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# **Fiasco in Waxer Case Exposes** 'Security' Fraud

#### By Bob Himmel

**British Tories** DETROIT, Aug. 29 — Since the Army's monumental boner in the "undesirable discharge" case of Sanford Waxer, officials from the Pentagon on down have been nervously trying to duck re->

sponsibility and pass the buck Press pointed out, "If this is a elsewhere. Public ridicule arous- sample of the way our military ed by the case has weakened the intelligence operates, what coneffect of the whole witch hunt fidence can we have in it now program in the eyes of a grow- in regard to any matter of naing number of people.

Waxer was separated from the his "associations."

One of the Army's main charges against Waxer was that he had associated with Dr. Alfred Kelly, "a contributor to and a supporter of, the American ity program sought to place the Youth for Democracy," an or- blame on the Army. He accused ganization that is on the at- the Army of "throwing charges torney General's "subversive around and then running for The fact is that Kelly, cover." list." who is Professor of History at Wayne University, headed a committee in 1947 that investigated the AYD and succeeded Brucker. "The charges were in having it banned from the campus.

The conservative Detroit Free



Want More tional safety or security?"

A hunt is now in progress for Army in May, 1955. Despite an a scapegoat who can be held "excellent" Army record, the responsible for an "unfortunate Army tried to give him an "un- error." This hasn't been easy. desirable" discharge because of No one wants to take responsibility or seems to know from what source the change originated. Henry Edens attorney for a

Senate sub-committee investigating the Government's secur-Army Secretary Brucker wanted no part of it however. "I am not familiar with the case." said

made before I was appointed secretary.'

When Pentagon officials were approached by newsmen, they likewise disclaimed any knowledge of the affair. They pointed the finger at the Fifth Army in Chicago who, they said, had jurisdiction over the case. No, the responsible person wasn't there either. According to Major Lane, public information officer for the Fifth Army, "the decision that the Professor ROOT CAUSE was associated with the wrong people wasn't made by the Army; it was made by some other agency." And anyhow, said Major Lane, "it is not up to the Army to prove any charges against Kelly. We only function under Army regulations and we do not have the authority to investigate people outside

the Army." So the hunt went on. Newsmen began a careful search for the "other agency" that had supplied the Army with the misinformation about Dr. Kelly. All the agencies that were approached, however, emphatically denied having had anything to do with it — all, that is, except one. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the government's most highly touted and infallible investigator of "subversives," alone made no denial. When asked they replied with characteristic "no comment."

Unemployed By John White

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LONDON, Aug. 25-"So long as present circumstances in the labor market persist Britain is faced either with eventual bankruptcy through inflation or with early bankruptcy through widespread strikes."

The above quotation is from the leading article in last week's "Economist"-that staunch defender of British capitalism, and an internationally-known politically and economic journal. The article was headed "Wages or Prosperity?" and discussed the growing number of wage demands that are being raised by British trade unions.

The "Economist" is alarmed at the relationship of this rising 'torrent of claims" to the unstable foundation of Britain's inflationary boom which is being currently revealed.

The share of British capitalism in world trade is declining; a continuous rise of prices at home is giving advantages to her competitors on the world market; and gold and dollar reserves are steadily weakening.

The "Economist," Big Busi-

ness spokesmen, financial editors of the daily press, and the professors of capitalist economics

difficulties are "high and rising below the subsistence level. The wages" and that the living

underlining the correctness of a conclusion which Marx drew many years ago—that an indus-trial score army of uncomplex. South America. trial reserve army of unemployed, a "surplus working population," is a vital necessity for wages, taking place at a time TROOPS IN SANTIAGO when labor costs should be cut

to defeat inflation, meet fierce foreign competition and maintain profits. As the case stands now Dr. Nobody, of course,



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A 5-foot wall of rushing flood water roared through the factory section of the industrial city of Woonsocket, R. I. when three dams collapsed under the raging torrent. Workers in this textile dyeing and finishing center feared many factories would never reopen. [See editorial page three.]

# WORKERS IN CHILE FIGHT THE RUNAWAY INFLATION Of Miami Beach

AUGUST 30 - The working class of Chile is waging are firmly agreed that the root another tremendous strike battle for economic survival in cause of these growing economic the midst of a raging inflation that has reduced wages area on Aug. 26 when it refused low wages, lousy seniority and

current strike wave is spear- declared they would go out Aug. standards of the working class headed by government workers, 31 unless their wages were who comprise an important sec- boosted. In their discussions they are who comprise an important in the working class in

Chile as in the other economi- WILD INFLATION The strikers are demanding wage increases of 60 to 100%

Approximately 60,000 workers to make up for the disastrous have struck in what the reac- drop in the purchasing power of capitalism. It is the "continued tionary government of President their pay. Inflation has been excess of demand of labor over Carlos Ibanez has called an "il- junning wild in Chile for sevclared, which is a basic factor plot." The strikers are holding living rose 78%. The govern-behind this continuous rise in firm in the face of mass arrests.

ing power of the Chilean peso picketing at 15 of the 16 struck Thousands of troops have been rushed to Santiago, the capital, in the last six months dropped hotels.

for use against the strikers. Ar- 84%. rests of strike leaders have The Ibanez government, which opposes steadily mounted. On Aug. 28 is the tool of the native land-148 strike leaders were impris- owners, capitalists and foreign oned. It is reported that another investors, has tried to prevent come out of the hearing with employment which means far 46 men and 10 women strike workers from getting wage inleaders are being grilled by po- creases to make up for the vanpossessed by the worker and lice behind locked doors. They ishing value of their pay. which curtails the elasticity of face long prison terms or ban-In the battle against inflationishment to remote, disease-ridden sections of the country unclass has engaged in repeated der Ibanez's "law for defense of militant battles. Sixty thousand democracy." transport and communication workers struck at the beginning When arrests of leaders failed to behead the strikes, the police of July in the face of martial Lord Beveridge himself - who resorted to mass arrests. On law. Previous battles saw the indrew up the plan for post-war | Aug. 29 police cordoned off | troduction of the sit-down strike full-employment-defined two to whole blocks in Santiago around to the country, marches of miners, four per cent as constituting strike meetings and arrested over and student protests against the full-employment. On that defini- | 1,000 health and welfare strikers. government's violation of demo-The Chilean labor federation cratic rights. employed and still be entitled (C.U.T.) has called for a mo-In the Chilean Congress Presibilization of its 1,000,000 memdent Ibanez has demanded the Complains Professor Paige, bers Sept. 3 to force immediate proclamation of a state of seige, writing in the Financial Times release of all strike prisoners. Annual Review of Industry: All government services are tary dictator for putting down is on. ... our main competitors in paralyzed by the strikes. Those the strikes. A majority of the export markets, including the out include thhe country's tax Congress has protested to the United States and Germany, collectors, employes of the Supreme Court that police will seem to be prepared to accept Treasury, customs and port not allow even them to talk to as consistent with full-employ- workers, national health service the arrested strikers. ment a considerably higher un- workers, social security system employment ratio than exists in workers and others. Municipal inflation-ridden country has run draw their advertising from day. At the same time, the workers, numbering about 15,- up against the opposition of papers that do. 000, have served notice on the Ibanez with his police and miligovernment that they will strike tary power. Thus removal of the hotel workers' civil rights in and food relief to be put into The "Economist," during the unless they have been granted Ibanez is necessary. That is a cases of mass arrests of strikers effect at a later date when and past few weeks has been among the necessary cost-of-living political task. Yet because of on "vagrancy" charges as well if needed. the foremost campaigners for an wage increase by Aug. 31. Stalinist and Social-Democratic as the arrest of a union organ-So far only some 5,000 work- influence over the unions the izer, who stood across the street ers from private industry - strikes have been so far re- from a struck hotel, on the ers is the only explanation for bank employes — are on strike. stricted solely to economic strug-However, 45,000 seamen have gles.

# Harvester Strike Sets High Mark in Solidarity And Workers' Militancy

### **Both Indecent**

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Vice - President Nixon was correctly called "indecent to evidence Nixon's signature on a real estate restrictive covenant against Negroes, Jews and Syrians. Butler, however, Democratic Party, many of such covenants but back the Ku Klux Klan and the White Citizens Councils.

has not uttered a peep against the racism of the Southern whose leaders not only sign

# **NLRB** Ruling Hits **Union in Battle**

The National Labor Relations Board dealt a blow to the strik- President P. Neputy said: "The ing hotel workers in the Miami, workers got tired of speed-up, to hold union representation jumped the gun. They intend to elections. The AFL Hotel and stay out until their plant issues Restaurant Workers union is in are settled along with their nathe 20th week of its battle with tional issues."

the owners of the Miami luxury McCormick Works, Local 1308, hotels who have local injunction-President Charles Kelly said happy judges and Florida's "For two years the McCormick "right-to-work" law on their Works have been listening to the company boast how it broke side.

The right-to-work law says a our strike in 1952. Our people strike is legal if a majority of have endured piece work, price the workers are for it. However, cuts and low wages for skilled supply," they one and all de- legal" action and "seditious eral years. In 1954 the cost of it makes no provision for elce- workers for two years. They just the company that this is one months of this year it has risen On this basis the judges have strike, starting today, that the only 37%. Actually the purchas- issued injunctions forbidding company won't break.' McCormick Works, Tool Room

Local 1101, President Ed Bulatt In an attempt to get out of "I'm not crossing any picket line this legal trap, the union asked even if it is a day early. For Miners Win Round the NLRB to hold union repre- two years Harvester has refused

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# **New Local Leadership** bis fellow Americans" by Democratic National Chairman Paul Butler, who cited as **Of Rank-and-File Action**

By Howard Mayhew

CHICAGO, Aug. 25 - Strength, unity, solidarity and militancy, all in a measure greater than ever before, are the words that best sum up this strike that involves 40,000 Harvester workers who downed D

tools upon the expiration of their | by the merger of the CIO Auto contract August 23.

> role in the union or in the strike. They are just going along. The new leadership, risen from the ranks of the Farm Equip-

> ment locals and now well integrated 'into the UAW structure, have won the confidence of all sections of the Harvester workers. It is significant to note that while in other unions, such as the CIO Packinghouse Workers, highly skilled workers are today showing restiveness and divergence from the union under an apathetic, do-nothing policy. in the present Harvester situation the skilled workers are

solidly with the ranks. Only the foremen and higher management representatives are going through the lines. Even those workers expressly exclud-

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Workers and the independent Some 24,000 had already walk-Farm Equipment union which ed off by Monday, Aug. 22, and was consummated last April. The some as early as four days ahead present struggle is the first of the time set. The reason for this show of militancy is ex- with a total absence of the preplained in statements by the vious Farm Equipment leaderpresidents of the five Chicago ship who are playing no leading Harvester locals of the CIO United Auto Workers. Tractor Works, Local 1301.

since the merger. It takes place



Apprentice seaman Norton Pierre Gaston (top) chose the wrong mother, according to the Coast Guard, which withheld his commission after he graduated with honors from the Coast Guard Academy. He was charged with having associated with his mother, Mrs. Jean Grisez (bottom), accused of having joined allegedly subversive organizations.

