A-Bomb Tests Used to Hoax **American Public**

"Atomic war isn't really as bad as you think" - this is the hoax the Eisenhower Administration wants to put over on the American people with the May 5 A-bomb

explosion at Yucca Flats, Nevada, O proving grounds. The bomb was twice as powerful as the one that murdered 100,000 people at one clip in Hiroshima.

Immediately after the shock wave of the explosion at Yucca Flats had passed, tanks in battle formation pushed forward within 1,000 yards of Ground Zero.

"Most of the troops were youngsters with no combat experience," reported Anthony Leviero in the May 6 N. Y. Times, "but . . . they handled the situation as if it were just another conventional exercise."

The aim of the test is contained in this report. The Administration wants to condition the American people to accept A-bombs with twice the explosive force of the one dropped on Hiroshima as a conventional tactical weapon suitable for use in combat.

The other half of the test was designed to show that it is possible to protect the civilian population from A - bomb explosions.

"ROLL WITH PUNCH"

"American civil defense planners revealed today that they

have a tremendous amount of new data which would help the nation hanmless A-bomb here and there. 'roll with the punch' of an enemy N. Y. Herald Tribune.

"Look," the Administration said make atomic bombs "convenin effect, "buildings constructed tional" are allowed to have their of brick and shale are only way.

slightly damaged though within 4,700 feet of the explosion. Dogs come out of shelters wagging their tails, apparently unharmed. White mice run through maze Red China is that it invites a big tests with intelligence apparently A-bomb on Formosa, to be folunimpaired"

Shanghai.' The Washington propagandists also want the American people to believe the U.S. can count on win- Shanghai. But after Shanghai ning wars against helpless colo- come many more cities, includnial people thanks to superior ing New York. That's the real ability to produce atomic weapons picture of the future the Pentagon - and this country will "roll is cooking up for us.

This whole line is a tissue of nuclear weapons attack and pick lies. It has already been demonitself up as rapidly as possible strated that H-bombs of incalfrom any knockdowns," wrote culable destructive power can Ansel E. Talbert in the May 7 destroy millions of Americans once the madmen who want to

James Reston, in his N. Y. Times column, April 24, comes Auxiliary radio stations can go closer to the truth than these into action right after the blast. propagandists when he said, "The trouble with using tactical A-

Bombs to knock out an airfield in, lowed no doubt by an H-bomb on

Reston stops his series at

the company.

THE MULITANT PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE **PRICE: 10 Cents** NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, MAY 16, 1955 Vol. XIX — No. 20 267 **Profiteer-Control of Vaccine Distribution Perils Children**

Southern Rail Bosses Retreat; Strike Ended

tion, said, "This is the saddest By Shirley Clark MAY 11 - The longest rail- day in the strike of the L&N." road strike in the United States | Early Saturday, two days bein 33 years was terminated to. fore announcement of strike day when all 25,000 Southern settlement, L&N's main line railroad workers went back to south of Binmingham, Alabama, their jobs. Company demands for was broken when a bridge near punitive action against militants Calera was dynamited. An exvere defeated. For 57 days all plosion near Warrior ripped out passenger service and most (Continued on page 2)

reight hauling came to a halt on the Louisville and Nashville Rail-UAW Ford, GM

road and its subsidiaries operating in 14 states. In the settlement the unions

and the company agreed to sub-mit disputed issues to arbitration mit disputed issues to arbitration. The non-operating AFL railroad unions had demanded a health Take Strike Polls and welfare fund, half to be paid by the workers and half by the tional Councils of the GM and railroad company. The L&N op-

Ford UAW-CIO locals met in posed the unions' demand, osten-Detroit today, heard reports that sibly because they were opposed the corporations "aren't bargainin "principle" to the check-off system through which the working" and voted unanimously to take strike votes in all Ford and ers' contribution to the Fund was

take strike votes in all Ford and GM locals during the next two Fourth Paid Govt. Informer weeks. to be collected. weeks The fact that the company has The likelihood of a strike, now agreed to arbitrate the issue however, hinges on the attitude of the auto barons toward the Confesses: "I Lied for FBI" is regarded as a victory for the striking unions. "Principles" are guaranteed annual wage demand not subject to arbitration. Furof the union and the strategy thermore, the referee, to be

Walter Reuther, UAW-CIO presiselected by mutual agreement or dent, is following in the negotiaby the National Mediation Board. will confront the fact that practions

Auto workers are now begintically all other railroad unions ning to find out some of the have already won the welfare specific details about the guarplan. This was one of the reasons

DETROIT, May 9 - The Na-

for the company's earlier refusal to put the issue to arbitration. The decision of the referee will and Ford be binding on both the union and

"NOT SO BAD"

STRIKER MURDERED One thing is sure: Reuther's



Four-year-old Bobby Lamberth pickets alongside his

By Carl Goodman

Youngest Picket in South

Alarm Sweeps Country At Criminal Negligence Of the Government

By Myra Tanner

Thousands of children are menaced by the dread disease of polio this year despite the fact that science has at last given humanity protection from the childkilling scourge. These children are in danger because of the incredible greed, mismanagement, confusion, irrespon-

Why Canadian **Vaccine Program** Went Smoothly

grandpa, F. L. Hayes of Wetumpka, Ala., in strike against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad. The strike ended when the company backed down on its rejection of union's modest demand inoculated 500,000 children. None, so far, have contracted polio following vaccination.

naught Medical Research Laboratory of the University of Toronto. The vaccine is then given Dr. Salk. MAY 10 - "I lied for the FBI," David Brown con-

its first safety test on monkeys. fessed in testimony he gave before the Subversive Next it is sent to the Ottawa Activities Control Board yesterday. The SACB is con-ducting hearings in New York? Laboratory of Hygiene, National Health and Welfare Dept. where to get 10% of the vaccine busieach lot is once more tested to

to determine whether the Civil you lied to the FBI," Control anteed annual wage plan that the Rights Congress should be forc- Board member Coddaire asked make doubly sure of its safety. UAW leadership is trying to ed to register its membership as at one point. "That's what I In this way the Government of negotiate with General Motors a "Communist front organiza- was paid to do by the FBI," 'Canada assumes full responsaid Brown. When the presiding sibility for the polio vaccine. In tion."

Brown was formerly chairman officer asked him to fix the contrast, the National Institute of of the Los Angeles chapter of date when he had lied, Brown Health in Washington, has to demands are extremely the CRC. He testified that dur- replied, "All during my associa- give its approval of vaccine mainly on data supplied to i

sibility and callous thievery which. has marked the handling of the Salk vaccine by the "free enterprise" capitalist system in the United States.

A wave of consternation and alarm swept the country as it became clear that one of the The Salk vaccine program in greatest medical discoveries of all Canada has proceeded without a time had fallen into the hands of hitch since its start on April 12. the Washington profits-first gang The Canadian government has who were turning the vaccination program into a tragic fiasco.

Production and distribution of the precious Salk vaccine was The government of Canada turned over to six big drug comproduces the vaccine at the Con-panies. They will take in an estimated \$20 million profit a year on the unpatented discovery of

> One of these profit enterprises, the Cutter Laboratories, was due ness. However, an alarmingly high incidence of polio developed after inoculations with the Cutter vaccine. Out of 54 polio cases discovered among five million inoculated children, 44 had received shots from the Cutter

vaccine. The possibility that live polic





Watchdogs

The AFL Executive Council, which concluded its meeting May 5 in Washington, issued a statement on foreign policy. The statement, like the recent utterances | Tenn. Four company-armed scabs of AFL President George Meany, manifests the complete were found hiding nearby. One prostration of the labor bureaucrats before the almighty the shooting. A silent, angry power of America's billionaire rulers. It was not a statement of the foreign policy of U.S. labor - it was a grotesque mimicry of the words of the most jingoistic to the defense of the murderers. wing of American imperialism.

seem to be possessed with a frenzied urge to prove their fealty, their responsibility and their loyalty to American railroad scab. capitalism — at home and abroad.

Speaking to a luncheon meeting of the American rail unions' negotiating commitsociety of Newspaper Editors a few weeks ago, Meany tee, making a plea for union equivalent to a wage raise of told this gathering of capitalist pen prostitutes. "I can

only conclude with my firmest assurances to you. The united American labor movement will not dilute. will not **Reuther and Henry Ford vs. Kar** dismantle, nor diminish its militant opposition to Soviet imperialism." He swore the support of the labor movement of the U.S. to the "legitimate Chinese government, forced by Russian military power off the mainland." He struck a stance of eager belligerence and asked Eisenhower to merely say the word and he, Meany, would pledge labor dicting that it will grow bigger to support a war for the islands of Matsu and Quemoy:

ond, in his April 28 speech be-"If in the best judgment of our military experts, fore the newspaper publishers, these islands are strategically vital to the security and also took a mild sideswipe at freedom of our Nation . . . then let our political leaders people who used to question or have the courage to tell that to the American people." criticize this best of all systems.

He said: Who does Meany think he is kidding? The American "As a businessman, I never workers aren't taken in by the fantastic lie that. "the cease to wonder at the marvels Russians" drove the bloody dictator Chiang Kai-shek off of the American economy, and the Chinese mainland into his Formosa rat hole. They more and more I have the feeling that many Americans who, remember only too well that even General MacArthur not so long ago, were hostile or described that event as the uprising of hundreds of milindifferent to our economic syslions of Chinese workers and peasants who were lifting tem are joining the ranks of the their fists against the age-old tyranny of the landlords, faithful.' No names were named, but usurers, capitalists and war lords.

whom was Henry the Second And the American workers aren't as eager as Meany talking about if he wasn't talkto pledge their sons for a war to return the bloody Chiang ng about Walter Reuther, presdictatorship to power, to defend his Formosa hideout. or ident of the United Auto Workto protect his flimsy grip on a few islands just off the ers? coast of the Chinese nation. THE YOUNG REUTHER

Does Meany perhaps think he's winning the "respect" of the American capitalists by this jingo talk? Doesn't he know that the more he crawls and fawns before the capitalist masters, the more contempt these masters have for him?

Relax Meany! Everybody knows you're a faithful watchdog of the interests of American capitalism. You don't have to keep barking all the time.

