belwitch hunt and a great feeling of gian and Spanish colonialism? Why was no invitation profeconomic insecurity among workers even in so-called prosperity fered to Jomo Kenyatta and the Kenya African Union? To Mesareas.

with the Democrats for the con-While the tendency, he said, is | sali Hadj, leader of the embattled for the workers to go through yet | Algerians? To the African Nareply, they wouldn't say that, another experience with the tional Congress, waging a bitter Democratic Party, their political fight against the racist South no innuendo intended . . . etc., thinking is changing. Once they African regime? To the RDA of etc. have begun to move in the direc- French West Africa, the Istiglal tion of independent political ac- of Morocco, the savagely represstion, he concluded, it will be the ed peoples of Madagascar? The ostensible purpose of the beginning of the end for capital-

ist exploitation and wage slavery. (Continued on page 2)

ing period already over, only 15,000 applications have been that this question "has some

meant as window dressing and scientists who have kibitzed so was Corsi's appointment. But about Atomic Energy Commis-Corsi got in the way of the restrictive bloc in Congress headed implications" is the claim that by Rep. Walter. Nor was he wanted by Scott McLeod, ad-Russian tests." ministrator of Immigration and chief McCarthy lieutenant in the

State Department. qualified for the job and only was closer. It was in Colorado telligence. held a 90 day appointive post, that two scientists warned that

radioactive fall out had reached This was news to Corsi. As dangerous proportions (and the by ethical considerations." Ameriwas his alleged past membership governor of the state said they can authorities "know" that the tions. "But even if I had be- pains). Where the fall out may to have died of exposure to poibe occurring in the Soviet Union sonous radiation actually died of many calls, personal contacts lenged, so what?" he complained to reporters. "Doesn't 25 we do not know. But surely it infectious hepatitis. . . that he and letters from people protestis not Colorado, U.S.A. years of service in conservative Now, publicly to express one's inadequately sterilized transfu-Republican surroundings count for anything?

cates, is not merely an "ugly

moy and Matsu islands).

mutations, they might disclose the part of the government. The information that would be of News goes on to admit openly value to Soviet intelligence. There is obviously only one ority parties to participate in

The Refugee Relief Act was ugly implications for American way out of that. The American election campaigns. people must have blind faith in their government. The old trasion policies." Among the "ugly | ditions of democracy have to be swent aside into the trash of protests "are always directed at modern times. There must be no American tests and never at. questioning. The government must have a "divine right" to do

The Minnesota SWP quickly If this "ugly implication" is what it sees fit to do. Anybody organized a campaign when the correct, it is hardly strange. The who may wonder about the threat of this move was first an Walter smeared Corsi in Con- American tests are occurring in course that Washington is purnounced in the newspapers. Every gress. McLeod and other McCar- America and the Russian ones, suing, even with regard to the effort was made to alert and inthyites put pressure behind the in Russia. It would seem logical continuance of the human race, form individuals in civil liberties scenes and Dulles dropped Corsi. that the atomic fall out most to is by implication, working hand groups, other minority parties Dulles claimed Corsi was not be dreaded would be that which in glove with the Russian Inand activists in the farmers and mion movements. The success of Secondly, "responsible author-

the campaign can be gauged by ities are sometimes handicapped the fact that the chairman of the House Elections Committee in "Communist front" organiza- should be "put in jail" for their famous Japanese fisherman "said announced at the opening of the hearing that he had received

probably got from the use of an ing this move.

Perhaps the best proof was worry over the hazard of atomic sion needle. But because Japa- the readiness with which the Evidently not among witch- radiation, the News story indi- nese doctors attended the fisher- committee struck out the offend-

ing part of the bill.

They're Both War Parties By L. P. Wheeler

ticipation in these terrible wars. the Chinese and other colonial game of "war party" accusa-Now the Democrats come people settle matters with their tions must be played within of more than 61/2 million shares along. They try the same game. exploiters without the armed in- strict limits. It must not interof Montgomery-Ward stock. spokesmen have hurled the They accuse the Republicans of tervention of the U.S.? fere with any basic moves in the

charge of "war party" at the being the "war party" today. No. They are not ready for war drive; and it must not re-Democrats. This charge was a They charge that by its "bungl- that, the Democratic demagogues inforce the suspicion of the the Republican administration is merely pointing out that "clumties are war parties. The Democrats are, of course, Eisenhower. The vote-catching Far East - at the "wrong time" and can lead to unfortunate re- aware of these limitations in the and in the "wrong place" (Que-| sults; they meant no innuendo | game of anti-war demagogy. Didn't they have many occasions . . etc., etc.

to lecture the Republicans on But, are the Democrats ready In the meantime they hope to exploit the deep alarm and share with the Eisenhower ad- get the impression that somehow ministration on the "cold war" in the Democratic Party does not hatred of the American people general and the Far East in par- fully share the responsibility for for Wall Street's reckless plunge

ticular? Are they ready to favor the present war danger. the removal of all armed forces Now that the Democrats are is very great. The 1956 elections from the Far East? Are they in turning the "war party" charge loom. The flesh pots of power Fleet out of the Formosa Strait? the GOP leaders are getting diswar expenditures which account charges of "war party" have on anti-war sentiment? for 62% of the entire federal public opinion?

budget? Are they at least ready that millions of voters get the hower proposes? In other words, are they ready nishing grist for the "Commun-

impression that somehow the Republican Party did not share to abandon Wall Street's foreign ist propaganda mill." equal responsibility for U.S. par- policy, get out of Asia and let Nixon is really saying that the war parties.

sal. He cited the fact that this its ad campaign is intended to curtailment of civil rights was a win public support for a demand direct blow to the right of min- for a long-term pact.

WHAT GM CLAIMS

In discussing the proposed bill, committee members emphasized their agreement with the right of minority parties to participate right back to the historic conin elections, and they struck this section out of the bill.



By Sam Marcy

It is utterly impossible to understand the current bitter struggle for Montgomery-Ward unless one takes into account the relationship between the House of Morgan and Sewell Avery.

First the reader should know The current contest between that Sewell Avery, though a Wolfson and Avery has ocrich man by the ordinary stand- casionally been described in the ards of a working-man, is not newspapers as a contest between

a Rockefeller, Dupont, Ford or two men embracing two "differ-Morgan. As he recently describ- ent philosophies," one of whom ed himself, he is a "mere mana- bases himself on an oncoming ger" of a giant corporation. The depression, while the other fact that he owns 65,000 shares views the future prospects for of Montgomery-Ward is in and further expansion with Pollyof itself not sufficient to take anna optimism. him out of the category of a

manager, since there are a total MERE CAMOUFLAGE

But all of this is mere camouflage for the small Montgomery-Up until June of 1948, if any Ward stockholders. It could not giant company could be regard- fool the House of Morgan. The ed as Morgan-controlled it was accumulation of an inordinate

ing" and "fumbling" diplomacy, will hasten to explain. They are American people that both par- Montgomery-Ward. On its Board amount of cash reserves by the of Directors sat none other than management of any corporation, Richard Whitney, chairman of is invariably regarded as an atthe Board of Directors of J. P. tempt by the corporation to cut Morgan; and H. P. Davison, the itself loose from the dominion senior vice-president of J. P. of its financial overlord. It is Morgan. It was Davison who tantamount to the accumulation to renounce the basic policy they that millions of worried voters that score? But the temptation brought Sewell Avery to Mont- of ammunition or armaments by

gomery-Ward to manage the a vassal, and notice that the vassal is preparing to^{*} dispense firm in 1931. Over the course of the war with the "protection" of the years, and especially since 1943, suzerain.

toward a Hydrogen Bomb war it became more and more notice-Things were simmering all during the war years, between able that the Montgomery-Ward for each and every war measure favor of getting the Seventh against the Republicans, some of in Washington beckon. And who Company was accumulating so the Morgans and their manager much in liquid assets (cash) that of Montgomery-Ward, Sewell can afford to ignore the possibil-Are they ready to call for the turbed. What kind of an effect ity of swinging a few million the firm had acquired the nick- Avery, until one day the Morcancellation of the astronomical do these charges and counter- votes by skillful manipulation of name of the "bank with a de- gans decided to cut him down partment store front." In the to size. On June 10, 1948, at a Yet Nixon is right. The Democurrent proxy fight with his ad- meeting of the Board of Direc-

Vice-President Nixon on April crats are playing with fire-just versary, Wolfson, Avery de- tors of Montgomery-Ward, the to stop their clamor for even 3 declared that "there is no war as the Republicans were in 1952. scribed his financial policy as by-laws of the company were greater war spending than Eisen- party in America" and that any- The mutual accusations of "war "salting away cash for a rainy changed so as to redistribute the one who says otherwise is fur- party" could get out of hand. It day." His supposed rival, Wolf- powers of the executives of the could help the American people son, has described Avery as the corporation in such a way as to rise up against both capitalist chief prophet of "doom and give more power to one of the bust.' (Continued on page 4)

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Monday, April 18, 1955

A Strong Defense Of Fifth Amend. **By Daniel Roberts**

THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TODAY, Three Speeches by backdrop of two world wars and Erwin N. Griswold, Dean and Langdell Professor of one major depression. It took Law, Harvard Law School. Cambridge: Harvard Uni- place under a democratic capversity Press, 1955. 82 pages. \$2.

These are the speeches of a conservative lawyer. Though taken in by the premise of the witch hunt that the nation faces the danger of a Communist conspiracy, Dean Griswold takes his stand on the side of the Fifth Amendment. "The privilege against self-incrimination," he says, "is one of the great landmarks in man's struggle to make himself civilized.'

