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COURT YIELDS TO SOUTH ON SCHOOLS SWP Tells Khrushchev: "Free Frame-up Victims!"

JUNE 1 — Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary of the

levelled against Yugoslav officials position to call matter his attenof being 'fascists' etc., were tion. Please bring weight Yugoslav frame-ups. 'The facts,' you say, government in securing release, 'show' that 'materials' backing clearing names, victims Stalinist changes were 'fabricated.'

"In interest of USSR and world working class we demand you release from prisons and slavelabor camps all victims of this frame-up.

"In addition, to clear hames, we demand:

"1. You invite international civil-liberties commission to examine facts of frame-up you admit.

"2. You use your influence in East European countries to open court records to same commission to determine extent charges fabricated against Yugoslav officials were used in purge trials. "3. You permit all convictions in USSR of political dissenters under Beria, Yezhov, Yagoda to be reviewed by same commission to determine extent similar materials were used in framing-up innocent victims."

CABLE TO TITO

A copy of the above cable was sent to President Tito of Yugoslavia for his information, and of the head of the Yugoslav government:

"Khrushchev stated he is 'ready tion of relations between our



ASK DENNIS TO ACT Copies of the cables to Khrush-

frame-up system."

chev and Tito were also sent to Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States. Dennis was urged to take the following action:

"In view of the fact that your organization was victimized in a certain sense by the Beria frameup charges, in that you sup-

ported the fabrications without the slightest criticism or whisper of doubt as to their validity, we urge you to indicate your solidarity with these demands, particularly that Khrushchev proceed at once to release all the victims perity partnership package" conof the frame-up who are still held in the prisons and slave-labor camps of the Soviet Union." Khrushchev made his damning admission upon arriving in Belgrade. He ascribed the frame-up

But it failed.

the Yugoslav officials to 'Beria, Abakumov and others" who were "recently exposed enemies of the people." Khrushthe following request was made chev said, "We studied assiduously the materials" on which the accusations were based. "The

facts show that these materials to do everything necessary to were fabricated by the enemies eliminate all obstacles standing of the people, detestable agents in the way of complete normalization of imperialism. . " (See editorial page 3)

Socialist Workers Party, today sent the following cable to Nikita S. Khrushchev, Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union who has been holding a series of con-ferences in Yugoslavia with President Tito: "You admitted May 26 charges "You admitted May 26 charges "You admitted May 26 charges

JUNE 2 - As we go to press, the Ford Motor Co. strike deadline, originally set by the CIO United Automobile Workers for 12:01 this morning, has been put off four days to Monday, June 6.

CIO and UAW President Walter Reuther and Ken Bannon, director of the union's Ford Department, announced the postpone ment yesterday, stating they wished to give the UAW negotiators time to "explore" a new but undisclosed company offer. They said if agreement is not reached by June 6, "a strike will begin."

This morning the 1,450-man day shift at Ford's Mercury assembly plant in Metuchen, N. J., began what the company called a "wildcat walkout." Local UAW officials said "the rank and file is fed up with the stalling tactics used by Ford" in the Detroit negotiations.

At around 4:30 P.M. on May | the most notable features of the 26 hundreds of Ford foremen Ford proposal included a "savwent rushing through the Rouge ings and stock participation plant distributing copies of the plan," an "income stabilization Ford Employee Information Bul- plan" and a "separation allowletin, containing gilded sum- ance plan."

maries of the company's "pros-THE STOCK SCHEME Under the stock proposal, Ford tract offer.

employees would be permitted had had a chance to comment on to buy company stock, when This was before the UAW available, up to 10% of their Ford's counter-proposal and begross annual If a worker to print details. It was an ob- put \$500 in the fund for Ford stock, \$250 of it would be invious attempt to dazzle the vested in U.S. savings bonds workers and to re-establish a and the company would match "paternal" relation with them. the other \$250, making the amount in the worker's stock

The rejection of the Ford account \$500. To obtain full scheme by the UAW top nebenefits ,he would have to regotiating committee met with main in the program five years. the general support of the Ford The UAW negotiating comworkers, although the workers mittee correctly rejected this laid their greatest stress on the proposal as "an obvious smoke company's demand for a fiveyear contract while the negotiating committee emphasized the workers while setting the stage lack of a guaranteed annual wage proposal as the main reason for rejection. Ford Motor Co. makes its stock

5-YEAR PACT OPPOSED available to the public." Ford Facts, paper of Local If there is one thing that 600, added: "The workers didn't veho

Fifth Amendment Upheld



Use of the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities witch-hunt committee was upheld in a Supreme Court decision by Chief Justice Earl Warren (r.), reversing contempt conviction of Sec.-Treas. Julius Emspak (l.) of the United Electrical Workers and two others.

screen behind which the com-pany offers crumbs to Ford DEMOCRATS ALSO MIXED for Ford executives to divide up a huge stock melon when the IN POLIO VACCINE MESS

of employment. Three facts stand out from the mass of confusion in the polio vaccination foul-up: (1) Supplies of the vaccine Seattle worker seeking a job can understand Mississippi's racial will not meet the need. (2) There is question of the safety expect to run into some form problems."

White Supremacists Hail "Reprieve" for

The Supreme Court's long-awaited enforcement ruling on school desegregation went about as far as it could go in appeasing the white-supremacist Deep South without reversing the original decision **E** than was practicable and reason-

completely. While the court reaffirmed what able. Moreover, it said, the decit said a year ago - that Jim sion should be applied in "good Crow schools are unconstitutional, faith."

t failed to declare such schools illegal as of now or any specific boards and federal judges in the South to apply the decision themselves and figure out how and when to go about it. While it by the court's desegregation said these officials should not ruling but they'll never get bit delay, on the other hand, it said, by it.

they needn't hasten any more

Seattle -- A

City Cowed by

The Witch-Hunt

By Farrell Dobbs

National Secretary

Socialist Workers Party

SEATTLE - Fear rules this

city today, fear created by one

of the worst witch hunt attacks

The whole capitalist propa-

the people under attack. They

And to hit where it is sure to

to be overshadowed by its

production without wage in-

Each succeeding year has seen

expense.

the country has seen.

crats.

In short the court backed down completely from putting teeth time in the future. It asked school into its May 17, 1954 decision. Southern racist officials may be subject, years from now, to the inconvenience of being gummed

SOUTH HAILS DECISION

Southern politicians and newspapers were loud in their praises of the high court's "realism" and "wisdom" in rendering such a toothless implementation order. The only criticism the most violent racists could think of was that the ruling hadn't reversed the original decision outright.

An attorney for Prince Edward County, Virginia, [one of the cases involved] greeted the ruling with: "This is everything we had hoped for." Mississippi's racist officials hailed the court's words as a "very definite victory for the South." That state's attorney The whole capitalist propa-ganda machine is turned against "The Negro complainants are now right back in the courts where are branded social outcasts. As- they started." Tom Tubb, head of sociation with them is made a the State Democratic Committee, pretext for new victimizations. amplified: "We couldn't ask for anything better than to have the hurt, people accused as "sub- matter placed in the hands of our versives" are punished by loss federal district courts. They, will consider the suits in good faith

In nine cases out of ten a and in the manner in which they



Kremlin's Turnabout **On Tito -- Its Meaning**

By Sam Marcy

Why did the Kremln make a sudden about face towards Tito's regime in Yugoslavia? The advanced workers throughout the world cannot but ask themselves: what is at the root of this change?

More than five years ago the explanations of the Kremlin Communist Party of Yugoslavia clique's about face. The New issued a May Day Manifesto, York Times, May 15, says in a which was broadcast throughout dispatch from Belgrade: "U.S. the world, calling for a return officials viewed the Khrushchevto the "principles of Lenin." On Bulganin mission to Belgrade as the fifth anniversary of this a Soviet effort to make Yugomanifesto the Titoists are pon- slavia the southern anchor of dering the question of a return, a neutral belt running north to not to Lenin, but to Bulganin Finland and Sweden." This is the Times' explanation from the and Khruschchev.

"JUDAS TITO"

celebration:

was most virulent in his at-

Beria who forced Bulganin to

point of view of the power

struggle between the Soviet But was it not Bulganin who Union and the Western powers. ticeably as full election returns The second explanation depicts | disclosed not a landslide but a moderate victory - and as the tacks on Tito? Was it really the move as "an effort by the present rulers of the Soviet class struggle flared up in major say in a speech in Prague, sev- Union to demonstrate that they strikes on the railroads and eral days after the May Day are flexible men, willing to addocks.

The Tory or Conservative Party mit past errors and to seek "Judas Tito and his abettorspeaceful accomodation, not at now has a majority of 59 in the malevolent deserters to the camp all the rigid dogmatists of Stal-630-member House of Commons. It took 20 seats away from the

of imperialism and fascism - in's time." To the extent that this second Labor Party but lost four to have transformed Yugoslavia into a Gestapo prison. The whole explanation is an attempt to Labor. In popular vote, the Tories of progressive mankind looks point out that the Kremlin is polled 13,336,000 (49.8%) against with loathing upon those despis- seeking all sorts of avenues to Labor's 12,405,000 (46.4%). Thus ed traitors and accomplices of approach imperialism for a deal, the margin of victory was 3.4% imperialism. They will have to even via Yugoslavia, it's ceror less than a million votes.

account for their sanguinary tainly true. But the assertion Did Prime Minister Sir Anthony all observers. Thus the Christian crimes, for their repulsive be- that there is a "new flexibilitrayal of the Yugoslav people ty," "willingness to admit past cabinet wearing old school ties London wrote on May 20: "While and of the whole democratic errors," and abandonment of from Eton and other snob schools, relaxed campaigns limited by law support. Fewer than 100 of the stayed home or even voted Tory for a worker to get enthusiastic Thus a combination of trade Stalinist dogma, is a dangerous imagine that they had vanquished to three weeks are the rule here, camp." falsehood which can only re- the working class? How is it now possible for

Bulganin and Khruschchev to dound to the benefit of the Sogo to Belgrade with open arms viet bureaucracy. Most dangerous of all is this saying, "We sincerely regret propaganda when it is dressed what has happened?" The capitalist press gives two (Continued on page 4)

ask for the right to buy Ford it is the five-year provision of stock. Those who want to, and the contract expiring this week. who can afford to, will be able Under it they have seen their to do that on their own when union handcuffed and helpless the stock goes on the marketwhile working conditions in the as a matter of individual deplants deteriorate, speedup cision . . . The workers with low mounts and management turns a deaf ear to grievances or lets wages and large families cannot afford to save 10% of their them drag on interminably. wages. They barely get along Opposition to the five-year on their full wages . . . That's contract has grown steadily why the Ford workers say to since 1950. It has become solidithe company, 'We don't want fied during the last two years (Continued on page 3) when the changes resulting from

made it clear to everyone that it would be suicidal for the NEXT WEEK union to accept another long-

term shackle. At the recent We are pleased to announce UAW convention even the Reuthat Brigitte Gerland, author ther leadership, which started of our recent series on "My out defending the five-year con-Life in Stalin's Prison Camps,' tract, promised to sign nothing has written a special article for longer than a two-year provisour next issue commemorating the 2nd anniversary of the his-GM and Ford never had it so toric East German general good as under the five-year constrike and uprising of June