Company violence and murder modest. So modest that the mounted right up to the day of settlement. Negotiations were ap- Detroit capitalist papers, which proaching agreement when, on sneeze when the auto barons May 5, word reached the negotia- catch a cold, have moderated their on the pay roll of the FBI and with the FBI and out of retors that one of the strikers, 32 attacks; the Detroit Free Press turned in regular reports. He morse attempted suicide. He ap- States does not mean that efyear old Charles Wright, was actually ran a column implying received amounts ranging from peared in the current CRC hear-fectiveness of the Salk vaccine shot to death near Mt. Pleasant, that maybe the GAW isn't so bad after all, and the Detroit News reported that "the betting now of them, Brindley, confessed to crowd gathered outside the prison where the four scabs were held mual wage or employment plan." The union is asking "that the by police. Company lawyers came

corporations pay 4% of their base payrolls into a reserve fund A second shooting occurred in Louisville, Ky., on the eve of over a period of five years - or The AFL bureaucrats, like their CIO counterparts, settlement. Kenneth Nichols, Jr. as long as it would take to was in critical condition after accumulate 20% of the base pay- functions. But he admitted that ing testimony. Others, like Matbeing shot by the father of a roll. When this 20% figure is reached, payments into the trust

By George Breitman

Defending American capital-

ism in his own way and pre-

and fatter, Henry Ford the Sec-

In a special broadcast on May fund presumably would stop until 3, G. E. Leighty, chairman of the part of the fund was used. The cost of such a fund is

members to refrain from retalia-(Continued on page 4)

ing the whole period of his association with the CRC, from to 1955." 1950 to January 1955, he was for informing.

His salary was jumped to the stands at 50-50" that GM and higher figure when in February, Ford will settle with the UAW 1953 he assumed an executive "on some type of guaranteed an- | post with the Committee to Save | the Rosenbergs.

for arbitration of issues.

WHY HE LIED

Brown testified that his reports contained names of people discredited. Several, like Paul who allegedly attended CRC Crouch, were caught in conflict he often would put in names of usow, confessed having fabricatpeople whom he hadn't seen. He ed information for pay under said he resorted to these fabri- government direction.

cations so that he could continue to draw pay as an informer. "And now you are admitting

tions with the FBI from 1950 from pharmaceutical corporations. Last January, Brown broke The current delay in the vaccination program in the United

\$25 a week to \$250 per month ings as a defense witness. Ask- has been put into question by ed by the government to name any scientific authority. Safe

associates in the CRC and deproduction of the vaccine by the tail its operations, Brown re- six drug companies is in doubt. fused to inform further and stood on his rights under the but social. The research on the Fifth Amendment. Brown joins the growing list socialized way. But the mass

of government stool-pigeons whose "information" has been finished products is dominated by the profit interests. By July the Canadian governnent expects to provide one and a half million children in the first

three school grades with inoculations free of charge. But there is a special signifi-In the meantime a ban has

ample: "Karl Marx had no con- is part of the dark past of labor-

cance attached to Brown's conbeen placed on all vaccine fession. He is the first informer scheduled to be imported into his Secretary of Health, Educa-(Continued on page 3)

virus existed in some of the Cutter vaccine brought immediate ban on supplies made by this company. A wild hunt for all the vials that had been issued followed.

Then on May 6, U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Leonard A. Scheele told the House Banking and Cur-Thus the problem is not medical rency Committee that all producers of the vaccine had been Salk vaccine was-carried out in a ordered to halt their shipments. However, he assured them, schedproduction and distribution of the uled mass inoculations would proceed as planned with vaccine that had already been delivered.

> The next day, May 7, after a secret session lasting until 4 A.M. Scheele announced an indefinite postponement of all vaccinations.

BLACK MARKET

Furthermore, Eisenhower and Canada from the United States. tion and Welfare, Oveta Culp Hobby, opened the door for the black market by putting distribution of the vaccine in the hands of the private profiteers. Drug manufacturers and merchants gave vaccine to families, friends and favorite customers without regard to age priority.

ception of private enterprise as management relations." He says it has developed in our time, and "the apostles of the stone-age Popular indignation has spread . . the private enterprisers mentality . . . were wrong in like wildfire throughout the counthemselves have as little under- the past. They are wrong in the try and has finally forced some standing of the system as Karl present. They have no faith in of the capitalist politicians to the ingenuity of American in- stir. Senator Magnuson called a Who said that? Henry the dustry or in the health and vi- special meeting of the Senate Second? No, that was one of the tality of our free economy. The Foreign Commerce Committee to themes of his speech, but Rueth- UAW does have faith in the discuss the "irresponsible muddle"

er said it, according to an inter- future of our free economy." in Washington.

Representative Patterson introduced a bill into the House of Representatives to give priority to children in the dangerous age fast in the language and ideas spirits high." Reuther's is to category and to require a federal of the past . . . I am . . . im- show "vigor" and "courage" and seal of approval on all vaccine. a halt to all this confusion and to let the medical profession, our mothers and fathers and their children know that any vaccine administered in the fluture comes as near to being perfect as it is humanly possible to make it."

> Thirty seven out of 39 Governors expressed themselves in favor of federal control of the distribution of the Salk vaccine.

Still there is no serious move on the part of the Eisenhower administration to assure full and safe protection to the people of enhance our future prosperity this country. That would be "creeping socialism" and Big Reuther, for his part, shows Business would never stand for that.

patient with the slavish and "will." (UAW convention key-WALTER REUTHER KARL MARX ing and healthy again - as er's recent speeches and inter-

healthy as it looked in 1929, at views can't help being struck least on the surface, at least in by the many resemblances bethis country. And since Reuther tween them. Ruether, the ex-sois now a "labor statesman" and cialist, and Henry the Second,

a "responsible leader," he nat- the former major in sociology at In his youth Reuther used to urally has become a convert - Yale, are both pastmasters of consider himself a socialist op- in fact, one of the noisiest. what C. Wright Mills has called ponent of capitalism. But that (Henry the Second doesn't ob- "the liberal rhetoric." Not only

when, despite all the "refuta- of the faithful; he just wants even their basic ideas correstions" of Karl Marx, the capital him to remember who has sen- pond. In fact, many of their ist boom of the twenties had | iority there.) One who reads Henry the Sec- without a word being altered or ignominously been transformed ond's speech shortly after hav- a thought modified. into the bust of the thirties. Today capitalism looks impos- ing read and listened to Reuth- Take this statement for



stereotyped thinking which has note speech, March 27.) ed some businessmen to consid-

was long ago — in the days ject to Reuther joining the ranks is their language the same, but A "NEW" CAPITALISM Like Henry the Second, Reuther sees a new kind of capitalism statements could be interchanged today. He too expresses impatience with "the antiquated and and security."

ex- which fortunately, on the whole,

sense of "social responsibility" er 'security' a bad word and to brand all concern for human and by saying; "Certainly any unemsocial progress as communism or ployment is hard on those who, through no fault of their own, creeping socialism.' That's Henry the Second are out of work. I don't know of

riew with Edwin Lahey. (Detroit

Or take this statement: "Some

of us still suffer from view-

Free Press, March 9.)

said the same thing a dozen strongly in favor of stable emtimes in virtually the same ployment . . . It follows that

ent with free enterprise, will

irresponsible social philosophy (Continued on page 2)

words.

Marx.'

speaking, although Reuther has anyone anywhere who isn't very

label-thinking to scare us away from examining fairly and fearlessly all means which, consist-



(Detroit News, March 12.)

Henry the Second's prescrip-

tion for the American economy,

as we indicated last week. is "to

keep our nerves steady and our

Henry the Second shows his

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20 YEARS OF THE CIO - II The Myth and the Truth about "New Deal"

By Art Preis

the United States and his cabi-| slightest concession to the work-

Hoover's administration was washed away in the November he explained that "primary re- vent their moving left. He voiced 1932 elections by a flood of pop- sponsibility for relief rests with this in his 1932 acceptance ular hatred that was to submerge localities, now, as ever. . ." - speech, saying that "a resentthe Republican Party in Wash- that is, with bankrupt local com- ment against the failure of Reington for the next 20 years. It munities. He wound up with the publican leadership. . . the failoft-quoted declaration: "I pledge | ure of Republican leaders to was said of his defeat that "even you, I pledge myself, to a new solve our troubles may degener-Mickey Mouse could have beaten deal for the American people." ate into unreasoning radicalism the 'Great Engineer'." Franklin After Roosevelt's death in . . . To meet by reaction that D. Roosevelt, Hoover's Demo- 1945, his Secretary of Labor danger of radicalism is to invite cratic successor, did not win be-Frances Perkins, in her naively disaster." cause of personal popularity or revealing The Roosevelt I Knew.

net:"

program. He was not even well spilled the beans about the "New | ica's 60 Families, a classic study known to the national public. Deal." She wrote that when of the big capitalists who run

Roosevelt's big election cam- Roosevelt took office in March this country, concluded that "the paign pitch was "government 1933, "the New Deal was not a New Deal' is not revolutionary saving." He said in his nomina- plan with form or content. It nor radical in any sense; on the tion acceptance speech of July was a happy phrase he had contrary, it is conservative. Its 2, 1932: "For three long years coined during the campaign, and I have been going up and down its value was psychological. It ation is but a necessary concesthis country preaching that Gov- made people feel better. . ." ernment - federal, state and This cheap "happy phrase" local — costs too much. . . . I concealed the real purpose of the

propose to you, my friends, and medicine in Roosevelt's prescripthrough you, that Government tion. He was intent on saving of all kinds, big and little, be dying American capitalism and made solvent and that the ex- he was ready to use all means ample be set by the President of to that end.

His Program: Save Capitalism

His first major official actiset about superseding it." Rayafter he took office on March 4, mond Moley, one of Roosevelt's closest associates of the early 1933, was to save the big banks. "New Deal," wrote in his book, and big depositors at the ex-After Seven Years: "It cannot pense of the small banks and be emphasized too strongly that small depositors. His bank morposits and other emergency bank deposits.

connection with the bank mora- ple," actually gave them a new torium. "Some felt at the time, lease on it. and have continued to believe

The picture of Roosevelt as a "friend of labor" giving the peosince, that this was a moment when the country, and Congress, ple concessions out of the ten- 1933 granted only \$500 million peak, WPA wages, including would have followed the President derness of his heart — this porin making the banks national trait painted by both the con- starvation doles previously given ministrative, averaged only \$45.91 property. . . Such an action servative trade union officialdom would have meant that the New and the Stalinists - is complete- 1935, Roosevelt was to declare Deal, instead of reforming glar- ly false. Roosevelt was a clever, his intention to "get out of this ing defects in order to preserve adroit politician who carefully business of relief" and to aban- tions and hundreds of thousands

ers was given grudgingly out of As for unemployment relief, fear of the masses and to pre-

> Ferdinand Lundberg, in Amermild, tentative reformist colorsion in the face of widespread unrest."

