Anger of Negro Community High At Till, Lynching

By Claude De Bruce

CHICAGO, Sept. 10 — According to the Chicago Defender, a Negro weekly, approximately 250,000 people viewed the body of Emmett Louis Till as it lay in state for four days over the Labor.

resentment reached a high point Day week-end. On August 28 Emmett Till, a with the murder of Emmett Negro youth aged 14, was kid- Louis Till.

naped and murdered in Money, It has been the subject for Miss. His crime - he is sup- conversation on public conveyposed to have whistled at a ances, street corners, taverns and wherever people gather. white woman.

Till lived in Chicago with his Mrs. Bradley has turned the mother, Mrs. Mamie Bradley. case over to the National Asso-His father, a G. I. for six and a ciation for the Advancement of half years, was killed in action Colored People. Sparked by the during World War II. Young fighting spirit of the Negro Till was sent to Mississippi to people, the NAACP is planning visit his uncle, Moses Wright as an all-out fight.

part of his summer vacation. An all-white grand jury re-Wright is a 64-year-old tenant cently indicted two white men, farmer and minister.

NIGHT OF TERROR

Roy Bryant and J. W. Milan, for the kidnaping and murder. The maximum penalty is death. Gerald Chatham, state prose-

The night of terror began when three white men forced cutor for Hernando County, their way into the home of Miss., sent a telegram asking Moses Wright, dragged the Mrs. Bradley to appear. He youth from his bed, into a car promises her "any reasonable and drove away. The kidnaping protection she may feel that she was reported to the authorities. needs."

A few days later a nude, badly The Hernando prosecutor addbeaten and mutilated body was ed: "I will tell her that I think found floating in the Tallahasse it is important to the state's river. case that she appear and certain

The body still had a 100-pound evidence she can give would be weight tied around the neck very important." with barbed wire. Moses Wright Mrs. Bradley's attorney, William

identified the body as that of H. Huff released a copy of a his nephew, Emmett Till, and letter he mailed to the Missisnotified Mrs. Bradley. sippi prosecutor Friday in which

An attempt was made to get he said: "... in the event of a rid of the body by burying it in formation of riot proportion, no a shallow two-foot grave in Mis- two or three deputies will be sissippi. It was foiled by the able to protect this woman and intervention of Mrs. Bradley, her relatives."

who stated she wanted her son In the letter Huff suggested to have a decent burial. Ar- that Chatham subpoena Mrs. Morocco, battled military police rangements were then made to Bradley as a state's witness beship the body to Chicago. In Chicago the body was met entitled to the fullest measure,

at Union Station by the grieving of protection." mother and many friends. It was The trial will open September taken from the train and trans- 19th.

In Chicago the NAACP and ferred to a waiting hearse. At first it was said the body its youth group are organizing looked too shocking for the letter campaigns to the Presicasket to be opened for viewers. dent and to local officials, and But Mrs. Bradley insisted that also protest meetings. it be opened. "I want the world to see what they did to my boy,"

Eighteen states have passed she said. The casket was opened. In reaction to the sight of "right-to-work" laws supposedly the boy's body, thousands wept, granting workers "freedom from

hundreds fainted, many became discrimination" in hiring. Yet not one of these states has passed a hysterical. Fair Employment Practices law. Of the 10 states that have FEP

TENSION IS HIGH

a high pitch, to such a degree "right-to-work" law. that it seemed to engulf the

entire city. The Negro people by the atrocities

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Grieving Mother Mourns Lynch Victim

Mrs. Mamie R. Bradley weeps as the body of her slain son, Emmett Louis Till, 14, arrives in Chicago from Mississippi. The boy was kidnaped and lynched after allegedly whistling at a white woman.

"MOROCCO FOR THE MOROCCANS !" SHOUT DRAFTEES IN FRENCH CORPS

By George Lavan troops. The reservists shouted, Shouting "Morocco for the

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Moroccans," some 400 French civilians are with us.' reservists, called back into the French Air Force for service in COULDN'T MOVE TRAIN

and gendarmes for several hours hours the reinforced military cause state witnesses ". . . are at one of Paris' principal rail- police succeeded in forcing the air road stations. The battle, demonstrating the the train had started, the men

unpopularity of French imperial- | pulled the emergency cords stopism's war against the indepen- ping it after it had travelled only dence movement in Morocco, took a few yards.