The first speech was given in February 1954 at the time that McCarthy was at the zenith of his power. Witchhunting was at its peak. In the Senate, the bill to appropriate money to continue McCarthy's investigations was cy," passed by a vote of 85 to 1, with all leading liberals voting in favor.

Griswold's speech was a courageous act under the circumstances, for it undertook to justify use of the Fifth Amendment by witnesses appearing before Congressional committees. He reviewed the history of the privilege against self-incrimination, and showed its origin in the fight of English revolutionists against the high-handed articulate minority - was in- Jim Crow and embittered by the per se, as the final confirmation Star Chamber proceedings of the absolute monarchy on the eve of its overthrow in 1640.

the He showed that refusal to testify on the plea of flocked to the Universal Im- told that they should suspend forming racial discrimination ism, by the growth of the labor possible self-incrimination went hand in hand in the provement Association of Mar- their struggle in order not to American colonies with the fight for the right of free speech.

Bucking the McCarthyite propaganda that anyone who used the Fifth Amendment did so to hide his "guilt" and was to be branded a "Fifth Amendment Communist," Griswold showed that the real purpose of the Fifth Amendment "is to protect the innocent."

Griswold also defended the use of the Fifth Amendment by witnesses who wish to keep from turning informer against their former friends and associates, and he praised this motive.

Griswold said nothing that socialists and other militant free speech defenders had not already pointed out, but he added the prestige of an outstanding legal authority to the fight to defend the Bill of Rights. That was his valuable contribution.

Since the time Griswold delivered his speeches, the Senate censured McCarthy. Although the witch hunt is still going strong, the lynch atmosphere McCarthy pushed has abated. It has even become fashionable to speak out against the extremes of the witch hunt if not against the anti-Communist drive itself.

Thus Harry P. Cain, a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board, and McCarthy's ally when a the Great Depression, race pre-Senator from 1946-1952, three weeks ago defended the Fifth Amendment. He spoke out against smearing as "Fifth Amendment Communists" witnesses who invoke the privilege against self-incrimination. What is noteworthy is that Cain's arguments paralleled Griswold's arguments and were obviously drawn from that source.

Similarly on Apr. 4, three judges of the United States Court of Appeals used arguments evidently influenced by Griswold's speeches in a decision involving the Fifth Amendment. The judges upheld validity of Attorney-General Brownell's measure for forcing witnesses to give testimony or face conviction for contempt of court, but said they did so "reluctantly." This law, passed last August during the red-baiting orgy that marked the close of the 83rd Congress, tries tc get around the Fifth Amendment by granting witnesses "immunity" from prosecution. Griswold attacked this law in his October 1954 speech as a violation of the Fifth Amendment, and the judges did likewise. But the judges lacked the courage of their convictions. They held themselves powerless to rule the law unconstitutional and passed the buck to the U.S. Supreme Court. Because of the courage of the author, the role the speeches have played in the fight against the witch hunt and the wealth of arguments in defense of the Bill of Rights that the book contains, "The Fifth Amendment Today" is a valuable addition to every worker's library.

Walter White and His Times -- II CIO attracted considerable sup-|ership, headed by Walter White, to many industries and unions gro children had lower intelligence

By Jean Blake (Second of two articles.) port.

The Negro struggle for equalty in America, as Walter White knew it, took place against the heriting from Britain the role of dominant world power,

The conditions created by these historic events provided several alternative courses for the Negro struggle.

World War I, with the dewhich it created. stimulated the migration of Negroes from the rural South to the cities and to

the North. And at the same time tion, if not segregation. that they were called to fight in CP BETRAYS NEGROES a mis-named. "war for democra-

Negroes were subjected to Jim Crow tyranny in the Army blatantly demonstrated the in-Party for leadership of the Necivilian life.

gro struggle was its abandon-The National Association for the Advancement of Colored ment of that struggle during People, which was the conscious World War II. When the Ameri- March 21 cited the school despokesman primarily for the can Negroes, smarting under the cision, with its implication that "talented tenth" — the educated, discrimination and humiliation of segregation is unconstitutional adequate for the expression of hypocrisy of the Great Crusade the protest and aspirations of against fascism and Hitler's the NAACP's - program and opportunities provided by the Negro masses. So they theory of the master race, were cus Garvey, who exalted the embarrass the Democratic camp, appeals to the courts and to they left the Communist Party lowly, preached complete independence as opposed to integra- in disgust.

tion into white American so-It was then that they exciety, organized Negro co-oppressed their choice for two erative enterprises and agitated other alternatives open to them. the Supreme Court, under the Some turned to the smallest pressure of colonial revolutions for escape through migration to

Africa. cialist organization, on But the Garvey movement American scene - the Socialist could not last. While it left its mark on the consciousness of the Workers Party. Hundreds of Negro masses in terms of greater self-confidence and more arto the Militant, the paper which ticulate expression of the independent aspects of the Negro struggle against discrimination, its program of voluntary segregation eventually proved as unsatisfactory as the compulsory segregation of the white supremwith Jim Crow. acists. It disintegrated.

TURN TO THE CP.

Another alternative for the Negro people was opened by the bid for leadership by the Communist Party. Following the

had strengthened the NAACP's which formerly barred them. But as experience demonstratalliance with the official labor ed that the Communist Party's movement, and had become also recognize that basically the and a higher percentage of policies and activities were de- adept at bargaining with the status of American Negroes re- illegitimate birth. He gave no

termined essentially by the dip- government for legal concessions mains that of second-class citi- source for the statistics he lomatic needs of the Stalinist in exchange for support of the zens. (Even America's most fam- presented. Nor did he explain regime rather than the Negro State Department's propaganda campaigns abroad. struggle in America, this leadchose not to accept a govern-In the post-war period the ment appointment that would not hospitalized and cured by the ership, too, was abandoned. NAACP saw the achievement of have subjected him and his fam-One highlight of this experience was the artificial attempt a number of its limited objec- ily to living under the Jim Crow tives: U. S. Supreme Court deto translate the demand of selfconditions in the nation's capidetermination for small nations cisions outlawed the use of the tal.) Segregation and discrimiin Europe into a program for

creation of an independent Ne- ments barring the sale or rentgro nation, or republic, in Amering of property to Negroes; mand for a larger labor force ica. No amount of theoretical ruled that several state instituargumentation by analogy could tions of higher learning must win broad Negro support for a admit Negroes where they did perspective that implied isolanot provide equal facilities for

education on a separate basis. Finally, in the historic decision of May 17, 1954, the Supreme But the experience which most Court ruled that segregation in public schools, whether equal and to the segregated ghetto in adequacy of the Communist facilities are provided or not, is unconstitutional.

of Negro homes have taken their Many of the editorial complace.

ity of the correctness of his - and methods: The program - reout of capitalism. The methodthe Negro people from a dis- children and prevent their hearts public opinion on the premise persed, primarily Southern rural from that racist hardening which that Jim Crow is inconsistent

But the area of even small

gains under capitalism is nar-|four above-named states, has rowing, and the conscious depassed legislation to prevent enmand for full equality by Ameriforcement of the Court's decision, can Negroes is growing. Neither | was grudgingly present. This was promises nor hollow legal victories will suffice. When the states originally brought into foretelling violence and defiance

life, are undeniably the dominant

pattern of existence for the over-

whelming majority of American

ype of mob action, have de-

reased in the past few years,

other forms, such as police bru-

tality, arbitrary arrest and im-

prisonment, bombing and stoning

Vegro violence, such as the old white parents.

minds.'

whites in the South.

limit of gains by the old methods court as defendant. S. E. Rogers, is reached — and the granting legal representative of Clarendon by the Court that segregation is County, South Carolina, was wrong in principle indicates that asked by Chief Justice Earl Warthe limit is in sight - new ren whether he was "not willing methods and new leaders will be to say here that there would be utilized. It will be clear that not an honest attempt to conform to a most likely to bring results. Supreme Court decree.' small reforms, but basic changes

'great" State of Virginia.

must be made in American society and institutions to root out every form of racial segregation and discrimination.

To socialists it is already clear that the capitalist organization legal concessions with one hand of production on a profit basis requires the division of the work-

> as Jim Crow in order to maintain the profits and privileges of

But even to the mass of Negro Americans who are not socialists, it is clear by now that the

"getting out of hand." The nu-

results may be.'

"Let's get the word 'honest' out (Continued from page 1) of here," Rogers replied, "Right test results, a higher incidence of now the people would not conform But an objective view must tuberculosis and venereal disease to immediate integration.'

administration.