The labor leaders and liberals who have built up the popular

myth about Roosevelt's "humanitarianism" and "love for the little man," rest their case main-

Roosevelt's works program gave relief and jobs to the unemployed;" (2) that he "gave than 25% of the jobless. His first labor the right to organize." such program, the Civil Works

Administration started in No-Let us examine his aid to the vember, 1933, lasted only three unemployed. Speaking of the average of more than 12 million months. It paid \$15 a week, with minimum wages of 40 cents in unemployed during the Roosevelt first term, his relief admin- the south, 45 cents in the midistrator and intimate colleague west and 60 cents an hour in workers not been ready and Harry Hopkins boasts in his the northeast. The Federal atorium on withdrawal of de-bank crisis were thoroughly con-book, Spending to Save, that "in Emergency Relief Administration servative policies. . . If ever the last three and a half years program, which got under way measures consolidated the big there was a moment when things we have spent almost six billion in the summer of 1994, began banks while thousands of the hung in the balance, it was on dollars in helping these families to fold up in the spring of 1935. small ones never opened again March 5, 1933 — when unortho- maintain themselves." The aver- It employed an average of less or paid back only a fraction of doxy would have drained the age annual expenditure for the than 2,000,000 workers, for \$12

last remaining strength of the unemployed ran about \$11/2 bil- a week. Dr. Broadus Mitchell, in De- capitalistic system. Capitalism lion, while the total cost of gov- The peak of the work relief pression Decade, an able study was saved in eight days. ... " The ernment ran a little more than program was reached under the of the depression era from 1929 man who promised to drive the \$7 billion. When it came to war, Works Progress Administration. to 1941, makes a telling point in "money changers from the Tem- however, Roosevelt was to spend This paid the "prevailing wage \$79 billion in 1943, \$95 billion in rates" of the local communities 1944 and more than \$100 billion - as low as \$19 a month in the South and \$40 a month in the

The Emergency Relief Act of North for common labor. At its to the states to continue the skilled, professional and adsome of the unemployed. By a month. Relief jobs were systematically

increased before national electhe capitalist system, would have gauged popular sentiment. His don three-quarters of the unem- were fired shortly after the votes

competitive stimulus that the

against it.

WALL STREET SPIDER

The late Senator Norris, who

was the legislative architect of

TVA, knew the power trust to

of experience with them. "The

conscienceless power trust," "the

Senate Chamber, he hung a pic-

ture of a spider, on a canvas

the insect "Wall Street" and

surrounded it with an intricate

web; each leg of the web bore

the name of a big bank; each

line of the web criss-crossed

with the names of major cor-

porations. On his spider web he

could see at a glance the 318

directors in the great public

The working class must know

opponents well.)

were counted. In 1936, for in-|kept him from starving to death." | Willys Overland, Chevrolet (Oak-|7(a) meant that the governstance, mass WPA layoffs were discontinued in the fall before tude in the light of America's Roosevelt's second-term election. tremendous productive capacity phlet, "The Automobile Industry Even before NRA became law Immediately afterwards, 400,000 and the liberality Roosevelt was and Organized Labor," published on June 16, 1933, Lewis sent an WPA workers were fired en to display in providing hundreds by the Fellowship of Reconcili- army of union organizers into masse, most of them still dis, of billions in "relief" for war ation, reported: "As one observer the coal fields, shouting, "The playing their Roosevelt cam- profiteers in World War II! expressed it, 'Early in 1933 hell President wants you to join the paign buttons.

two terms of the Roosevelt ad- by comparison with Hoover's. The long exploited too patient ing slogan was raised "with more ministration, there were continusubsistence standards it was, as the game."" ous unemployed demonstrations. relief works strikes and riots. the Unemployed League put it, The highest relief, the most re-

lief jobs and the biggest wages too much to die on," were in direct proportion to the The main prop of the Rooseamount of unemployed struggles. Miss Perkins tells how she met an elderly lawyer, a Harvard graduate who got a WPA Section 7(a) inserted into comments: "Written in general if there was any time when I job in a park, "and he would always ask me to take a message to the President - a message of gratitude for a job known as NRA, enacted in June Green in particular." which paid him \$15 a week and 1933.

ployed to the tender mercies of local relief agencies without Why He Agreed to Section 7 (a)

never provided jobs for more that right — whenever it exer- 7(a) was a reluctant response to labor pressure. The same upcised it and fought to maintain surge of protest against condiit. If there were no such right. how could the AFL have existed into office was also expressed at the AFL had organized more eager for organization, Section 7(a), affirming their right to organize and bargain collectively and to pick their own union representatives free from employer interference, would have had no effect in any sense.

The facts are that the workers Body, Murray Body, Hudson were already on the move when Body and Hudson Production, were misled into thinking that bor.]

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How pitiable seems such grati- land, Cal.) and White Motor. ment really would protect them A. J. Muste, in his 1985 pam- in their right to join a union. Roosevelt's program for the un- began to pop. Strike followed union." In her book, Miss Per-Throughout the entire first employed seemed generous only strike with bewildering rapidity. kins complains that this organiz-But in terms of even minimum auto slaves were getting tired of drama than truth" and that "Section 7(a) was subject to

The original draft of NRA excited interpretations by or-"not enough to live on and just said nothing about collective bar- ganizers who gave working peogaining rights. Long afterwards, ple an exaggerated notion of in her book, Miss Perkins ad- their rights." Lewis himself. velt myth is that he gave Ameri- mitted that Section 7(a) was many years later, admitted to can labor "the right to organ- written into the bill only after Alinsky: "Roosevelt was not too ize." This claim is based on protests by William Green. She friendly to Section 7(a); and, Roosevelt's chief piece of early terms, 7(a) was a problem in began to question and wonder "stabilization" legislation, the semantics. It was a set of words and have reservations about the National Industrial Recovery Act, to suit labor leaders, William | President, it was at that time." Section 7(a) did at least

Other labor leaders also are have the effect of getting some credited with responsibility for of the union leaders out of their 7(a), namely, the late Sidney office chairs and doing a little Hillman, president of the Amal- organizing. In some instances, gamated Clothing Workers, and the immediate results were phe-To be sure, labor already had Roosevelt took office and Section John L. Lewis, United Mine nomenal. The mine union signed Workers president. Pre-1940 ac- up 300,000 new members in two counts, including Edward Levin- months; the International Ladies son's Labor on the March, agree Garment Workers Union, 150,tions that had swept Roosevelt on Lewis as the lactual author. 000; the Amalgamated Clothing Saul Alinsky, author of a Workers, 50,000. There was a at all? In fact, 14 years earlier the start of 1933 in the biggest soberly-written and fully-docu- spurt of unionization in steel and strike wave since the early mented biography of John L. a few other industries where or-

than 4 million workers. Had the twenties. These strikes were es- Lewis, describes the campaign of ganizations of a sort existed. pecially significant because many flattery, intrigue and pressure But even if Section 7(a) occurred in unorganized, com- used to squeeze from FDR his played a certain part in helping pany-dominated basic industries, grudging consent to Section 7 to organize some workers, it particularly auto. Between Janu- (a), "a set of words" written could not keep them organized ary 1, 1933, and the signing of so vaguely that it could be in- or protect them against boss rethe NRA in mid-June, there had terpreted to assure the "rights" prisals. Immediate events were been strikes at four Briggs of company unions as well as of to prove that to the hilt.

[Next week: What NRA Did plants, Motor Products, Hayes genuine labor organizations. Many workers undoubtedly — and Did Not — Do for La-

Bosses Retreat (Continued from page 1)

234 feet of track. And four carclaring, "We have never claimloads of freight were derailed at ed that a worker in the United Attalla States . . . is automatically entitled to economic security." PHONE STRIKE (UAW keynote.)

Southern Rail

Meanwhile, the 59 day strike of Henry the Second says it is 5,000 union men and women against the Southern Bell Telepeople to "understand and suphone Co. continues unabated. Import the American incentive-forporting thousands of "supereverybody system." Reuther, too, visors" for scabs, the company wants to give the capitalists has called on the FBI for their due: assistance in breaking the strike.

"We know that when corpora-At present negotiations are at a stand-still.

Last week, as the Militant retribution to the economic wellpower industry has ever known ported, a judge in Knoxville, being of the country and to the Reuther-Ford vision doesn't ex- laborate. . . The fact is that TVA has Tenn., placed an injunction on the economic progress of our coun- tend beyond the national boundbrought down the price of power company prohibiting it from try they are entitled to a just aries, and that's one reason why italists and the workers are difto all consumers 60% in the last using "armed men about any reward for their economic con- it's defective. The inability of ferent and opposite, and cannot 20 years. That is why the pripicket line - without authority tribution . . . We believe in the world system of capitalism be reconciled. The class strugvate power trust is attempting

tune in the Twenties. But their | dent on military expenditures 40 assurances have no more sub- to 50 times as large as those of his own "responsibility" by destance than those of their pre- the Twenties?

These economic realities spell decessors. To be exact, they have less doom to the Ford-Reuther prosubstance. Since the Twenties the gram of collaboration, harmony capitalist world has shrunk con- and peaceful coexistence between siderably. One-third of the the American ruling class and

earth's population has broken the working class it exploits. imperative for the American out of the capitalist orbit. The Between capitalists and capcolonial revolution has made italist-minded labor bureaucrats capitalist investment unattrac- there is a certain community of tive, uncertain or unsafe in interests; the peculiar talents of other vast areas previously ex- both can find rewards, privileges ploited by imperialism. All this and prestige only under a profit intensifies the contradictions and system. That is the basis for coltion management makes a con- troubles of capitalism, a system laboration between them, and that that must expand or choke. The is why they can and do col-

But the interests of the cap-

The Dixon-Yates Power Scandal

By Sam Marcy What's all the fuss and noise about Dixon-Yates, and what has it got to do with TVA? The story is so mangled and mutilated by the capitalist press that



in 1945.



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ployed to the tender mercies of funds. ly on two claims: (1) that he

it is difficult even for one deep ly interested in the issue to make out what is what.

That is because the biggest and most important point in the controversy has been glossed over, when not deliberately Shittle avoided. That point is - THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMIS-SION IS NOW THE BIGGEST SINGLE ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMER IN THE U.S.A. It Vicke consumes more nower than such giant companies as Aluminum Co. of America, or Ford Motor Co., and last year outranked General Motors, which is the largest single industrial unit in the world.

The AEC still is the legal owner of all the atomic energy facilities in this country. In spite of all efforts of the big monopolies to gobble up atomic energy for their private use, the law still savs:

"All right, title and interest within or under the jurisdiction of the U.S. in or to any fissionable material, now or hereafter produced shall be the property of the (AEC) Commission." Mr. Lewis L. Strauss is the Chairman of the Commission. Title is vested in him. He executes contracts on behalf of the Commission. He buys and sells by contract whatever the Commission needs. Up until a year ago, the Commission got its electric power from three main sources: (1) the Ohio Valley Electric Corp. (2) the Electric Energy, Inc., and (3) the Tennessee Valley Authority.