1953. The article recounts how tract, and it is apparently the thing they want most of all. It the political prisoners in the is also the thing the workers Soviet Union received the news of the anti-Stalinist struggle want least of all, even though the UAW leadership makes and personal interviews with GAW the main issue. participants in the strike. Beside the five-year provision,

will be far more costly to tion "controls." No limit would American families than is nec- be placed on the amount of Fedessary - certainly more costly eral Funds that could be used than in Canada. for purchase of the vaccine for The Democrats who now speak those states that would organize with such indignation of Eisen- free inoculation programs. This legislation, if passed, hower's responsibility for the

fiasco, have all along been in wouldn't change the procedures control of Congress. They were followed so far one iota - proin as good a position as Eisen- cedures that have led to the hower to foresee the crisis. They present tragic situation. It could have prevented it. They would merely throw the problem are the country's law makers. back into Eisenhower's lap. With ation with the FBI. Political National Association for the Ad-But the Democrats are just the 1956 elections in mind, the

as reluctant as Eisenhower to Democrats propose to give the interfere with the "free enter- administration more power withprise" set-up. "Profits first" is out themselves taking any rea Democratic as well as Republi- sponsibility for what is done can policy. The current legis- in the polio crisis. lative moves of the Democrats Even if Eisenhower were to

prove this. avail himself of the power the Senator Lester Hill, Chairman democrats want to give him, the of the Senate Labor and Public vaccine would still be in the Welfare Committee, called a hands of the private drug momeeting of his group for May 31 nopolies; they would still get proposed bill for distribution supplies would still be inade-"controls."

of vaccine produced by the D

Hill would provide Eisenhower "short-cuts" wouldn't result in stiffening the speedup, the our Constitution either." with "standby" power to inter- defective vaccine.

of "security" screening. Plants In Georgia Lt. Governor S. E. handling war orders, the watermanufacturers. (3) The vaccine vene, if necessary, with distribu-Vandiver commented, "The Sufront, civil service jobs and simipreme Court is making some small lar categories are heavily screeneffort to correct its first decision." ed at government instigation. Its Tennessee correspondent re-Employers acting entirely on ported to the N. Y. Times (June their own often screen em- 1): "In off-the-record statements ployees, even in small retail state officials here were inclined stores. to view the decree as being about

Union officials cooperate with as lenient toward the South as the witch hunters in most cases. the Supreme Court could have In fact. the AFL Teamsters of - been without reversing the opinion ficials are alleged to screen the handed down in May 1954."

union membership in collabor-Although seven weeks ago the blacklists are passed back and vancement of Colored People forth between union officials and argued before the court for a the employers; these lists are 1955 or, at latest, a 1956 desegrebased on reports from FBI ingation deadline and against "local formers, company stoolpigeons option," its national officers now and stooges of the union bureau- express "gratification" with the ruling. It is not a victory for Jim

Armed by the government with Crow, they assert, and they are a catch-all definition of "sub- "confident" the South "will version," the employers and proceed without delay on proclass-collaborationist union of grams of desegregation."

ficials can use the screening In Mississippi, however, Dr. A. to consider a showdown fight their \$20 million in profit guar- weapon to grind their own spe- H. McCoy, state NAACP head and with the Republicans on his anteed by the taxpayer's money; cial axe. In this way they act leader in the fight to expose the in concert to weed out militant lynchers of Rev. George W. Lee, quate; and American parents workers on the job and in the declared: "It looks as if the Su-The bill proposed by Senator would still wonder if production unions. The employer profits by preme Court doesn't believe in

> (Continued on page 2) (See editorial page 3)

Follow British Tory Victory in Strikes Election

By John Thayer Tory rejoicing diminished no-

more a week (not an hour, mind you!).

APATHY

If so, they must have been ference on the part of the work-

and commerce were being brought

tion to find that British industry what more inclined to vote Labor participated."

- that is unusual. . . As far as

militant strikes by longshoremen, apathy is the word increasingly indifference of the masses. Sur- reforms such as nationalization Empire. It instituted a press cenveys showed that the most im- of coal, railroad, steel and other who demand recognition of their used to describe it." A dispatch to the May 23 New portant TV speeches were being key industries and free medical union, and by pitiably underpaid locomotive engineers and firemen, York Times said: "Clement Attlee viewed by only half the anticcare for all. who demand 21 cents to 77 cents and the other Labor leaders spent ipated audiences. When the votes Then it began to lose its

the weekend [the last before the were in, it was seen that 6% less

creases and for austerity. This succeeded in restoring profits to ed $1 \frac{1}{2}$ million. British capitalism at the workers'

"The lack of rank - and - file What prevented a Tory landnthusiasm that has haunted slide was the dogged class loyalty Labor from the outset of the cam- of the basic layers of the working a drop in the workers' enthusiasm paign was symbolized by the class to the Labor Party. Without for the Labor Party's program British workers in the recent failure this evening [election eve] apparent enthusiasm but with a elections was commented on by in the industrial city of Coventry. strong sense of duty, they went differ basically from the "liber- may be 50% or 80% for Bevan A march through the city of to the polls and voted Labor. However, those workers and to be canceled because of lack of middle - class sympathizers . who 8,000 workers in the Standard were enough to give the Con-

the nominees for the march. In though modest margin. sadly disappointed after the elec- ing Briton — the people some- 1951 more than 1,000 workers

Nor did the advent of TV cam- office on a tremendous landslide. no basic changes in British Labor's defeat. "First, Britain

sorship in the party, and shortly before the dissolution of Parliament it tried to purge Bevan and the whole left wing.

nomentum. Its program petered BUREAUCRATS CONTROL out and its social reforms began

The right wing, led by Attlee demands on the workers for more and Co., is not based on rank-andfile support. It controls the Labor Party through the bloc votes of the trade union bureaucrats. For example, the head of the Transport and General Workers Union casts 1,300,000 votes at Labor

Party conferences. This is the number of members in his union. These members The current program doesn't alized" Tory program. It has a and against Attlee, but that few more reforms and more sugar doesn't matter. The top union official casts his votes for Attlee. union bureaucrats controls the

Labor party and its program. In its weekly analysis of the news, the New York Times (May (Continued on page 3)

election] anxiously seeking an people had voted than in the issue that would awaken their previous election in 1951. This followers and avoid a decisive favored the Tories who always do This turn of the British work- defeat." That Attlee & Co. didn't best when the vote is small. Alers, in what may become a strike find the issue was testified to by though the Tory vote dropped

Motor Company's factories joined servative Party its increased,

wave, to economic struggle was the same paper's report on May half a million, Labor's vote dropthe other side of the coin of their 26: apathy to the political program (or lack of program) of the right-

wing dominated Labor Party. The lack of enthusiasm of the

Eden, and others in the Tory Science Monitor correspondent in Labor candidates and workers had

this one is meeting an indif-

coating but there's nothing in it about.

The petering out of Labor's program is the result of the What has happened to the domination of the party by the Labor Party? In 1945 it came into right wing. The right wing wants 29) gives various reasons for

to a standstill as the result of the Laborites are concerned, paigning to Britain explain the It put into effect a number of capitalism or in the British

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Monday, JUNE 6, 1955

20 YEARS OF THE CIO - V -The Battle of Industrial vs. Craft Unionism

JOHN L. LEWIS

we can do it." Two years later

In March, 1935, pressure from

By Art Preis

San Francisco strikes of 1934 flowed from success in spreadclass. They broke the bonds a broader, all-embracing organof the employing class.

During this same period, howindustries like auto, steel, rubdebacles because of the policies test. of the craft-minded AFL leaders.

In March 1934, some 200,000 locals had dwindled from 100,strike call against the infamous man board took a poll in April NRA auto code with its "merit" | 1935 to determine "proportional sive collective bargaining rights Company," noted Levinson in to the majority union and per- Labor on the March.

Betrayals in Steel and Rubber

The auto fiasco was duplicated | an almost identical betrayal. A in steel. Organized in the old tremendous strike sentiment Amalgamated Association of Iron, spread through the rubber plants Steel and Tin Workers, headed in early 1935 and reached a by the crusty bureaucrat Mike high pitch in April. Some 30,000 Tighe, the new members had rubber workers in Akron were brushed aside Tighe's objections, poised for strike. At the last drafted demands and set up a moment, Green's representative committee to present them to Coleman Claherty put over a the steel barons. A month later, deal calling off the strike in rein mid-June 1934, Green sub- turn for another Roosevelt setmitted a "plan" for a settlement | tlement withholding a union conwithout a strike to a special tract and recognizing company Amalgamated convention. It was unions along with real ones. the same "plan" as in auto -A special feature of this bean "impartial" board appointed | trayal was the role of the Stalinby Roosevelt. The steel strike ists. The Communist Party, was called off indefinitely. which had considerable influence The first fruit of the steel at that time among the rubber

"plan" was a series of wage cuts workers, celebrated its recent in August and September. In turn to the "People's Front" — December, Roosevelt proclaimed collaboration of "progressive" a three-point "truce" plan which capitalists and workers - by agreed in every major particular going along with the rubber sell-

mitted recognition of company the plant onto a mass picket A great part of the strength unions on the basis of their pro- line. A March of Labor, comof the Minneapolis, Toledo and portional strength in Auto La- bining the workers of five other bor Board elections. The strike strikes, was set up to give aid wherever required on any picket was called off indefinitely. By July, Collins was complain- line. After the Auto-Lite strike. ing the strikes and involving ing in the American Federation- there was no attempt to operate ist that the "President's agree- with scabs. Even the top GM class. They broke the bonds of craft and grasped the weapon "This settlement was by no have written permits from the of class struggle. These unifying struggles showed the need for unions," Collins wrote. "Never-plant.