... Supreme Court

RIDICULES SUPREMACISTS

Thurgood Marshall. attornev for the NAACP argued that inous Negro citizen, Ralph Bunche, why a child with tuberculosis or tegration could be successfully any other infectious disease was undertaken in the Deep South "There is no local option on the 14th Amendment. It is a national "White parents will not approconstitution," he declared. He priate money to put their children also derided the arguments of the with children who have that sort alleged lower educational qualificourts to enforce private agree- nation in housing, education, em- of background," piously orated cations of Negro children. "It's no ployment, political and social Mr. Robertson, completely neglectproblem to put dumb colored ing the fact that Negro parents children with dumb white children Virginia are equally taxed and and smart colored children with for three - fourths of a century smart white children," he said. have got a lot less in the form of "Those details are a matter of

While certain forms of anti- schools for their tax money than The present hearings by the Attorney General J. Lindsav high court have an air of un-Almond Jr. of Virginia said that reality because the legal fiction in its May 17, 1954, decision the is that both sides have accepted Supreme Court had taken great the May 17, 1954, ruling and are pains to assess the damage of now sincerely trying to figure out segregation to Negro children but the best way of putting it into 'no consideration has ever been effect.

given to the effect of integration This is decidedly not the case. on white children . . . what it The Southern states have not would do to their hearts and given an inch in their.determinaion to keep segregated schools. To everyone except a white Their lawyers are not trying to supremacist the answer to Athelp the Supreme Court find the torney General Almond's question best and most expeditious way is obvious: integration would of putting desegregation into effect, but are trying to obstruct enforcement and pressure the Justices into watering down their is a regional disease of most original decision by handing down an inadequate enforcement decree. Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana

Everyone in the courtroom, inand Mississippi boycotted the duding the Justices know this. Supreme Court's invitation to They are also sensitive to the present friend-of-the-court briefs. outside pressure - the action of South Carolina, which like the Deep South states in amending their constitutions to allow junking of the public school system, the statements of powerful Southonly because it was one of the ern senators, the fiery speeches by Southern governors.

The racist strategy, it is beieved, is in large measure directed by South Carolina Governor Byrnes, who was himself a member of the Supreme Court and knows what kind of pressure is



The volunteer army of Mili- Kovalesky's articles again, and tant subscription-getters and dis- they are still hoping to see Cutbacks in industry threw Ne- legal loop-holes and red tape ing class through devices such tributors will all be happy to Laura Grey's cartoons about the

see their activi- Wall Street man and his wife; ties reported these cartoons were more popular than you know: some readagain in this column. Now that ers saved them for a scrap-book, the brilliant sucthey were so good, as a commentary on the Great and cess of the Press Mighty Rulers of this era!" Fund Campaign

is behind us, we Johnnie Tabor of the New can afford space York Local reports very successful distributions of the Militant for the exploits

and youngest revolutionary so- and independence movements of colored peoples throughout the world, finally felt it necessary to rule that segregation is un-Negroes joined it for the first constitutional (and thereby to time. A few thousand subscribed attempt to demonstrate that capitalism can reform itself),

expressed its ideas and which the Court also had to introduce alone, throughout World War II, a new departure in its proceedcontinued to tell the truth about ings. Instead of simply stating the capitalist war and to cam- its decision that segregation in paign against any compromise public schools is illegal, and or-

dering that it be discontinued But by far the majority of the forthwith, the Court invited those guilty of the illegal prac-Negro people turned to the oth-

the.

er alternative, the NAACP un- tice, along with others, to advise der the leadership of Walter the Court as to when and how White. More than half a million the ruling should be enforced. This precedent-making projoined by 1946, despite the fact cedure by the Supreme Court that the NAACP supported the war and helped spread the il- indicates the probable pattern war, and during the period of for the next period of granting lusions about its aims. The post-war period brought judice, fanned by insecurity and and taking them away with conscious attempts by the white inevitable disillusionment. the ruling class to keep the working groes out of work first. Lynchclass divided, erupted in increaswith the other.

An objective view of the hisings, race riots, police violence, ed race riots and lynchings. the ruling class. bombing of Negro homes and tory of the Negro struggle in The Communist Party, unin-Walter White's time must recogother illegal and extra-legal hibited by considerations (valid methods were employed to try nize that certain gains have been or not) which limited the to "put the Negro" back "in made. There is certainly a great-NAACP and the union moveer awareness in America and in power of the Southern ruling ment embarked on its camhis place.' NAACP membership slipped, the world of the "Negro ques- class must be destroyed before paign to take over the leaderbut the organization was firmly | tion." Court decisions have re- | any semblance of Negro equality ship of the Negro protest moveof the legal rights be achiev stored some nent. For a period the party's established as the leading or activity in exposing capitalist ganization in the legal struggle taken away from colored Ameri- parent even in the most liberal Jim Crow injustice in the Scotts- for democratic rights for Ne- cans in the period following the years of Walter White's period boro Case on a world-wide basis, groes. It had developed an ex- Civil War and Reconstruction. that neither the Northern poliits role in leading demonstra- perienced and capable legal and The number of annual lynch- ticians nor the courts can be extions of unemployed for relief, publicity staff. It maintained a ings - a barometer of race re- pected to reconstruct our society. and then in helping organize continuity in court actions and lations in the early days of the That is the revolutionary task Negro and white workers in in- legislative campaigns for civil NAACP. - have decreased, before the American working dustrial unions of the young rights for Negroes. And its lead- Negroes have gained entrance class.

ments on Walter White's death Temporary and superficial gains in the struggle for equalwere possible in Walter White's time. It is to his credit that he took advantage of the difficulties of American capitalmovement, and by the change in broaden the minds of the white

with capitalist democracy. But it is significant that when

working class.

minority to an urban, concentrated, conscious segment of the NEED NEW METHODS AND NEW LEADERS

Negroes.



(Continued from page 1) It would be a most damaging parley is to give an independent condemnation of their imperialist and powerful voice to the aspirajailkeepers.

Instead of taking this course, tions of the colonial peoples. And it is true that the former colonies the organizers of the Conference, represented there (Burma, Indoundoubtedly under the conservanesia, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, tive influence of Nehru and the Viet Nam, the Philippines, Egypt, Syria) constitute a potentially invitation to the so-called Cengiant force. But if the real purtral African Federation. This ugly pose of the Conference was to duckling is a newly hatched white strike a genuine blow against supremacist regime, hardly less imperialism, how much more reactionary than the Union of powerful it would be if the re- South Africa. presentatives of the trade unions In calling the Conference, Nehru and independence movements were and the other sponsors undoubtpresent from North and South Africa, the Belgian Congo, British ship of the colonial peoples for edly had in mind capturing leader-Malaya, Nigeria, Kenva-

their own purposes. Nevertheless, The empty seats reserved for the mere fact that it was necesmationalist leaders imprisoned for sary to call such a conference their revolutionary activities, such testifies to the dynamism of the imperialism. as Messali Hadj and Jomo colonial revolution and to the Kenyatta, would be the most completeness with which western eloquent testimonial to the strivimperialism has been discredited ings of those hundreds of millions still in absolute colonial bondage. throughout the colonial world.



Hush-Hush on Bomb Dangers

man race.

| about blowing up or poisoning | mutations-radical changes that | Frederick Soddy, told the AP in (Continued from page 1) man it would not be ethical for the human race, you naturally will be inherited by succeeding London, March 20, that the exdon't shout your plans from the generations. . . but for human perimental bomb explosions were American physicians to describe beings, science. . . has no 'base' housetops. the cause of death.'

A nice thick, opaque cloak of upon which to calculate any clear blasts "are fouling the air Even if this were true about secrecy is a necessity to your changes that might occur" the cause of death, why was the operations. And there is nothing A terrible admission is con- sense to say it is harmless. . poor fellow having a transfusion like a public controversy (es- tained in this comment, which Politicians and technicians are anyhow? Was it some esoteric Japanese hobby? Or did he realtear a few holes in that cloak Genetic scientists all over the the faintest idea of what the ly need the transfusion because through which the curious may world have raised an alarm about of the radiation to which he had the continuation of bomb tests peek. been mercilessly exposed? And

The fourth point is somewhat precisely because "science knows as far as medical ethics are concerned, don't we remember some abstruse, but it seems to deal a almost nothing about the con- shima and Nagasaki A-bomb exsnide remarks by a prominent little with ethics again. We'll nection between exposure to plosions had on human beings member of the American Medi- just quote it. Maybe you can get radioactivity and human genetsomething out of it. "Responsible cal Association, which were sharply rebuffed by those Japa- authorities must deal continunese doctors who attended the ously with scientific people who, Chinese Stalinists, tendered an fisherman? It is hardly likely would object to the Government that medical ethics would have doing other scientists' 'homework' on the grounds that any stood in the way if the Americompetent scientist has an oblican doctors had a leg to stand

Besides, did ethics of any kind at all stand in the way of label-'Monkey men," of "sub-humans," and refrain from popularization." when American imperialism was There, see? waging a war against Japanese imperialism? Ethics are discard-

MIGHT BE CHALLENGED quite a case to show that there's would be harmful ones. This is the ethical and tormented U.S. chat go. You can read it' any- ern biology leads." Government is suffering is this: where whenever the government

lenging the statements of a scientist. To do so would be GENETIC HAZARDS But the really hard nut to negative or bad public relations

and might promote alarming crack, the News story admits, is controversy. Well, do tell! What ever hap- grounds of genetic hazards. pened in the Oppenheimer case? Why? "The difficulty in supply-Who unleashed the hounds on ing authoritative answers to

on.

"bad publicity relations" some- tests is that science knows althing new that has come up since most nothing about the connecever, the most important thing activity and human genetics." is that "alarming controversy" must be avoided at all costs, exposure to radioactivity causes

of our valiant at a nearby plant of 4,000. Two soldiers of the shifts were covered, both going in and coming out of the plant. regular army. First, let's hear from comand the paper was received with rades at the UAW Convention. great interest and good-will by Meryl, Literature Agent in over 1,000 workers. Many coming out of the plant were seen Cleveland, writes: "Sunday afternoon we sold 56 copies of the reading the paper on the street Militant to the convention, and corner while they waited for on Monday I took 400 to the their bus, and favorable comhall. The people who took them ments were heard about "30 for knew just what they were get- 40" and the Militant's editorials.

ing, in fact some asked for two The New York comrades are or three to take to friends. I now planning to go out to the same plant for another big discan't tell you how inspiring it is to sell the paper to people tribution of the paper.