IMPORTANCE OF TVA

part of the \$35 billion electric er trust. For him it is not a want to make it so ineffective utility power trust jointly dom- question as to whether AEC as to ultimately turn it over to - inated by the Morgans, the should purchase electric power private industry? Let us hear utility combine, who worked on Rockefellers, and a sprinkling of from the federally owned TVA-- from Governor Clement of Tenminor utility operators. TVA is but how best to purchase from nessee testifying at the Congres- this representative of the smallthe country's largest public pow- the power trust and divide it sional hearing on Dixon-Yates in er capitalist interests and farmer development — and that's equitably among all the cor- early November 1954. where the angle regarding TVA porate thieves. comes in.

from the TVA plant has been dle Southern Utilities, (of which used for this atomic plant. Mr. Edgar H. Dixon is the presiand he knows that the Atomic two utility companies are mere- power companies to destroy the Energy facilities are going to ly two little stooges for the TVA. It is only in this light absorb more and more electrical giant power trust. power, so that by 1956, it will using about 13% of all THE MONOPOLY PIRATES



The above map shows how the multibillion dollar power trust is surrounding the TVA area and putting the squeeze on TVA in the war on what the private monopoly interests call "creeping socialism."

if not billions to be spent by struct a \$100 million plant which the government in the purchase would feed energy into the TVA of electric power. system. Doesn't that sound The electric utility trust, good? The catch is that the whose assets amount to over \$35 600,000 kilowatts that TVA supbillion dollars, and is dominated plies to the Atomic Energy the marrow of his bones, on the plant at Paducah would be basis of a quarter of a century by the Morgans and Rockefellers, is hell-bent on cornering done away with. Furthermore, TVA would now the market so that the AEC

be serviced by the private power irreconcilable and uncompromiswill make contracts for the purchase of electric power from the monopoly, when it could build its ing enemy," he was wont to own plant. And most important say. On the rear wall of his private utilities alone, and bypass TVA despite the fact that of all, as the need of the atomic TVA produces and sells electric energy plant at Paducah increases TVA will be displaced eight-foot square. He labeled power at a much cheaper rate. Mr. Strauss, of course, is not by the private monopoly pirates. a disinterested person. He is a But TVA is the country's marepresentative of the Rockefeller jor public power development! interests and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., More than a million people each and as against public power year go to visit and gaze at its advocates, he is completely in wonders and accomplishments. The first two companies are the embrace of the private pow- Does the power monopoly really

> We of course hold no brief So, one fine day last year, for the governor of Tennessee,

its class enemy even better than The government through the he signed a contract — the well who is a representative of the Sen. Norris did. For it is the AEC owns a huge atomic plant known Dixon-Yates contract - Bourbon South. His testimony American working class, and at Paducah, Ky. Electric power with two corporations, the Mid- however, is revealing in many not the small capitalists. that respects. "I assert that the Dixon Yates Strauss is the man who has the dent) and the Southern Co. contract is a move in a national power to buy and sell for AEC, (headed by E. A. Yates). These conspiracy on the part of private plutocracy.

[Last of a series of nine that the terms of this deal articles. Previous installments (Dixon-Yates) becomes logical are available at ten cents each. ... Private power monopoly has Write to the Militant, 116 Unikilowatt hours produced, and Under the terms of the con- conspired against TVA because versity Place, New York 3, judicating" it with the royal

that means hundreds of millions, tract, Dixon-Yates would con- TVA has been the only effective N.Y.J

of law or in defiance of law." to turn the clock back from With company thugs thus made federal public power . . . illegal, the Mayor of Knoxville tain no one will argue that each system that is located here, and sharper when the present pros-"In connection with my charge stepped in to provide legal thugs. of private power company con- He armed the city police with get as much as Mr. Curtice. No are delayed the more explosive evitably will. Then the workers spiracy against the TVA, I machine guns and ordered them one will argue that a GM work- and costly they will be. would like to offer a rather into "shoot to kill" in dealing with er, even in the skilled trades teresting map, which shows the the striking telephone workers. location of plants that has been Despite the company-inspired much as Mr. Sloan." (UAW keymade by the General Electric violence, much of the Southern note.)

and Westinghouse Corp. in our public is in sympathy with the region. If you gentlemen will strikers. This is illustrated in the add to that - except maybe examine this map, you will see story told in Labor's Daily of that the Tennessee Valley Area the reaction of a local president mention how undesirable i is **RINGED** with Westinghouse in Cedartown, Georgia. He anwould be for a Ford worker to and General Electric plants, but nounced to his fellow townsmen be paid as much as I get?" they have no plant in the whole that the union was placing an

"honorary picket line in front of REUTHER THE POET TVA area, though it is admittedly one of their best markets." the telephone office. That means Reuther joined the faithful lat-

STEEL STRIKES

return to work.

n wages.

lady's hat-box."

household

you are to honor it." The reason for it, the goverer than Henry the Second, but When the company tried to nor went on to explain at he tries to make up for his make trouble for the strikers, he | tardiness by the ardor of his length, is the attempt of the told the people: "The company is monopolies to boycott the TVA devotion. Henry the Second, trying to agonize our peaceful rather prosaically, says that "in area as a form of pressure

strike. It's a nice strike we've modern capitalism, the owner, got here in Cedartown, and they the manager and the worker are ought not to do that. We're not logically united in a common mad, we just want our rights. concern for the company that They can't agonize me no matter feeds all three of them." But how they try."

Reuther is so moved by the dazzling beauty of class collaboration that he literally erupts Negotiations are still on at Mcinto poetry:

Wane Cast Iron Pipe Co. in "We plan to take management Birmingham, Alabama, with the up on the mountains and we Steelworkers union. The workers would like to give them a little struck Jan. 17 in a dispute over bit of the vision that we have. out ahead so far, but after all seniority. Because of the length We would like to show them of the walkout, the union wants to negotiate a completely new that great, new world that can contract before the 250 strikers be built if free labor and free will get plenty of stiff competimanagement and free govern- tion.

ment can cooperate together in Steel strikes continued also against the Birmingham Tank harmony in harnessing the pow-Co. and Ingalls Iron Works. The ers of America and gearing that 400 steelworkers involved are power to the basic needs of peodemanding 15c. an hour increase ple." (UAW keynote.)

had our first mobilization. We But if we leave Reuther and sold 25 Militants and started some The Miami Beach Hotel strike Henry the Second on the moun- new routes. Five other papers continues strong. A member of tains of fantasy and wishful will go to a union and 15 for the Miami Beach Municipal Emthinking and return to the solid news stands. . . Saturday four of ployees Union told the strikers: ground of economic and political us went out. We sold 11 papers reality, we will find a different and got a six-month sub, and the 'Our boys on the garbage trucks never had it so good since you all picture. And a picture in full next day we sold 34 papers on a walked out. We took one day's accord with the basic laws and new route. . . We've been getting garbage out of one big hotel in a contradictions of capitalist de- a pretty warm reception. Most velopment first scientifically an- of the people want to know what

we have to say, and we've had alvzed by Marx. In its healthiest days capital- very little hostility or red-baiting. When Polly Stewart, a cleaning ism was never a system capable Some ask how we differ from woman in Buckingham Palace, of prolonged stability, and old the CP."

will release the U.S. (and the home of Britain's royalty, was age has not changed its nature George Breitman writes world) from the strangulating put out of her small room into a in this respect. The current "Detroit is setting to work serigrip of the monopoly capitalist worse one, she filed a grievance boom in America is the biggest ously to extend the Militant's with the government employes' yet, but it is preparing condi- circulation in this area by getting tions for a crisis and depression a substantial number of subunion to which she belongs. The that will also be the biggest yet. scriptions from auto workers and union has taken the case to the The assurances of the Fords and young people interested in learn-Labor Ministry which is "ad-Reuthers about the rosy pros- ing more about socialism. The pects of capitalism have a fa- prospects look good. Enclosed are miliar ring; we heard the same the returns from our first day's

free enterprise. We believe in in- to expand will have profound re- gle continues, despite all efforts dividual incentives . . . I main- percussions on that part of the to mute it. And it will grow General Motors' worker ought to the longer those repercussions perity bubble bursts, as it in-Moreover, if in retrospect it selves permanently of capitalclassification, ought to get as is now generally agreed that the ism and its insecurity. But to prosperity of the Twenties was succeed in this task they will artificially stimulated and un- also have to rid themselves of What could Henry the Second healthy, who can have any gen- leaders like Reuther whose aluine confidence in the sound- legiance to capitalism is not "Amen, and don't forget to ness or permanence of the pres- surpassed even by Henry the ent prosperity, which is depen- Second.

... Reuther and Ford versus Marx

will have a chance to rid them-

THE MILITANT ARMY

Since the campaign started | work - subs from two auto we've been so deluged with good | workers."

news from the field, we can't | Johnny Tabor, the efficient begin to pass it all Militant agent in New York, who

on to you in this hands in a report every week, space. So those of writes, "New York started the you who look for campaign with a bang. Ann Mann news of your own has two 1 year subs and one town's campaign, six-monther. Nate from Brooklyn sent in two 1 year subs - one and don't find it a brand new one. He promises please, be patient more and will produce them. and look for it John Tabor got a one year sub. again in the weeks Kay turned in a one year sub. to come. Pete just handed me two six Cleveland, Detroit

month subs." and New York are Johnnie Adams, one of the most dogged Militant salesmen this is only the beginning, and it in New York City, reported that looks from here as though they he sold the paper last week on a

street corner in Harlem. He says the headline. "Southern Strikes Cleveland asks for a second Spearhead Defense of American increase in their bundle order, and Labor" created a great deal of here are some excerpts from their interest, and when he made clear most recent letters, "Sunday we the Militant's position on Negro and white solidarity he had no trouble in selling 10 copies.

Watch this column next week for more news of the Militant Sub Campaign. And if you haven't sent in a report from your own city, Do It Now!

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in the end."

ful coexistence" was the road taught the Stalinist theory of

Does this sound like Lenin

But perhaps this is an isolated

'peaceful coexistence"?

Two Blows at the Witch Hunt

As a result of McCarthy's censure last December, dictated by the shift in Washington's foreign policy, the government's red-baiting drive has lost some of its effectiveness.

Numerous capitalist spokesmen have come out against "excesses" of the witch hunt — namely cases where the "red" smear was used against one of their own number or where the victimizations were otherwise too brazen.