Unable to do anything more, place on September 11 at the Gare de Lyon. When the draftees, who have completed their service off the train and board the trucks and have now been called up from in which they had arrived at civilian life, refused to board the che station. They were then taken special troop train of 13 cars back to the air base at Vildrawn up in the station, military lacoublay south of Paris. police tried to put them aboard It has been an open secret that by force. Fist fights broke out the war against the Moroccan

and the unwilling soldiers had the people has little popularity among best of it. Civilian police were called ir Tension here began to reach laws not one has approved a to clear the station platform of for the most part until the govcivilian onlookers who were ex-

pressing solidarity with the | deranged minds," and therefore "in no way had the character of

> In Morocco the situation still emained unresolved. Premier Paure's promise that a new "representative" government for Morocco would be formed and the hated puppet Sultan ben Arafa

Morocco's major cities had the appearance of armed camps. Constantly reinforced French troops

stood guard throughout the the authorities had the men get Moroccan districts and shantytowns with their guns on the ready. Armed patrols, roadblocks, travel restrictions, rigid curfew and dragnet searches for nationalists were designed to frustrate another general strike or demonstration by the Istiglal (Independence) Party.

French war planes showered the mass of the French people. housands of leaflets in Arabic on negotiations were completed. This opposition remained silent the three major cities of the HOW STRIKE STARTED country. They read: "Warning. sts for duty in the seething Pay no attention to agitators. Agritators are inviting you' to

colony. Then the French press could no strike and are seeking to foment onger conceal the hatred of the trouble. You must know that the tract violation. Day workers obpeople for this war. They began security forces are under orders to liken it to what was popularly to quell any attempted riot and jected to the appearance of time study experts with stopwatches called the "dirty war" of French to shoot if necessary." on jobs that did not come under imperialism against the freedomany incentive or piece work provi-STREET MASSACRE seeking people of Vietnam. The sions of the contract. Most of the On Sept. 8 in the Moroccan demonstration of the French section of Casablanca a grenade workers who triggered the walkreservists at the Gare de Lyon was thrown into a patrol wagon out were service employes. railroad station and their shouts On Aug. 8 at a mass meeting of injuring a number of police dedelegate Wang Ping-nan that the last American prisoners shows the anti-imperialism of the partment members. A police jeep Local 601, a vote in support of held in China were to be released brings to a close the French masses. For these airmen was following the patrol wagon. the strike was carried overwhelmrepresent a cross section of the It immediately stopped and police ingly. The company-wide strike in it began spraying the crowded vote in support of Local 601 also street with machine gun fire, was carried by a large majority. It was undoubtedly because of the well-known hatred of the killing and wounding a large The militancy of the workers in number of Moroccan men, women resisting the company can best French people for the war against and children. The slaughter con- be understood against the backthe Moroccans that the governcluded with the arrest of an un- ground of chronic unemployment ment decided not to punish any in the Pittsburgh area. The workdisclosed number of Moroccans. of the demonstrating reservists. In Algeria, where guerrilla ers knew that the time study was Germany and the resumption of They were broken up into small wanfare continues, an "undis- a prelude to a lay off and a groups and flown to Morocco durclosed number" of unarmed Alge- subsequent speed up for the ing the following days. No courtrian workmen were killed and remaining workers. mantial attempts were made. According to a September wounded by French residents. Ac. cording to an eyewitness quoted report of the Federal Reserve in the Sept. 10 New York Times, Bank of Philadelphia, current emthe victims were native workers ployment in Pennsylvania is 10% ment saying that such "incidents with upraised hands; it wasn't below the 1953 levels. Pittsburgh is the second hardest hit city in regrettable errors" and had been "from the guns of police or the state with overall city em-

Longshoremen **Defy Courts in Showdown Fight**

Westinghouse Rank and File Spread Strike Hits Strike in Struggle to Speed-Up End Gestapo on Docks

This strike is in every sense

By John Black PITTSBURGH, Sept. 12 - At

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one minute after midnight today

44,000 Westinghouse workers in 28 plants throughout the country walked out on strike in support of the 2.200 day workers at the East Pittsburgh plant of the Westinghouse Corporation who have been on strike against a company speedup, job-eliminating, time - study project since Aug. 7.

Picket lines appeared at . all plants under contract with the International Union of Electrical Workers, CIO, in spite of an agreement reached before the strike deadline between James B. strikes but even there union men Carey, president of the union and R. D. Blasier, vice president in charge of industrial relations for from United States ports. Westinghouse.

The executive board of the East a showdown struggle. For Pittsburgh Local 601 met for months now there have been inhours after the agreement was creasing signs of resentment announced but refused to ratify Carey explained that "in further discussion necessitated by questions raised by the executive board of Local 601, the company representatives - while not disagreeing with my interpretation refused to affirm it in writtime.'