So many enthusiastic comwho appreciate it. "A very interesting incident ments have come in from all happened. Two of the delegates parts of the country we haven't with radioactivity. . . It is non- came toward me - one from space for half of them, but from Michigan and one from Cincin- now on we hope to keep you nati. The guy from Michigan abreast of the news. And we pecially an "alarming" one) to is intended to be "reassuring." rushing into experiments without got a paper, but the other one assure all rookies of the Militant army a hearty welcome was, hesitant, so the guy from from their comrades-at-arms. Michigan told him what a good

paper it was and gave him a Of course we have no way of real sales talk. I couldn't have knowing what effect the Hirodone better . . . I think this **Detroit Fri. Night** issue of the Militant is one of the best I have ever seen. It of the next generation. Accurate really was excellent."

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ics." These scientists contend information on this is not avail-All during the Press Camthat it is impermissible to gamble able. Only slanted driblets of inpaign our sub-getters kept up with the very future of the hu- formation are allowed to get out. with their Militant sales. Minne-But even if it were true that apolis deserves special notice. As the British geneticist C. H. "almost nothing" is known,

basis.

Almost every week we receive Waddington has pointed out in wouldn't that make the crime of a fresh crop of new and rehis article "Peril from A-Dust" the AEC all the more henious? gation to keep abreast of what is in the Feb. 19 Nation, the only Knowing "almost nothing" they newal subs from them. Following is a sample from Literature published in his field. Therefore, known data shows that "radio- are still filling the atmosphere Agent Helen Sherman, showing authorities feel they must pub- activity causes an increase in with deadly atomic particles. their enthusiastic work: "Alice. ling the Japanese a race of lish through orthodox channels the mutation rate in all animals Are they saying, "Well, we don't Harry, Ray and John turned in or plants on which it has been know how much harm we are 7 Militant renewals this week. tested. . . Any increases in this doing, but we'll go ahead anyand Alice in addition got a new Finney points at two lines of radioactivity, caused for instance how. Even if we do ruin the husub to the paper. Also enclosed criticism that are being levelled by the explosion of atomic man race, we're still doing our is an F. I. renewal. Sales of the ed as readily as civil rights against Washington, the dangers bombs, would be expected to be best to make American imperi-Militant at the Labor Temple when they get in the way of of radiation as such, and the followed by some increase in alism the supreme power on are increasing. Norm and Jean, genetic dangers. Concerning the mutation. And the vast majority what is left of the earth." Is Julia and Helen sell there two fall out of radiation, he makes of the excess mutated genes that what they're saying? nights a week on a regular This counterattack by the Wall

The third handicap under which nothing to fear, but we'll let the basic picture to which mod- Street-Washington government is just beginning. The American

people are awakening to a grow-Other scientists, of world-wide ing horror of what is happen-'They shrink from publicly chal- tries to set your mind at rest. standing have spoken out quite ing. The callous warlords of this bluntly in recent months.

land are brushing everything "A CRITICAL SITUATION" aside in their drive toward world Dr. Linius Pauling, a Nobel supremacy. Free discussion ham-

prizewinning bio-chemist, told the pers them. Today they are bethe objection to the tests on the Associated Press in Pasadena, ginning to reply with "ugly im-Calif., March 18, "Continued displications" and redbaiting. Topersal of radioactive materials morrow their reply will be the the leading nuclear scientist Op- alarms raised about the genetic in the atmosphere is creating a concentration camps.

penheimer? Or is this idea of effects of radiation from weapons critical situation. . . Radioactive But tomorrow. . . that's anrain has fallen in Germany and other story. It all depends on Japan and the resulting radi- whose tomorrow it will be-the the Oppenheimer case? How- tion between exposure to radio- ation may have started a new tomorrow of the atom-wielding, cycle of leukemia or new hered- power-mad militarists of a decaved economic system. or the They admit that "in theory itary mutations." Another Nobel prize winner tomorrow of the peace and plen-That's logical. When you set an increase in the occurence of and leading atomic scientist, ty of socialism.



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Southern Labor Stirs

New Unrest in East Germany

There's heartening news from south of the Mason-Dixon line. It is news about a new spirit of militancy among Southern workers. For a month now the two biggest strikes in the country have been going on down South. These are the strike of 50,000 CIO Communication Workers against the Southern Bell Telephone Co. in nine Southeastern states and the strike of 25,000 non-operating railroad workers against the Louisville and Nashville and several other railroads.

Despite police harassment, injunctions and company propaganda these strikes remain solid and militant. Moreover, AFL. CIO and Railroad Brotherhood members as well as unorganized workers not only honor the picket lines but aid the strikers in other ways.

Recently the Greyhound bus drivers in 10 Southeastern states joined the AFL and went on strike against the traditional wage differential which says that in return for living under "the Southern way of life" workers shall be paid less than those doing the same jobs in any other part of the U.S.A.

Indeed there are many encouraging signs that Southern labor is stirring. A

The arrest of 521 persons in East Ger-

many April 12 on charges of "spying" and

"sabotage" is a sign that the struggle of

the workers against the Stalinist regime

continues to smolder — despite repressions

was hurled by the East German Stalinists

against masses of industrial workers after

the general strike of June 17, 1953. Tens

of thousands of workers, who played a

prominent role in that insurrectionary

struggle, were rounded up in mass arrests.

proved, first of all, by the scope of the

general strike movement. Even official

Stalinist sources couldn't deny, in their

first panicky reaction to the general strike.

that the movement embraced the great

majority of the East German industrial

Furthermore, the June 17 uprising was

completely anti-capitalist in its orientation.

and program. That's why it received not

the slightest support from the capitalists

of Western Germany and the occupying

powers, the U.S., England and France. The

demands of the strikers were all directed

The fact that this charge was a lie was

The charge of "spying" for the West

and purges.

workers.

joint organizing campaign of three CIO unions - Furniture, Paper and Wood- on India and the role it is playworkers — has resulted in a string of organizing victories. The recent agreement tile Workers has brought an end to their be won in this important low-wage, stretch-out industry.

Monday, April 18, 1955

Organization of the South is one of the the Praja Socialist Party sprawlmajor tasks that will confront the soon- ing. to-be merged AFL and CIO. But it will take more than business-as-usual unionism. It will have to be a crusade as the early organization of the CIO was. But a crusade must have inspiring goals and methods. Operation Dixie of the CIO failed because and one of the most powerful lems have not been solved. it did not. To crack the open-shop, rightto-scab cities and towns of the South with their company-owned sheriffs, cops and rise here too. judges, the root evil itself — Jim Crow will have to be fought head-on by labor.

The successes of the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union in their current Southern drive show that Jim Crow can be fought new struggles. Production is beand that it pays off in victory. Let the great newly-united organization of American labor dedicate itself to this task.

bureaucrats within the factories, has been

consistently met by the East German

Another significant background factor is

the recent crisis in the Kremlin marked

Stalin, when the crisis of succession in the

Kremlin became intertwined with the rise

of working-class demands throughout

1953, one month after the East German

John H. Noble, who was in the Vorkuta election."

workers with determined struggles.

With the rise of the Indian Prime Minister Nehru in the workers are again moving. firmament of international poli-tics and the exuberance of tributes paid to him by Moscow ogy nor the Stalinist betrayals and the more astute in Washington, the attention of the more than temporarily. world public has become focused PEASANTS ON THE MARCH The peasants are also on the ing. march. With the growing eco-

By Raj Narain

Nehru is the hope of the Westnomic crisis, conditions for the ern powers as the saviour of peasantry are becoming more on union elections between the CIO Textile world capitalism in Asia. His and more ruinous. One-third of Workers Union and the AFL United Tex- | tactics in India are being watch-| the Indian peasantry consists of ed with interest, and it must be agricultural laborers, another internecine warfare and now victories can said to his credit that he is the third tills only others' lands and only statesman in the world of the remaining one-third few who has in a political duel sent can meet the bare necessities. both the Communist Party and The fall in prices of food grains and other agricultural products intensifies the situation,

A steady increase has been and their reaction has been observeable in the ranks and the strong.

influence of the Left in India, The whole petty bourgeoisie is yet, the recent debacle of the writhing under the impact of the same Left in Andhra - the crisis and in spite of the ballygreatest stronghold of the Left hoo of Five Year^ePlans, its prob sectors of the CP - left every-In short, there is not one

one gasping. Nevertheless, the | single section of the Indian people forces of the Left are on the which is not desperately looking for a solution. This situation is

The deepening economic crisis finding its echo in the consciousand the anxiety of the native ness of the masses. capitalists to shift its burden

NEW ORGANIZATION on to the backs of the workers In January 1955, representaand the peasants is generating tives of the Peasants and Workers Party, Revolutionary Socialing re-organized and standardized ist Party, Socialist Party, Mazin the mills, so that the workers door Communist Party, Com-munist League and the Forward formations were groping, their are being exploited more intensively than at any time for the last 50 or 60 years. In this the other smaller groupings, sat the influence of the bourgeoisie, government sides with the capdown together and decided to while at the same time fighting italists.