Taking advantage of these changes the outright opponents of the witch hunt have been able to effect two important breaches in the government's red-hunt program.

(1) The informer system has been increasingly discredited. Key informers, such as Harvey Matusow and David Brown, confessed that they lied for pay for the government and did so at government instigation. Other informers, such as Paul Crouch and Manning Johnson, were proven to have committed perjury in Smith Act trials and "loyalty" hearings.

Retrials for two Smith Act victims were ordered on the strength of Matusow's recantation. Federal Judge Dimock declared that "all of Matusow's testimony which attributed to the Communist Party or to any other defendants an intent that the government be overthrown by force and violence was false."

(2) Use of the Fifth Amendment by intended red-hunt victims subpoenaed before legislative "investigating" committees and grand juries has won increasing support. At the height of the McCarthy rampage all who invoked the protection of the Fifth Amendment stood denounced as "Fifth Amendment Communists."

In the last few months, however, even a former McCarthy ally, Harry P. Cain, member of the Subversive Activities Conthose who used the Fifth Amendment in refusing to testify were to be deemed "subversive." The U.S. Court of Appeals in the Ullman

trol Board, denounced the concept that

case declared on April 4 that without the protection of the Fifth Amendment any witch-hunt victim subpoenaed before grand jury hearings stood in danger of the theory of class collaboration "a charge of perjury supported by the cath of a renegade or paid informer."

Of course the two salients opened by civil liberties defenders have not destroyed the witch hunt.

Smith Act prosecutions continue; deportations, "subversive" listings, "loyalty" screenings and the steady purge of radical workers from the factories continue.

ment the witch hunt will remain fundamentally intact. The labor movement is in the most direct sense the real target of the witch hunt. All the more reprehensible is the conduct of the entire official leadership in aiding and abetting the Big Business organized thought-control drive.

Thus the real blows to the witch hunt will come when the rank-and-file unionists, taking the path of mass struggle against the boss economic and political anti-labor offensive, will brush aside the whole structure of the witch hunt along with its labor-official servitors.

This does not mean that the gains made No More by the civil liberties fighters in the last | Sharecroppers period are of no consequence. Quite the contrary. The work of preparation, the conscious struggle for every democratic tant in recent months referring right, and the fight for the liberties of all to Southern sharecroppers as a victims of the witch hunt, lays the ground- force in future class struggles. work for the successful consummation of the struggle once the main battalions of the working class move into action.

German people but over their heads to the

U.S. government. It was part of an offer

for a world balance of power deal to

the expense of the working class struggles

The Stalinist proposal for "reunifying"

Germany would establish four-power

policing of the country. Germany would

thus be "neutralized" and kept disarmed.

for socialism everywhere.

The Issue of German Unity

power.

The capitalist press reports that when West Germany became a "sovereign independent state" on May 5, the German people were apathetic. "There was no dancing in streets, no pealing of church bells," says the May 8 N. Y. Times.

Indeed why should there be? The treaties signed by the U.S., English and French governments don't have the approval of the majority of the German people. The agreements entered into by the Adenauer regime leave the country divided, the German capitalists in control and West Germany, a member of the NATO alliance, ready to rearm. This alliance is part of Wall Street's aim to conscript Europe's working people for eventual war against the Soviet bloc.

Editor:

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reneated this lie.

ing class revolution.

to peace?

Did Lenin teach that "peace-

The facts prove indisputably

Cotton workers in the Mid- revealed numerous indications in Friends, who were born on cotton sharecroppers. plantations, and some still work-

ng on them, have told me that there are no more sharecroppers n the South. Cotton labor is only needed for short periods. In Arkansas, Mississippi and Southeast Missouri the planters use workers

from the nearby towns and cities. sometimes hundreds of miles Union in Southern Louisiana. from the fields they work on. preserve the status quo throughout the Also, some Mexican labor is im-С. В. world. Such a deal would be concluded at ported. Except for the Mexican

workers, about whom I do not know, cotton workers in the Mid-Southern Liberals South generally are not migratory

Editor: workers. They work on the plantations and then return to the towns or to a current of thought which with the rest of the U.S. a But monopoly capitalism would be kept in nessee, work in Arkansas. A few article "Southern Liberals - A leave St. Louis to chop cotton Disappearing Species."

magazine Political Affairs de- the arena of war to the arena clared that the great leader of of peace, and we have not forthe Russian revolution had al- gotten that war will come again. ways taught "the possibility of As long as capitalism and socialpeaceful coexistence." Again, on ism remain side by side, we can-April 24, utilizing the anniver- not live peacefully - the one sary of Lenin's birth, the Worker or the other will be the victor

that Lenin was a life-long foe of quotation? Not in the least. V. I. LENIN Lenin repeated the same idea at home or abroad. Lenin taught over and over again from the Soviet Union. Actually it show

that the fundamental reality of moment the Russian workers something quite different. our epoch was the class struggle took power to the time of his Lenin and Trotsky's unalterbetween the workers and the death in 1924. The same idea able opposition to the idea that capitalists; he showed how that was expounded in every major the working class and the capistruggle can end progressively resolution adopted by the Con- talist class can live in endless only in the victory of the work- gress of the Communist Party peace, either within one country of the Soviet Union and the or internationally, was not based to the Soviet system all over the capitalists, if only they could When the workers in Russia Communist International while on a desire for war on their took power in November 1917 Lenin was alive. part. On the contrary. The Rusunder the leadership of Lenin

We have only to take the sian revolution was born out of We have repeatedly said that without and Trotsky's Bolshevik Party most recent exhibit of the Stalin- the struggle for peace; Lenin the organized resistance of the labor move- all the major capitalist powers ist falsifiers themselves. It is and Trotsky always taught that in the world launched wars of an interview Lenin gave the one of the central tasks of the touch them." intervention with the aim of Hearst foreign correspondent world socialist revolution was Did Lenin's denial of the imcrushing the young Soviet Re- Karl H. Von Wiegand, which the abolition of the barbarism

public. After the Red Army was first published in the New of capitalist wars. succeeded in beating back the York Journal, Feb. 21, 1920 and They showed how the class interventionists and the White now reprinted by the April 24 struggle arose from the exploi-Guard counter revolution the Worker. This interview is sup- tation of the workers by the capitalists were forced to re- posed to show Lenin as the au- capitalists - and the war dantreat from the path of open at- thor of the policy of peaceful ger arose from the persistent atcoexistence of capitalism and the tempts of the capitalist nations

Our Readers Take the Floor

One of the ways of doing this symptoms of this development was to change the status of the but the brief history of the workers from sharecroppers to beginnings of desegregation in day laborers. Southern schools has already

South are marking time. Con- this single area, of the growing ditions will force them to fight friendliness toward the Negroes back again, but under different on the part of the Southern conditions than when they were public, and its youth in particular. We must not be misled

by the attitude of the Bourbon There are other groups that politicians who now, less than work on Southern farms besides ever before, represent neither cotton workers. However, none black nor white in the South. of them are sharecroppers. Within This new stratum of the white recent years owners of small South (which incidentally is now strawberry farms, rice workers revealing its related new union and sugar cane workers have struggled and built locals of the militancy) is, for the first time National Agricultural Workers in sixty years, presenting a new propulsion to Southern liberalism,

acial and economic. Much like the contemporary St. Louis, Mo.

Negro struggle itself, which, historically, is a belated phase of the earlier New Deal, infused by the added impetus of the war, so in

I would like to take exception the South of today, in contrast

The Soviet government under Thus Lenin always said the Lenin and Trotsky encouraged Soviet Union wanted to live in every development of the indepeace with the world and estabpendent movement of the worklish trade relations with Europe ing class internationally. The and America. Where he differed Communist Party of the USSR fundamentally from the Stalin, played the leading role in foundist bureaucrats, as demonstrated ing the Third (Communist) Inin the interview with Von Wieternational — a world political gand, was in two crucial points: organization of the socialist rev-(1) He never spread the illusion olution.

that world capitalism would per-Lenin and Trotsky and other mit the Soviet Union to live in prominent leaders of the Soviet peace. (2) He never offered to Union used their extensive trade the revolutionary struggles knowledge and experience in of the working class of capitalrevolutionary struggles to advise ist countries for promises of the younger Communist parties, peace from the capitalist powers, help them avoid infantile mis-Von Wiegand sums up his intakes and maintain a principled terview with Lenin as follows:

Marxist line. 'Mr. Lenin makes the flat pre-Today the Stalinists declare on every occasion that the U.S. diction that the future belongs world, but denied that the Soviet see their own interests, would government intends to bring this want to live in peace with the about by force of arms." In this | Soviet Union. The only obstacle same sense Lenin told Von Wie- to such a realization of capitalgand, "Let the American capitalist self interest, according to ists leave us alone. We shall not the Stalinists, is a small clique of war mongers.

Lenin taught differently. He perialist charge that the Soviet showed the threat of war stem-Union intended to "export" the med from the very character of revolution by arms mean that the capitalist class, and particuhe was promising the capitalists larly from the imperialist stage to use his influence to persuade of capitalism. In his interview the workers of the world to "let with Von Wiegand Lenin said: "What are the obstacles to peace between Russia and America, you ask? None on our part; Lenin told Von Wiegand: "Once imperialism on the part of the this enormous majority of toil-American as of the other na-

ers (in capitalist countries) has tions' capitalists." understood that the Soviets give Imperialism was the obstacle the whole power into their hands, to world peace, then as now! releasing them from the yoke of And Lenin's whole life was dedithe landlords and capitalists - cated to organizing the interhow could one prevent the vic- national working class for the tory of the Soviet system all struggle to overthrow imperialover the world? I, for one, do ism and achieve peace through

not know any means to prevent socialism. The Stalinists want to alter Not being a Stalinist bureau- these facts about Lenin's real crat. Lenin wasn't interested in attitude towards "peaceful cosearching for such means. The existence" because they want to Soviet Republic, as Lenin told cover their policy of class be-Von Wiegand, is not threatening trayal with Lenin's authority. the capitalists with armed at- They also want to depict Lenin tack. It is to its interests to as some kind of a Russian verhave peace. At the same time sion of Woodrow Wilson in orthe Soviet Government openly der to appeal to the "better told the truth to the working side" of the American capitalclass of the world: Your capi- ists. They will not succeed in talist rulers are planning to at- either of these aims.