theless, union representatives The strike was a bottleneck, izational structure to organize looked upon it as their patriotic halting production of transmisthe unorganized and defend la-bor against the united assaults duty to accept the settlement, sions for the whole Chevrolet since it was the direct request system. Within a week, some of President Roosevelt that they 35,000 Chevrolet workers were During this same period, how-ever, the need for industrial "patriotic duty," in short, to strikes in Cleveland, Norwood organization was being proved accept a program for strangling and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Atlanin a negative way. The workers the auto unions. After the ta, Georgia. The strike commitin the great mass production March, 1934, agreement, Roose- tee, made up entirely of rank velt extended the auto code four and filers from the plant, moved ber and textiles suffered terrible times despite official AFL pro- to spread the strike to all GM plants, starting with the By February, 1935, the mem. | Buick plant in Flint, Mich. Dele-

bership of the AFL federal auto gations were sent to Flint and Detroit, but Green intervened to

auto workers were waiting for a 000 to 20,000. When the Wol- block further walkouts. Green had sent his personal they were to prove it. representative Francis J. Dillon and open - shop clauses. A call representation" in a number of into the strike area to try to the federal auto locals had forced actually did go to 44,000 GM plants in Michigan, of the 163,- halt it. The Toledo workers the AFL Executive Council workers to strike on March 21. 150 votes cast. 88.7% were for knew what his game was - the to agree to etablishment of an But Roosevelt personally inter- unaffiliated representatives; main source of their information auto workers international union. vened and got the AFL leaders 8.6% for leaders of AFL fed- being their own strike paper, The Toledo local, aroused by to agree to a postponement. On eral locals. This was not a vote Strike Truth, edited by Art Dillon's treachery in the Chevro-March 25, AFL President Green against unionism. It was a vote Preis. This was the first strike let strike, demanded his removal of the failure to organize the unorganized. ... and his personal representative of non-confidence in the AFL. paper in the industry and was and the immediate convening of in auto. William Collins, accept- "The AFL campaign had been a modeled after The Organizer of a constitutional convention for the "captive" mines. ed Roosevelt's establishment of complete failure, except in the Minneapolis Drivers Local 574. the auto workers.

sition. This latter denied exclu- against the Electric Auto-Lite throats at a dramatic mass convention for August 29, 1935. weakened when he left the hall then set up strictly under the

screaming, "Muste's men," and thumb of the AFL Executive issued a statement threatening Council. The constitution proto withdraw the Local 18384 posed by Green for the United

Automobile Workers called for charter, covering 19 plants. Submitting under the pressure appointment of the new union's of this threat, the newly-organ- president by Green himself. Led ized workers nevertheless were by the Toledo delegation, which able to squeeze from General was the largest single contingent Motors a small wage increase in the conversion, and the most and a published stipulation that influential, the delegates passed management would meet with a motion to elect their own the union committee, although president by a vote of 164.2 to there was no signed contract. 112.8. After a three-day floor This was the first time GM had fight, Green personally took failed to smash a strike. The over and declared either he workers marched back into the would appoint the top officers plant as an organized body, or there would be no charter. more solidly unionized than be- He then appointed Dillon presifore. From that time on, every dent, and Homer Martin, of GM worker was able to say: "If Kansas City, a one-time preachthe Toledo workers could do it, er, as the vice president.

The Conflict Develops in AFL

Learning from the auto work- conference of 75 unions in ers' experiences, the rubber Washington on January 24, 1934. with the program of Myron C. out. An official AFL represen- workers held a convention the This conference adopted a reso-Taylor, then head of U.S. Steel. | tative spoke from the same plat- next month and refused to back | lution which declared organiza-Point 1, in effect, recognized form as Earl Browder, then CP down before Green's threats. tion of the unorganized to be "imperative" but "bearing in company unions. By this time, national secretary, at a CP They voted 44 to 9 against apmind that in the pursuit of organization the present structure, rights and interests of affiliated national and international unions must be followed, observed, and The example of the auto and safeguarded." Craft "jurisdicrubber workers, who had pushed The rubber workers, centered ist labor officialdom in the next through all obstacles to win tional rights" could not be touched. their own industrial unions, gave But the issue would not down. a tremendous impulsion to the At the AFL convention in San whole movement for industrial Francisco in October 1934, the unionism. It hardened the minor-Executive Council itself proposed an organizing "campaign" to accept the membership applications wages as low as \$3 to \$4 a pushing for indutrial union organof workers seeking unionism. The Council reported: "There At the October 1933 AFL was a virtual uprising of worktremendous upsurge of unioniza- assented to this settlement even convention, Elizabeth Christman ers for union membership. Worktion during which the AFL verbally. "For the strikers it of the Women's Trade Union ers held mass meetings and sent United Textile Workers climbed was the peace of defeat," Ed- League had offered an indus- word they wanted to be organfrom 50,000 members in June ward Levinson correctly wrote in trial union resolution. But it was ized." But a compromise reso-Labor on the March. He reveals not voted on after a test vote lution that appeared to grant June 1934. The heart of this there were "indications that the was taken on a resolution to the principle of industrial orupsurge was in the deep South, Federation leaders had asked ratify the AFL council decision ganization contained a rider limiting the scope of such industrial unions - commanding zation, to turn over its truck them "to protect the rights of battle far more serious than driver members to the AFL existing craft unions." Teamsters. The vote was 13,877 The real test, once more, was to 5.859. on the brewers-teamsters issue, Lewis did not press the Christ- which the convention decided by

are going to organize under some effective in opposing organization Brophy of his own union, and international unions. other leadership. . . I submit to of the workers under the poli- ITU President Howard, David you that it would be a far more cies of the American Federation Dubinsky of the International picture themselves as the creserious problem for our govern- of Labor. . .

ment, for the people of this "... If you go in there with country and for the American your craft union they will mow Federation of Labor itself than you down like the Italian ma- of the Textile Workers, and Sid- way it may have seemed. They if our organization policies should chine guns mow down the Ethibe so molded that we can or opians in the war now going on Clothing Workers. They had all board riders on the crest of a ganize them and bring them in that country. . . under the leadership of this or- "... The strength of a strong

man is a prideful thing, but the ganization." John L. Lewis's role at this unfortunate thing in life is that

convention is most vividly re- strong men do not remain strong. membered for his "punch heard And that is just as true of round the world," when he sym- unions and labor organizations with the addition of Harvey ted themselves to the circumbolized the coming split with a as it is true of men and indisolid havmaker to the jaw of viduals.

Carpenters' president Hutche-"And, whereas today the craft unions of this country may be and Smelter Workers, met in the industrial union movement son. But his speech at the convention was a masterly, eloable to stand upon their own Washington. That day they is- would have arrived as quickly quent, fighting summation of the feet and like mighty oaks stand sued their historic announcearguments for industrial union- before the gale, defying the ment. They had constituted them- tional qualities of Lewis. There

"At San Francisco they se- when this changed scheme of AFL "to encourage and promote ignate and discredit Lewis, to duced me with fair words," things — and things are chang- organization of the workers in low-rate his real role. Lewis has Lewis apologized for his com- ing rapidly now - the day may the mass production and unor- many weaknesses - political promise of 1934. "Now, of come when those organizations ganized industries." They called conservatism, blind belief in capcourse, having learned that I will not be able to withstand the themselves the Committee for italism, contempt for union dewas seduced. I am enraged and lightning and the gale. Now, pre- Industrial Organization and their mocracy - which he shares with I am ready to rend my seducers pare yourselves by making a main activity would be "educa- virtually all other top union oflimb from limb. . . contribution to your less fortu- tional and advisory." Lewis was ficials. But it was Lewis, with He pointed out how the or- | nate brethren, heed this cry | elected chairman; Howard, sec- | his boldness, his self-reliance, his ganization of the coal miners from Macedonia that comes from retary; and Brophy, executive aggressiveness and courage, had reached an impasse because the hearts of men. Organize the director.

steel corporations which owned

Great combinations of nority's industrial union resolu- never to surpass six million. But tractors are long dead and foran Auto Labor Board, headed by Toledo sector, where the rank After three weeks, Dillon was Fearful that the auto workers capital have assembled great in- tion by 18,024 votes to 10,993. it is doubtful if the men who gotten, the American working Dr. Leo Wolman, and the "pro- and file ignored both the Wol- able to ram a compromise set- would move without his approval, dustrial plants, and they are On Oct. 19, 1935, came the sym- launched the CIO envisaged the class will remember and honor portional representation" propo- man Board and the AFL, struck thement down the strikers' Green finally called an auto strung across the borders of our bolic blow that sent Hutcheson powerful impact it would make Lewis as the founder of the several states from the north toppling. or the road it would travel. They CIO.

meeting, where the strikers at He sought, however, to keep the to the south and from the west first refused him the floor. They international union that was in such a manner that they have convention adjourned, Lewis sat ing social ideas. They took their of the Political Coalition of the assembled to themselves tremen- at a breakfast table of the step as a practical proposition, CIO and the Democratic Party.)

Seattle -- A City Cowed by the Witch Hunt

he Stalinists under the Smith FEAR LONGSHOREMEN

Party strength in the state a direct attack on the longshore-

shrank to a few hundred, in con- men's union. Obviously they fear-

trast to a force of around 5,000 ed a repetition of the rough

during the heyday of its former treatment they received 18

alliance with the Democratic months ago in San Francisco.

Party in the now-extinct Wash- Union leaders called before the

ington Commonwealth Feder- Committee in that city denounced

ation. The Democrats, meanwhile, it as a union-busting agency and

have lived in terror of exposure the longshoremen backed them

for their earlier collaboration up with a 24-hour protest strike

Leaders of the Negro commun- scene of the Committee sessions.

point where they either stand men's action, strong elements of

mute before the witch hunt, as the CIO, student and civil lib-

in the case of the NAACP, or erties groups joined in denounc-

seek to ingratiate themselves ing the Velde gang. The Un-

with the witch hunters, as in the Americans suddenly found they

case of the more conservative had "urgent Congressional

Urban League. Great harm is duties" back in Washington and

the witch hunt that followed.

thought-control prosecution of

with the Stalinists.

ty have been intimidated to the

CANWELL COMMITTEE

under the banner of the Ameri- dous power and influence, and President Hotel with Philip Mur- primarily for what they considcan Federation of Labor they they are almost 100 per cent ray, Thomas Kennedy and John ered the interests of their own

> In later years they were to Ladies Garment Workers, Max ators of a mighty movement, Zaritsky, head of the Hat, Cap who built the CIO solely out of and Millinery Workers, McMahon their own powers. This is the ney Hillman of the Amalgamated were, however, merely like surfsupported the industrial union wave; the power and motion resolution. Lewis outlined to was in the wave and they had them his bold plan for industrial learned to ride it. Vast social organization. forces and intense class strug-

Three weeks later, on Novem- gle had been set loose by the ber 9, the same union officials, crisis of capitalism. They adap-Fremming of the Oil Field, Gas stances.