The workers, on the other (speedup), when coupled with food short- hand, are organizing themselves other groupings like the For- that the Congress Socialist ward Bloc (Marxist) are likely Party, Forward Bloc and Revolages and the stifling domination of the and preparing for a fight. In to come in. Kanpur six unions have merged into one Suti Mill Mazdoor Sab-

history, a sizeable party with doubt, but it is unmistakably ha and have threatened a general strike for May 2. For the first good units in each state of India there. Especially since 1947 with

the recent crisis in the Kremlin marked by the fall of Malenkov. In 1953 the East German workers showed they were masters of political timing in their strug-gle with the native Stalinist regime. They chose the moment after the death of Stalin, when the crisis of succession in the

TORONTO, Canada, April 9,- | comrade. But I also know him | president who chaired the heat-Front-page, banner headlines in as the none-too-common phenom- ed meeting, smeared them as selves in the dramatic shifts of Eastern Europe and the USSR, to launch the press today featured a se- enon - that man without an "the lunatic fringe of the Com- personalities among the top ulers. cret session of the twenty-first axe to grind, that is, except the munist Party."

This strategic course was calculated to convention of the Ontario Co- axe of socialism."

weaken the overall power of the Kremlin operative Commonwealth Feder-"YOU NEED HIM" ation yesterday at which the and its satellite regimes. The success of bureaucratic expulsion of 14 this aim is revealed by recent information members of the party on out the CCF in Ontario has tended meetings of the "Trot-about the strike of 250,000 prisoners in charges of having "Trotskyist" been somewhat less than re-skyists" at which revolutionary the Kremlin's Vorkuta coal-mining labor ideas was upheld. The Toronto soundingly successful and this camps. The strike was organized in July Daily Star characterized the se- lack of success at the polls has He too was expelled after Wilcret action of the convention as been accompanied by a great liam Temple, former CCF memcomfortable ideas . . . I beg you liar.

camp during this strike, reports in a New "Swearing the 200 or so dele- consider very carefully before Besides Paddy Stanton, the York Times series of articles this month, gates attending the CCF conveh-you deprive the CCF of his Toronto Daily Star listed among the thought-control victims.



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the assumption of power by the done much to clarify theoretical Congress and with mass strug- issues and help this growth. gles coming into conflict with The tasks of the future are the Congress government, the by no means easy. The party need has been felt for an inde- ranks have to be educated and pendent organization of the brought to such an ideological workers and peasants, independ- level that they can truly contribent from both the Congress and ute in the shaping of party policy. ervile Stalinism. The Trotskyists are constantly

The Trotskyists of India have analyzing the concrete situations not been mere spectators of this and putting forward their soluprocess. Their earliest forma- tions, explaining them to the ions - Bolshevik-Leninist, Bol- broadest masses of the party shevik-Mazdoor and Mazdoor and trying to convince them of Trotskvist Parties of India have their correctness.

Merger of AFL-CIO Featured in Spring Fl

The spring issue of Fourth International. a Marxist quarterly magazine, is especially rich and varied in content. In the leading article, "The Political Meaning of the CIO-AFL Merger," Tom' Kerry 3

and with good influence among in 1935, that kept them apart for peasants and workers is being 20 years, and that now brought Amendment to the Constitution, formed.. For the first time in Indian history a Marxist party, the key role of national politics fragists on the American movefree from Social Democratic re- in the prolonged separation and ment and the results of the enformism or Stalinism, is coming present unification. Finally the franchisement of women. author discusses possible future

The present re-grouping of courses facing the 15-million forces is not sudden or unexpectmember labor federation. Trade unionists will find this article one of the most thoughtful Communist Party with many way toward independence from and considered analyses of the to a historian on the "Early Years AFL-CIO merger to date.

"Automation - Menace or form a single organization. Many Stalinist policies. It was thus Promise?" by Harold Robins is a timely statement of the present progress of the current industrial utionary Socialist Parties arose revolution and the crucial problem The growth has been slow no it poses to the labor movement.

Those interested in developments in the USSR will find assistance in penetrating the veil

analyzes the various factors that graphic illustrations, the author caused the "beneficent split" of takes up the relationship of the the CIO from its parent body back | woman's movement to Abolitionism, the split over the 15th them together. Kerry examines the influence of the British suf-

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James P. Cannon, a founder of the early communist movement in this country as well as a founder of Trotkyism, contributes another installment in his series of letters of the American Communist Movement.'

As with previous installments in this wonderful series, the reader gets a clear, considered exposition not only of the problems, personalities, achievements and errors of the early movement but of the universal problems that Marxist parties face in their beginning.

The "Arsenal of Marxism" features Plekhanov's famous philosophical essay "Belinsky and Rational Reality," translated into English for the first time. Chapters I and II appear in this issue; the remaining chapters will be published in further installments.

No Marxist or student of philosophy will want to miss this important work by Plekhanov. whose writings on dialectics and philosophy were considered by



of mystery and confusion surrounding such events as the fall of Malenkov in the article "Bureaucrats in Crisis" by M. Stein and John G. Wright. These two writers, experts on Soviet history and politics, examine the underlying forces in the economy which reflect them-

Of closely related interest are The right-wingers sought to book reviews of "Communism

base their action on the allegations of a stool pigeon, one Les Cameron added: "I must point Dawson, who claimed he had at-'Moscow in Crisis.' socialist views were discussed.

a "drastic move against 'Bevan- deal of success in curbing and ber of the legislature, urged he ism' on the eve of a provincial repressing unpopular and un- be kicked out as a self-confessed

For the first time in Indian



into being.

against the bureaucratic Stalinist regime, and for workers' democratic control of the industrial establishments.

After the German Stalinists were saved from utter rout by the Kremlin's tanks and firing squads they began to peddle the canard that the strike was instigated by provocateurs.

And now again the April 12 mass arrests are accompanied by the threadbare Stalinist lie that hundreds of workers are engaged in "espionage" in the East German factories.

It is significant that these arrests take place against the background of a drive by the regime to "raise the industrial norms" again. The factor which precipitated the outbreak of June 17, 1953 was a decree raising the norms by 10%. This process of raising industrial norms

Dave Beck, President of the AFL Teamsters is the apostle of business unionism. "I have no use for class warfare," he once declared. What he does believe in is the hook-up of unions and employers.

Beck thinks of himself as a businessman and wants to be admired by the business community. "Our business is selling labor," he once said. He in turn fawns on the employers.

On March 31, Beck came up with a new dodge in the game of working with the boss. He signed a union contract with Sewell Avery, President of Montgomery Ward.

At first glance, it would seem that this was quite an achievement indeed, since Avery is a notorious union-hater and always refused to deal with unions before. How did Beck manage to get an agreement?

Avery heads a group of stockholders involved in a fight for control of Montgomery Ward with another bloc of stockholders led by the financier, Louis Wolfson. (See story on p. 1) The Teamsters bought 13,500 shares of stock in the company when they decided to organize it, and Beck agreed to vote this stock for Avery in return for a contract.

"The accord was announced at Ward's headquarters in a news conference conducted in an atmosphere of jollity," reports the April 1 N. Y. Times. "The merriment reached its peak when the normally reserved Mr. Avery playfully rumpled Mr. Beck's hair."

that the news of the East German uprising, coming as it did after the death of Stalin. was an inspiring factor in the organization group might have fatal results of the historic Vorkuta strike.

Thus we see the close reciprocal relation it is believed Premier Frost will shortly announce." of the revolutionary struggles of the East

European working class and the anti-Stalinist opposition in the Soviet Union. This relation is part of the broader interdependence of the struggle of the workers in the capitalist countries and the workers of the Soviet bloc. It shows that the overerated." throw of Stalinism, far from being the

ready to make a counter-revolutionary deal from membership anyone exwith Stalinism, is the task of the working class — a task that is part and parcel of the world-wide revolutionary movement by an agent of Stalin's secret against capitalism and all its agencies.

Avery Wins a Stockholder

their strike.

uprising.

Beck must have wagged his coat-tail with pleasure. Just think, to have his hair rumpled by an outstanding business leader like Avery and participate at his feet in a fight for corporate control! What greater glory can he possibly reach?

Beck might be satisfied, but what will Labor Party in England." the workers gain from the agreement? Their independent strength was not mobilized. The union does not rest on their aroused will to struggle against the company nor their democratic control of the expected strength among the organization.

If Wolfson defeats Avery, the union is out altogether because it backed the wrong employer. If Avery wins — even if the minute holding of the Teamsters should provide the margin of victory — he will no longer need the union.

Beck would then have to grant Avery membership in the CCF. They new favors in order to maintain the agreement. These can only come at the expense of the workers.

But is Beck really such an exception among union officials? It's true few other union leaders try to advance by backing corporate elections. Few think of themselves as "eminent businessmen."

But they do think of themselves as "statesmen." They block off labor's independent political struggle and throw union funds and energies behind one set of employer-dominated political candidates against another. And has this gained anything substantial for the workers?

tion to secrecy," said the paper, talents. He will infuriate you, leaders impressed on them disembarrass you, enrage you without end, but he will not beclosure of the action against the tray the fundamental ideas on which the CCF was founded. in the provincial election which You need him and his kind. And

if you do not know it, that is At the secret meeting, which the frightening measure of your dire need of ideas and those who was reportedly a stormy one, eight of the 14, in a joint de- can voice them."

fense statement, pointed out that National Chairman David Lewis had stressed that in the CCF prevent the right-wing bureau- wing bureaucrats. "all shades of socialism are tol-

crats from railroading through the expulsions. Eamon Park, considered a national political They scored the action of the president of the Ontario CCF, task of the capitalists, who are always executive committee in barring called the victims "a small co- billing in the press today but terie of romantic revolutionaries was given feature treatment on pressing sympathy with the so- who have no place in the CCF." the nationwide radio as top po cialist views of Leon Trotsky, Ken Bryden, CCF provincial litical news. who was assassinated in 1940

political police, as evidence that "the dread virus of thought control" has infected the CCF. They accused the three-man which had previously "court."