UNOFFICIAL STRIKES IN The Estenssoro regime does cities they live in. Quite a few is exemplified in the April 4 similar process is emerging, ENGLAND have roused the con- parallel Kerensky's in a sense difhands living in Memphis, Ten- issue of the Militant by the abetted by the South's new cern of industrialists and union ferent than the Catholics claim. economic growth, and the revival leaders, especially as many work- They regard it as a plot to bring of the Negro's struggle on his ers seemed to be "open to in- the "Communist revolution" to luence" by "extremists." Charles | Bolivia, just as Kerensky was

I have read articles in the Mili-

In Germany's case, the army would be under command of ex-Nazi officers, the former tormentors of the German working people. What have the latter to be jubilant about in such perspectives?

What the German working people passionately want is elimination of the division of their country, unjustly decreed by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin at Yalta. They want to reunite their forces and achieve genuine independence including the unhindered right to end capitalist rule and establish a socialist state.

The Kremlin overlords who occupy Eastern Germany against the will of that section of the German population, made a proposal on May 10 for "reuniting" Germany.

However, the offer was not made to the

The U.S. Supreme Court is now deliberating on how to implement its historic decision of May 17, 1954, which made unconstitutional segregation in schools. There is grave apprehension among the enemies of Jim Crow that the high court will give ground to the determined campaign of the Southern racists to reduce the year-old constitutional decision to a dead letter.

This apprehension was heightened by the intervention of the government, through the Department of Justice, at the April 11-14 hearings. The Department of Justice urged the court to take a "middle of the road" course on the crucial question of time limit.

Time limit is of course the essence of the matter. The Southern racists would be perfectly happy to have the constitution read that segregation was impermissible as long as they were not required to live up to it at any definite time or in any definite place.

Meanwhile, a proposal comes from the labor movement in the South — the federal government should seize and run, on an integrated basis, those schools in Southern states that refuse to end segregation.

This proposal was adopted by the Anti-Discrimination Conference of the Southern

Clearly, the Stalinists are no more willing than the imperialist western governments to allow the German people to determine their own fate.

They already proved this to the hilt in June 1953, when they hurled Soviet troops against two million East German workers tions usually do no work except who had launched a heroic general strike against oppressive Stalinist rule. One of work) and pick, cotton (about the main demands of the East German three months work). Workers who uprising was for a united workers' Germany, free of foreign occupation troops and without capitalists.

Thus, in both East and West Germany, the demand for a reunited independent nation is intimately tied with the class struggle of the working people against capitalist this is housemaids. In Memphis, exploitation in the West and oppressive when cotton picking was at all bureaucratic rule in the East.

The American working people should aid this struggle by demanding the im- low _ \$15.00 and one meal a day mediate and unconditional withdrawal of is considered good for a six-day U.S. and all other foreign troops from Germany. Let the German people work out their own fate.

Seize the Jim-Crow Schools!

Locals of the CIO Packinghouse Workers in Atlanta, Georgia, at the end of March.

So far we haven't heard too much comment on this absolutely correct proposal. Maybe everyone is waiting to see what the Supreme Court will do. Be that as it may, the proposal should be carefully considered by every union body in the country, as well as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and other civil rights organizations.

Let us remember that even if the Mississippi there are some locals Supreme Court decides to accept the of the National Agricultural eminently reasonable demand of the Workers Union, which were or-NAACP that segregation be ended by southern Tenant Farmers Union. September of 1955, or at the latest by At that time the workers were September 1956, the fight is by no means ended.

The Southern racists will resort to every trick, legal and extra-legal, to halt any moves to end the reign of white supremacy upon which their whole open shop "paradise" is based.

The unions are familiar with the question of federal seizure of property to "protect the national interest." They saw for farming) to day labor. The miners and the steelworkers. So no one can argue that the federal government has no precedent for such a step.

this profound cut the weeds around cotton with that John It appears to me a hoe) in Southeast Missouri. Thayer erroneously establishes new layer and ideology which is More pick in Southeast Missouri. his negative perspective for forging before us the first wave Employers' Confederation, called Some pickers come down from Southern Liberalism because he of a new forward mass motion. Chicago to work in Southeast fails to give due consideration to This new base for genuine the evidence of its new inde- liberalism is likely, in the im-Missouri fields.

Workers who live in pendent mass base, namely, the mediate future, to strengthen the the smallest towns near the plantanew climate of opinion in the middle class liberals in the South. I will not speak of the South, and even the opportunist new Negro" in the South and phony-liberals (their very opto chop cotton (about three weeks North (who incidentally is the portunism is a clear manifesta primary reason for the Supreme tion of the new spirit which has Court's decision) but, of his been building up for more than a live in the larger towns do housecounterpart, the new Southern decade), who now are so promi work, mow lawns, drive trucks, white, who is in part both a cause | nent, and will grow even more work in cotton compresses, shoe and a response to the "new so among the South's representafactories, etc.

tives in the U.S. Senate.

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lacks funds.

Confederation."

Unfortunately, the Militant has not always been on the watch for



(Continued from page 1) Of course the whole "subverworking directly for the FBI to sive" list system is a gigantic admit his reports were false. frame-up to start with. But thousands of individuals named Brown's fabrications never featured in trials or hearings. They by these stoolpigeons don't even were used for other insidious have a connection with organizations listed as "subversive" by His reports helped the FBI the U.S. Attorney General. They Presencia, which recently ran an

compile numerous dossiers on are victimized simply because individuals, which were used to they appear on an informer's Peril." Presencia says that the screen factory and government padded report. workers off their jobs. The vic-MORE THE BETTER

tims are never given the chance This practice of informers to confront their accusers. They 'padding" reports is encouraged are simply told there is "derogaby the FBI, as Brown indicated tory information" against them in his testimony. For the funcand asked to prove themselves tion of the FBI Secret Political innocent. The FBI claims that to Police, as of all the witch-huntreveal the name of their stooling agencies, is to frighten and pigeons would destroy their usedrive into silence the American fulness and jeopardize the napeople as a whole. Large batches tion's "security."

of victims are needed. Innocent This inquisitional procedure is bystanders among them facilicurrently being challenged in the tates the terror. U.S. Supreme Court in the

The word then spreads that Peters case. Professor John P. even an accidental contact with Peters of Yale was barred for arbitrarily blacklisted organizathree years from Federal emtions, any departure from conployment, because the Loyalty formity, or just the bad luck of Review Board claimed that there being mentioned by a malicious was "reasonable doubt" of his stoolpigeon, seeking to earn his Peters challenges his unjust FBI pay by informing on more

suspension on the grounds that and more people, can lead to the loss of a job. Confessions such as Brown's

some of the equipment necessary hunt presents to most individu- American people to put an end this weapon used against the striking coal union began because planters als is that of loss of livelihood. to the whole revolting system were cheating the workers out Brown's admission that he turn- of stoolpigeoning, perjury and of the money they should have ed in names of people he never thought snooping that the FBI tural Adjustment Administration. | saw, proves that such victimiza- has tried to foist on the United States as a way of life. been getting from the Agricul-I tion is purely arbitrary.

Connell, president of the British accused by the Russian reactionaries of "paving the way for for a study of the strike wave. Lenin.

Yorkshire miners and Mersey Actually Estenssoro, like River tugmen are currently man-Kerensky, was lifted to power by ning the picket lines. the first stage of the revolution.

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their capitalists alone"?

CAN'T SAVE CAPITALISM

Again like Kerensky, Estenssoro TWO BANKS CLOSED THEIR is trying to keep the revolution DOORS in Brazil and a strike within capitalist boundaries. He, wave has hit the country. An like Kerensky, is subservient to foreign capitalism, conducts a estimated 74,000 workers have campaign against the "Comthreatened walkouts in the telemunist" (Bolshevik) menace, and phone, shipping and metallurgical industries. Workers carrying comopens the door wide to the kind muters between Rio de Janeiro of counter-revolution Presencia is and Niteroi have also threatened summoning. Kerensky failed, not a strike because they haven't because the Bolsheviks had "inbeen paid since mid-April. The filtrated" his regime, but because transportation company claims it the workers made a revolution against capitalism in November CATHOLICS IN BOLIVIA have 1917 and put the Bolsheviks in

compared the present regime of power. President Victor Paz Estenssoro to the 1917 Kerensky government Book - A - Month Plan May Selection **Two Friends** of Man By Ralph Korngold Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and the Abolitionist Movement in the Government party. They have placed themselves in key Special April Price spots from which they control the \$1.00 workers movement." Morrow. however, reports that Estenssoro has "rarely made a major speech in which he has not attacked order Bolivia's Communists. His example has been followed by Juan Lechin, former Minister of Mines, 116 University Place who now heads Bolivia's Workers



in Russia that followed the overthrow of the Czar and fell before the Bolshevik revolution. Edward A. Monrow, special correspondent of the New York Times, quotes the Bolivian Catholic weekly editorial called the "Communist Kerensky-type regime is a "bridge to Communism." It declares that "many of the men of the greatest confidence and ability in Stalinism and Trotskyism have enrolled themselves

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ing wages they owe, and even their debts for other services. purposes. When I was a house to house salesman in Memphis, in 1939, I often met maids who had not been paid for months. A white friend

Negro.'

of mine who owned his own business told me, in 1949, that he could not collect money owed him by leading politicians.

Cotton workers do not go back

to the field when they have good

jobs as the season comes around

The only exception I know of to

good, many maids would leave the "Missus" to pick cotton.

Their wages have been extremely

The "better classes" in the

South are notorious for not pay-

week.

So, while the organization of some of the industrial workers in the South has surely bettered conditions for houseworkers, I suppose maids still have to pick cotton sometimes as a means of pressure on their bosses to get their pay and better treatment.

In Eastern Arkansas and

sharecropping and tenant farm-

mostly sharecroppers and tenant farmers. They struggled hero-

"loyalty." ically to build a union, under semi-feudal conditions and against planter terrorism in the Thirties.

The period of the building of their he was not permitted to conunion was the period of the front his accuser and that this

beginning of the switchover from denied him of rights under the however, throw the spotlight on Fifth and 14th Amendment to the procedures of the U.S. Ge-

stapo. They will serve to crystaling (the tenant farmer owned due process of law. The biggest threat the witch- lize determination among the

The Negro Struggle By Thelma Clyde

Desegregation Fight in L. A. Fire Dept.

In Los Angeles, the Negro community and a number of courageous white firemen are still fighting to desegregate the Fire Department. They are openly resisting Fire Chief John H. Alderson's attempts to sabotage integration. Alderson is trying to "prove" that integration will not work.

Last month Fireman Keith Kenworthy exposed Alderson's moves against integration. Kenworthy made an entry in the official log of Engine Co. 46, charging that he and two other firemen were transferred to other stations because of "our failure to comply with the policy of non-communication with the firemen from Engine Co. 14."