Well and Refinery Workers, and It is doubtful if the CIO Thomas Brown of the Mine, Mill would have been formed, or if as it did, if not for the exceplightning, yet the day may come selves as a committee within the has been a vile campaign to denstamping him as a man of su-

It is true that in his oratory perior character and moral But they did not heed. The Lewis spoke of organizing 25 fibre, who pushed through the convention voted down the mi- million workers. The CIO was CIO's formation. When his de-

(Continued from page 1) |ed "Fifth Amendment commun-|itself, the American Civil Lib-| History proved that the blackbureaucrat by preserving his ists" when they invoked their con- erties Union helps provide legal list couldn't stop the CIO be-

cause labor, once aroused to

stitutional rights in self defense. aid to those victimized. The capitalist government also The capitalist press, radio and Other forces locally are today action, has the power to smash gains by granting these witch- TV unleashed upon the victims biding their time, waiting for every obstacle put in its way. hunting privileges to private in- a slanted, twisted, framed-up an opening to hit back in defense Today labor needs its own party, terests. Broad forces are there- smear campaign. Right-wing ele- of their democratic rights. Evi- a dynamic mass force entering by mobilized behind the govern- ments, apparently by arrange- dence to this effect came to light the national political arena in its ment's own plot to brand "sub- ment in advance, hailed Velde's when the University of Wash- own name and with its own class versive" all opposition to the arrival and launched a drive to ington recently barred from the program to combat capitalist capitalist war program. It was extend their control over the campus Dr. J. Robert Oppen- war and depression. The time is for that basic reason that the unions. In general those accused heimer, the atomic scientist who approaching when the workers Truman administration set in as "subversive" were fired if has been labeled a "security will understand that need and motion eight years ago the origi- they would not accept the al- risk." In retaliation several lead- bring their great power to bear nal "subversive" list, thereby ternative of turning informer. ing scientists of the country toward that end. providing the pretext, the impe- Within the unions directly under forced cancellation of scientific

tus and the key technique for attack the right wing was more conferences scheduled to be held BADGE OF HONOR or less successful in gaining at the university. These events When that time comes the piotriggered a big protest move- neer fighters for class struggle

control. Again this spring the Un-

ment among students and facul- political action, who are today Seattle's witch hunt began American Committee descended ty in denunciation of the Oppen- called "subversive," will wear with the 1947-48 invasion by on Seattle to renew the witch heimer ban as a blow at academic that designation in labor's own the Canwell Committee of the hunt pressures on the city. This freedom. party as a badge of honor, just Washington legislature, used to time, however, it was under the Just as it violates academic as the men and women who sow terror at the University of management of the Democrats freedom, everything about the bore the brunt of the open-sho Washington in this city. Then who won a majority in Congress witch hunt runs directly counter blacklist were highly esteemed followed enactment of the state last November with the help of to the needs and interests of the by the growing ranks of the vic-Kimball law which made it a the labor movement. Once more people at large. At its base lies torious CIO. crime to belong to any organi- came the obscene display of the the "subversive" list, actually a [Farrell Dobbs, National Seczation held "subversive" or to informer. The publicity smear of political blacklist, intended to retary of the Socialist Workers render aid to such an organiza- the victims thus fingered was in- prevent the working class from Party, recently completed a nation. A new peak was reached tended to hit at union militancy launching a mass labor party, tional tour during which we pubtwo years ago when the Federal and strengthen the hand of right based on the powerful union lished his on-the-spot reports government moved in for a wing elements.



Tighe was able to report to the meeting where Browder remained pointment of officers and then AFL Executive Council that of demonstratively silent on the proceeded to elect their own the 100,000 members who had pending deal between the AFL officers, selecting Sherman Dalpoured into his union, only 5,- leaders and Roosevelt. The CP rymple as their first president. 300 remained as dues-paying was to perform hundreds of similar services for the pro-capitalmembers.

mainly in Akron, went through 20 years.

Textile Tragedy and Auto Victory

The most tragic and despic- government "survey" of condi- ity of AFL leaders, particularly able betrayal of the period came tions in the industry, where John L. Lewis, who had been in the great national textile strike which began on Sept. 1, week prevailed in some Southern ization since 1933. 1934. This strike climaxed a plants. The mill owners never 1933 to more than 300,000 in where the most abused and ex- the President to provide a plau- which ordered the Brewery ploited industrial wage slaves in sible pretext for ending the walk- Workers, an industrial organi-America thronged to the union out which had developed into a as to a mighty crusade.

No more heroic record of la- the old Federation leaders had bor struggle has been written bargained for." More than 15,000 than in the battle put up by the of the best union militants more than 500,000 textile strik- were barred from the plants ers. Sixteen strikers were killed, after the strike ended. hundreds wounded. They con-Even northern manufacturer fronted, in addition to scores of are still profiting from the 1934 thousands of police, deputies and sellout of the southern textile armed strikebreakers, the larg- workers. The South still, proest military display of troops vides the most inviting haven in this country since World War for runaway plants seeking I. More than 40,000 National cheap, non-union labor.

Guardsmen in 16 states were But the drive of the industrial sent against the strikers. Roose- workers toward organization was velt at one point alerted fed- irrepressible in spite of all voted a resolution urging Roose- solid punch - once more in velt to withhold his order for Toledo.

fear of the political consequen-The workers at the Toledo

Chevrolet transmissions plant, re-In the South, the strikers orversing the Detroit pattern, vot- tions. ganized flying squadrons, mod- ed for the AFL union in April eled on the Minneapolis pattern, 1935. They gave mighty General and went from town to town Motors three weeks to recognize and mill to mill calling out the and deal with their union and want to charter the riffraff or organized labor. workers. The response was over- then struck. The same leadership whelming. This was to remain who had saved the Auto-Lite the high-tide of Southern labor strike aided and guided these struggle for more than two dec- newly unionized workers. Members pelled to do so by other organ- ion President Charles P. Howard, ades. To this day, the Southern of the Workers Party, just formed izations offering to charter them although himself head of a workers have not recovered from a merger of the Commu- under any condition. . . We do craft union, tried to make Green, from the crushing blow delivered nist League of America (Trot- not want the men today if they Tobin, John Frey, Matthew Woll, ed by Congressman Velde, a them by their own traitorous skyists) and the American Work-McMahon, an old-time labor file. Such precision, organization moguls' opinion of the indus- gued their own self-interest. skate.

At Roosevelt's request the and power was displayed by the trial workers. textile union leaders called off strikers that the plant was shut

man resolution but agreed to a vote of 15,558 to 9,306, in submit the matter to a special favor of the teamsters.

The Birth of the CIO

It was Teamsters President dent George Meany, addressing the more so when militant union- ists to understand the value of Tobin who voiced the contemp- the CIO auto workers conven- ists are abandoned to the witch their counter-attack on the witch tuous attitude of the craft union tion March 29, 1955, on the leaders -- the "aristocrats of AFL-CIO merger plans, could These militants are usually a- them to see the shambles crelabor" - to the mass production still claim: "There, never was a mong the best fighters for Negro ated by treachery in the Seattle workers need this week's Militant' workers. Describing how he ran trade union reason for disunity." eral troops and was preparing treachery and defeats. American his own union, Tobin said: "We But there was a group within to order them into Rhode Island labor absorbed terrible blows and have to use force in our organi- the AFL leadership - no less when the Democratic-controlled then came back swinging. In zations. If we didn't use force pro-capitalist, no less bureau- on the Negro-haters for support. Francisco action for their future Rhode Island legislature hastily May 1935, it again scored a and enforce decisions, we would cratic, no less conservative in not have an international union their political outlook than the cowed to the point where people

on the wall" and understood that

Thus, at the October 1935 ed machinist trade and some good-for-nothings, or those for whom we cannot make wages or AFL Convention in Atlantic City, other sectors. conditions, unless we are com- International Typographical Un

VELDE Last summer the House Un

OPPOSITION FORCES American Committee, then head-Also fighting back against the lization and route system is really are going on strike tomorrow." "Big Bill" (Hutcheson) and the former FBI agent, came to witch hunters here are the radileaders, headed by Thomas F. ers Party, advised the rank and Riffraff, rubbish and - strik- others opposed to industrial Seattle for the express purpose cal parties, the Fellowship of new readers, and we were happy ers, that was the AFL craft unionism see the light. He ar- of attacking these unions where Reconciliation, the Church of the to see them doing it. New York's militancy was still manifested. People and, in some instances, sale of 100 Militants before

"Now, let me say to you that Informers were used by the the Americans for Democratic union meeting is exceptionally It is hard to believe, in view the workers of this country are committee to finger intended vic- Action and the Young Demo- good! Hats off to New York!" the strike for nothing more than down tight in a few minutes. of the above-cited facts of his- going to organize, and if they tims, some of whom were hailed crats. Although refraining from Helen Sherman from Minnhis promise to make another All the workers marched from tory, that the present AFL Presi- are not permitted to organize before the Velde gang and label- denunciation of the witch hunt eapolis sent a hasty but welcome

movement. In modern terms the and analyses of the economic 'subversive" list is an anti-labor and political situation in some instrument similar to the corpor- of the main industrial centers of It is instructive to note that ation blacklist used against union the Un-American Committee agitators when the CIO was Under the pressure of this, the Un-American Committee fighting to organize the basic in- now completing these reports in sustained attack Communist carefully refrained from making a number of articles.] dustries.





It's now four weeks since the message. "We started out the Sub spring sub-crop began to sprout, Campaign here in Minneapolis and each day brings forth fresh with the objective of getting new

shoots. The rows Militant readers. As a result, durmarked "Chicago", ing the first two weeks a new "Buffalo" and "New sub was turned in for every York" show greenest renewal. How's that for the of all, but the sun- record!"

Johnnie Tabor, whose name is shine of campaign enthusiasm works certainly familiar to readers of miraculously every- this column, as our live-wire agent where, and only a in New York, reports, "The New little more warmth York crew obtained eight subs is needed to produce since the last report. Five were a bumper crop for call-backs and we are having good results on our call-backs. Three 1955.

Chicago's report this week is subs were new. Ray turned in two hunters without Negro support. hunters, it is only necessary for the kind we dream about getting. new 6-monthers. Ann, Pete and Janet obtained one from house-"With our two slogans, 'Chicago to-house call-back work. Julie and 'A Militant Sub Helps Sink Capi-Howard turned in four for Brooklyn. We have promises for teams, and are visiting old Mili- work."

Lack of space prevents full tant subscribers and people who quotes from our other agents. We can only say that in the past week we have received letters (and better still almost more subs than we can easily handle) from Akron, Allentown, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Seattle.

Detroit Fri. Night Socialist Forum The American Labor Leaders Philadelphia's neighborhood mobi-Friday, June 10, at 8 P. M. the most valuable way of getting New Trends in the South Friday, June 17, at 8 P. M. At 3000 Grand River, Rm. 207

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military docks.

thus done to the struggle of the they left town never to return. Negro people for equality, all For the San Francisco unionrights on the job and in the labor movement. Seattle unionunion, as against the conserva- ists in turn can well afford to talism,' we have sallied forth. .

and a mass demonstration at the

Emboldened by the longshore-

tive elements who tend to lean study the lessons of the San We have divided the branch into at least four subs on call-back The city generally has been guidance.