U. S. Senate.

ank and file.)

cialism.

(Continued from page 1) passed sentence on them, of actpeak of its war production. GM term pact. There is no such deci ing like McCarthy's committee agreed to incorporate most of sion. And Reuther may be sorely when it was riding high in the he escalator-clause cost-of-living tempted to accept some form of wage increases secured by the GM long-term contract (if not five-'Paddy Stanton, one of the 14,

workers as a permanent part of years, then four or three years) told the press after he was read the wage structure and to in- in return for something that can out of the party, "This is the crease the annual improvement. be called a guaranteed annual same issue that has faced the wage and palmed off as a victory. factor from 4 cents an hour to 5 LEAVES DOOR OPEN

(In England the right-wing cents. But the clauses covering probureaucrats recently attempted ductivity standards, grievances, to expel Aneurian Bevan for views they disagree with, but etc., have stood unbroken for five wavered in face of Bevan's unyears, during which GM has been squeezing ever-greater output from its workers and swelling

its profits enormously. Today, it WANT A SOCIALIST CCF is reported from numerous GM Another of the 14 was reportplants, the speedup is becoming ed to have declared, "I'm a unbearable. Men stagger out of Trotskyist but not an opponent the plants haggard and shaking of the CCF." Since the first effrom the grueling production forts to expel them last fall, pace. the group has fought to retain

WHERE UAW STANDS At the March, 1953, UAW conare well known in both Toronto

and Windsor CCF circles as leading activists, wholeheartedly devoted to the principles of so-

Paddy Stanton produced a letter amply clear they bitterly opposed at the secret session from Colin long-term contracts. Reuther preliament from Nanaimo, British

not to expel Stanton, Cameron said: "We need our goads, our spurs, the thorns in the flesh the convention simply to inform of complacency."

gued with him, fought with him, long-term agreements. worked with him. I know him for an exasperating, infuriating Reuther is bound by convention slick union officers.

Mitchell and his wife Kitt of Davenport Riding; Harry and Pat Baine from East York: Bruce Batten from High Park; Gerry Houle from Rosedale; Ken Sutherland from St. Paul's and Meyer Shapiro from Greenwood. The names of Jerry Horowitz and Joe Rosenthal also came

This eloquent defense by an up, but for undisclosed reasons influential, CCF leader did not they were absolved by the right

> The expulsion of the 14 is scandal. It not only got top

GENERAL STRIKE of gov- | wanted to move to a different ernment workers in Finland part of Germany or for other ended in a victory for the Trade non-political reasons are classified Union Congress. The settlement as "unrecognized" refugees. These was a maximum wage increase of cannot legally hold jobs in Berlin about \$4.00 a month - the and are not allowed to go on to amount the strikers had dethe West. Naturally word gets manded. around and everyone entering

World Events

ELECTORAL BLOC scored a victory in the first elections held

in Singapore. Under the new Constitution Singapore will have a certain amount of self-government. The British retain control of foreign affairs, internal security, justice and finances. Moreover, the British Governor has wide veto powers. Surprise victors . GM Seeks Long Pact in the election were the Peoples Action Party and the Labor Front. In coalition they have a majority of the 25 elective seats in the

decision to turn down any long-Legislative Assembly. Their main plank in the campaign was endng the British emergency regula tions under which people can be arrested and imprisoned without trial. Free speech and assembly are denied and severe penalties including death can be imposed for "aiding" the Communists. Around 80% of the population of Singapore is Chinese. About 53% Reuther has already given a of the adult population voted. sizable hint that he is willing to What surprised observers was accept something less than a that most of those who went to genuine guaranteed annual wage. the polls were women.

He opened the door to other plans

ing down and obstructing the construction of U.S. air bases in

Africans of the Kikuyu, Meru reason."

and Embu tribes be expelled from 'guaranteed annu'al wage" based their lands and the colony as a on a limited fund beyond which preventive measure to stop the the corporation would not be spread of Mau Mau sympathies.

liable for unemployment payments. The "annual wage" would IN WEST BERLIN all refugees cease when the fund is exhausted. one set of management against another in Cameron, a CCF member of Par- vented a clean-cut declaration The company could lay off huge from East Germany are put in against long-term pacts, but in- numbers of workers and empty two categories: "recognized" and Columbia. Urging the delegates sisted that the convention was the fund in a day or week. That 'unrecognized." The former are those who are officially recogniznot being asked to endorse the would be the limit of the "guarlong-term agreements. He asked antee." The auto workers must ed as having fled for political be doubly alert to escape the reasons. And "political" is inter-GM that if it did not concede to dangers of long term contracts preted as pro-West. They are

Cameron said he had known wage modifications at that time, and phony wage plans. They must allowed to get jobs in Berlin or Stanton for years. "I have ar- the UAW would refuse future have eyes in the back of their to go on to the Western Zones heads to watch the moves of both of Germany. Those who have left Some auto workers think that slippery company officials and the Soviet Zone because living was too hard there, because they

Berlin from the Soviet Zone who A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC wants to be recognized, claims 'political' motivation. DECLINE IN STRENGTH of the Italian Communist Party among industrial workers is indicated by a continuing series of losses of shop steward elections. The most recent defeat was it the huge Fiat automobile works - Italy's largest industrial setun - in Turin. This year the Italian CP received only 39% of the votes; last year they polled 63%. JOHN L. LEWIS, president of

the United Mine Workers of America has demanded that a U.S. Commission investigate a nine disaster in Turkey that illed 60 men on Jan. 23. The U.S. Foreign Operation Administrations has been spending some \$41 millions on development of Turkish coal mines and it was on this basis that Lewis asked for the investigation. Noting that an attempt was being made to blame the miners for the disaster rather than the lack of safety precautions and equipment, ing U.S. imperialism for an in- Lewis told U.S. government aucrease in economic aid by slow- thorities: "It is, indeed, a callous governmental practice to ignore such considerations and permit mass killings and burning of these Turkish mine workers through BRITISH GOVERNOR OF stupidity, negligence, unconcern UGANDA has ordered that all for human suffering or any other



than the one proposed by the FRANCO SPAIN is blackmail-UAW when he said on March 25 of this year that he would give Spain.

"earnest consideration" to any "guaranteed employment plan" and would listen to anything

offered as "better or more practical." The next day he re-em-

phasized that he is "not wedded" to any one approach on the issue.

vention, two years ago, Reuther One danger is some form of and his lieutenants exerted all possible efforts to head off any

extended debate on the five-year As evidence in his favor, pact. But the delegates made it

"If You Have No Money"

By Trent Hutter

Notes from the News

the subject.

By Carl Goodman

From Cleveland, Ohio, comes a horror tale. It shows that disregard of the individual is also practiced in the United States - This side of the Iron Curtain.

Harry Horkins was a single man, 48, living alone the last five years in the Lawler Hotel, 1737 E. 19th St.

"The Lawler is not the Ritz. And Horkins was not a widely known citizen," said Todd Simon in the March 24 Cleveland Plain Dealer. "He washed dishes. Once he was a laborer in a cardboard factory. Lately he sold shoelaces, sticky tape and trinkets, around Payne Avenue, N. E. He was no vagrant nor a drunk. He kept himself tidy."

Horkins suffered from varicose veins. On Feb. 26 a bad cold and his leg trouble brought him down. The leg was ulcerated.

Within a couple of days, as he lay unattended, he was so weak he could not lift a water glass to his lips nor get out of bed to keep himself clean.

The hotel manager called the city health department. A city doctor came Sunday, Feb. 26 after 10 P. M. and ordered an ambulance to take Horkins to the City Hospital's out-patient department the next day.

But the ambulance men refused to pick him up because he was "too dirty." By that time Horkins was delirious.

"Three teams of ambulance men refused to haul the sick Horkins in their wagons

The critic of the N. Y. Herald Tribune

has made fun of "Seven Angry Men," the

motion picture about John Brown. He has

made fun not so much of the way it's

directed or acted, but of John Brown's

momentous story itself, of his struggle,

of the sons who, like their father, died for

the Abolitionist cause. That's how low a

any unconventional outlook, having re-

placed culture with sosphistication, feel

uncomfortable each time they see a movie

expressing moral courage, and reject it all

the more spitefully. The defenders of poli-

tical, social and ideological conformism

cannot help resenting the heroic figure of

John Brown, the fighter against slavery,

an American revolutionist and one of

Tribune is not the only one to deal harshly

with this picture. "Seven Angry Men"

won't be a film for you if you prefer Holly-

wood's pseudo-scientific presentations of

pathological cases or elaborate technicolor-

cinemascope productions with spectacu-

lar technical tricks and no "dangerous

Therefore, the critic of the Herald

These gentlemen who condemn almost

bourgeois critic can sink.

America's great men.

that day and the next morning. One pickup slip said: 'Urgent,' but that team also refused to take Horkins to the hospital.'

A police ambulance team refused to pick Horkins up, complaining it was "not police Kiezel Hits work" and wrote "Refused to go" on their slips.

The hotel manager, Gilbert, refused to clean Horkins, protesting to the ambulance men "He's just as much a stranger to me I'm Union-Busting as he is to you. . . I'm a businessman. I'm running a hotel not a hospital." He urged that City Hospital send out an orderly, but no one came.