Six Westinghouse plants in three states involving about 16,-000 workers "jumped the gun' and went on strike before the

Originally the strike broke out when the day workers at the East Pittsburgh plant walked out in protest against a company conNEW YORK, Sept. 13 — The independent Interna-

By James O'Hara

tional Longshoremen's Association called out all its locals on the Eastern Seabord, the Gulf and Inland waters for a general strike in a showdown**O**fight with the hated anti-labor took all the persuasive powers

police agency, the Bi-State of the ILA leaders' to get the Waterfront Commission. men back to work. The clinch-The ILA affiliates "pulled the ing argument was the promise pin" in sympathy with their of Captain Bradley to officially brothers on the New York and lead a strike in two weeks if. New Jersey docks who had al- his efforts to find a way out ready closed down the port. failed.

Canadian longshoremen are for-HAD TO GO ALONG bidden by law to join sympathy

His efforts did fail and the made it clear that they would ex-tugboat skipper had no renot handle "hot" cargo diverted course but to go along with the powerful sentiment of the union ranks. This explains in part the defiance by the union leadership of the legal measures that are being invoked against the union and themselves personally.

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against the police agency among Two judges have issued inthe rank and file of the ILA. junctions against the union The storm broke several weeks carrying stiff penalties, but they ago when dockers of the Grace have had no effect. Bradley, Line pier walked off after when informed that he faces a learning that one of their union brothers was barred from the jail sentence for contempt of pier because he had once "served court, told reporters that while he did not relish the thought of going to jail, situations some-

At that time the temper of time arose in which a man had the men on the front was drato "stand up and be counted." matically demonstrated by the This obviously was such a quick response of other piers to Pier 57's call for action. It (Continued on page 2)

"We don't want to go" and "The a mutiny or revolt." When after two and a half force reservists on the train and

would leave the throne by Sept. 12 remains unfulfilled.

George Lee and Lamar Smith, also in Mississippi. This pent-up

At Security Probe



Mrs. Beatrice M. Campbell (top), a reinstated Veterans Administration employe, appears at a Senate subcommittee investigation of the government's security program. She told of her four-month suspension on grounds that she had joined a book club listed as subversive. Abraham Chasanow (bottom), reinstated Navy employe, told of his 13-month ordeal under fire on charges by neighbors which turned out to be groundless.

are aroused by the atrocities committed against them recent-ly such as the murders of Rev. Powers Jockey on Eve **Of New Geneva Parley**

By Joseph Hansen

The announcement at Geneva Sept. 10 by Chinese of "Morocco for the Moroccans," stage in diplomatic jockeying between Washington and Peking "offensive," and said, "Who is to French people. that began when the Eisenhower | blame? We didn't cross the border. administration decided to agree It was not we who started the

to a cease-fire in Indochina. war." After this grandstand play the . It is an obvious effort by the two sides got down to discussing Mao regime to clear the decks as such issues as the unification of much as possible for the bigpower conference scheduled for the last part of October. The piecenormal relations.

Most observers think that little meal release of prisoners, stretchwill come of these discussions in ed over 14 sessions with U.S. the immediate sense. Like the "A FEW HOTHEADS" delegate Ural Alexis Johnson, negotiations with China at Geneva provided a convenient cover for they must be judged as prelimisecret discussions that undoubtedly covered far more vital issues. nary to the conference in October. In this respect, what was im-With the release of the last American prisoners, UN head portant was that West Germany Dag Hammarskjold issued a and the Soviet Union, by the very statement reviewing the negotiafact of this meeting, have begun the process of establishing some tions that began with his trip to kind of formal relations. As Peking last December. In passing Adenauer put it, this was "the he revealed that he has been in

There it will be a question of

the specific concessions both sides

communication ever since with Chou En-lai, Minister for Foreign and the Soviet Union.' Affairs of the People's Republic THE OCTOBER CONFERENCE of China, the correspondence being conducted through the Whatever else the negotiations Swedish Embassy in Peking. This between Wang and Johnson at Geneva and between Adenauer is a good indication of the and Khrushchev & Co. at Moscow eadiness of the United Nations, may produce, main interest is now so far as the majority is conshifting to the projected concerned, to accept the Mao regime ference at Geneva in October. as the official government of

China. ADENAUER IN MOSCOW

may make in their efforts to open up a period of "peaceful co-As the Geneva negotiations between Wang and Johnson reached existence." The bourgeois pundit their climax, another piece was Walter Lippmann puts a more moved across the diplomatic accurate label on it when he calls chessboard. Adenauer, head of it a "military stalemate." West Germany, flew to Moscow (Column of Aug. 17.) As he declares, "it is not for the time for a conference with Soviet officials. being a vital interest of any of

The parley started off with a the great powers to change the sharp exchange between Adenauer status quo.