Militants among the Seattle have never heard of the Militant. of 135.000 members - and they opponents of industrial unionism are usually cautious about ex- longshoremen did in their own The response is wonderful. Al's are not the rubbish that have - who nevertheless could see pressing opinions and careful way try to follow the example team is leading in the race with lately come into other organiza- "the revolutionary handwriting about what they select for read-of their San Francisco brothers Ken and Mary's teams close ing matter. Yet the whole terror but they were stymied by the behind. Ken is the leading in-Tobin had previously written: the moment must be grasped if campaign up to last year had all-out, right-wing offensive in dividual seller. The winner gets a "The scramble for admittance to the old union leadership was to been unable to break the back of support of the Velde Committee. set of Little Lenin Library the union is on. . . We do not retain its dominant position over militancy among unionists in Despite loss of that round their Books,"

lumber. steel. maritime, the skill- | will to continue fighting is shown | St. Paul just sent in four more by the fact that the union can subs, and with them the following and does compel the hiring of appreciation: "We think the work blacklisted longshoremen on nondone in some of the other cities, particularly New York and Philly in the campaign is wonderful



"Entered as second class matter March 7, 1944 at the Post Office at New York, N.Y., under the act of March 3, 1870."

(Continued from page 1) your 5% of payroll in stock. Monday, June 6, 1955 Give us 4% in a guaranteed

wage fund. We'll take 4% for those who need it most, rather than 5% for those who need it least.'

undermining, housebreaking and

The capitalist press wasn't

even destroying unions.

tical, rather than opposite. quoted Lawrence H. Dilworth, among the workers.

president of the Detroit Stock INSULTING PROPOSAL Exchange: "If they can buy it The so-called "income stabiliat half price when it comes out,

zation plan," Ford's substitute I think everybody at Ford's will But both the top UAW lead- work closer together. If emfor the union's GAW demand, ership and Ford Facts were si- ployees have a stock interest is one of the most insulting prolent on the most objectional and in their company, they're going posals offered to any big union dangerous aspect of the Ford to do a better job. You may rein recent years. The union has stock scheme. They were either member that when Chrysler asked the company to set up a whole truth - namely, that such new models last fall, employees of laid-off workers up to 52 stock plans always have been went from house to house to weeks.

and always will be devices for sell Chrysler cars. This is the off workers with one year's sensort of interest it develops." It also quoted Dean Russell iority the right to borrow money offered you by the company," even if the workers were re-

Stevenson of the University of from the company, without inafraid to speak about this fea- Michigan's School of Business terest, up to the difference beture of the Ford scheme. In an Administration: "Sears, Roe- tween regular earnings for a 32editorial warning Walter Reu- buck employees have accumuhour week and unemployment fer, the Detroit Free Press in the company ... And it returned to the job, these loans picture of peonage for them is money-saving move at the exwrote: "It is the traditional view makes employees more reason- would be taken out of their pay for Ford to issue its own script, pense of laid-off workers caught of union leadership that union able in their (labor) negotiaat the rate of one-half of their militancy suffers when union tions. You will notice that Sears, pay for hours worked above a 32-hour week.

members share in their employ- Roebuck seems to be getting ployees.

mittee said, this is a proposal The Free Press editorial Yes, that has been the trathat "Ford workers mortgage ditional view of the unions, even though the conservative Reuther view as "outworn shibboleths of provide their families with the good. But, the UAW negotiating reject Ford's proposals as inleadership is reluctant to state ancient labor wars." But if the minimum necessities of life trial and in the executions without trial it today. And it has been the UAW is to counteract the con- during periods of unemployment paid "only to those workers to also harden the UAW ranks for of more hundreds of thousands at the traditional view because it is servatizing effect of the Ford . . . (It) is a program for height of the purge. And then Yezhov, too, based on fact. Capitalists have stock offer and educate the equalizing scarcity by having a pay it, and even then only if counteract the effect of Ford's was found to be an "enemy of the peo- always counted on the conserva- workers to its real meaning, it worker spend wages that he they are willing to sacrifice propaganda among sections of ple." He was purged, disgraced and tizing effect of getting workers must end its silence on this may earn in the future to meet seniority and forfeit their pen- the middle class, by exposing to buy a share or two of stock point, expose the really deadly the needs of today." and getting them to think that objective behind the stock offer,

thereby their interests and those and reject it on the ground that you in hock to the company years of service.



the separation allowance would It also pointed out various cost. For example, a man with fishhooks and gimmicks in the ten years' seniority and earning offer: Maximum loans for a \$2.10 per hour, for receipt of worker with one year's seniority \$1008 in separation allowance. would be two weeks pay, for would give up a pension worth five years' seniority 61/2 weeks \$2550. A woman worker, with pay, for 30 years' seniority 26 20 years' seniority, in return for weeks pay; the offer would \$2688 in separation allowance, unwilling or afraid to tell the Corp. was tooling up for its fund to supplement the income stand only if the government would give up a pension worth gave the company a special tax \$5930 at age 65. Seniority and break on its loans; "you could pension rights once given up in

Ford's answer is to offer laid- not borrow your own wages if return for the separation allowyou refused to accept any work ance would never be restored. employed."

Some of the ex-coal miners at Since the offer was originally Ford were reminded of their made the company has made a experience in company towns. small revision in this part, but build a few stores and homes, in an economic squeeze.

and have a group of perpetually The instinctive reaction of the indebted and perpetually cowed Ford workers against the company's counter-proposal was the Even more phony is the socorrect one. And so was the "separation allowance UAW leadership's rejection. But sneers at the traditional union their future wages in order to plan." On the surface, it looks the union must do more than committee notes, it would be ferior, inadequate, etc. It must whom the company desired to the battles that lie ahead, and sion rights and pension credits the profoundly anti-labor nature Ford Facts said it "would put which they have accumulated by and intent of the company's proposals.

JOINED FORCES IN ELECTION: Clement Attlee (left). right-wing leader of the British Labor Party, and Aneurin Bevan, left-wing leader, patched up their differences sufficiently to join forces in the Laborite election campaign. The conflict is expected to renewed following Tory victory. (See stol Page 1.)

What Ford Workers Say

workers at its disposal.

called

women in the street immediately much better." after the Ford Motor Company made its phony "prosperity" of | said he liked the Ford package, works at Ford. But we could not fer to the UAW yesterday. Al- except for the five-year contract. buy any stock in the company. "That's too long to have your though all three papers are pro-Ford and anti-union, they were hands tied. Things change too spare to invest. We have three compelled to report that public quickly today." Out of eight Ford workers reaction to the Ford proposal was far from favorable.

As the UAW negotiating com-

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"Workers Rap Ford Proposal," the Hearst Times admitted. "Most Ford Motor Co. workers year provision. interviewed today were highly critical / of the company's con-COOL TO STOCK OFFER tract offer . . . All interviewed said they would strike if necessary to achieve the UAW objectives, but several hoped this wouldn't be necessary."

"Most Back Reuther at Rouge years. "This offer to buy a part

DETROIT, May 28 - All to sign any contract. Two years | the company is going to put its three of the Detroit daily pa- would be better." A Dodge Main stock, up for sale? The company pers rushed out to get interviews plant worker was quoted as say- is always giving the little guy with Ford workers and men and "but why five years, two is Sure I'll go out on strike."

A cashier in a downtown res-A 56-year old Ford worker taurant said, "My husband We don't have any money to children.

"I work on the assembly line," quoted in the Times, only two said another Rouge worker, "and had anything favorable to say I don't know anything about about the Ford offer, and both stocks. If I did, I wouldn't be of them condemned the five- working on the line."

Another, holding the Ford bulletin listing the company's proposal, crumpled it in his hand Skepticism about the stock and threw it to the ground. sale offer was widespread. "I "This isn't what we want. What don't think the company has we want is a guaranteed annual made any real offer at all," said wage. And we're going to get an electrician at Ford for 21 it. Wait and see.'

A Ford worker with four chil-Plant," the News reported. "Most of the company is a trick. They dren said: "I'm a 100% union . . were solidly behind UAW- say we can buy stock 'when it's man. Whatever the union does CIO leaders who refuse to ac- available.' How do we know it is OK with me. The company cept anything short of the guar- will ever be available? Besides, proposal sounds good on the anteed annual wage principles." even at half price, how many surface, but if you don't stick

The Stalinist Frame-up System

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When Nikita S. Khrushchev, head of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, admits that the Kremlin's attacks on the Yugoslav leaders since 1948 have been based on "fabricated" charges, he is confessing more than a single and incidental frame-up. He has unintentionally bared before the world the whole frame-up system which has destroyed millions from the very rise of Stalinism.

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Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of political prisoners still languish in the Stalinist prisons and hard labor camps, both in the Soviet Union and the eastern European satellite countries. Thousands of these prisoners are survivors of the murderous purges that raged in eastern Europe during the drive against "Titoism." All these surviving victims are living testimony of the continuance of the most monstrous frame-up system in the whole history of tyranny — the Stalinist system.

The freedom of these political prisoners, as well as the destruction of the frame-up system itself, is the major demand of the cables sent by the Socialist Workers Party to Khrushchev and Tito. The SWP is proposing that a new inquiry be initiated into all the political trials. Such trials have featured the bloody purges that have been the hallmark of the bureaucracy's rule since it usurped power in the Soviet Union under Stalin in the Twenties.

In the case of the Titoists — and Tito himself — Khrushchev now ascribes the admittedly false charges to the "provocative role that Beria. Abakumov and others - recently exposed enemies of the people — played in the relations between Yugoslavia and the USSR." He adds: "The facts show that these materials were fabricated by the enemies of the people, detestable agents of imperialism who by deceptive methods pushed their way into the ranks of the party."

Let us assume, for the sake of argument, that Khrushchev himself and his hardboiled, cunning; fellow-bureaucrats were the naive, trusting fools and impressionable idiots they pretend to be in this case. Let us accept the incredible claim that Beria, the late unlamented head of the Kremlin's secret political police, deceived Khrushchev and Co. into becoming unintentional participants in a frame-up.

Still, there was one who stood above them all, whose nod was necessary before the frame-up campaign against the Titoists could be set in motion. There was Stalin — the all-wise, the all-knowing, the infallible. Was he taken in too? If so, then

responsibility" for the Kirov assassination of 1934 and summarily shot. He likewise arranged the Pyatakov-Radek trial of January 1937, when 13 were sentenced to death for alleged conspiracy with Hitler and the Japanese Mikado to restore capitalism in the Soviet Union.