"It was Tuesday noon, March 1, before Horkins arrived at City Hospital," said Todd Simon. "His leg was gangrenous and inflamed. He died there the next Monday, March 7 at 2 A. M."

His sister, Miss Catherine A. Horkins, in New York, was not notified until after Harry Horkins' death. "Until some time late in the week, because of mistakes, the hospital had the patient's name and address wrong: Henry Hopkins, 1737 E. 18th Street?" The errors were not cleared up until after he died.

Who is to blame? The city officials and the newspapers say nobody in particular. It was just a "tragedy of errors." Maybe the fault was really Harry Horkins'. After all he was poor, and as hotel manager Gilbert said, "If you have no money in this town, you're in bad shape."

Government By Bill Morgan

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OAKLAND, Calif., April 10 -Lillian Kiezel, Socialist Workers

Party candidate for councilmant-large, sharply attacked the anti-union move of the Navy in attempting to take over jobs done by members of Local 1304, the East Bay Union of Machinists, CIO.

"This is pure and simple government union-busting," said the SWP candidate. "It proves that all important problems confrontng the labor movement today are

political. Only a party of labor could give fight to government union-busting and the anti-labor offensive of the combined forces of government and the bosses."

Speaking at a membership meeting of Local 1304, Mrs. Kiezel urged the workers to break

Mrs. Kiezel has spoken at more

School Integration union meetings than any other **Articles Useful**

Just tonight a young fellow, student, who has become a votes for the SWP candidate by implying that Grant, the incumbent, is practically unopposed, had articles on desegregation in since Mrs. Kiezel is supported by the schools, he wants them for the Socialist Workers Party. No a term paper in school. mention of Grant being a Repub-

In addition to Local 1304, the A 'Coincidence' SWP candidate spoke this week Editor:

before the following local unions: Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, Glazers and Gloss Workers, AFL, Stationary Engineers, Local 39, AFL, and the Cemetery and Greenkeepers,

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By Roy Gale

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8 - A four-year battle to determine the bargaining agent for the marine cooks and stewards on west coast commercial ships ended yesterday.

At stake was the right to D represent 2,400 men. Losers in the battle, fought out in an NLRB election, was the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

They sought to represent the stewards but their opponents, Harry Lundeberg's AFL Seafarers International Union, were able to win because there was no contest in the deck and engine departments. (The NLRB had ruled that all three departments could vote in the election.)

Out of the 5,322 valid ballots cast, the ILWU received 1,064 and the AFL-SIU received 3,931. There were 327 votes for no union.

Soon after the results were published, the ILWU at its convention meeting in Long Beach advised their steward members to shift membership to the AFL union. They warned, however, that any discrimination in ship ping rights of former ILWU members would bring prompt

court action. Ed Turner, International Or ganizer for the AFL Marine Cooks, issued a statement that AFL shipping lists would be open would expect, but it is sumprising to all non-members of his union who possess proper shipping

BEGAN IN 1950

The struggle for control of the stewards department began in note by another article about the 1950 when the National Union of 'Communist-controlled UE." It | Marine Cooks and Stewards was was announced in the March 2 thrown out of the CIO on charges of "Communist dominathe election 560 to 219, with 39 tion." Soon after that Lundeberg people voting for no union at all. set up a paper organization called However it is evident, since 219 the AFL Marine Cooks and voted for the UE that there must Stewards and set out to raid the be considerable reason for dis- jurisdiction of the ousted NUMCS. Following 1950, numerous NLRB elections were held. In every case, the AFL - MCS lost, However, court judgments amounting to several hundred thousand dollars were levied against the new independent NUMCS. Their leader Hugh Bryson was charged

ments on board ship. This seems to be a clear case of collusion between Lundeberg and the NLRB to violate their own agreement. The ILWU then went to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Ninth District, on Jan. 17, 1955, in an effort to halt the election. In addition to the charge that the election violated the 1952 consent decree they charged that in the event that the AFL won the election, hundreds of Negroes, Chinese, Japanese and other racial minorities would lose théir jobs. Allan Brotsky, attorney for the ndependent NUMCS. charged that the election "raises the question of whether the Board can

HARRY LUNDEBERG

eems perfectly clear. It refers

only to the "employees in the

Stewards Department." There is

no mention of the other depart-

ignore the decree and order an entirely different form of election which could result in frustration of the decree and permit (the stewards) to be overwhelmed by twice as many workers who belong to unions which are lily-white and have a 40-year history of total discrimination against Negro and other minority with lying when he signed the workers."



"Seven Angry Men" enterprising studio. It tells John Brown's

scenes follow each other like the blows of a hammer. We see John Brown's partisan war in Harper's ferry (in 1859), which failed be- Oakland, Lester Grant, the Oakcause the Southern Negroes were not yet | land Tribune, mouth piece of the ready to join the struggle; for this sub- Knowland machine in California,

out by priests who are opposed to social change and console the poor and oppressed with hopes for a better world after death. ed to helping the oppressed through action,

tragedy in a straight, dramatic style. The

Kansas, where the advocates of slavery were defeated in 1856, and the attack at jective factor had been miscalculated by the partisan leader. John Brown died a martyr's death on the gallows, knowing that his example and his end would be an inspiring signal. He was not wrong in this expectation. Slavery was abolished a few years later, after thousands of Negroes had joined the Union Army in the Civil War.

John Brown was a deeply religious man. But his religion was not the opium handed John Brown's religion was a faith dedicatto freedom in this world, to man's birthright in this world. He followed an inner call to abolish slavery; and his life, his

candidate in this compaign. The date of the election is April 19. has attempted to scare away

Since the SWP candidate is the Editor: only, one opposing the spokesman of the bankers and landlords in

regular Militant reader bought Kutcher's book and took with him a large pile of back copies of the Militant. A friend of his saw a copy he had lying around and told him to get all the copies that

AFL union. There was nothing in the papers about it, that I he told me "the bosses are saw, until Feb. 28, when an ad b ---

President Walter Reuther (left) of the CIO and the United

Automobile Workers introduces AFL President George Meany

to delegates at the UAW convention in Cleveland. It was the

first time an AFL president addressed the convention of a CIO

union. The CIO-AFL merger is expected before end of year.

Our Readers

There is only one morning paper in Baltimore, and the ad was repeated in the March 10 edition, accompanied as you will

paper that the AFL union won

satisfaction with things as they On March 1, an election was held at the Westinghouse plant are. I asked a man who works

just outside Baltimore, involving at one of the Westinghouse a contest between the UE and an plants, I don't know which one, about conditions down there, and

____ s.' In addition Mrs. Kiezel has ap- similar to the one enclosed was I am not certain, but I underpeared and presented the SWP in both Baltimore evening papers. stand that it is supposed to be program to two civic groups and In the Baltimore Evening Sun it illegal for a company to intervene Taft - Hartley affidavit. Propacommanied by an article in a union election in any plant.

Take the Floor three-columns wide at the bottom of the front page, headed "Woman Employe of UE Balks at Red Probers' Questions." The

article was exactly what one that the Sun carried it rather than the Hearst News-Post.

papers.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

J. B. lican, of course, since this is supposedly a non-partisan campaign.

thoughts" whatsoever. . . It's a simple black-and-white film. But it tells a powerful story and does not attempt to sugarcoat history.

"Seven Angry Men" is based on Charles Marquis Warren's novel "God's Angry Man," which comes close to historical reality. Warren directed the picture. Ravmond Massey found in John Brown one of his most exciting roles; and Jeff Hunter, Larry Pennell, Debra Paget and others support him very well indeed. "Seven Angry Men" was produced by a young and

ROY WILKINS is now head of the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored 1 0-

ple. The vote of the board of directors on April 11

was unanimous to make Wilkins, 53, executive-

secretary and successor to the late Walter White.

MURDER RATES. New York Police Commis-

sioner Adams in a recent annual report revealed

that the murder rate in New York City was

two-a-day or about 730 a year. In 1953 - a

typical year - there were 131 murders in all of

England and Wales. New York City has a popula-

tion of some eight million, England and Wales

44 million. Thus the murder rate for New York

ANOTHER SECRET ANTI-NEGRO GROUP

has come into existence. It calls itself the South-

ern Gentlemen's Organization and has begun an

advertising campaign soliciting membership in

Louisiana. It is headed by J. B. Easterly, a manu-

facturer. The Southern Gentlemen are affiliated

with the White Citizens' Councils of Mississippi

and are being advised by them. These organiza-

tions have begun a campaign of economic terror-

ism against NAACP members and those who

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Tri-State Bank of Memphis to defeat the attempt

of the White Citizens Councils of Mississippi to

bankrupt Negro businessmen and farmowners

who support school integration. The Tri-State

banks will make loans on a strictly business basis

to Negro property owners in areas where the

White Citizens Councils have succeeded in cutting

off their credit. Among organizations which have

deposited money in the Tri-State bank for this

purpose are the AFL Ladies' Garment Workers,

AFL Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, CIO

Auto Workers and CIO Amalgamated Clothing

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Penitentiary was host to the debating team from

the University of Pennsylvania. The latter was

prepared to debate admittance of Red Cina into

the UN. The warden refused to allow the prison-

ers to discuss the question. This debate subject

was chosen nationally this year by the nation's

PRISONERS' DEBATING TEAM at Lewisburg

NEARLY \$250,000 has been deposited in the

speak out for school integration.

Workers.

City was approximately 3,000% higher.

activities, the demands he made upon his family, were entirely subordinated to this call.