Engine Co. 14 is one of two all-Negro fire stations in Los Angeles. Fire Chief Alderson was ordered to desegregate these stations after a protracted struggle last October. The Fire Chief then transferred James Chichester and Reynaldo Lopez from Engine Co. 14 to Engine Co. 46.

On April 16, after four days of ostracism and abuse from white firemen, Chichester was quickly transferred back to the Jim Crow station at his own request.

However, the California Eagle, local Negro weekly, reports that Lopez, on reporting to Engine Co. 46 a week later, was welcomed by at least three firemen who told him that they had no objection to his presence. By coincidence, three white firemen, one of them Kenworthy, then acting captain at Engine Co. 46, were immediately transferred to other stations.

It was at this point that Kenworthy, in defiance of top brass, entered his damning statement in the company log.

He was hauled up on charges for "falsifying" company records and insulting a superior officer. Two weeks ago he was suspended for his stand in support of integration. If the charges are sustained, Kenworthy faces dismissal.

At the first hearing on the "falsification" charge. Kenworthy told reporters that he had been asked to treat Lopez "inhospitably." He refused to join the conspiracy and told Deputy Chief Rothermel and Assistant Chief Winkler that "if the colored man was decent. I would treat him like any one else." The company captain than told Kenworthy that if he didn't "come around to their way of thinking," he "would be off the job in three weeks."

Kenworthy also told reporters that when the acting battalion chief delivered the transfers he had intended to quit the \$12,000,000 a year for Ford. Fire Department. "I thought later," he said, "that I was walking out on a good cause. I stayed and transferred."

After his transfer to the new engine company, Kenworthy complained that the silent treatment which had been devised for integrated colored members of the Fire Department, was applied to him.

Two Negro firemen transferred earlier to Station 76 in Cold Water Canyon are reported to be well satisfied with their posts. The company is composed entirely of firemen who were transferred there by Alderson for opposing his Jim Crow policies.

...UAW Strike **Votes Slated**

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(Continued from page 1) about 8 cents per hour per worker. For GM it would amount

to about \$70,000,000 a year, or \$350,000,000 for five years. For Ford it would be about \$26,000,-000 a year, or \$130,000,000 for ive years.

But, the union adds, "money paid into the fund is not subject to federal tax. If this money were profits, the tax would amount to 52%. Therefore, the cost to the company of money paid into the reserve fund is 48 cents on the dollar." Thus the net cost to the corporations would be only about 4 cents per hour per worker — or \$34,000,000 a year for GM and

From another angle it was estimated by the union that the net cost of accumulating the fiveyear reserve fund (\$170,000,000

for GM and \$60,000,000 for Ford) would be about what these corporations saved in 1954 through elimination of the excess rofits tax.

In addition to the 4% of base payroll for the reserve fund, the inion is asking the corporations to assume another 4% liability to be used, if needed, for payments to laid-off seniority workers. Thus the maximum total liability of the corporations would be 8% - 4% for the reserve fund and

4% for pay-as-you-go benefits to workers laid off.

The press accounts were not completely clear on this point. but apparently during a year of heavy unemployment the corporations would withhold payments to the reserve fund and use the whole 8% for that year to pay

Another newspaper report said, "If the whole 8% was insufficient to take care of the payments to laid-off employees, the company would then borrow from the trust fund to make the payments." However it is not certain that such borrowing would be permitted before the entire fund

mounting to 20% of base payroll had been accumulated. BIG QUESTION Even if this report is accurate, t still leaves unanswered the big question: What happens when the WHOLE reserve fund is used up? According to reliable sources

THE MILITANT MONDAY, MAY 16, 1955



Cash receipts for farm crops increased in only four states (in black) and decreased in all the rest in 1954, according to an Agriculture Dept. report. Greatest decrease was in Mississippi, with eight other states (shaded) hard hit. Farmers had \$1.300.000.000 less income in 1954 than in 1953.

he is basing his much-publicized | paid health, hospital and medical solution to depressions on the plans, and improved pensions. premise that they won't occur in Is Reuther going to trade these the first place. • things away for a GAW plan that

Also undisclosed is the amount is so modest, if not meager? Will of money that laid-off workers he, in return for the "prestige" would receive. As was previously of winning something called reported, the plan calls for guar- GAW, bargain away hard-won anteed payments of one week for gains in working conditions? Will he, despite the expressed wishes of the membership ,go along maximum of 52 weeks (or, it with another five-year contract, should now be added, up to the which the corporations plainly want

Unless the corporations become too overbearing in their demands, it seems, in view of the real

a strike may not take place. But demand guaranteed weekly payments "sufficient to maintain the at a cost the auto workers may not be willing to pay. worker's normal living standard."

But now the talk in the press is centering around the figure of sou a week — \$30 from the corporation plus \$30 from unemployment compensation. This is considerably below the \$85 wage of the auto worker. Such a concession by the union at this stage of the negotiations would indeed

be an ominous sign. And that's the point worrying militant UAW members most of all: What concessions is the Reuther leadership prepared to make on the union's other demands in return for getting the May 16-19. corporations to accept "some type" of GAW?

According to reports from Ford ocal 600, Ford is demanding a long list of contract changes that would reduce the union's membership and its ability to settle grievances and protect the workers against speedup. Although inside the UAW, John Bugas, the GM negotiations have re-Ford's chief negotiator, asked ceived less publicity, no doubt the Reather that question during the same thing is going on there. It's

Unions Endorse Farmers' Cause **On Price Support**

By Fred Hart

Eisenhower's flexible farm-price support program received a set-back, May 5, when the House of Representatives, by the narrow margin of 206 to 201, voted for a return to rigid supports at 90%.

of parity. The maneuvers of the | tem of farming? By the ruin of administration to divide the the small farmer, plowed under farm bloc by trying to tack on by the huge factory-farm proan amendment to drop peanuts ducer who has the capital to make such shifts. from all price support failed. Evidently, the "leaders" who

Much to the distress of Big form the American Assembly Business, the labor movement know this for they conclude their gave its support to the farm study by proposing "the developbloc. This acted as a pressure on urban congressmen who are desubject to popular pressure than the House.

Eisenhower's program for 'flexible" supports is based on the hope that the farmer can gradually be induced into accepting his ruin as the crisis in

nature of Reuther's GAW, that capitalist agriculture grows. Despite the fact that operating costs remain near record high,

average farm prices have fallen 22% since Feb. 1951. Net farm income in 1954 was 28% below 1947, and 10% below 1953. Since Jan. 1952 the value of farm assets has declined \$101/2 billion. J. Inquisition To callously ignore the demands of the farmers in the NEWARK, May 11 - Daniel light of this growing crisis, is

Roberts, Socialist Workers Party to abandon the small farmer to candidate for N. J. State Senate bankruptcy and pauperization. And that is exactly what the from Essex County, today vigor-Eisenhower administration proously protested hearings of the poses to do. House Un-American Activities ADVICE TO FARMER

Committee scheduled for Newark, The American Assembly,

"The aim of this committee is to witch-hunt, and nothing else." Roberts stated. "Its target is the agricultural crisis, and on May labor movement, Negro struggle 8 submitted their conclusorganizations and liberal groups." "It is headed by Rep. Walter (D-Pa.), co-author of the racist flexible support program the on any opponent of his reac-

ment of more positive public pendent on the union movement policies directed toward the spefor votes. The stand taken by cial problems of low-income rural the labor movement helped with families." With a humanitarian the initial victory. But the is- sigh in their breasts, the Amerisue has yet to come before the can Assembly suggests that the Senate. The latter is even less adjustment process "should be facilitated by expanded vocational training for non-farm occupations in rural schools and by an expanded and improved employment-information and jobplacement service in rural

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areas." When unionists ask what will happen with their jobs when automation moves in, or when depression hits, they are also told about "training" centers and "job-placement" services. Apparently, what is being proposed is that ruined farmers join the unemployed workers of the city while city workers scurry like bird-dogs from farm to farm in search of jobs.

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'TOO MUCH" FOOD

The irrationality of the capitalist economy stands forth in bold relief. The farmers produce too much food and fiber. The government buys it and stores it. (Storage costs to the federal

government will soon come to founded by Eisenhower in 1950, a million dollars a day.)

Only the working class, which when he was President of Columbia University, studied the has the will and the power to combat Big Business, can champion the real interests of the ions and proposals. In complete small farmer. When the labor agreement with Eisenhower's movement frees itself from the embrace of the left arm of Big Walter - McCarran Immigration Assembly advised: "Considerable Business, the Democrats, it will Act. This man showed in his amounts of wheat acreage should advance a program of planned attacks on Republican Corsi that be promptly returned to grass aid to the hard-working farmers he is ready to apply the red-smear in order to reduce wheat pro- of America. There is no reason

OLAF'S GOAL

Our Debt to Schiller **By Trent Hutter**

There is a Friedrich Schiller monument in New York, but many New Yorkers have never seen it. Nor do they know anything about the great German poet and writer who had a considerable influence on American thinkers of the 19th Century and was one of the most powerful playwrights in world literature, one of the outstanding revolutionary spirits of mankind.

He died 150 years ago, in May 1805, and this seems to be a good time to recall the significant contribution made by the brilliant, extremely kind-hearted man to the cause of the bourgeois revolution, which at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th century destroyed feudalism and opened up a new road of human progress.

Revolt against feudal arrogance and social injustice, against outlived conventions; affirmation of the individual's rights, freedom of the spirit, freedom of religion, political freedom; rejection of tyranny in all its forms, of Catholic totalitarianism, of intolerance, of militarism, oppression and overbearing nationalism; - these themes constantly recur in Schiller's writings. He favored national independence for every people; told his fellow-Germans that their glory was not represented by their princes but by their intellectuals and artists and that the medieval idea of a German-Roman Empire constituted by feudal principalities belonged to the past. Revolutionary France made him an honorary citizen. This did not prevent him from denouncing terrorism and the execution of Louis the Sixteenth; he hated cruelty ar !, as a bourgeois idealist, was rather afrail of mass action and "disorder." In his play "William Tell" he admitted, however, that a nation suffering from oppression, tortured beyond the limits of human patience, deeply hurt in its dignity, has a sacred right not only to overthrow its tyrant, but even to assassinate him, if necessary.