Kelly is slated to appear before Senate sub-committee today. There is no doubt that he will

forgivable error." But what about Waxer, who is slated for an "undesirable discharge" and stands to lose his chance to continue his schooling and also his hope for a career? And what of the thousands of other victims of the witch-hunt smear who are not guite as prominent as Dr. Kelly?

his name fully cleared and with too great a bargaining power is an abject apology for an "unrefusing jobs.

# Plans to "Atomicize" **U.S. Army Revealed**

#### By Shirley Clark

AUG. 31 — Many people throughout the world have awaited the work of the United Nations Subcommittee on Disarmament with the hope that atomic war can at last be made impossible. However, if I

we ignore the pacifist fanfare | Clearly the Capitalist rulers of the participants and look at of the United States are prethe opening terms of the nego- pared to step back in their tiations, we will see that the preparations for World War III. U.N. conference is serving quite Time is needed in the hope of different purposes. consolidating capitalist positions On the second day of the politically, economically, and meeting, Aug. 30, Harold Stas- militarily. But there has been sen revealed part of the propos- no fundamental change. There is

als that the U.S. delegation is only a change in timing. submitting to the conference (the | Eventually even a measure of full text was kept secret). There disarmament may be agreed is nothing in these proposals upon. But this will not mean an concerning actual disarmament. | end to the threat of war and

Stassen announced in a tone militarism. Armed forces as they of magnanimity that the U.S. exist today are obsolete in the State Department was ready to nuclear age. The militavists incorporate Soviet proposals on must step back in order to catch arms inspection into Eisenhow- up with technological advances. er's Geneva demand for an un-According to Joseph Alsop, limited aerial survey of military Herald Tribune, Aug. 29, the installations. That means the Joint Chiefs of Staff have be-U.S. is agreed to the posting of fore them a program called the on-the-spot inspection teams at "Operations and Plans Division key military points. of the United States Ammy." The

The basic demand of the Sov- plan calls for the atomicizing iet Union has been for the com- of the Army. It involves a complete banning of all nuclear wea- plete overhaul of conventional pons. While the U.S. State De- conceptions, techniques and partment formally accepts this equipment.

Alsop also reports that the as the final objective, it has used the technical problems as cost of this transformation of better off than millions of other an excuse to block Soviet pro- the armed forces is staggering- Americans.

ly high. "To atomicize our sevposals. Stassen's terms, unaccompa- enteen under-strength divisions its perkiest, things are pretty labor-market areas. In 12 the mied by suggestions for at least is estimated to cost no less than miserable for an awful lot of iobless rate exceeded 9%; in seven reducing armaments or nuclear \$2 billion annually for a period people. In the July-August issue it was over 12%. build-ups is hardly a serious of several years, with a heavy of the Economic Outlook, pubmaintenance charge thereafter." lished by the Department of ceeded 6% in the 101 smaller concession.

full-employment, they piously declaim, but . . . what we have now is over-full or brim-full the economy by giving a worker unwarranted possibilities of After all, they continue, we

have now less than one per cent of the labor force unemployed. tion we can have a million un-

to talk of full-employment.

this country."

MORE JOBLESS NEEDED

increase in unemployment. Unemployment, it believes, would aid the government to cut the

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sentation elections. George to pay skilled workers what Meany, AFL president, and other corporations do. As far as other top labor leaders urged the skilled workers in McCorthe NLRB to afford the over- mick are concerned, the strike worked, underpaid Miami hotel is on."

workers a chance to show they McCormick Works Office, Lowere behind the union. The cal 1012, President Joe Ranski: starvation the Chilean working NLRB, however, turned a deaf "As far as the office workers ear to these pleas on the ground are concerned, the company is that holding such an election trying to make them second rate would be contrary to the Taft- citizens in the new contract. Their answer will be to observe Hartley law.

So vicious are the injunctions picket lines and stay out until that the Florida judges have they win." Officials of Local granted to the hotel owners that 1302 and Local 1303, UAW-CIO, the union is even forbidden to the two other office and techadvertise or otherwise publicize nical units at McCormicks, said its organizing campaign. So far they supported Ranski's position. the union has defied this as a Tractor Office, Local 1382, violation of its right of free President George Walton said: speech. Both AFL and CIO are "Tractor office workers should urging the public not to vaca- go along with the shop and which would make him a mili- tion in Miami while the strike stick together on the picket lines until we win our demands."

AFL President George Meany NO RETREAT IN '55 charges that the American daily As one strike bulletin put it, press is not telling the story of "Harvester workers are deterthe Miami strike because the mined that 1955 will not be a year Miami hotel owners, big adverof retreat." Mass picket lines of Every strike struggle in the tisers, have threatened to with- thousands sprang up the first

strike leaders already have un-Meany cited the violation of der discussion plans for financial

The unprecedented unity and solidarity of the Harvester work-



United Mine Workers Pres. John L. Lewis negotiated biggest round of 1955 cash increases for 120,000 bituminous coal miners in Northern states. They will get \$2 a day raise within the year - \$1.20 Sept. 1 and 80c. next April 1. Most Southern, soft coal operators These in turn were stimulated fell in line with the agreement.

Many Workers Suffer Despite Record Boom

#### By Myra Tanner

Are you working too hard? Is your job dull and uninteresting? country. Are your vacations too short and While general unemployment too infrequent? Is it difficult to alimbed in 1954 to 5% of the meet navments, house, clothe and civilian labor force out of jobs, educate your children like you compared with 2.1% in May 1953. want? July of this year still recorded

Well - vou are now living 3.7% unemployed. This figure, under capitalism at its best. There however, does not reveal the fact is no war at the moment. The that there are some areas where depression hasn't hit yet. Producphronic depression is suffered. tion continues at a record pace. The Department of Labor But if you're working steadily and somehow getting ahead - or

adequate, but in July, 1955, it even getting along - you're reported that "substantial" unemployment — at least 6% of the labor force reported idle - still Even with "free entemprise" at existed in 31 of the 149 major

In addition, unemployment ex-

Education and Research of the labor-market areas in which a jing 132, are located in 32 of the CIO, is a survey of the " discount was made. In some of these 48 states. Almost half of them rizes the Department's findings: of an auto worker in New Jersey tressed areas" that plague the the jobless rate runs as high as are termed by the Dept. of Labor

These distressed areas, number- sumplus."

### **Attempts Suicide After Being Evicted**

Tragedy followed the eviction of two New York families on Aug. 26 - one in Brooklyn, the other in the Bronx. Mrs. Pauline Pappas, 26, mother of three, returned home after a day of hunting for an apartment. She found her furniture on the sidewalk guarded by a cop. Police later found her unconscious body in her empty, gas-filled apartment. The city marshall evicted them because Pappas had failed to pay a month's security to the land-

lord. The second tragedy was the eviction of a family of ten from a three room apartment in the Bronx for violating housing space ordinances. Thomas Ryan, the father. asked, "Where can we go? No one seems to want to rent to a family our size. We'll just have to store our furniture and break up the family." Requirements of the law were met. But the problem of the Ryan

Economic Outlook summa- | partially seen through the story "Thus, in 67 major and smaller which came to the attention of as areas with a "chronic labor areas - located in 25 states and this writer. He was born and in Puerto Rico - persistent and raised in the mining town of substantial unemployment is not Pottsville. Penn. For many years only chronic and continues today | he worked micht's and on weekends. even in the midst of unwaralleled He built a home in the town national prosperity; but in addiwhere he worked and where his tion, there is no foreseeable end t father had worked before him. the depression in these conf-When he finished his after-hour building, the mine closed and he In Johnstown, Pa., 20.7% of the lost his job. He couldn't sell the

labor force has been unemployed house for anything near its value, for the town had become a "ghost" town. Now he is an auto

Yet this worker is not one of those who figures in the statistics of the hundreds of thousands who have not been able to escape depression towns and are trying and in hand with these areas to survive on inadequate sumplies (Continued on page 2)

since 1953. Lawrence, Mass., by had 22.6% unemployed since 1951. Terre Haute, Ind., is also a chronic worker and must start from depression area with 13,6% unscratch. employed since 1951. These e

amples indicate the extent of unemployment and the length of time it has been tolerated. The human tragedy that goes blighted by depression can be

munities."

family remains.

surveys of unemployment are in-

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#### THE MILITANT

Monday, September 5, 1955

It is generally recognized that the International Conference on Peaceful uses of Atomic Energy, recently concluded in Geneva, opened a new era in science. However no

from social relations, and this the vast productive enterprise conference was no exception. Despite the declarations of good will a new form of international competition for penetration of tions. Europe and the colonial world emerged.

The scientific benefits of the conference cannot be overestimated. For the finst time, delegates from 72 nations contributed toward forming a unified, integrated body of knowledge, speeding advance in all fields of research and application of man's | that other countries, in need of latest and most potent tool. A great section of the curtain of secrecy has been ripped aside, giving all countries access to use of the atom.

#### "BREEDER" REACTOR

Major discussions centered on the use of atomic energy as a source of power, and comparison | ference. Washington went into it of the various types were made | with the enthusiasm of a sideshow public. Projected is the new type barker. It sent over a / huge of "breeder" reactor, which pro- delegation of experts, complete duces in process more fissionable material than is consumed. Thus an unlimited source of power can become available opening magnifi- of the U.S. They functioned at cent vistas of industrial expansion the conference, as one newspaper for those countries now starved for power.

Lines of research were sketched out in the following: the use of "fusion" reactors, H-bomb type \$180,000 and the material, U-235 energy releases, as a source of power as well as for vehicles: the use of radioactive isotopes for industry and medicine; induced mutations to provide a whole new galaxy of useful plants; the study of the United Nations. of basic plant and animal processes: the study of human tissues, especially those of the brain; and for other participating countries, a host of other fields of profound thus building a "western bloc" of interest to science.

The Conference was first sug- bloc is consolidated the competigested by President Eisenhower tion for penetration of the colonial and rapidly agreed to by the countries will undoubtedly begin major powers. With the con- On the other hand the Soviet clusion of the Conference a deep Union is preparing to supply current of opinion arose from all China and the Eastern European countries that perhaps here was states. the path to a world of peace,

mutual aid and understanding. An TENSIONS REMAIN examination of the flact shows that this is not the case.