In our present-day America of overbearing reactionaries, cowardly liberals, glorified stoolpigeons and silent masses, the gigantic shadow of angry John Brown reminds us of America's proud revolutionary traditions, of the moral duty to ward the Democrats which was fight injustice without any foul com- shown so strongly last Novem-

to mankind's progress.

From Detroit

church

Local 322, AFL.

Democratic Trend Continues

Michigan's spring elections on | ture of the practices of the gen-April 4 continued the trend to- eral food industry in Detroit."

In Wayne County the labor promise, and of rebels being indispensable ber. The Republicans had not movement helped roll up two-tolost a single state-wide contest one majorities for the Demo-

in the spring elections since crats. Circuit Court Judges Wade 1933. Deciding they were in McCree and Theodore Bohn, nomdanger this time, they made inally "non-partisan" but suptheir main target the CIO rather ported by the Democratic-labor than the Democrats as such, trying to horrify the voters McCree, appointed by Gov. Williams last fall, was the first with the idea that the CIO was

trying to seize control of the colleges. The wardens at West Point and courts and schools. In spite of Annapolis have also refused to allow debate on their labor-baiting, the Republi- but McCree got 22,000 more

ships and four of six educational let votes in the Negro commun-A CANDID SKYPILOT. Rev. R. J. McCracken, posts; and the two educational ity. Dr. Remus Robinson became in his Easter sermon at Riverside Church in New posts they retained were by such the first Negro elected to the York City, defended what he called "the pie in the razor-thin margins that they too Detroit Board of Education.

nay be lost if there is a recount. * * */

The State Affairs Commit-

tee has finally reported a Fair

Employment Practices bill to

the Michigan House of Repre-

sentatives, but only after add-

ing 26 amendments designed

to kill or postpone action on

the measure. One would make

final enactment of FEPC de-

pendent on the results of a

referendum to be held in No-

ANTI-UMT CONFERENCE was held in Los Angeles. Paul Hutchinson, editor of the Christian Century, was the keynote speaker against the new universal military training bill before Congress. Other speakers included George B Roberts, a field representative of the CIO-PAC clergymen, educators and a retired Army colonel It was pointed out that the UMT proposal would tie every young man to the military machine for from eight to ten years, in either an active or reserve capacity, and that it would heighten the cold-war atmosphere.

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sky when you die" theme of religion.

IMMORAL? WORSE - ANTI-WAR! Pub-lishers are fighting the U.S. Post Office's confiscation of Lysistrata, a play written by the Greek dramatist Aristophanes in 411 B.C. This classical comedy depicts the women of Greece banding together to stop the interminable wars between Athens and Sparta by going on a love strike. They will have nothing to do with their husbands until the war is called off. It isn't clear whether the Postal officials consider the women's methods or objective to be indecent.

CIO COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS' President Joseph A. Beirne has congratulated ex-Senator Harry P. Cain of Washington for his recent statements against the methods of the witch hunt. Cain is a member of the Subversive Activities Control Board, who surprised everyone by calling for limited reforms in the loyalty purge. Said Beirne, "Continued requirements of this kind (that industrial workers inform upon co-workers and relatives) may turn America into a nation of first class stool pigens.'

QUOTE from the Boston Globe: "You know you're in civilization when you see armed guards Negroes. Preliminary surveys do directions - such as from Rob- knowledge and judgment." standing over anything that's valuable."

planned in advance.

Editor: The television show, "The coalition, were elected with ease.

reader called me the day he Negro ever elected to this post. received the issue with Joe Han-McCree and Bohn ran as a team, sen's article setting the record straight on the facts in the cans lost one of two state judge- votes, probably the result of bulmurder of Trotsky, separating them from the fiction in the play. He was quite excited and pleased with the Militant's treatment. As

Nearly 50 per cent of the 1,288 Michigan firms investigated by the U.S. Department of Labor the purposes of the State Delast year were found violating partment. federal minimum wage or over-J. B. time pay laws.

ganda barrages were leveled and if so, they must have gotten against the independent union and permission to violate the law, in the end it was driven out of or at least assurance that nothing existence. would be done about it. The

'coincidence" of the witch-hunt nearings being held just before organize the stewards. In the this election, at the exact time to permit publicity to accompany were ruled off the ballot. The the ads must also have been ILWU called for a "no union" vote saying that in effect this

would be a vote for the ILWU. Baltimore, Md. The overwhelming majority of

the stewards voted "no union." Fact vs. TV Fiction Lundeberg then shifted tactics. He petitioned for an NLRB elec-

tion for all three departments stewards, sailors and firemen. His Assassin," aroused a great deal petition was granted. This would of discussion among our friends obviously rig the election because and sympathizers. One Militant the sailors and firemen were al-

ready in the AFL.

CHARGE VIOLATION

The ILWU charged that this violated a consent decree handed down in 1952. That decree was to remain in force until "a union has may not be written for a long an old timer who remembers the been duly certified by the Nafacts, he was particularly con- tional Labor Relations Board as cerned about attempts to rewrite the exclusive representative for even such recent history to suit collective bargaining purposes of this court (the Supreme Court). the employees in the Stewards The right to employment free

RIGGED ELECTION The NLRB got the green light

to proceed with the rigged elecsion on Jan. 22, when the U.S. A year ago the ILWU stepped Court of Appeals for the Ninth into the picture and started to Circuit turned down the ILWU appeal for a stewards department NLRB election held then they only election. The court ruled that the NLRB alone has the right to determine "what unit employees

lesire as a bargaining agent." Although the AFL Seafarers International won the election there is still doubt about the final outcome of the fight. On March 30 attorneys for the ILWU and the independent NUMCS announced that they were going to appeal the Jan. 22 decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court.

The IL/WU brief to the Supreme Court quotes Appellate Judge Walter L. Pope as saying: "... the last chapter of this question has not yet been written," and adding, "although the last chapter time to come, there is here an intermediate chapter at least which calls for the authorship of Department of the vessels covered | from discrimination is hardly less significant than the right to

thereby.' Cleveland, Ohio The language of the decree desegregated education."

... Battle for Montgomery-Ward

(Continued from page 1) ey vice-presidents by the name dominated New York Central. f Sewell Avery.

he Board meeting, agreed upon Board of Directors. In a statethe conspiracy, and apparently ment, which is a classic in the unable to compose, our usefulpushed it through without Avery art of camouflaged internecine ness as directors has been imrealizing what was afoot. When struggle among the oligarchies, paired and therefore we have The Urban League's annual re- Avery finally awoke to the con- they said, (Mr. Whitney speak- resigned."

port gives a bleak picture on sequences of the redistribution ing) - "It is with regret that DECLARATION OF WAR. employment discrimination in of power, he, still having a ma- Mr. H. P. Davison and I have Detroit's major retail stores and jority of the Board, obtained the resigned from the Board of Difood industries. It says: "With resignation at a subsequent rectors of Montgomery-Ward & by the House of Morgan, and the exception of J. L. Hudson Board meeting, of Norton, and Co. Mr. Davison has been a di- must have struck terror into the al tournament. The audience Company, Sam's Cut Rate, and again redistributed the powers rector since 1929 except for an hearts of Avery's coterie of fol- watches the knights in combat, to a limited degree Crowley- of the executives in such a way interval during the war, and I lowers. In vain did David A. rarely aware that they are fight-Milner and Sears-Roebuck, sat- as to give himself full control. have served since 1942 . . . Mr. Crawford, president of Pullman, ing on behalf of the feudal isfying reports on the employ- It was clear to the Morgans Davison and I wish to record Inc., and a director of Mont- overlord.

ment practices of the larger De- that a struggle in the open was our appreciation of the services gomery-Ward, immediately rush We will show in the next introit retail stores cannot be re- imminent. It was, however, "be- rendered by Mr. Avery in the to confer with the Morgan offi- stallment how the Lehmans and ported. Repeated contacts have yond the dignity" of the House past. To him is due the present cials in a desperate effort to the Rockefellers, two other powbeen to no avail. Beer, bakery of Morgan to carry on a public splendid financial condition of stop their resignation. But the erful oligarchies, after years of and soft-drink establishments struggle with one of its vassals, the company, and we hope that House of Morgan had made up watchful waiting, finally interhave done little to open profit- particularly when it was being the company; will continue to its mind, and would not budge. vened in the war between the able driver-sales opportunities to threatened from several other have the benefit of his advice, They were already laying long- vassal Montgomery-Ward and its' range plans for a siege.

not give too encouraging a pic-lert Young in his initial step to However (!!!) the letter When the Morgan officials re- Morgan.

win control over the Morgan- continues, "Certain differences signed from Montgomerv-Ward. of opinion have arisen, as to this was public notice among the In a cunning maneuver, very matters of policy, largely involv- dynasties that an actual war typical of the House of Morgan, both George Whitney and H. P. the company. Mr. Davison and I corporation and its financial gathered their faction, prior to Davison resigned from the have felt that in face of these overlord. All the other robber possibilities for intervention. In the case of such a big com-

pany as Montgomery-Ward, it usually takes a long time. The tradition of the giant ruling dynasties is never to appear This was a declaration of war openly, but to set up knights

who enter the lists, as in a feud-

financial overlord, the House of

vember, 1956. Another would exempt the Detroit Civil Serof Norton, and reduce the power It seems that the Morgans had

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legislature too. * * *

vice Commission from the provisions of the bill; the commission itself suggested this amendment. FEPC was killed

by amendment in the previous