This same Yagoda, who sent hundreds of thousands to their deaths and organized the first Moscow show trials, was suddenly arrested in the middle of 1937, charged with being an "enemy of the people" and an "agent of imperialism." He was then put on trial in the March 1938 ther to reconsider the Ford of lated almost a majority interest compensation. When the workers All that's needed to complete the it still remains essentially a Bukharin-Rykov proceedings and was among the 19 who received the death sentence.

.Yagoda's successor in charge of the secret police and the continuing purge was ers' profits" through stock along pretty well with its ema sinister unknown named Yezhov. It was schemes. Yezhov who staged the trial that condemned Yagoda. Yezhov was almost maniacal in his blood lust during this effaced.

Thus the two GPU chiefs who had contrived all the political trials and "confessions" that wiped out the old Bolsheviks in the Soviet Union were themselves found to be "enemies of the people" and "agents of imperialism." Did Stalin look into the cases handled by such elements for possible frame-ups and injustices? Not on your life. He appointed another "agent of imperialism," Beria, to take over the GPU in 1939 - a post Beria held until a year after Stalin died.

Not everyone then was as soft-headed and childishly trusting as Stalin when he appointed Beria — another "enemy of the people", as we now know - as his purgerin-chief. Leon Trotsky, co-leader with Lenin of the Russian Revolution, foresaw the role and final destiny of Beria, who in 1940 successfully organized the pickaxe murder of Trotsky.

Trotsky was chief defendant in all the Moscow trials, although tried and sentenced in absentia. He wrote in the June 1939 New International magazine about Stalin's "resort to an all-powerful, universal and totalitarian intelligence service." He said that "things must be very bad indeed when at the head of the service itself appears a scoundrel like Yagoda who has to be shot, or like Yezhov who has to be driven away in disgrace. Who is there to depend on? Beria? The knell will soon

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"This plan would be highly



it must have been an instance of credulity bordering on profound stupidity. For this was the third time in a row Stalin was deceived in his choice of GPU chiefs and chief executioners.

Let us recall, first of all, H. G. Yagoda, Stalin's handpicked chief of the dread GPU, who staged the first two of the infamous Moscow show trials. At these trials, the broken wrecks of some of the greatest leaders of the Bolshevik revolution of 1917, the closest colleagues of Lenin, drooled out their pitiful "confessions" of fantastic plots to "murder" Stalin and overthrow the Soviet Union at the behest of "foreign powers." Yagoda was the one who secured the "evidence" and "confessions" in the Zinoviev-Kamenev trial of 1936, when 16 were found guilty of "moral

sound for him, too!"

Indeed it has. But Khrushchev has done what Stalin never did - he has admitted the fact Beria was a frame-up artist. Can "enemies of the people" and "agents of imperialism" — were likewise frame-up artists and that all their victims were murdered through processes and evidence "fabricated by enemies of the people?"

One thread of the whole frame-up system — the Tito case — has been unraveled by the criminals themselves. We must keep tugging away at that loose thread. More and more will become undone until nothing will remain of the lies and fabricated evidence out of which the millions of Stalinist frame-ups have been woven.

Desegregation: Principle vs. Practice

Those who had hoped that the Supreme Court's implementation ruling on school segregation would begin the dismantling of the Deep South's Jim-Crow educational system must have been sadly disillusioned by the recent decision. For there is no question that the high court has virtually sanctioned what the lawyers for the Negro school children argued against as a policy of "indefinite delay and local option."

What it boils down to now is that the Negro people have won from the Supreme Court the "principle" that school segregation is unconstitutional, but the white supremacists have won continuation of the "practice" of Jim Crow education for the indefinite future with, at worst, a little chiding from time to time by the courts.

Having a principle without the practice is not very satisfying. It is the "satisfaction" that the victim of a traffic accident has when he murmurs from his hospital bed, "I had the right of way." Indeed, the Negro people have had the "principle" of educational equality since 1868 when the 14th Amendment went into "force." However, the practice under the "separate but equal" implementation negated the "principle." In May 1954 the court knocked out "separate but equal" as nullifying the principle. But now its latest ruling again negates the principle.

Similarly with the constitutional principle that Negro people have the right to vote. This principle has been in the Constitution since 1870. The practice has never yet been established throughout the South as the bullet-riddled corpse of Rev. George

W. Lee in Belzoni, Mississippi, the first Negro in his county to register, tragically attests.

In its May 1954 decision the Supreme Court said: "To separate them [Negro] children] from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race generates a feeling of inferiority as to and activity opening up to him, their status in the community that may the illiterate mother's life and affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone."

Fine sentiments! A principled state- then through meeting his friends, ment! But it doesn't do the Negro children who come secretly to the house in the South a bit of good. White-su- for meetings. premacist educational practices will continue to press down on their hearts and minds.

people. That should be no surprise to stern political attitude of the son students of history. Equality isn't handed who has become the group's down to people as a gift from above even theory does she learn about the when, as in the case of the Negro school movement but through police children, they have a clear legal title to raids, the attempts to build a it. Equality is won by struggle. The im- union in the factory and the sacportant victory "in principle" won a year rifices of the dedicated people ago was the result of the Negro people's that come to her house. two preceeding decades, plus the struggle distribution of illegal leaflets and of the colored peoples of the world against then becomes more and more inimperialism.

The beginning of FEPC was won through struggle --- the movement for the that she, as a peasant girl never wartime March on Washington. Putting dreamed existed. into practice the principle of school integration will also come only through the struggle of the Negro people and their allies. All real gains on this earth are won by fighting for them.



MOTHER. A Novel. By Maxim Gorky. Translated by Margaret Wettlin. Cloth Covers. Illustrated. 1950. Special Book-a-Month price \$1.00 (plus 15c. for postage and handling).

This is probably the most popular work of the great Russian novelist, Maxim Gorky. It appeared after the defeat of the 1905 Revolution and was a great morale builder for the underground

delivery. Her fame spreads in the movement. The story is that of the wife of movement not only because of her deeds but because of the a factory worker in a mill town. human warmth and love that The husband, embittered by life, takes to drink and beating up she gives so unsparingly to her whomever he can. In the old Ruscomrades. From the bare sketch given sian tradition the wife is nearest

above one might think the story to hand and suffers most. His a sentimental success story in a premature death leaves her with propaganda style. But this is not | rocked. a teen-age son, who at first tries so. Gorky is a great artist and to emulate his father but then

an accomplished master in the somehow becomes interested in school of Russian realism. His the radical movement. As the son becomes a socialist. pictures are drawn from life and

the mother's transformation from with whole new worlds of interest a dull, superstitious wife, shrinking from the world because it has only offered her blows, to a revoviews also begin to change. First through pride in her son because lutionist rings completely true. At first she is dismayed to learn

he is not a loafer or drinker and her son and his friends are antireligious. Nor does she ever give up her religious beliefs. Piercing

Her great maternal love begins doubts about this strange new world she has become involved in to encompass all these young idealists. She has a sympathy and crop up to terrify her. Throughout her life she fears arrest be-

understanding for them on a The Supreme Court has failed the Negro human level that supplements the cause the police may beat her and the memory of beatings by her husband has left her more leader. Not through books and than normally afraid. Gorky's novel is a social document of life in Czarist Russia. All the U.S. State Department to the social types are there. This is particularly true of the young people and it demonstrates the British election campaign, allowed universality of this writer that Eden to pose as a champion of In an emergency situation she Americans will recognize from and labor's struggle in this country in the herself becomes involved in the their own experience the various young men and women who appear under Russian names in the all its "thunder" on the crucial volved in party work. Slowly she socialist movement Gorky por-

learns to read, and glimpse the travs. This novel didn't appear in the world of intellect and culture, U.S. until the 1920's. It is not as well-known as it should be, nor from the Tories was a played-In the course of years she betoo easy to get. It will be of incomes an underground organizer, terest to everyone who likes good having displayed a unique ability literature. It is a very moving to do work with the peasants. and exciting story. It will be of She leads a life of illegality and especial interest to those in the for this plank. Moreover, there is dustry, but were beaten by strike even participates in a daring jail labor and socialist movements.

The five-year provision was a working guys could afford to with the union you won't have major target. Six workers inter- buy enough to amount to any-one. Everything sounds good the viewed near the Chevrolet Gear thing?" first time you read it. Sure, I'll and Axle Division plant of GM A Rouge foundry worker for 14 strike if we don't get what we agreed, "Five years is too long years said: "How do I know want."

... Strikes Follow Tory Victory

|British workers with the results| (Continued from page 1) of nationalizations. was more prosperous. . . Second,

The capitalist owners were the Conservatives had managed to stake out a larger claim on the handsomely remunerated for their industries at taxpavers' expense. issue of which party would be the most effective instrument of Most important, however, there is peace... Third, there was a no workers' control of the navidespread feeling that Labor had tionalized industries. They are no real program. . ." run by anti-labor, capitalist-

minded boards, as tough - or The third reason explains why the Tories were able to use the ing conditions as the old bosses. first two to advantage. In the absence of real programmatic That nationalization without workers' control brings little differences between the parties there was a tendency for people benefits to the workers of the into hope prosperity would last dustries involved is shown by the longer if the political boat wasn't current strike of 70,000 members of the Associated Society of union.

Locomotive Engineers and Fire-That the party of the imperialists and munitions makers could men.

paint itself up as a peace party RAIL, DOCK STRIKES shows the impotence of the Attlee leadership on foreign policy. As highly skilled workers: engine the above quoted article of the N. Y. Times remarked, the Tories men and assistant motormen -"got their biggest help on this \$22.96 a week; engineers issue from Washington when the \$27.30 a week. Men living in administration at the outset of the campaign suddenly agreed to the summit meeting which Sir a week.

time. This brings their take home pay up to \$28 to \$44.80. One Labor under Attlee followed an locomotive engineer told how he imperialist foreign policy. It had earned \$64.80 the week bejoined in the "police action" in Korea, for example. There was fore the strike by working 87 hours instead of 40. not one iota of socialist inter-

nationalism in Attlee's foreign The leaders of the big National policy. Thus a secret deal with Union of Railwaymen are playing shameful role in opposing the announce the proposed Big Four demands of these craft workers out of jurisdictional interests. meeting the opening days of the This enables Eden to prepare government strikebreaking with the claim that the strike is not neace.

Limited to imperialist foreign "legitimate" but jurisdictional. policy the Labor Party found that Another great strike struggle is taking place on the waterfront. issue of peace or atomic war had Last year the London longshorebeen "stolen." men in the catch-all union of

1 1/4 million workers, the Trans-The only plank in the Labor platform of significant difference port & General Workers Union, revolted and set up their own union, the National Amalgamated down promise to re-nationalize Stevedores & Dockers. The the steel and truck transport inbureaucrats fought them fiercely, dustries. It is well known that the Attlee leadership has no fondness trying to ban them from the ingreat disappointment a mong action.