How far the Chinese and and his hosts. Adenauer charged 10,000 and they were all war that the Nazis had committed Washington which is currently steel, etc.) before it and require profits.

said that Soviet troops in Ger-'certain acts." Khrushchev called the statement (Continued on page 3)

The French Ministry of Naional Defense issued a state-. . were the result of several clear whether the shots were caused by "a few hotheads and civilians or both." ployment down 6.1%



Coffee Break on Picket Line

Pickets take a coffee break as they parade in front of the struck Bendix radio division in Baltimore. More than 23,000 employes at five plants went out on strike before the company settled with the CIO United Auto Workers.

Blames Unions Robs Farmers and first contact between Germany FOTC

By Myra Tanner The Ford Motor Company re-

increase.

opinion." cently announced price increases The Ford Motor Company

in farm machinery ranging from "completely conceals the finan-\$60 to \$165. There was nothing cial facts of its operations." But, lous profiteering." Percent wage unusual in this for quite a few Mazey points out, Ford execu- increases cannot begin to comtives have claimed that company pare with skyrocketing profits. industrialists have been gouging costs are as low as any in the

the public with arbitrary price industry. General Motors, which hikes. But Ford, following the sells cars at the same price example of the steel magnates, level as Ford rakes in a lush tried to pass the blame for robprofit of \$1.34 for every \$1 it bing the farmers on to the pays in wages.

workers. It came up with the This of course is only the bald-faced lie that increased la- publicly acknowledged profit bor costs necessitated the price figure. A good part of the real profit is hidden in capital de-

The CIO Auto Workers reacted preciation, expansion and execuwith justified rage at this com- tive salaries.

pound crime of the Ford Motor When the United States Steel Company. In a press release, Corporation jacked up its prices that 100,000 prisoners of war are Russian Stalinists will go in mak- Sept. 7, Secretary - Treasurer by \$7.50 a ton, it collected still held in the Soviet Union. ing concessions remains to be Emil Mazey reported that "the \$1.97 from customers for every Bulganin said that it was only seen. Most of the apparent con- UAW-CIO has asked a com- \$1 that was added to the paycessions, it would appear, will mittee of Congress to bring the roll. This profit-hike was snatchcriminals. Adenauer acknowledged have to come from the side of leaders of these industries (Ford, ed on top of already bloated

atrocities in the Soviet Union but in the worst diplomatic position. them to lay out the facts and U.S. Steel was making a In the eyes of most of the world, figures with respect to their profit of \$12 a ton in 1948. It many were likewise guilty of the U.S. is considered to be the wages, prices and profits. The scooped up a profit of \$24 a aggressor, the power clearly claim that wages are forcing ton out of the Korean war in prices up should be denounced 1951, and before the recent wage

posed to the full force of public was making \$30 a ton in profit. ticipating alone in the biggest sistently high.

"SCANDALOUS"

seen. The UAW calls this "scanda-

for the fraud that it is and ex-lincrease of the steel workers, it | Yet steel and auto are not par-| ruptcy of small business is per-

profit-grab this country has The plight of the small farmers is equally serious. Farm in-

Sylvia Porter, N. Y. Post col- come has steadily declined over umnist, reported Sept. 9 con- recent years. The government's versations with four nationally price-support program keeps known businessmen. The treas- farm prices jacked up for the urer of a large manufacturing consumer, but it doesn't do the company said: "I'm almost em- small farmer much good. In orbarrassed to tell you how much der to qualify for government we've already made this quar- help, the farmer has to restrict ter." his planting. Big farm outfits

The head of a major retail can do this, but the small farmstore said, "A record? What er needs every acre in order to else? We'll set dozens of them make ends meet.

But Ford, U. S. Steel and in sales, in gross, in net." The chairman of a big bank: other industrialists have an in-"If we stopped right now and satiable thirst for profits and didn't earn another cent for the power. The more they get, the rest of the year, we'd still come more they want.

out way ahead of 1954. We've The UAW demand that the never had a year like this." truth about this wholesale thiev-Like criminals, those who con- ery be established by congressfess the big "take," like to keep ional investigation is a good one. their names secret lest the work- But this demand, like many ers who are producing these ex- another the union has made, will orbitant profits, take the notion probably be filed by the Demoof demanding more for their cratic "friends of labor" under the heading: "Possible Speeches labor.