What impelled the United "peaceful" uses of atomic energy States to change its previous course of top security secrecy to are the opening of a new economic one of frankly revealing much of war which will at a future stage its atomic know-how? The main serve to intensify a new war reason was the diplomatic switch drive. from "cold war" to "initiators of Thus the Conference, which was peace."

ballyhooed as a means of eliminat-In addition there were some impelling economic reasons that ing world tensions, lays the basis induced this change. After in- for intensifying tension. The vesting billions of dollars in a great achievements of science

# The World Race For Atom Power **"Give 'em Hell" Speeches Stirs Democratic Party Faction Fight** By John Thayer

would not be a Southerner but a eral patronage.

representative of the Northern

TRUMAN

By Robert Chester

Harry S. Truman broke the calm of national politics last Democratic party, subject to the week with three "give 'em hell" pressure of the big city machines scientific achievement is divorced speeches. At French Lick, In- and labor. The economic and

> would grind to a halt and become unproductive. This necessitated turn toward peaceful applica-

RESEARCH RACE Another impelling motive was

get there first.

Therefore, when the decision

was made to inititate a con-

with an atomic reactor and a cam-

paign to win the market. The

British were even a step ahead

report put it, "like salesmen with

The U.S. sample reactor was

sold to the Siwiss Government fo

their order books ready."

diana, he declared: "It, the Eisenhower administration, is dominated and controlled by Big Business — which it allows to

plunder our natural resources. It has let farm prices fall lower and lower. It has done little or nothing for labor."

the international race in research Those disappointed with the between the U.S., the Soviet record of the Democratic-control-Union and Great Britain which led Congress, he urged "not to prevented any easing in the pace attack both parties indiscriminof research. International comately and cry 'A plague on both your houses'." Instead they petition also implied 'the danger should get out and elect more atomic energy, might turn to the Democrats to make up for those Soviet Union or Britain for aid. The potentialities are so great a Democratic senators and reprea field for economic investment sentatives "who stray away" from the liberal-labor program and penetraton that Wall Stree could not allow any competitor to on crucial issues.

> FACTION STRUGGLE Truman's attacks on the Eisenhower administration are in direct conflict with the "we cooperate better with Eisenhower

than the Republicans" line of the Democratic Congress and mark the re-opening of a bitter and overrides their own. More-

pre-convention factional struggle political interests of these forces nside the Democratic Party. One important section of the Democratic Party does not want to campaign hard against Eisenhower in the 1956 election; in- look to the Southern Democrats. deed, there are indications that Deals can be made with the Ret will drag its feet to insure publican administration for pa-Eisenhower's re-election. This is

at \$25 per gram. An agency or the powerful Southern wing. the peaceful use of atomic energy, The reasons for this apparentcomposed of Western European y paradoxical desire to lose the countries, the U.S. and Canada presidential election are not hard advantageous. was set up outside the auspices to find. When the Democrats control Congress but not the Arrangements are underway to White House, Southern Demosend reactors and train personne. crats are in the saddle. The oneparty system of Southern poliatomic energy users. Once the

control Congress. erat in the White House, the them in the fashion they desire. the party's propaganda. presidential power overshadows They want control of the White This is why Truman, a repre-





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strong, the laws of competitive capitalist economy have wreacked In some communities fund cam-

paigns have been organized to the organization during the next attract new industries. In Mauch period. In a move calculated to Chunk, Penn., a "Nickle-a-Week" strengthen the party's plans for Plan" was started in the hope of solidated branch was formed with years to attract new business. headquarters in Minneanolis.

tion to "investigate," "survey," "promote," "research," "report be maintained at the highest frequently," and "advise." And possible level consistent with finally to "aid." (With this defense requirements."

proposal there will be no danger of unemployment in Congress.) to suggest that the government Public works are proposed. But undertake to produce what peothese, Economic Outlook says, ple need for peace. That would should not consist of the produc- be socialism. The capitalist govtion of consumer goods. That ernment enters the sanctified political campaigns in 1956 a con- raising enough money in five would interfere with capitalist realm of industry only for war. markets and profits. As in the The report of the Economic depression of the Thirties, public Outlook concludes under the head

# The Rank-and-File **Dockers Strike**

By James O'Hara

chines and, according to the mis-The west side piers of Manhattan where all the big Similarly the labor movement, representations of the labor bupassenger ships dock went quiet last week and stayed that which contributes tremendous reaucrats "a great champion of financial and voter support to organized labor," has been way for three days. The only noise you heard was the the Democratic Party wants a brought forward in an attempt sputterings of the ship owners, J

the newspapers and a raft of longshoremen who had once bought and paid for Democratic served time, and the explosion and Republican politicians. was triggered.

The dockers on the west side, The impressively militant demon their own, decided to strike onstration of the longshoremen a blow against the Waterfront drew fire from the daily boss Commission. The immediate ocnewspapers. They all screamed casion was the action of the about the dock workers' defiance Commission to jerk the work of the Waterfront Commission. permit of a longshoreman with The New York Times, of a prison record. That did it. The course, gave the class line of the pier on which he worked closed bosses most clearly. It took time down and roving squads toured out from advising the State Dethe other big piers and closed partment and various foreign them down. The dockers either governments and ran as its lead went home or drifted into the editorial Aug. 26 a lengthy local taverns to talk over what warning entitled "Anarchy on was taking place. the Docks." That's about the shape of a

"No government," said the Times, "can submit to lawless dictation by force of any kind. including economic pressure."

William Bradley could only bring In a different period the Times the men back to work three days later by promising that the would have called for inflicting leadership would call an official a bloody defeat on the workers strike in two weeks. "Give us a to teach the "anarchists" a leschance boys and if we don't suc- son. As it was, however, the ceed we promise that we'll be editorial merely warned all condown here leading you in two cerned from the state capitol, weeks." That was the pitch that the shipowners to the union finally sent the men very re- leadership that the action of the rank and file cannot be tolerated Several weeks ago this leader- or encouraged.

ship had announced that it was Governor Harriman quickly going into politics to defeat this followed up by repudiating the monstrous instrument called by Gutman Plan and announcing the dockers, "The Commission his support of the Waterfront Police State." They stated as Commission. This Governor is so their considered policy that the busy angling for the Democratic votes of the dockers and their presidential nomination next families would only go to those year that he has to throw the politicians who were against the usual cautious temporizing with an important labor issue over-

Since so many of the dockers board. are of Irish and Italian extrac- DEADLOCK

tion, they exert a lot of pressure A virtual impasse has now deon the local ward heelers of veloped on this issue. The ranks the New York City Democratic machine. For this reason there of the ILA are determined that the Commission has got to go. was some fancy footwork over the past couple weeks by the They have the lesson of many years fight on the docks to recstate Democratic administration ognize their power and they are on the waterfront issue. willing and prepared to use that

luctantly back to work.

The Governor's staff made noises in Albany that sounded power to achieve their end. ike a concession to the dockers. A legal advisor to Governor Harriman, Daniel Gutman, came mination that a labor demonstraup with a new plan for a joint | tion of the kind put on last week committee of union, management shall not win any concession. and state to go over the problem of the Waterfront Commission. leadership running back and The plan was talked up as a forth from the union ranks to

costs.

proposal for a "buffer group" the State Capitol - afraid to to soften the effects of the Com- threaten the ranks for their mission's rulings. Several other political hope- claim broke the pledge in the

"wildcat action" which they fuls showed sympathy for the contract, and afraid of the anger dock workers, but the entire of the Governor and the others show failed to make much im- concerned. But because of the pression on the waterfront. In the midst of all this talk and

On the other hand the capital-

ist class is united in their deter-

In between is the official



It becomes clear that the main **Of Organization** effects of the Conference or

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 21 -The Twin Cities branches of the havoc no less devastating or costly Socialist Workers Party met here than the recent flood disasters. today in a joint membership meeting to consider the work of

#### An attempt by Adlai Stevenson's man, Paul Butler, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, to put a little fight into the Democratic 84th Congress was decisively defeated by the Southerners. The power and prestige of the Democratic National Committee declined dis-

astrously. Afraid that further pressure would provoke another Dixiecrat or pro-Eisenhower

over, a Democratic president House and the tremendous fed-isentative of the big city ma-

Democrat in the White House,

noping thereby to mitigate the

Therefore the issue of the in-

ternal struggle in the Democrat-

ic Party is, and has been, wheth-

er to fight Eisenhower or to go

easy on him. This battle was

fought out immediately after the

1954 elections in which the Dem-

ocrats won majorities in the

House and Senate. It ended with

Southern wing and ignominious

surrender of the North.

complete triumph of the

anti-labor character of the fed-

eral government.

split in 1956, Stevensen, himself, went onto the defensive, lapsing into silence or unobjectionable clash with those of the Southern platitudes in hopes of placating

ruling class. the Southern wing of his party. A Republican administration The Democratic 84th Congress is much closer in its social outsave for such minor things as upping Eisenhower's minimum wage proposal ten cents and lib eralizing a housing bill, was retronage arrangements in the markable for its do-nothing rec-South. All in all, Southern Demord and its pro-administration ocrats find control of Congress line. Democratic senators and and a Republican president most representatives, out to catch the

labor vote, were slapped down BOODLE AND PATRONAGE by the Southern leadership. They soon gave up the fight. The big city machines of the

North, however, aren't in na-Now, however, the presidential

Department to confirm his ap pointment to the police force. Aresco says the cops turned him down becaue his flather had Commission.

signed a Communist Party nominating petition for Peter V. Cachione, successful candidate for

Cachione was a Communist candi-

date.

facilities in these areas ... should

It doesn't even occur to them



to commit the Democratic cam naign to a vigorous campaign against Eisenhower.

## **Prospective Cop** Insists His Brain

Is Washed Clean Alfred Aresco has asked the New York Supreme Court to order the New York City Police

Aresco was nine years old a

uge atomic production plant the have always been appropriated by Defense Department found itself with a stockpile of bombs that the capitalist class for its own could rapidly become obsolette. narrow interests. Atomic energy Unless new fields could be opened is no exception.



FERDINAND LASSALLE. Romantic Revolutionary. By David Footman. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1947, 251 pp., \$3.50 (Sept. Book-a-Month price \$1 plus 15 cents mailing charge.)