Now the movement of the longshoremen for a democratic and militant union has spread to other British ports. The demand is essentially that of union recognition.

The Tory cabinet is backing up the employers and the bureaucrats of the T&GWU against the right of Longshoremen to have a union tougher - on wages and work- of their own choosing. Curiously enough the press keeps implying the Communist Party is behind the dockers' strike. Actually the Stalinists are playing a strikebreaking role by supporting the T&GWU and against the new

The most sinister development is Prime Minister Eden's threat to declare a state of emergency. This would allow him to use Here are the wages of these troops against the railroad and dock workers. It could be the cleaners — \$18.62 a week; firebeginning of a government offensive against the right to strike and against unionism such as the Tories launched after the defeat London, where the cost of living of the General strike in 1926.



Anthony had been urging."

TORIES STEAL PLANK

The Negro Struggle By Jean Blake

Can Jim Crow Be Abolished Under Capitalism?

Last week this column quoted extensively from a discussion by Ralph Matthews, a thoughtful writer on the problem of Negro leadership, because he raises this important problem for conscious consideration in the Negro press more seriously and consistently than any other columnist we know.

In his column from which we quoted he made the point very sharply that the handpicked Negro representatives to world conferences, such as Edith Sampson, U.S. delegate to the United Nations, or the self-appointed ones, such as Congressman Adam Clayton Powell at the recent Asian-African Conference in Bandung, have "no understanding of the problem of Negroes either at home or abroad," and serve the interests of the ruling white supremacists rather than of the Negro masses.

As Mr. Matthews correctly stated, "They confuse the opportunity to buy the white man's gadgets with the opportunity to earn enough to pay for them which is still far removed from the reach of millions of Negroes. . ."

In a continuation of his discussion of the problem of leadership in his column of May 28th, Matthews raises other pertinent considerations. He points out that circumstances create leaders, that those who have attained stature in the past "merely possessed the talents and the ability which the times demanded and they rose to the top because there was a need for them."

The logic of Mr. Matthews' approach, one would think, would be analyze what "the times demand" of leadership today, in order to understand what must take the place of the misleadership he rejects.

Unfortunately, Matthews spends too little time on the question of the program, or course of action needed today. Tearing down false leadership is a necessary part of the job of replacing it with correct leadership, but the constructive part of the process, in itself a function of leadership, is to clarify and formulate the demands of today.

For example, we'd like to hear more of Mr. Matthew's ideas as to what should be done to end the disadvantageous economic position of the Negro masses which de prives them of "the opportunity to earn enough to pay for . . . the white man's gadgets."

We think that a careful examination of the question leads to the inevitable conclusion that so long as there is private ownership of industry and its products, the masses, Negro and white, must be deprived of the opportunity to earn enough to pay for the full value of what they produce — in order that the owners may continue to make profits. Further, we think that as long as the profit system is retained, the relatively few who maintain their rights and privileges as owners at the expense of the rest of society will continue to exploit differences of color, sex, age, religion, etc. to prevent the overwhelming majority, the workers, from uniting in their common class interest, to wipe out the system of inequality of opportunity.

We think that the Negro struggle today needs leadership with this understanding and a revolutionary perspective. What does Mr. Matthews think?

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Unionists Picket Witch Hunters



Fifteen hundred members of the independent United Electrical and Machine Worker's shown demonstrating against House Un-American Activities Committee "hearings" in Newark, May 16-19. This sparked resistance to witch hunters. Although three teachers were suspended for invoking Fifth Amendment, the Newark Teachers Union (AFL) came to their defense. At crowded Board of Education meeting May 26 NTU upheld teachers' constitutional rights.

From Detroit

Michigan Adopts FEPC

The labor and Negro move- | according to Ward's Automotive | in the local, was swamped by ments scored a victory when the Reports. In July and August almost two-to-one vote.

But the other five defeated inthe Fair Employment Practices ber three others, will cut down cumbents were more or less identified with Carl Stellato, pres-

> re-elected to office earlier in the UAW President Walter Reuther month and swept his slate of has appointed a Negro as one of candidates for local - wide posts

The explanation for this apformer Ford employee and a parent discrepancy is as follows: The Rouge workers are pretty UAW staff member since 1949. solidly behind Stellato as a The move is seen as an attempt continue to discriminate; and em- by Reuther to lessen resentment progressive opponent of the that necessary. He said, "The ployers can get away with wide- arising out of his refusal to sup- Reutherite bureaucracy in the international union. At the same struggle with the Ford Motor

Reutherites.

no comment. Co. They want better working conditions and a struggle against

Meaning of Kremlin Turnabout on Tito

speedup in the plant, and many of them tend to express their voting against unit leaders who haven't met their needs, whether they are Reutherites or anti-

jury.

Judge Puts Gag On Jurors after Bryson Verdict By Roy Gale SAN FRANCISCO, May 26 - Hugh Bryson, former president of the recently-defeated National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards, was cleared yesterday of a government witch-hunt charge How the jury arrived at its that he was a member of the verdict is not known. Judge Mathes ordered that no juryman

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Communist Party in 1951 when he signed the Taft-Hartley "noncould make any statement with-Communist" affidavit. However out his express permission. He the jury of seven women and also issued an order restraining five men found him guilty of everyone in the court room, in-"affiliation" with the Party. He cluding the press, from comnow faces a possible five-year municating with the jurors. jail term and \$10,000 fine. Defense attorneys Richard

Gladstein and George R. Andersen announced they would ap-The term "affiliation" was the peal. They contended that no center of controversy all during evidence of Bryson's alleged afthe 15-day trial. It also perplexfiliation had been proved. They ed the jury. Shortly after they further charged that the judge's went into session they requested instructions to the jury were in-

a dictionary so they could deadequate. termine the word's meaning Federal Judge William C. Ma-PART OF WITCH HUNT thes denied their request saving Bryson's trial was regarded by he would supply definitions for militant trade unionists in this any words the jury might not area as part of a double-bar-

understand. relled anti-labor offensive. Since In his charge to the jury, 1949, the unions that were ex-Judge Mathes said affiliation pelled from the CIO for being neant "a relationship short of "Communist dominated" have and less than membership in faced continuous attacks from he Communist Party." government, shipowners, Big

(Webster defines the word Business organizations and the affiliate": "To receive into the right wing union officials. Raidamily as a son; hence, usually, ing, gangsterism, phony electo bring or receive into close tions and legal frameups figured connection; to ally; to unite or in these attacks. The prosecution attach as a member or branch.") of Bryson for allegedly mis-Earlier in the trial Judge representing his connection with Mathes offered to take judicial a political party is the most recent phase of this attack. notice of the nature and character of the Communist Party -

Bryson is free on \$10,000 bail. an action that, in effect, would He will be sentenced on June 8. describe the Party's aims for the The defense, in representing their case, set out to prove

The prosecuting attorney, Rob- that most of the government's ert H. Schnacke, didn't think witnesses were out to get Bryson. Typical is the evidence giv-Government is not asking that en by Phil S. Murphy, 33, a the court take notice of the former seaman. He said that in matter. There is no need of June 1953 one of the governproof of the specific purpose of ment's witnesses, Robert Stewthe Party." The defense made art, had told him: "You have to get the Commie rats like

Judge Mathes, referring to the Bryson before you can take

class (in both East and West

charge that Bryson was affilia. over the union." ated with the Communist Party, Murphy said that he met Stewthen asked: "Do you gentlemen art when they were both memsuggest that the record be left bers of the AFL Marine Cooks so that, for all the jurors may and Stewards, a rival of Bryknow, the Communist Party son's union. Murphy told of an might be a sewing circle or a AFL meeting in 1952 where

Talk in an Auto Plant

By Ben Haines

There's a lot of confusion among auto workers in the New York area when the question of the Guaranteed Annual Wage or the possibility of a strike is being discussed. But when the conversation turns to job conditions and the inhuman speedup on the assembly lines, they are all of the same opinion.

Not only are they being physically exhausted, but their social and family life is suffering as well.

Jim, who has been an auto worker for two years, puts it this way, "You know, I'm always beat. I never used to feel this way on my last job. I used to kid around with the wife a lot and now I go home and sometimes I don't even want to look at her."

Joe, another young worker with a wife and three children, plus monthly payments on a house and a car, says, "Everybody called me 'hungry' because I always

Another worker who has been on nights for two years and is the father of two boys was bitter. He said, "My kids are becomes the 15th state in the switchovers. getting disgusted with me, they don't even | country with an FEPC law. The call me daddy anymore."

A worker reminiscing about how good the worst of the 15. it was when the plant slowed down during the summer said, "Boy! Wouldn't it be good to work only six hours a day regular."

"That's what I'm for," said another worker, "A thirty-hour week with full pay." Then he added, "Some day we'll just do a little "token" hiring the international executive board time they demand more than even have a four-hour day." As the worker first, so that they can point to a at the recent Cleveland conven- generalities in their day-to-day next to him smiled he said, indignantly, "You think we won't?"

"Sure" replied the other worker, "But fight is a movement to compel Election Results you know how long that's going to take? genuine and full enforcement. Maybe we'll have it by 19-, 19-, 19-, 1999!"

Invariably the discussion gets back to ments, armed with the right to bent unit chairmen of UAW job conditions and how rotten they all feel. A common saying is, "You know where you're going when you leave here, don't you?" And someone will answer, "Sure. The cemetery. That's the next step."

Michigan legislature finally passed seven companies, and in Septem-Commission Bill. Michigan thus on operation for new model new law is neither the best nor

The next question is how the law will be enforced. In the other new appointee is Kermit Mead, states enforcement has been weak and limited; little attempt is made to punish employers who scale discrimination if they will port any Negro for member of couple of Negro employees as tion. The next stage in the FEPC Ford Local 600 proof of their "liberalism."

DETROIT, May 30 - The run-That won't be achieved until off elections at the Ford Rouge discontent at the unit level by enforcement is placed in the hands plant last week resulted in the of the labor and Negro move- defeat of seven of the 17 incum-

- that is, at the gate and in the Two of these were Reutherites employment office, where bias is still most flagrant today.

ident of Local 600, who was easily his administrative assistants. The into office with him.

wanted overtime. Now I don't care for overtime anymore. The more I make the more I spend. I wish they'd slow down, this job is killing me. The worst part of it is that I can't quit."

* * * employment beginning in July, unit and the leading Reutherite better plant conditions.