While the monopoly capitalists in Election Campaign. (Caution: are scooping up the profits with Not to be used for legislative steam shovels, the rate of bank- action.)"

Beautiful

The Wall Street Journal. Aug. 30, glowingly reported the life of one anonymous multimillionaire who likes to spend his money on private planes, cadillacs, boats and, since he's not a snob - broiled hamburgers. Multimillionaire F. is

"cool" to making more profits, reports the Journal, but it keeps piling up anyway. F's income is primarily in the form of dividends which come to him in the form of checks that arrive four times a year. Each

check is for about \$300,000. Like the magic porridge pot, F. says his income grows "automatically."



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THE MILITANT

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The recent International Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy at Geneva opened a new era in science. As discussed previously in this column the world race for supremacy in atom power has begun. Many "have - not" coun- make the field of education tries are contracting for their more attractive has reduced the first experimental reactors and supply of teachers.

are sending students to the "SILENT GENERATION" United States, the Soviet Union While there is truth in all or Great Britain for training in these points they obviously do this highly specialized field.

Suddenly a new and unexpect- not hit at the root of the probed obstacle thrust itself upon lem. There are much deeper finger. Whenever the man be- on a broomstick while holding became convinced that because had never before heard of Karl men and educators it has made trend in American government." the government officials — the social causes that have procrisis in education. The highly complex and varied application of atomic energy, radioactive breadth and depth of the vast who would leap for the ceiling. isotopes and other radioactive general education problem leaves The victim after jumping for felt good." materials in industry, medicine the investigators helpless except two hours, collapsed on the floor and biology requires a new and cried. for some stopgap measures. army of scientists and engineers.

Never before have students The country that makes the feared "hard" courses or failed most rapid advances in research to rise to the challenge of new an upright wooden box, 16 inches brawn. and trains the largest cadre of scientists and engineers gains an enormous advantage in the atomic race. Thus, in a certain sense the atomic race narrows into a competition of systems. endeavor. of education.

However, in the past the It is in the field of education young scientists could flower in that the United States finds it-an atmosphere of free investigaself in a woeful state. Upon his tion that gave full play to their return, Aug. 23, from Geneva, curiosity and initiative. This is Chairman Lewis L. Strauss of precisely what is lacking today. the Atomic Energy Commission The whole atomic project, born held a conference with the presiin dark secrecy and having as dent and then opened a cam-{ its objective atomic annihilation, paign to try to rectify the situa-is no source of inspiration to tion. He warned that the U. S. the budding investigator.

was in danger of losing its In the field of education the supremacy in science due to its reign of witch-hunt terror has inability to turn out enough restricted and terrorized the physicists, chemists, engineers teachers. Loyalty oaths, investiand technicians. Meanwhile the gations, and all the practices Soviet Union is rapidly increas- flowing from them, have curing its output in these same tailed the freedom of thought of fields. the teachers and driven many

CHILLING FACTS

fessor Robert Oppenheimer The facts revealed in the stands as a constant threat to week following his return showthose who would maintain the ed that Strauss had stated the case mildly. Educators have right of independent thought. As a result, the initiators of been expressing alarm for some the witch-hunt suddenly find time but their cries were lost themselves victims of it. Unin the wilderness of cold-war doubtedly they will look for politics. A recent report by the every other possible reason to Program presented some chilling explain the dearth of scientists, Science Teaching Improvement but they will be hard put to facts. find valid answers.

While high school enrollments

climbed each year, the propor- APPALLED BY CRISIS tion of college graduates quali-Appalled by the crisis, which the government has failed to: fied to teach high school science and mathematics declined 51 meet, a number of industries percent since 1950. It presented are devoting special attention to the astounding news that last the problem. The National Asso-June only 249 qualified men and ciation for the Advancement of women were graduated to teach Science, bolstered by a grant of these courses. Since on the av- \$300,000 from the Carnegie Corerage half of them go into poration, has begun a program

By Henry Gitano | cles. The victim who can't sit, either you talk, or we'll make and history. And many times "Manufactured cruelty" is be-lie or stand, but must crouch him do this forever." He talked. the Chinese or Korean instruc-tors knew more about these sub-

Force Base near Reno, Nevada, gree heat, is provided with the DEGRADATION according to Peter Wyden in pounding on the cubicle. Newsweek, Sept. 12. His on-theschool, was cleared by the Pengravel bottom. tagon.