No wonder that many German princes disliked this play and that it was banned in Metternich's absolutist Austria (1815-1848). William Tell and Schiller's other plays were to be all the more popular with the German people, as ivere many of his

Under the Hitler regime Schiller's plays their popularity, but Goebbels saw to it that they were not played too frequently. Indeed he had good reasons to dread them: fascism. Schiller has remained a "modern' statesman (if the opportunity had offered itself). Moreover, Schiller, in a short story, showed how unfavorable social conditions an honest person into a criminal - or what is commonly called a criminal. This insight into the effects of a social look on crime was practically new in the in various countries) his message of freedom sounds very much alive.

laid-off workers.

could not be entirely forbidden because of Each performance of the tragedy "Don Carlos" with its passionate plea for intellectual freedom, against thought control was acclaimed with enthusiastic applause. Seeing (and staging) "Don Carlos" became a subtle form of opposition to writer. He had a remarkable talent for understanding politics. His friend Goethe said Schiller would have been a capable parison. may. under certain circumstances. turn milieu on the individual, this modern out- From Detroit 18th century and Schiller a genuine pioneer in this respect. As a creative genius and one of mankind's intellectual pioneers Schiller certainly deserves the respect and admiration of the revolutionary movement of our time. And in a period of witch-hunting (and oppression

every two weeks worked by seniority employees, up to a point where either the 8% yearly maximum liability is reached or where the reserve fund is completely exhausted). Originally the plan was to

Notes from the News

A ROBOT CHEMIST is one of automation's latest developments. It can make an instantaneous analysis of the chemical composition of certain substances and is now in use by the American Cyanamid Co.

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SOUTHERN FORD WORKERS were the first to vote overwhelmingly for a strike to win contract demands in the current negotiations of the UAW-CIO with Ford and GM. Louisville Local 862, representing 1,784 assembly plant workers, took their vote a few days after the Ford and GM councils of the union reported May 9 that the companies "weren't bargaining" and requested the locals across the country to take strike votes.

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THE CIO STEELWORKERS will open negotiation with U.S. Steel Corp. on June 7 for wage increases and other contract demands. A few days later negotiations will start with five other steel companies: Bethlehem, Republic, Jones & Laughlin, Inland and Youngstown. I. W. Abel, Steelworkers' secretary-treasurer, told a district conference of the union in Pittsburgh, May 9: 'We are in a good position. Industry is profitable. Industry operations are at a good rate of capacity. This will make for a subtantial wage increase again this year." He told the delegates to "start conditioning the people for the battle that may be in the offing.

CIO ELECTRICAL WORKERS said they would strike General Electric's plants on Sept. 16 unless a "decent contract" has been obtained by Sept. 15. The union is demanding a guaranteed annual wage and substantial wage increases.

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL said in a May 11 editorial, "From all accounts labor disputes will be flourishing this year; a survey by this newspaper suggests it will be the 'toughest' bargaining year since World War II ended. One of the toughest - the auto industry dispute is already hardening into a shape that threatens a major strike."

THE BIG GET BIGGER. Forty-four giant companies made about one-third of all the profits reported by U.S. corporations in 1954. The stock brokerage firm, W. E. Hutton & Co., listed 44 companies that made more than \$40 million after taxes in 1954. The 44 profit-giants raked in a total of \$5 1/2 billion. Sam Dawson, AP staff writer, says, "The giants, by and large, had a more comfortable time than many a smaller company which found last year a trying period." He reports that the "334,000 business casualties" in 1954 "emphasize the trend in recent years toward bigness."

* * * THE NET INCOME OF AT&T last year was \$549,931,223. AT&T controls the Southern Bell Telephone Company that is currently trying to break the strike of the CIO telephone workers' union.

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"BIZMAC" is the name of a mammoth electronic brain the army is installing in its Detroit Tank-Automotive center. It will replace 350 clerks now used to keep an inventory of all replacement parts used by U.S. military vehicles. Bizmac costs \$5 million. Brig. Gen. Paul M. Seleen estimates it will pay for itself in six years. Clerks take a month to do what the machine will do in minutes, the racists splashed black and GOP. the General said.

egotiations comporations secret And Reuther replied that "they" want to destroy important senvouldn't let that (a large - scale | iority provisions, further narrow depression) happen because if it the right to strike, make the did, the political upheaval in this grievance procedure more cumcountry would make the New bersome, cut down union repre-Deal program look like a con- sentation, etc.

Besides the GAW, the union's servative plaything by comlist of demands includes an in-In other words, Reuther's faith crease in the present 5-cent anin the ability of the capitalists nual improvement factor, a and their system to avoid any "catch-up" adjustment of 5 cents N. J. associates of the Emergency tlemen know how such a shift the door for a richer life for real depression is so great that for the cost of living, company. Civil Liberties Committee.



The big complaint at the red paint over the front, smash-Dodge Main plant of Chrysler ed the windows, broke in and Corp., ever since production of turned on the water faucets, the 1955 model began, has been flooding the building and nearly speedup. The management is wrecking the furnace. Members now increasing speedup, and of the Cadillac Improvement Aspenalizing workers who resist or sociation, the lily-white outfit can't keep up. Two women on behind the hoodlums, offered to ed the green chain because the bad as he possibly could. the night shift in the trim de- buy the house back from Mrs. lumber had not yet been put

partment who couldn't keep up Wilson. with the line were given three-Police ordered the rioters off day disciplinary layoffs. A numthe lawn and reportedly arresthad been processed. ber of men in the department ed two men for carrying con-

walked off the job in protest, cealed weapons, but did not When I went to work on this and the company sent 3,000 green chain, I was determined Some little grievance was enough break up the demonstration. Alworkers home. to prove the foreman wrong in for him to sever relations with though their phone number is The next day the company known only to the telephone ser- his attitude toward the Swedes. a fellow worker. And once he The job on the green chain was stopped talking it took a hell fired four of the men and there vice man and the police, the was another walkout, and again Wilsons get threatening calls 3,000 were sent home. The lead- every night. The cops have been for a man with a strong back

ers of UAW Local 3 called the accused of collusion with the and a weak mind he used to ped talking to Carl. Whatever walkouts "unauthorized" and told mob. What else can be expected say. Even when he was a man it was that caused it he didn't the workers to stay on the job. from a city administration that short he refused for a long time talk to him for three years. But on the third day walkouts is in court fighting to preserve to allow me to work there. He began on the day shift, the segregation in public housing would say, 'You can't get along on Olaf's leg. Carl hopped across company halted the line, and projects? with them Swedes, George." When I started to work there there. Before the others could 7.500 went or were sent out of Despite the threats and terror-

the plant. Many members of the ism, the Wilsons are determined I enjoyed watching the fore- get there he had lifted the tim- going to die for sure," he anlocal, fed up with both speedup to stick it out. But they sure man get proved wrong. The Swedes ber off Olaf's leg. Olaf couldn't work for three were kindly guys, always quick to help and to show weeks. All during his absence me how to do things on a job we wondered: How would he burn the candle at both ends

that was unfamiliar to me. I got save face and still talk to Carl? until it goes out. You see that along with all of them and they We just couldn't imagine him machine over there lifting up got along well with me. Togeth- taking that special scowl off his the heavy timbers? Before they

The Michigan State Senate 1955 were the highest in the has passed a bill to prevent er we worked to improve condi- face whenever Carl was around. got that I was the machine. For tions on the job and whenever We got our answer when Olaf 15 years I was that machine. By in support of any political party I was involved in a fight with came back. He still refused to rights the former owner owes or candidate. The PAC would the right wing union officials talk to Carl.

Four hundred white racists still be able to function, but they were with me — that is, when they attended union meettion in front of a home at 18199 nated to it by individual mem- ings. Yes! I got along with all come?" He almost stopped talk- that much.

Riopelle, newly bought and oc-bers; it would be prohibited of them except for one - Olaf. ing to me. The others said he cupied by Easby Wilson, his wife from getting any money voted was just angry at everybody. and child. Their aim was to by the unions out of their lo- THE ANGRY ONE

He was the most powerful and boasted that he had quit drink- And once they had him here scare the Wilsons, who are Ne- cal treasuries. 19 Republicans gro, out of their home. Wilson voted for the bill, 10 Democrats capable workman on the chain. ing 20 years ago and had hardly they squeezed him dry of his While all the others tried to help touched a drop since. So it was labor power for 35 years. Now works at the Dodge Main plant. against. It now goes to the Before the Wilsons moved in, House, also controlled by the me, he did the opposite. More quite a surprise to us when he bitter and disillusioned he no than once before I got the hang came to work drunk one day. longer cared to live.

duction and serve the ends of in this rich country conservation." And what should farmers can't get a rich and tionary brand of politics." the farmer do for a cash crop abundant supply of the goods Roberts urged that labor organizations and prominent liberals in to meet his mortgage payments? produced in the cities in return More advice: "Our agricultur- for their production of our food. Newark speak out against the invasion of the witch-hunting body. al resources should . . . be shift-He also urged support for the ed toward the protective foods, prepared to fight for the farmprotest meeting scheduled for such as meat, dairy and live- ers as an independent force, Wednesday night, May 18, at the stock products, fruits and veg- abundance will no longer be a Essex House, sponsored by the etables." Do these learned gen- source of tragedy but will open

why the When the labor movement is is made under the capitalist sys- all who labor.

But it was during those three

The Angry One

of the job I would make a mis- And it was a greater surprise By George Flint One of the places I worked in take and lose control of a piece when he stayed that way for

of timber. The others would three weeks. the sawmill was on the "green jump forward and help lift the chain." The lumber came down timber off the ground. But not to the yard from the mill on a Olaf. As a rule he would wait

chain. Our job was to pull the until the boss had a chance to weeks that we found out the why's and wherefores of the lumber off the chain. It was call-bled along, making me look, as permanent scowl on Olaf's face. He had come to this country 35

years ago from Sweden. He had Olaf was no different with the been prompted to come here bethrough a dry kiln. It was heav- others. I asked the fellows what ier to handle than lumber which gives with him and they would cause of an argument with the say, "He is angry at every- parents of the girl he wanted to body." He didn't talk to half of marry. They had decided he wasn't good enough for her. So the fellows he worked with. he came to America, the "land of opportunity" as he was told. in order to make a stake. They

would see how wrong they were. So he thought. Years came and went and There was the time he stopthrough it all Olaf thought of

just one thing. He was going to make a stake and then they would see how wrong they were. One day a piece of timber fell "Were you in love with her so much that you were that hurt?" the chain and was the first I asked him. "I thought I was swered.

"I never enjoyed my life," he said, "and now I'm going to me \$20,000." When he saw the I did what the others were smile on my face, he repeated afraid to do. I asked Olaf, "How indignantly, "\$20,000! At least

But it wasn't much to smile about. The man was brought He never drank and sometimes here with the lure of an illusion.

and victimizations, want their could use some organized deleaders to do more than file fense aid from the labor and Negro movements. In the middle of the walkouts * * * Chrysler reported that its prof-

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routine grievances.

corporation's history in any first unions from using their funds

staged a Jim Crow demonstra- only with funds specifically do-