Reutherite influence now ap- social club? I assure you that Stewart took the floor and said: - chairmen of the Dearborn Iron pears to be at a new low in Local I expect to instruct the jury "I just got through talking to Foundry and the Dearborn 600, but mere anti-Reutherism is that in order to find proof of some high Government officials. Stamping Plant units, two of the not enough to insure election for affiliation they must find every- I have been talking to Mr. Even if there is no auto strike, largest in the Rouge. Horace unit leaders who fail to show thing short of membership. It Hoover. Believe me we are gohere will be a 20% drop in auto Sheffield, president of the foundry some leadership in the fight for cannot be otherwise without vio- ing to put him (Bryson) in lating the constitution." liail.

Notes from the News

OHIO LEGISLATORS feel no need to conceal their contempt for the labor movement. At hearings of the State Senate Commerce and Labor Committee where higher unemployment benefits are being asked, Senator Danner (Akron) ostentatiously took out his handkerchief and pretended to shed tears when the Ohio CIO Secretary-Treasurer described the condition of the unemployed in the state. Later in the hearing Senator Pollock (Canton) attacked the integrity of the State AFL spokesman, accusing him of testifying for higher unemployment benefits only because he was being paid for so doing.

HOW PROFITS COULD BE MADE from the use of public highways is a problem currently bothering the Economic Research Department of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. It smacks too much of socialism to have people riding up and down all over the country without paying tolls. So they propose that someone "figure out new ways and means by which user - supported privately-owned highways can be constructed and made effective." Will the pedestrian that just wants to cross the street also be charged a toll?

* * * THE POST OFFICE has banned from the mails the book, "Catholic Imperialism and World Freedom" by Avro Manhattan. The book was first published in England and circulated freely in this country until the fall of 1954 when the Post Office decided it as unmailable.

A BILL TO CHANGE ELECTORAL COLLEGE system of electing presidents has been introduced by Senator Humphrey (D-Minn.) and Senator Price (D-Texas). The proposed change has been bitterly assailed by the National Association for

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the Advancement of Colored People. The bill would divide the electoral college vote of each state in proportion to the popular vote received by the respective candidates. The NAACP points out this bill, which was defeated in a previous Congress, was originally introduced by Texas representative Gossett for the proclaimed purpose of curbing the voting power of Negroes and other minorities in the populous Northern and Western states. Gossett said it would curb organized labor, monolithism, not only of Stalinthe Italian, Polish, Jewish and Irish vote in the big Northern states. as well.

NOT SCARED - MUCH! An official letter of the American Medical Association to doctors states: "As a safeguard against any suspicions of communist sympathies, physicians who wish to keep the record straight should write to the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, requesting that their names be taken off that organization's mailing list. A carbon copy of the letter should be sent to the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation or to the FBI in Washington, along with the propaganda material received. This precaution is advised because records are kept of persons receiving communist literature for any considerable length of time."

RADIATION EFFECTS ON HUMANS. Among the survivors of Hiroshima were 185 pregnant women who had received some of the "hottest" radiation. Fifteen of the children who were born apposition. to them had heads smaller than the average and "some degree of mental retardation." There was some temporary infertility among adult survivors. Of those survivors who had been in the "hot" area 40% developed cataract--like spots on the eye lenses. Adult survivors also developed 16 the years of its existence, since times as much leukemia as did the general popula-

* * * "DANGEROUS" WOMAN. A federal judge in

working class. California has denied citizenship to the German war bride of an American sergeant presently sta-

tioned in Europe. The woman belongs to Jehovah's Witnesses. Using the McCarran Walter Immigration Act, the judge demanded that she take an Because of her religious pacifist beliefs, Mrs. anything to promote killing. The Northern Tito?

California Civil Liberties Union, which is fighting her case, contends that her willingness to do hospital, mental institution, and other work accepted by the government as a substitute for military service by native pacifists, should be sufficient in her case.

(Continued from page 1) up by capitalist liberals of the of the radical and revolutionary the Stalin regime disrupted the ivization. working class elements. Isaac Deutscher school, and his While Tito's dissipation of his disciples among the Pabloites and Cochranites, as evidence of the Soviet bureaucracy, and a crumbling of the ideological

ist dogma, but Stalinist practice The answer to the Kremlin's turnabout lies elsewhere. It lies first and foremost in the fact that whatever revolutionary prestige and authority Tito's regime had in any section of the world labor movement, particularly in the USSR and Eastern Europe, has been pressure of U.S. imperialism. so completely and wantonly dissipated by his abject capitulation to Western imperialism,

in Yugoslavia. that the Soviet bureaucracy no longer has anything whatever to fear from him. Consequently, they can embark upon a diplomatic maneuver without fearing that the masses in Eastern Eur-

in the labor movement. In all industrial projects." the break with Stalin, it never but in the year 1954. A bird's tain and West Germany could dent class position on any single slavia will help to make this a But do they want to? Of course world-wide issue confronting the little clearer.

economic life of Yugoslavia. Was U.S. imperialism's aid a can imperialism's military and State Department's policy has ficant point. American aid to meant the slow strangulation of broker. Yugoslavia is calculated to aid all nationalized industry, and the

is even more fantastic than in investment in basic industry to capitalists! This can be illustrated in the USSR.

terms of the internal situation Consider the fact. The USA turn, the Times correspondent, present motivation of the Soviet granted Yugoslavia "aid" which Jan. 4, characterizes it as a "re- bureaucrats in their attempt at On Jan. 5, the Times corres- amounted to \$379 million. But luctant switch." He says, "West- a reapproachment with Tito. it pondent Jack Raymond wrote, the annual trade deficit has ern observers felt it didn't go must be traced back to the East "Yugoslavia's economy is in such amounted to \$100 million since far enough." What Western ob- German uprising. A successful bad shape that Pres. Tito has this aid started. Also, bear in servers? He means the Rocke- proletarian uprising would have had to promise that the govern- mind that one third of this aid fellers and Morgans who control immensely strengthened the Soope or in the Soviet Union will ment will make a great effort to is in the form of food - to the U.S. State Department felt viet Union by commencing a be stirred by him to political improve the living standard, Yugoslavia - an agricultural it didn't go far enough. How far world-wide wave of revolution. even if it meant postponement country! But the only way Yugo- should the Yugoslav government Added to this is the most po- of some capital projects - She slavia can pay for anything it have gone in its forced abandon- chev-Bulganin visit again content fact of all: Titoism is not is caught in a vicious circle of purchases from the West is by ment of industrialization in fatoday, and never was, a viable, inflation, debts, unfavorable increasing its agricultural pro-today today and never was, a viable, inflation, debts, unfavorable increasing its agricultural pro-today to the device of the devi independent political tendency trade balances, and incompleted ducts. To do this effectively re-back to the days of Alexander I porary world labor movement: quires tractors and related and the landed aristocracy! Mind you, this is not in 1948, equipment. This the USA, Brifor a moment had an indepen- eye view of the present Yugo- easily supply in mass quantity. In rulers are also motivated by tendency is distinguished from not!

The country only has slightly This is the real reason why southern anchor. But why? Be- and utter irreconcilability on the After Tito's ignominious stand less than 17 million people, 80% 1,000 collective farms were dis- cause of the rearmament of world proletarian class line. The in support of imperialist inter- of whom live on agriculture. On solved in 1952, leaving only Western Germany. The rearma- social democracy and Stalinism vention in the Korean Civil War; Dec. 5, 1946, the government 6,000 in 1953. To be sure, the ment of Western Germany, how- and all their derivative shades after he lined up with Wall nationalized private economic collective farm principle has not ever, is intimately connected and hues have this in commonoath of willingness to work in a munitions factory. Street on the Atlantic Pact, even enterprises in 42 basic branches been abandoned, but the decrees with the June 17, 1953 East they renounce in practice a world on German rearmament, what of industry including mining, issued in 1953 made participa- German uprising, which reveal- class line, and practice "national Scaccio has conscientious objections to doing has the Kremlin to fear from metals, and all industries which tion in them "voluntary." The ed the utter lack of working socialism" as a foreign policy, process natural products. This reluctance of the peasants to class support in East Germany and opportunism at home.

To be sure, the Kremlin can was predicated on the idea that participate without tractors and for the bureaucracy. When the The Khruschchev-Balganin visclaim at least one success in exports to the Eastern bloc and equipment is well known. Con- Stalinist regime crushed the up- it, rather than proving the rerelation to Yugoslavia. It suc- credits advanced from them sequently, in May, 1953, the gov- rising, it strengthened the hand generation of the Soviet bureauceeded in driving Tito into the would enable a rapid industrial- ernment was obliged to limit of the Western imperialists, em- cracy, proves the bankruptcy of arms of imperialism to the ex- ization. Yugoslavia would export private holdings to ten hectares boldened West German capital. Titoism as an independent polititent that he has become com- a great deal of food products in (24.7 acres) for fear of collapse | Thus having alienated the vi- cal tendency.

pletely discredited in the eyes | exchange. But the break with | of the whole program of collect- | tally important German working

It must also not be forgotten Germany) by the brutal supthat Yugoslavia is one of the pression of the East German reoriginal revolutionary capital is substitute whereby it could fill few countries whose economic volt, and being frightened at the the democratic self-reform of a major factor in the new rela- the economic vacuum created by situation is so unstable, in spite prospect of a re-armed capitaltion between Tito and the Krem- the Kremlin's blockade? Abso- of the loan it got from the ist Germany, the Kremlin rulers lin, it is not the sole reason. lutely not! This is what the World Bank, it had to constantly are attempting to redress the A no less cogent reason lies American imperialist press has apply for extensions of short- consequent deterioration in the in the onerous terms of Ameri- carefully concealed. The U.S. term debt obligations to the international position of the

U.S. Any small country that has Soviet Union by concocting a economic aid to Yugoslavia. We, been aptly summed up in the to depend on short-term borrow- phantom "neutralist" bloc. as American revolutionists, are formula: "Aid to Tito to Aid" ings is in the same spot as an This is nothing more than a the last to overlook this signi- the West." In practice it has individual running to a pawn- conglomeration of capitalist states plus Yugoslavia. It is not surprising therefore,

Could there be a grosser ex-Wall Street, first and foremost, impossibility of establishing a that the Yugoslav budget for ample of the renunciation of Consequently, Tito's half-turn stable foundation on which they 1955, reflecting the lack of for- international class politics of to the Kremlin is due, in part, could build. Building socialism eign credit and capital goods, the working class in favor of paradoxically enough, to the in one country, like Yugoslavia indicated a drastic turn from the power bloc politics of the

agriculture. Commenting on this So if we are to search for the In conclusion, the Khrusch-Stalinism, social-democracy and The N. Y. Times is absolutely the revolutionary Marxism of

correct in stating that the Krem- | Lenin and Trotsky. The latter their desire to build a "neutral the other two basically and prinbelt" with Yugoslavia as the cipally because of its complete