Ferdinand Lassalle has been a difficult revolutionary figure for socialists of this century to understand. Or more precisely, it is hard to understand why he played such an important role and why the Las-O

salle legend had so long and from an unhappy and abortive powerful a grip on the German ove affair. working class. Lassable had streaked across

The development of revoluthe political firmament of Gertionary socialism has accustomed many like a meteor. The news of us to leaders of the caliber of his sudden, dramatic death was Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trotsky, the sensaltion of Europe. As his men of great intellect and combody was brought down the Rhine pletely immersed in the class such huge crowds came to each struggle. Yet Lassalle led a halting place that the governdouble life. He had a foot in both ment became allarmed and ended camps. Of brillant intellect and this last Rhineland tour. ability, he never wrote or spoke anything profound on economics was Lassalle's lifelong companion, or politics. He was at least equally interested in climbing to support and political recruit, Marx - who had much friction, the top of Berlin's bourgeoisfeudal social ladder as he was in personal and political, with Lassalle - wrote: "I know what he

working class politics. But humans are complex things. will mean. But take heart over This strutting peacock and ladykiller, despite all his attraction this - he died young, in triumph, to the world of the rich and like Achilles." And later: "B quite apart from what he did I powerful had a streak of revolutionary ardor that ran through his whole life. A combination of circumstances, including a wear- each other, as if we were going iness with the social success he to live forever." coveted, the fact that he was able to remain in Germany after | General German Workers Assothe crushing of the German revo- ciation merged with the Marxis! role in the 1862-1864 awakening was a long time before the nega-

independent political action. faded from the movement. He threw himself into the movement with tremendous ener-

gy and audacity. His plans were

opportunism and adventurism, in- character. Especially fine is the retary. cluding secret dealings with objective account of Lassalle's The new Twin Cities SWP Bismarck. Then it was all cut relations with Marx and Engels. branch has mapped out a vigor- talist politicians for "concern" short as his stormy personal life The picture that emerges is a ou program of political activity for human welfare. Along this do. The UAW "package" won in toward giving the workers the and its complications took pre- tribute to the conduct of these aimed at broadening the base of road, nothing will be gained.

cedence over his political work. two great leaders in dealing with warty influence in the period He was killed in a duel resulting a very trying personality. ahead.

To Countess Hatzfeldt, who

loved him as a man. The trouble

was that we kept in hiding from

Eleven years later Lassalle's

This book is an unusually fine

In Lawrence, Mass., the mayor The meeting opened with the set up a Citizens Industrial Comworks, if the CIO gets its demand, will be confined to production of pleads: "Surely American busiinduction of new members. The mittee and authorized the use of main report was given by \$50,000 a year to canvas prospeconly such things as will not com- ness - whether large or small -Dorothy Schultz and the organtive industries. Later \$150,000 pete with private business. The can no longer be allowed to ignore zational report was given by Fanny Clarter. private sources to provide credit,

Vincent R. Dunne, was desig- build new plants and reconvert old nated organizer of the new Twin ones in the hope of luring a few Cities branch which was formed bosses. by the merging of the St. Paul Lowell, Mass., appropriated and Minneapolis branches. Dunne. \$40,000 a year from tax funds for who found it necessary to be in the same pumpose. Wilkes-Barre, California, wired the following Penn., raised \$700,000 for its

preetings to the meeting: 'Operation Jobs." "Our organization is designed But these false and futile

to serve revolutionary ends. For measures have not solved the that purpose we now deploy problem. Even if the working available forces the more effecclass would want to subsidize the tively to further our program of capitalists to keep them in busieducation and action for socialness, it cannot. The rapid accelerism. . . Forward to the work of

ation of the monopolization of the day, always with our eyes U.S. capitalism will continue to on future triumphs. A socialist wipe out smaller business, impel America in a socialist world." runaways in search of cheaper Vincent Dunne is nationally labor power and drive living

known as one of the pioneer leadstandards to ever-lower levels. ers of the socialist movement. In What is the solution proposed the Thirties, together with a by the CIO's Economic Outlook? group of other socialists and First, it makes a plea that indif- engineers, draftsmen, laboratory millitant unionists, he led the ference to the problem of dis famed Minneapolis truck drivers tressed areas be overcome. strikes which led to the organiza-Indifference to human suffer- pathy with the strike. One strike tion of a powerful union move ing is a terrible thing. And the bulletin said: "Orchids to all ment in the entire area. Economic Outlook does a good the people in the non-bargaining

job in bringing out the facts and units who respected our picket DOBBS SENDS GREETING exposing the cover-up treatment lines." Farrell Dobbs, who is now Naof distressed areas given by the

tional Secretary of the Socialist capitalist press such as Time strikers are centered in Chicago, Workers Party, also sent greetmagazine and Barron's. But inings to the meeting. He expressed difference to suffering belongs to es coast to coast. Plants in Canthe confidence of the mational orwas for you and what his loss ganization in the work and capitalism like a stench belongs to a sewer. No pleas will change prospects of its Minnesota section that. which has written so many

glorious pages in the history of Before the union movement came into existence, all the in-American Trotskvism. dividual worker could do when his Dobbs, also, is one of the orig boss thought he was too old to

inal leaders of the militant strike work — or not fast enough — or tributed throughout the country struggles of the Minneapolis not servile enough - was to plead eamsters. After playing a key with the boss against indifference closed down by picket continpart in the successful strikes of to the plight of his family. When

1934-36, Dobbs broadened his labor got organized, this was work as a union organizer and lution led him to play a great Social-Democratic Party. But it led the drive to unionize the overchanged. The union established seniority rules, protected its the-road drivers in an eleven-state members. The workers won some of the German working class to tive side of Lassalle's influence area. Under his leadership 250.000 human dignity and a measure of workers were brought into the union, and defeated the powerful security on the job.

Having learned nothing from biography. Well written, scru- trucking interests. Dobbs resigned pulously documented, it gives a his position in the union in 1939 to this experience - precisely beof the political get-rich-quick balanced treatment of Lassalle's become Labor Secretary of the cause the union bureaucrats, like petitors such as Deere, GM, Catvariety which led into fantastic personal character and political SWP and later its National Sec- the company stooges before them,

support "free enterprise" politically, they go begging to the capi-

Outlook ask? It asks for a abreast of national standards. problems.

was raised from public and old WPA often had to confine its its community responsibility." Bowing to the great god of "productive" activity to digging holes and then filling them again "free enterprise" the lords of when people needed food, labor abdicate. They yield the clothing and many other things. responsibility - but not their The Economic Outlook - a privileged position at the head of labor publication -- also proposes

the labor movement. that government loans and tax As long as the labor movement concessions be made to the bosses clings to the notion that capitalto induce them to make their ism is the "best of all possible profits in distressed areas. For worlds" so long will the vain bonanzas to business, the governpleas prevail. To solve the ment hasn't needed the urging of problems of distressed areas, and to keep the whole country from becoming distressed, labor must With almost a note of regret. that the war danger has tem- take the lead — and capitalism porarily subsided, these capitalist- must go.

## . The Harvester Strike

labor in the past.

the contract expired.

come.

the corporation's immediate in-

The union's position is further

ed by the previous contract from and production classifications. The union is demanding the elimination of the five cents per hour area differential in outlying workers, etc., are making overand Southern plants. There is tures to demonstrate their sym-

wages, unemployment is inliving index." creasingly advocated as a bar-The union also demands: A rier to militancy and the wages Guaranteed Annual Wage withmovement. The capitalist ecoout company "gimmicks" and to nomic journalists are more ininclude 2200 office workers. The sistently demanding that the company's present wage offer Tory Government "make more should be retroactive from 1953 workers available by eliminatbecause what they are now ofing some existing jobs"-to use fering was in fact due then. On the phrase by which last Sun-Health and Security: A 52 week day's "Observer" poetically descoverage instead of the proposed cribed the proposition, to reduce 26 week offer. Ten cents more per a large section of Britain's hour than the company's offer workers to the pittance of unon skilled trades. On Pensions:

employment benefit. First return to the workers gents, thereby putting a crimp in | what the company owes them on It seems certain that the Tory Chancellor of the Exchequer the old plan. Then provide a will introduce the Autumn Budnew plan free from limiting get of the character that his qualifications. financial advisers and capitalist

economists in general are press-

ing for. By further credit re-

strictions, a slashing of public

expenditure and other measures

he will then attempt to develop

a "Beveridge level" of "full-

employment" and a cut in the

consumption of the masses to

prevent a wholesale slump in

However, there is a factor in

the situation which is a major

WORKERS FEEL STRONG

exports.

strengthened, according to local The company policy has been 1301 President Neputy, "by the to "simplify" the production fact that our union has already process, "by building the workwon satisfactory settlements ers' skill into the machines." re-

from Harvester's principle complacing workers with machines. and at the same time speeding up production and reducing the erpillar, and Ford. Harvester workers' strike delabor force.

mands are well based. The work-The victory of the present ers have much catching up to strike will be an important step Ford and GM must be exceeded collective strength to come to And what does the Economic if Harvester workers are to keep grips, with these fundamental

"Management Must Lead." It maneuvering the Waterfront every negotiating room with Commission screened out the real power.

## WAGES IN BRITAIN (Continued from page 1)

obstacle to the Tory Government and the ruling class whichpurchasing power of the workever way they turn. The Ecoers and help in lowering labor nomist" itself touched upon that factor in its leading article of "... free collective bargain-

last week when it declared: "The ing in a state of brim-full embases of this year's (wage) ployment leads to a steady and claims are feelings and confirapid rise in labor cost . . . It is this state of affairs . . . that dence and power."

That sentence correctly desis undermining the pound." So it concluded in an article on July cribed the feelings of the rank and file British trade unionists.

It demanded a "sound long For these working men and women have not experienced a term policy" from the Tory, serious defeat for many years. Government. Among its suggest-They are in no way demoralized. ed measures for placing the crisis on the backs of the work- On the contrary! They are developing a growing militancy ing class-which included a cut and offensive spirit. The first bein house building to lower public expenditure, and a rise in ginnings of unemployment, unrents to lower the working class leashing all the stored-up bitter demand for houses - was the memories of pre-war depression, plea that the government should can only heighten that spirit.

The state of consciousness of be "less scared of a very little the British working class makes (!) temporary (!) unemployinevitable the widespread struggles which the "Economist" As union after union decides would seek to avoid by altering to go forward for increased the "present circumstances in the labor market."

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(Continued from page 1) | This is true for both the skilled union representation, such as

> also the four cents per hour that the company has been ow-| ment." ing since 1953, as a union bulletin says, "under Harvester's phony conversion of the cost of

While 17,000 of the 40,000 the power of the struggle reachton, and Rock Falls, Illinois, and Memphis, Tennessee, among others plagued with unsettled grievances, also struck before For the first time in history, the Harvester Parts Depots disas far west as California were

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What Reuther Left Unsaid

In a take-off on Defense Secretary Wilson's famous adage - what's good for General Motors is good for America -CIO President Walter Reuther in his Labor Day statement said, "what is good for America is good for labor."

Reuther is right as far as he goes. The overwhelming majority of the people of the United States are wage workers - not profitmakers.

But Reuther avoided an obvious point: Wilson spoke as a high official in the U.S. government. His class point of view is the one that determines government policies. Wage workers constitute the majority of the American people but Big Business representatives like Wilson are the ones who run the government.

Examine the record of the Eisenhower administration - in the main backed by the Democratic Congress - and you will see, not what is good for labor, or the U.S., but what is good for General Motors.

The tax policies gave a big boost to corporate profits. The "defense" contracts in the bulk went to Big Business. The Taft Hartley Act, the witch-hunt legislation — these have tied up the resources of the labor movement in litigations, slowed the capacity of labor to defend itself, and weakened and intimidated labor's ranks.

Take the foreign policy of the administration, supported by Democrats and **Republicans.** The corporations have a lot of capital tied up in Europe and in the

Fox Movietone News this week shows French imperialist savagery in action against the Moroccan people. "Shoot first, ask questions later" is the command given to the French troops.

In the newsreel we see: (1) A Moroccan walking away from a French patrol. He is shot in the back. (2) French soldiers shooting bedouins emerging hands raised from a tent. (3) French soldiers shooting wounded fallen Moroccans in the head.

In these depredations against a colonial people fighting for its freedom the arms come from the U.S. government.

The shooting is done by the dehumanized professional killers that make up the French Foreign Legion. Many of them belonged to the Nazi Schutz Staffel, Hitler's elite killer corps.

The Fox-Movietone commentator intimates that French atrocities are legitimate retaliation for what happened in the village of Oued Zem, two weeks ago. There colonial world. U.S. foreign policy is primarily concerned with making these profits safe — and extending the area of capitalist investment.

Considerable military aid has been night. At the same time plans handed out to help save the French imperialist empire. Millions have gone to bolster Franco's fascist dictatorship in Spain. Millions more are thrown to the Chinese tyrant, Chiang Kai-shek.

All this is just great for General Motors and the other corporation giants.

The merger of the CIO and AFL this fall will give the labor movement a combined membership of over 15 million. This organization will be the only one in America that can speak effectively for the opposite is true. The danger over 60 million wage earners and their families, but there is danger families.

Yet Reuther and the rest of the top labor brass would use this great power as a prop for the Democratic Party - to Needless to say, such an interbolster up a political machine that is torn vention by the Wall Streetbetween Southern racists, city machine bosses and a sprinkling of liberals - a party that is itself so tied up with Big Business that it can't even find a program worth fighting with the Republicans about.

For America's good to be labor's good, labor has to enter politics, not as the servile adjunct of the Democratic Party, but as an independent force organized into a great Labor Party.

## **Bloodshed at Oued Zem**

Berber tribesmen came down from the hills and killed French residents. The Foreign Legion then proceeded to slaughter the Arabs, as they have done without pretext in many other villages and cities.

What a disgusting outcry the capitalist press has raised about the Berber "atrocity." How they use it to cover French imperialist crimes made possible by U.S. armed aid! What they want us to forget is that Arabs rightfully own Morocco and the French are invaders and oppressors.

There is a world of difference between the violence of a brutally exploited people — subjected for decades to torture and executions but now fighting for its freedom — and the violence of its tormentors.

Do the gentlemen of the capitalist press wish to tell us that the deeds of John Brown and the valiant band that fought against slavery under his leadership count the same as the lynch terror of the KKK?

### THE MILITANT

When the Moroccans Speak of 'Those'

**By George Lavan** 

Half of Morocco has been put Force personnel stationed there and to their families. In expectation of further fight-

ing in the independence-seeking colony, Air Force Major General Glantzberg ordered Americans to stay off the beaches and not to travel on trains, etc., at

were speeded up to move as many as possible of the 7,000 sef, U.S. officials in Morocco wives and children of U.S. airmen out of Moroccan towns and They know that U.S. capital is cities into the huge heavily guarded U.S. air bases scattered throughout the country.

NO ANTI-AMERICANISM?

Gen. Glantzberg in his offlimits order said, "we are in no danger" and there is no "anti- wages (high for the French, low Americanism." However, just is not only to the GI's and their tion enforced by the French that a real or framed-up attack

on American personnel might be the excuse for U.S. entry into the civil war in North Africa. dominated government would be They keep telling Morocccan inon the side of French imperial- dependence fighters not to "open ism.

the French are enough for the Moreover, there is anti-Americanism in North Africa and it is present fight, why attack a second enemy before the first is growing by leaps and bounds. beaten? Fime was when Moroccans, if

" protectors "

It is a testimony to the disthey had any attitude on the cipline and practicality of the subject, were friendly to Ameri-Moroccan nationalists so far cans. They knew the U.S., too, that they have refrained from had once been a colony, or 13 attacks on U.S. personnel. Yet

of them, and had won its independence in a revolution. They as long as U.S. troops remain, popular hatred may burst the assumed Americans would there-Istiglal bonds fore be sympathetic to another Or the French residents, who country struggling for indepen-

have powerful secret organizations, may decide to involve the This naive belief has been U.S. army on their side. For union for the French in Morocco. centralized banking institution completely shattered by the open role of U.S. imperialism since this purpose they are capable of

can nationalists. colonial struggles for independence. If the U.S. role in Indonesia, Indo-China and Korea weren't enough, the Moroccans have since learned first hand.

WAR BASES

dence.

They know that the U.S. along with other powers signed guaranteeing Moroccan indepen-Sultan. They know the U.S. ig- in the war to prevent Morocco nored its pledge when the French | from winning independence. marched into the country and Istiqlal sources give a graphic

U.S. still recognizes the Sultan can workers and peasants talk of U.S. financed and equipped partment revealed that it had as ruler of Morocco. There is an about them without naming NATO troops "against defense- pressured the Sikorsky Company ambassador from Morocco in them, since everyone knows who off limits to the 20,000 U.S. Air Washington. Yet when the big is meant. Conversations run air-base deal was made, the thus: "If it weren't for those Pakistan there were mass dem-U.S. made it with France, the we'd be free by now." "Those onstrations.

Sultan or Moroccan people supply the French with the dollars, bullets, guns and everyweren't even informed that their country's land was being given thing to fight us." "The French could never last so long withto a foreign power for war out those," etc., etc.

Nationalist descriptions of the When the French deposed the world outlook of the Moroccan pro-nationalist Sultan ben Youspeople also show that they have Previously the U.S. has blocked keenly followed other colonial openly sided with the French. struggles. Ho Chi Minh is al great hero with the Moroccan coming into Morocco and exmasses because he defeated the ploiting the people at the same French militarists despite all slave-labor rates and conditions the money and arms that those

as French capital. They know supplied. Similarly there is that U.S. capital like the U.S. popular enthusiasm for China, Air Force and Navy, use the and to a lesser degree for the same hated double-scale of Soviet Union. Not because of "Communism" in those countries for Moroccans) in their hiring. but because of their opposition Moreover the racial discriminato the imperialist powers. is immediately

ATTITUDE TO STALINISTS adopted by the Americans. Despite this the Stalinists Small wonder anti-Americanhave no influence in the Morocism is growing. That it hasn't can struggle. This is because burst out in bloodshed is in Stalinism is identified with the large part due to the constant French Communist powerful urgings of the Istiqlal leaders. Party and its record on the independence African North struggles has not been clean. As a second front." That is to say,

part of the immediate post-war armies in putting down guerrilla cabinets the French Stalinists uprisings. were indistinguishable from French imperialists of the liberal stripe. Even today they are

for mere "reforms" rather than real independence for the colonies. Moreover, the CGT-the big-

gest French trade union-which is Stalinist dominated, exists in

> number of Moroccans may be- law. They contemplate eventual long to .it. It is primarily a recreation of the Deutsche Bank,

While this was based on French broken up by the Allied occupa-World War II as the financier organizing attacks upon Ameri- law in Morocco-unions are not tion. Other banks are also enand arms-supplier against all cans, and blaming it on Moroc- for Moroccans - the CGT made visaging fusion. According to no real fight to organize Moroc- M. S. Handler, Aug. 28 N. Y. can workers despite the law. Times, the object of German Big

ANOTHER INDO-CHINA When, however, the Moroccans Business is to regroup all bankorganized their own under-Morocco may soon be another ground union-the UMT-which Indo-China. As long as Ameri-

can troops are there, grave danger is open to both Moroccan and French workers the Stalinist- many. A parallel movement of exists that U.S. personnel will be attacked-by one side or the led CGT bitterly opposed it. other. The Pentagon militarists During the recent events proa solemn agreement in 1906 and the U.S. Big Business press tests against the U.S. role as would thus have at hand the paymaster and guartermaster dence and the sovereignty of the excuse to involve this country for French troops in North Africa have been coming from Arab-Asian-African nations.

Prime Minister Nasser of Egypt took it over as a "protectorate." picture of the popular attitude personally protested to the U.S. They know that officially the towards the Americans. Moroc- ambassador against employment

less people demanding indepenin this country to rush through dence and the right to live." In a French order for helicopters. Since they still couldn't be got quickly enough, the Pentagon decided to "lend" the machines.

In Washington a protest of eight Arab nations was taken to the State Department by the Syrian ambassador. In the United Nations 17 nations urged condemnation of the French ter-

mountain villages where starvaror in Algeria and Morocco. tion and disease are raging in the wake of the damage done by UN condemnation of French Hurricane Hazel. An estimated tyranny in North Africa. Now 40,000 to 70,000 men, women there are indications the State and children in Haiti are starv-Department may try to disclaim ing or sick. Yet Washington. responsibility. which acted with such alacrity Last week it was revealed for the French colonial rulers,

that even CIO President Walter seems hard of hearing to these Reuther had protested in the cries at its very doorstep. name of American labor the A New York Times editorial Pentagon's gift of helicopters to of Aug. 29 on Haiti laments: the French in Algeria "for the "Surely a helicopter can be express purpose of helping to freed to help the doctors in hunt, to capture or to kill Altheir plucky work. Surely we gerian rebels."

can act with more generosity The Pentagon replied lamely and imagination toward even that the helicopters weren't this tiniest of our friends and given but only "lent." Moreover allies.

it had French assurances that Actually the amount of U.S. they would be used only for aid to the French militarists in "humanitarian" purposes. It is North Africa remains unknown. a well-known fact that helicop-Only by chance was it revealed ters are invaluable to modern recently that a U.S. plane and personnel had taken part in a parachute drop against Algerian

Furthermore the Defense De- independence fighters.



THREE OF WEST GER-| interested in defending the Con-Morocco. But it is practically a MANY'S largest banks are planstitution." The Vargas candi-Jim Crow union. Only a tiny ning a fusion in everything but dates are also supported by the Vargas Labor Party and sections of the Social Democratic Party.

STRIKE WAVE IN SING-APORE spread further last week to include hotel workers. They are demanding higher wages.

tems that would enjoy a virtual THE RADICAL PARTY OPcredit monopoly in West Ger-POSITION TO PERON in Argentina attacked him for sellout centralization is taking place in industry. The Allied occupation of Argentina's national resought to break up German sources. Target of attack was a contract signed recently by the capital concentration under the pretext of "democratizing" West government with Standard Oil Co. of California. The opposition Germany. However, under conhas forced the Peron governditions of the boom during the ment to reopen negotiations with last few years, inherent capitalist tendencies making for con-Standard Oil in order to try to centration of wealth overrode tone down terms of the contract a little. "Don't get the idea," one Peron critic told a N.Y.

Herald - Tribune correspondent, IN THE HAMBURG AREA "that I am anti-American. I am in West Germany, 25,000 work- not. But I fear that this stupid ers went on "wildcat" strikes contract . . . will mean a growth last week. They closed down of anti-United States sentiment shipyards and locomotive, truck in this country" and Diesel engine works.



An interesting sidelight is the

current pleading of the Haitian

Red Cross to get at least one

helicopter to drop food and

medical supplies to remote

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bases.

### Floods Can Be Controlled

On Aug. 28, Col. Clarence Renshaw, a division chief of the Army Engineers declared "the country isn't rich enough to build everything that would be needed to stop floods."

We differ. According to Renshaw himself a flood control system of works along the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania, authorized by Congress ten years ago, would have cost only \$12 million to build. It would have protected Allentown and Bethlehem — hard hit by the recent floods - and saved an estimated \$19 million of damage, including many workers' homes. But Congress never authorized the money.

The cost of one aircraft carrier, over \$200 million, would buy nearly twenty such projects. One-tenth of this year's direct military appropriations if diverted to flood control would protect 300 areas like the one encompassed by Allentown and Bethlehem.

Flood damage is a thing of the past in the Tennessee Valley, once a perennial

On August 22 the Indian Ambassador to this country and an aide landed at Houston's International Airport en route to Mexico. They went into the airport restaurant and seated themselves but were quickly unseated by the restaurant manager. This person, using the criterion of the American way down South - the color of a person's skin - immediately decided they were not fit to eat in the main dining room. She ordered them to mové into an empty little room elsewhere. firmly declaring "the law's the law."

Since this has become an international incident officials have been falling all over themselves making apologies to the Indian Ambassador and his government. Secretary of State Dulles personally apologized to Ambassador Mehta. The American Ambassador in New Delhi, India, apologized to Nehru's government. The Mayor of Houston has invited the Indian dignitaries to return for a visit to hospitable Houston where he is "proud" to say "Houstonians do not discriminate against anyone of any 'race."

The situation is both ludicrous — to see the official panic over an everyday incident

source of devastation. The total cost of TVA from its inception in 1933 to June 1949 was \$764 million. And this includes much more than flood control features The figure includes the cost for power stations, navigation channels, reforestation, recreational areas - all of which tie in with flood control.

The nub of the question is this. The U.S. government is concerned only with war preparations and huge handouts to Big Business. It doesn't give a rap for the welfare of the working people.

This was true under a Democratic as it is now under a Republican administration. That is why the "country isn't rich enough" to build homes, schools, parks, hospitals or flood control projects to meet the needs of the country.

A Workers and Farmers Government, not desirous of making war or enriching Big Business, would have no trouble finding the resources to "build everything needed to stop floods" and meet numerous other pressing needs of the population besides.

## **Houston Hospitality**

in the South, which this time has undone the work of many months of Voice of America broadcasts to Asia - and hypocritical.

The hypocrisy is that the officials are apologizing not because there is racial discrimination in America but because it happened to humiliate an important foreigner. These officials don't mind how blinds our third campers, and many Negro travelers in the past year have been ordered out of that dining room. That's the American Way in that region. What they mind is that it hurts the U.S. diplomatically.

Since the International Airport was built with federal funds, the City of Houston is supposed to run unsegregated facilities on it. But the manager who said fight of the workers and peas- last, fighting broke out in South "the law's the law," when she mistook the ants against imperialism while Vietnam, because the Diem gov-Indian diplomats for Negroes, gave the show away.

The federal government, even in those few instances where it has anti-discrimination laws on the books, doesn't bother to enforce them. That is, where American Negroes are concerned. In the future it ambassadors.

**By Daniel Roberts** "They say in Harlan County There are no neutrals there. Which side are you on?" (From a Labor song)

But it is not only in Kentucky's bloody Harlan County scene of heroic miners' battles, that neutrals are squeezed out. There is no room for them in peasants of colonial countries fighting for national independence from imperialist dominaion. In the epoch-making conagainst U.S. imperialism or the mean political support and cap Indo-Chinese workers and peas- itulation to U.S. imperialism. ants againt French and U.S.

"THIRD CAMP"

Supposed neutrals or "Third challenge. They, too, are obliged f they mask partisanship behind

camps" their own camp "democratic socialism." alas they stray - into the camp of imperialism. The Shachtmanites bitterly oppose the Chinese and Vietminh

> the revolutionary masses achieved only the aims of Stalinist "imperialism."

Genuine socialists support the

manites regard this position as more. "capitulation to Stalinism." will try to enforce them for Indian is in line with the stand on lutionary Congress" on May 5. World War III taken by Max This

Shachtman: "No greater disas-|French-controlled Emperor Bao ter can be expected in connec- Dai and effected the transfer of tion with the Third World War," political control from French to he said, "than the victory of U. S. imperialism. Stalinism." (July-August 1951 issue of the magazine, New International.).

The State-Department "Socialists"

Find Third Camp in Indo-China

SUPPORT U.S. IN WAR He said in effect that the task they proclaimed, "REVOLU. of the ISL would be to work for TION IN SOUTH VIETNAM: the struggle of the workers and democratizing the U.S. war U.S. HELPING TO STIFLE camp in order to enable it to ONLY FORCE THAT CAN defeat Stalinism. The slogan he BEAT STALINISTS."

advanced was "transform . . And further: "The revolutionthe imperialist war into a demary nationalist forces in South flict of the Chinese masses ocratic war." These formulations Vietnam are demanding independence, a republic and free elections . . . The revolution in Labor Action - weekly paper Vietnam is fighting both the of the ISL - has adhered rig-Imperialism, the question is Stalinist camp and the western posed to all political parties and idly to these formulas. Like a imperialist camp. Hands off!" groups: Which side are you on? | man in anguish it has been screaming that the U.S. governdressed to the U. S. government is losing the war to Stalinment — of all bodies. The

ism, thanks to undemocratic pol-Shachtmanites accused the State Campists" do not escape this icies. U. S. imperialism, they Department of trying to scuttle wail is driving the people into the "revolution" it itself had to take sides and do so, even the arms of Stalinism. promoted. Despairing of obtaining a

A Diem-State Department revchange of policy from the Rehypocritical impartiality. olution - that is the Shacht-This is what the Shachtmanpublican and Democratic party manites' conception of the "Third leaderships, the Shachtmanites tes of the Independent Socialist Camp" promise come true. appealed on March 21 to the League are doing. Their official Americans for Democratic Acdogma is the Third Camp. They is of a piece with Shachtman's tion to launch a political offendeclare themselves "against the joining with Social Democrats two systems of exploitation sive for a "democratic foreign and Norman Thomas "socialists" which now divide the world: policy." -both open supporters of U.S.

ADA is a member of the libcapitalism and Stalinism." They imperialism — to issue a leaflet eral branch of U.S. imperialism. counterpose to these "rival war to the Chinese Workers and of It is just as firmly committed

Peasants entitled "Stalinism is to the program that Wall Street not Socialism." Testimony in But it turns out they do not must rule the world as the chief Shachtman's passport case oppose both sides with quite the policy makers of U.S. Big Busiprought out that the U.S. State same fervor. Stalinophobia ness. Department dropped 100,000 cop-

Labor Action has searched the ies of these leaflets into China wide world looking for a pure on the eve of the Korean war. democratic and independent rev-As the song says: Which side olution - untainted by any are they on?

trace of Stalinism - to support revolutions because they are and hold up to the ADA liberals Stalinist led. They claim that as a model of what to work for.

THE DIEM "REVOLUTION"

At last they found what they were looking for. On April 30 seeking to replace the Stalinist ernment sought to change his bureaucrats with authentic Marx- status from puppet of French ist leaders and a regime of imperialism to U.S. State Deworkers' democracy. The Shacht- partment puppet, which pays

In the course of the fighting. They prefer to view the vic- Diem resorted to the creation of tory of the Chinese and Viet- "revolutionary committees," minhese as catastrophies. This which called a "National Revo-"Congress" deposed

IN AUSTRIA, a nationwide JAPAN WILL BE INDIA'S strike of 13,000 doctors and denmain foreign supplier of railroad tists led to street fighting with equipment this year. West Gerpolice. The doctors and dentists It was reported that a few many will be next. Then Engoppose extension of medical innondescript "socialists" particiland. Prior to the war, India had surance to all Austrians regardpated in the venture. This was no choice but to obtain all her less of income. This they claim enough to cause Labor Action to stock from England. About half would deprive them of fees from go into ecstasies. On May 23 of this year's orders for railroad patients in upper brackets. The equipment will go to Indian foreign.

egal barriers.

ing institutions into three sys-

real complaint of the doctors manufacturers and the rest to and dentists is that they are dependent for livelihood on service \* \* \* they provide for state insured MAJORITY OF SAAR- patients (which by law includes LANDERS are expected to reall workers) and that these fees ject "European" status in a refare too low. The government deerendum on Oct. 23. They want votes too much of employe contributions to bureaucratic ends,

an eventual return of the Saar to Germany. "European" status they charge. would mean being governed by the Western European Union, a

military alliance. French imper-

SEVERAL THOUSAND VIRialism wants this status for the GIN ISLANDERS marched on Saar in order to freely exploit Government House two weeks the region's iron and coal. The ago to demand recall of Gover-Saarlanders think of themselves nor Archie A. Alexander, appointed by President Eisenhower as German. in 1954. The demonstration was

JAMAICANS are migrating sponsored by CIO Local Indusfrom the villages to the market trial Union 1812. Another resolution presented by the workers towns of the island and then go demanded amendment of the overseas to the still greater British cities of London, Birm-Organic Act passed by the 83rd Their support for Diem's coup ingham and Manchester. Those Congress for the Islands' adminwho go overseas are drawn from istration. Under the Act, the governor has absolute veto over Jamaicans with better than average education including skilled decisions of the Islands' legislature. According to the Aug. 8 workers. According to the Manchester Guardian this is causing CIO News, Alexander was chargconcern to Jamaican authorities. ed by the islanders with making derogatory statements about \* \* \*

their character. When informed THE NEW. INDONESIAN of the demonstration in Wash-CABINET. headed by Premier ington, Alexander arrogantly Harahap is seeking aid under stated, "They (the islanders) the U.S. economic development don't want discipline, and that's program. Indonesia could rewhat I'm giving them.' ceive \$28 million under the pro-

gram. The Harahap government replaced the Nationalist party cabinet which had Stalinist support. Harahap has a close working relation with the Army and also seeks to ease relations with the Dutch. \* \* \*

THE BRAZILIAN COMMU-NIST PARTY is supporting Juscelino Kubitschek and Joao Goulart for President and Vice President in the Oct. 3 elections. Both are supporters of former dictator Vargas, who committed suicide last year. The Stalinists urged a common front of all opposed to a fascist coup "from workers and field laborers to





That last injunction was ad

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## The Negro Struggle

### A Federal Judge Speaks His Racist Mind

Federal District Judge Ashton H. Williams in Charleston, S.C., recently called for the outlawing of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The NAACP, according to this interpreter of American law, "appears to be a secret organization. Reports indicate they will resort to any means to carry out their purposes."

To add that touch of impartiality, which judges are supposed to have, Judge Williams also attacked the Ku Klux Klan and urged its banning. Both organizations he said were "enemies" of a solution of the school segregation issue in the South and that no progress in the school situation could be made until they are "wholly eliminated from the picture in South Carolina."

Now, everyone in the U.S. knows the record of the Ku Klux Klan — its murders, lynchings, floggings are part of the historical and legal record. Most people know the record of the NAACP. It is an organization which fights Jim Crow principally by law suits, education, etc. There has never been any responsible charge that it has ever used other than legal means in its work against segregation and discrimination. This is known to racists, like Judge

Williams, but they hope to befuddle the public by linking the NAACP with the KKK.

Nor does the "attack" on the KKK by the federal jurist injure the campaign against white supremacy cause. Many other racist organizations have sprung up with official encouragement in the Deep South. For example the White Citizens Councils, led by the "best people" in the Mississippi and neighboring states has far outstripped the KKK.

What is most significant about Judge Williams' statement is the glimpse it gives into the minds of the federal judges in the South. These are the very men who are supposed to "enforce" the Supreme Court's decision against school segrega tion. They are the ones to decide it Southern school boards are moving in "good faith" toward desegregation.

No reliance can be put upon them to enforce desegregation — among them are the greatest enemies of racial equality in the country. Whatever desegregation comes about in their districts will be in direct proportion to the struggle waged by the Negro people and the labor movement for what the Supreme court has granted in theory but not in fact.

## From Detroit

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**Auto Boom Seems Durable** -- If You Don't Look Close Automobiles are rolling off

the assembly lines here at record rates. In spite of automation, which means greater production with fewer workers, employment is high for this time of year, and there seems to be unlimited prosperity. The socialist argument, that capitalism leads to either depression or war, is having rough sledding in Detroit these days because it seems to contradict the facts. But all is not what the surface. appearance indicates.

John S. Knight, publisher of the Detroit Free Press, has called public attention to the "staggering \$12.6 billion automobile credit market." That figure comes perilously close to the value of the entire yearly output of automobiles in this country

In other words the output of the American automobile indus-

try (not just one company, or one model, but close to the entire passenger car industry) is not being sold. It is being loaned as one payment is made, a new debt is incurred. Big-business spokesman

Knight is naturally concerned contracts. He cites the fact that shown to be wrong. the low down-payments now be-

ing offered do not begin to Government spending at a new value incurred in the first few was never solved. When World months of an automobile's use. War II was starting in 1939, "When a man finds himself more than nine million persons owing \$2,500 on a car worth \$1,- were unemployed in the United 500, that's asking for trouble."

the "implicit faith of business-



### , Floods and Fire Wreck Plant



Only the tall chimney of a magnesium factory in Puntnam, Conn., rises from the charred and twisted remains of the plant (center) which was destroyed by flood and fire. Hundreds of barrels of the exploding magnesium sprayed the business district of this northern Connecticut town, setting other fires and terrorizing the population.

stration has to keep things the future of capitalism. Ameri humming.'

He cautions: "... the decade nomic tools now in the hands of of the '20's shows that even Government to check the overhand with the 'Captains of in dustry,' couldn't guarantee a

"When the crash came in 1929, about the worth of these prom- Herbert Hoover talked wistfully ises, or at least of the ability of about 'prosperity being right the promisers to live up to their around the corner' but he was

States." nuclear plants. Apple Growers Fight to Keep Scab Conditions

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#### By Gordon Bailey

SEBASTOPOL, Aug. 25 — All all-out strike struggle between the cannery owners and the workers has broken out in this apple-growing center of California. The atmosphere of this hitherto guiet.

country town is reminiscent of campaign of lies and intimidathe violent agricultural struggles tion to recruit scabs for the of the Thirties. Workers have canneries. Some farmers' wives. been intimidated, injunctions isjuveniles, and others are going sued, and an organizer savagely through the picket lines, enbeaten by a lynch party. abling the growers to maintain a semblance of production.

While all other California The Teamsters' officials have agricultural centers have been organized with AFL Teamster recognized the threat to their contracts, Sebastopol has reunion if the bosses can smash mained the sole open shop agritheir organizing attempt and cultural town. Women cannery have vowed to maintain the workers here earn \$1.00 an hour fight. "as long as there's one compared to the state average man or woman who wants to be of \$1.35; men earn \$1.25 as represented by the Teamsters." against \$1.48. However, the union leaders

Cannery owners revealed their are relying mainly on their "hot determination to maintain these cargo" ban to win the strike for scab conditions when they fired them. No great effort is being 142 workers on the eve of an made to encourage rank and NLRB election last fall, "Just file participation in the leadership of the strike. No campaign coincidence," they said. to counter the bosses' tactics of This year the Teamsters' union

officials attacked by calling out intimidation and economic presthe workers from the seven sure on local workers has been developed. No kind of strike palargest canneries and bringing in 20 additional Teamster offiper or bulletin has been issued. cials to head the strike. Both the Associated Farmers The cannery owners got a and the Teamsters Union have court injunction limiting picket- powerful resources behind them;

ing and banning a secondary boycott of "hot" apples. This part of the injunction is being defied, however, as teamsters throughout the West are declinconference on atomic energy ing to handle fruit from the The bosses resorted to tradi-

against the union and scare tional lynch-mob violence when band kidnapped William hall. hazards ranging from death to Grami, chief Teamster organizer,

sterility for atomic workers and tied him to a telephone pole and all others within a mile of beat him with a bicycle chain. militancy and resourcefulness of The growers disavowed all rethe strikers, a decisive victory sponsibility for the outrage, but is assured in this town where made no move to settle the the majority of the workers strike. must make their living toiling

izing labor.

Instead, they have launched a long hours in the apple canradio, telephone and newspaper | neries.

I Want to Tell My Boss By Joyce Cowley

A fellow named William Karp has started a new consultation service to help people who are unhappy about their jobs. Most of his clients are troubled executives (probably no one else can afford the fees). Seems these executives worry because they want to be liked, and because their employes don't confide in them. They are also upset because they can't give more money to workers who deserve it.

For quite some time I've been wanting to confide in the boss, and I'm so willing to help him work out these problems that I won't even charge a fee for my advice. This is a real bargain for him because I'm sure the consultation service costs plenty, since it has a staff of financial analysts. psychologists, vocational guidance experts, etc.

I can't help wondering if the average executive is a bit slow on the pick-up, since he apparently needs all these experts to explain why people don't like him. As I said. I want to confide in my own boss. I'd like to tell him for instance, that I resent working a 40-hour week when many offices in New York are working 35. I'd like to point out that a coffee break has become a rather popular institution. I'd like to suggest he hire a substitute when another girl goes on vacation instead of financial experts who suggest that if raises are impossible, their analysis of his business will provide the boss with a "straight-forward authoritative excuse" for postponing the question of money. (In on promises to pay, and as fast the dictionary they say to excuse is "to make an apology for, to endeavor to remove the blame from." Now I see why they need the experts. It takes talent to make an excuse "straight-forward.")

The reason the boss won't give raises, much as he would like to, is because it would "plunge the company into debt." None of the firms I worked for in recent make up for the rapid loss in high, the unemployment problem years seemed on the verge of bankruptcy - in one case they made so much money they had to pay an 85% excess profit tax. Yet all of them had the same kind of reluctance about raises.

While the boss explains the threat of two months vacation in Europe while an employe who has been with the company 25 years has to take a third week at her own expense. Incidentally, since he's saving on her salary, why can't he pay a temporary steno to get out the mail? As I From England said, I think it would help if he were con- Editor: fiding, too.

In spite of my eagerness, I have not vet

World scientists at the Geneva warned Aug. 10' that safety struck plants. "Even in Roosevelt's day, with measures must be developed for atomic workers. They said current modes of operation present

Knight is also concerned about | He says that "in the mad rush An American report revealed to move goods and supplies, the that two persons have died after men generally that business will businessman has thrown caution accidental exposure to radiation bankruptcy in spite of booming sales, he be good for at least another out of the window." However, at the Los Alamos Atomic might also tell me why he can afford a year . . . " because "The admin" Knight reaffirms his faith in Laboratory.



piece of ribbon field about a

can business must "use the eco-

if some nincompoop calls a per-son a "Communist." That is that it was burned because I flew a ling from what people seem to abled him to attain a position The bundle of Militants you and will remain that forever- RED FLAG. This red flag was think. send us is being regularly re-

of occupational responsibility

Government, working hand in extension of credit . . . Just how this is to be done without interfering with "the perpetual prosperity. mad rush to move goods and supplies" he doesn't say.

expecting me to do double the amount of work. And since it always puzzles him, I'd like to explain why so many employes run short and ask for an advance before payday.

This brings up the interesting point about bosses being so troubled when they can't give more money to deserving workers. I was never aware of this and perhaps the real difficulty is not that I fail to confide in my boss, but he doesn't confide in me. The consultation service provides

discussed all these questions with the boss. I don't need a consultation service to ex- These copies are being sold to plain the cause of my reticence, or tell me workers from Jamaica, St. why I'm unhappy about the job. When I do exchange confidences with him, I hope are running a class for them I can speak as a spokesman for all the girls. I'm afraid this will make him feel even less popular, but I'll present him with a concrete program to solve his difficulties living wage is sharpening up and ours, too. We'll like him a lot better again. The lowest paid railwaywhen we have 10 o'clock coffee and when

we punch out at five instead of six.

# Notes from the News

A NEGRO VETERAN, who lost his left leg and right foot in Korea, was acquitted of the charge of drunk driving by a Los Angeles jury. The California Eagle reports that the veteran, John J. McCarthy Jr., charged that two officers kneed him in the groin, twisted his artificial leg under him and dragged him to the police car. The policemen accused him of being drunk because he "staggered" when he walked.

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THE RIGHT TO INVOKE THE FIFTH AMENDMENT by lawyers was debated before the bar association in Philadelphia, Aug. 24. Tracy E. Griffin denied the right of a Communist to practice law. While he admitted that the Fifth Amendment was integral in American jurisprudence he denied that the privilege of invoking it was a basic right of citizens. Erwin N. Griswold, Dean of Haward Law School, refuted this by asking, "What have we done it we save security and come up in a country where freedom is gone?" However he weakened his argument by acceding to the point that a lawyer who invokes the Amendment should be investigated.

THE PACKINGHOUSE WORKER, newspaper of the United Packinghouse Workers of America, CIO, reports that a joint team of UPWA and

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AFL Meatcutters negotiated a 14-cent general wage increase from the American Meat Institute. which includes all major meatpackers. This, the paper claims, is the biggest lump-sum wage increase ever negotiated in the industry.

THE GEORGIA STATE CONFERENCE of branches of the National Association For Advancement of Colored People met in Macon Aug. 13, to carry on the fight against the restrictive actions of the Georgia Board of Education against school segregation. Nearly 200 delegates attended, making it one of the most representative conferences held in the state. At the last minute the Georgia Power Company cancelled the use of its hall because a company official decided the conference was of a "controversial nature." The sessions were then quickly shifted to the Stewart AME Chapel. 24 Ab 24

"NOT ON STRIKE YET, JUST PRACTICING" read the picket signs in Dallas, Texas, as CIO Communications Workers pressed their demand to end regional differentials which scale their pay \$14 to \$18.50 a week less than CWA rates in other parts of the country. Contracts are being negotiated for 175,000 Bell System workers across the nation, for more than half the union's membership.

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GOVERNOR KOHLER OF WISCONSIN, uncle of the owner of the strike-bound Kohler plant and a factory owner himself, lost a compensation claim case made by one of his employes. The worker, Melvin Kaiser, lost his left hand operating a draw press as a result of management violation of state safety regulations. When the compensation claim was made, Kohler objected, claiming the worker had deliberately cut off his hand in order to obtain the compensation. \* \* \*

A UNION NEWSPAPER EDITOR was suspended for exposing poor safety conditions in the General Motors spring and bumper plant in Livonia, Mich. When Al Milstein, editor of Local 262 UAW publication, The Forgemen, was escorted to the gate by plant police, workers began to protest. The Local promises to fight the issue all the way up. The company objected to the paper's use of the popular nickname given to the forge shop - "the slaughterhouse."

ceived and sold. In fact we have received an order for more. Kitts and British Guiana. We and they are very keen to learn about socialism.

Other Militants go to railwaymen where the struggle for a ings per week, which works out at about \$20, I think [actually]

\$18.34 - Ed.], - only chicken feed. Earnings are made up, of course, by overtime and in one (oppression) that a potato growcase recently a railway porter er invited me out into the field ask them. took home 2 pounds [\$56], to do to visit with him. He saw that which he put in something like

100 hours. He used the money to pay off debts and buy things for his kids. There is an incipient color bar

here in Nottingham which has become a "colored" town. There

and West Africans working in those laid off lived. mostly lower paid jobs. So far He promptly informed me that is taken for granted that 100% during the war and still have the attempts at color discrimin- was none of his worry. There- good Americans would never, as great an income. ation have been held back by upon I quoted Pope Leo XIII to the Labor Movement locally, but | him, and he flew into a rage

there are still some sore spots. and said he in a screech, "I am The Stalinists take a dirty hand a Catholic and you are not gohere and hold back many at- ing to tell me that the Pope tempts at militant action against said any such damn thing." I racist elements. Their sole pur-left and went home and so did tury ever was a communist mempose is to dampen down the he and on his way he stopped ber is a communist and the unstruggle and hold the class at every gas station to tell them ion is communist - dominated.

peace, a somewhat dirty dove, no heed and said no one will believe him BUT I was in error. We would be grateful if you would double the number of

Militants you send us regularly.

Nottingham, England

#### 'Americanism' In Dixieland

Editor:

aloft.

to be heard on such matters. As, me and was about a half inch Florida catering to Big Business. a result of that experience, wide and a little more than a He cited among other advantcoupled with other experiences foot long. There is always danger that of pre-War II date, I am a most

Nope, one never gets a chance box of candy my daughter sent

despised man down here and the among workers on strike, the that there are no income taxes. whole Gulf Coast has been alert- law is watching to see if any ed about me and every move I present have ever been members this state and the Powers That make is relayed to all the bet- of the Communist Party. Im- Be do not relish seeing any ter class of people down here agine my being seen talking to damn outsider or foreigners up-and-down the coast. So dan- some there on strike? To be spoiling this paradise by unionman only gets 6 pounds 11 shill- gerous a man as I am must be there seen would be additional watched by not only the FBI proof that I was trying to upset Ye Goode Olde Americanism. For but by every loyal American. It was just before War II more than 20 years I have been vent it. But even so it is being

started, during the depression cursed, stoned and shot at down done at the cost of the health here off and on. Why? Well

Organized labor is in the dogthough none had been able to house down here and tolerated make a certain Chemical Garwhere it cannot be manhandled. den Tank to bear fruits, I did The papers and press never tire tural community, there are but so pronto and that intrigued him. of telling that strikers do not two big landowners who farm I did visit him in the field where know what they are striking for. with slave labor. Agriculture has he was working during the sum- They cite how many \$\$\$ are lost not been getting its share of the mer when his 50 hired hands to labor because it strikes, how American dollar since War II. are about 2,000 West Indians were laid off. I inquired how much richer they would be if Therefore competitive farming they had continued to work. It cannot pay the wages it did

never go on strike unless led to do so by some damnable communist.

This is more truth than poetry at that. The leader of any union who as long ago as a half centhat I was a Communist. I paid These days, as you well know one can even inherit communism before the age of 3. Yep, so | It begins to look as if the worst At Fort Myers, Florida I was contagious is communism, not

arrested without warrant, jailed even polio is as contagious. for 19 days without any charges The beating up of labor orbeing filed and let out without ganizers is a common thing

word of apology from anyone. down South here and a very No charges were ever filed be- small part of it ever comes to cause I had not broken any law. public notice. The sheriffs who But when I did come out of are supposed to enforce laws are jail, where things were extreme- the chief violators of civil lib-

ly rotten, I was so nervous I erties. I subscribed to your paper and I was in the butcher shop to

also to the Weekly People and could not write my name. Later, I was living in a housealmost got myself lynched for boat which cost me more than ing at the meats were a mother being a Communist as a result. \$2,000. It had a mast 26 feet and her young son. They merely The rumor was spread, that right here at ....., believe tall and instead of a weather stared at the meats and slowly it or not, lives a Communist, vane upon its top to let me went away to buy corn grits in- dead, was not a rich man. know the direction of the wind, stead. Both mother and son right in our midst with the

DAILY WORKER AND ALL. I tied a small red ribbon to the showed signs of undernourish-Now I never did even see a copy ropes and hoisted it aloft so I ment. The human body can not of the Daily Worker but regret might know if I should set sail. be built from corn grits. Yet (or salary) at a given number I did not, for in the past I kept In a few days my boat and were I to express my displeasure not any knowledge away from everything I owned was burned. at seeing the above, calling it myself. But I was forced to drop both your paper and the Weekly man in a distant town. He said, chances are that sooner or later on his back and a roof over his People just to have a reasonable "What, you do not know why some one here in the city of head. chance to live another day or so. they burned your boat?" I re-

Two years later I met another an affront to human decency the keep food in his belly, clothes

His training at the U.S. Mer-..... would screech, "Com-Note the TRUTH about any plied I did not know and had munist." It seems that none chant Marine Academy has presuch matter, matters not at all been wondering ever since for other than Socialists and Com- pared him for his "particular

buy meat a few days ago. Look-

A few years ago the governor with somewhat better wages and of this state propagandized for conditions than those accorded non-commissioned seamen.

and both have big stakes in the

outcome of the strike. But com-

munity pressure may well be the

key to victory. At present the

employers have the offensive as

they use all organs of propa-

ganda to whip up sentiment

workers away from the union

If the Teamsters' organizers

would rely more on the native

Landy has already indicated ages for business here. "The that he is willing to pay the Cheap and Docile Labor" and price for small privileges and enthusiastic approval of friends This is a big drawing card for and associates. He has kept his mouth shut, learned his lessons at school, excelled in athletics and avoided association with "radical" political groups. Perhaps when he told his mother to

Labor is slowly being organdrop her communist friends he ized despite all efforts to preintuitively sensed possible future repercussions upon his own life. An intelligent boy, Eugene has of the organizers. With my evil apparently learned that in many reputation I would not even dare instances the individual who be seen in an organizing group. wants approval of friends, rela-Right here in the city of tives and future employers, must ....., which is an agriculconform to certain accepted heliefs and practices. And, if, for instance, an accepted belief is that communists (and their friends) are nasty people who shouldn't be associated with, then communists (and their friends) must be strictly avoided.

Eugene Landy will have to 'make time" like 63,000,000 other American workers because he There being only two big growers here, they pay what was not born rich. He knows they wish and if the laborer that — so does his mother does not like it, let him pull so do the FBI and the U.S. Navy Department. Getting that comout. Not only are wages low, mission is very important to work is done only a few months him because it means satisfaceach year. The annual income is tion of two very basic needs: very small. These workers here (1) Approval of friends, relaare helpless, for they cannot tives and associates - in short, pick up and go elsewhere. Any

recognition, and (2) development of a means of earning a living which is socially, acceptable and personally rewarding.

(Name withheld) If Eugene had been rich it is doubtful if he ever would have bothered with the Merchant Marine in the first place. His mother would have, in all likelihood, been much more in character as an active member of the Red

Cross or an afternoon bridge club. However, assuming for the

sake of argument that the lad. despite wealth and financial independence, did enter the Merchant Marine Academy, and assuming further that his mother had "slipped" from the path of political righteousness way back in '47, we might yet wonder if a few well placed dollars, generously distributed among "friends," couldn't have gotten the boy his commission just the same and thereby avoided all this unseemly embarrassment and publicity. R. D.

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wages offered must be accepted.

\$60 a week. His father, who is

Eugene, will, unless something

unusual occurs in his life, al-

ways have to work for a wage

of hours in a particular occupa-

tion so long as he expects to

Florida

is vet to come though.

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