At the simulated 36-hour interrogation phase, a lieutenant for hours, while shoulder-deep in trainee was flooded with spot- water. lights, his arms stretched by a Trainees collapse after the humiliation.

bare wire tied around each fore- "broomstick treatment," kneeling ing in initiative. The very ing electric shocks to the trainee have appreciated it, if they had in tears. knocked me out. It would have

> There are other forms of victims are bounced against a not be removed from food; rats "realism." There is, for example, wall by a 240-pound mass of should be eaten, but not their POW's in Korea had not been

goals to conquer. All they need- wide and deep, just short Two buddies were questioned ed was the inspiration, and an enough so a man is unable to at the same time. The more understanding of their role to stand up. Confinement in this powerful was watching his for 10 days in the 7,000 feet ed that "Doctors and psychiaprovide more than enough self- "sweat box" can bring about friend do kneebends until he high Sierra Nevadas. Injured less scientists in all fields of temporary paralysis of the mus-dropped. He was told: "O.K.,



Joseph H. Sumners Jr. and his mother, Mrs. Pauline Sumners, both of Providence, R. I., are shown testifying before a Senate security subcommittee. Sumners was fired from a civilian job with the Navy for "associating with his mother." Mrs. Sumners had been accused of membership in organizations which were not on anybody's subversive list.

Longshoremen Defy Courts

(Continued from page 1) | the independent ILA while giv- that the public had been given a in their life." more lucrative jobs in industry to prepare more teachers through time. The union's attorney told ing their efforts a "labor cover" "somewhat distored view" of the THEIR ONLY WEAPON by professing sympathy for the

jects than he did . . .

Besides the cruelty of pain, "A large number of American In the tight "coffin" trainees arsenal. Insults about a trainee's Communist program was all smear attack on the Fund for spot report of the Brainwash are imprisoned lying flat on its race, religion, personality, na- about. Some were confused by the Republic. tionality, are routine. When a it . . . It was not an inspiring The Fund for the Republic was Reece charged it and other "The hole," ten-feet under- trainee's wallet contains a pie- spectacle . . . It made fools of set up and endowed in 1952 by foundations "with directly supground, keeps men in darkness ture of an attractive woman, her some men and tools of others the Ford Foundation. It is head-porting subversion." The Reece appearance takes a vocal beat-

ing. Officers break, to end their of this trouble . . . They were president, Robert M. Hutchins. major foundations, by subsidiz-A bachelor, abused, until he sars an argument . . . Many a number of prominent business- tors, had financed a socialist hind the lights felt the urge, up large rocks in outstretched of a facial deformity, caused by Marx . . . They couldn't answer possible a series of studies on Then the Reece Report was duced a "silent generation" he'd use the little generator, to arms; a strapping bombardier a childhood accident, he would arguments in favor of commu- the state of civil liberties in generally laughed off — the steeped in conformity and lack-let the wires transmit frighten- who experienced it, said: "I'd never find a woman, broke up nism with arguments in favor of this country. Americanism, because they knew

Preceding the humiliating interrogation, lectures advise the it thrown in their faces. Meek of their protein value, should tressed loyal POW's." The report admitted that heads which are poisonous. Then, "brainwashed" or drugged but were rather subjected to political "commies" or their dupes. with two-and-a-half days rations, trainees are on their own propaganda. The committee not-

participants are given needle and every man has his breaking Hutchins. He instructed Legion thread, or sewed up without anesthetic.

much nerves can withstand. But At the end of their ordeal, the that was not tested by the Chi- While in the normal course of weary troops are ordered to outnese in Korea. wit fresh, well-fed "aggressor"

forces. Those "captured" are MOOD OF GI's

tied together and with bare feet It was not physical torture, or are run-and-marched to the diabolically clever "enemy postockade. There, they sleep on litical officers," that scored so the ground without blankets — many political defections among ticians and editors to denounce list. in summer, night temperatures the American prisoners of war. the Fund and to instigate witch drop to near freezing. Their food The morale of the American hunts against educators and othconsists of "Bloody Mary": raw soldier in Korea was underminspaghetti with uncooked spin- ed by the fact that he was callach, and coffee, reddened by ed upon to participate in a mass

beets and prepared lukewarm. **REPORT WAS APPROVED**

With the publication of this starkly vivid report, the Penta- of all the soldiers in Korea. And gon ordered the school's senior officers to Washington. Lt. Col. McKenzie, commandant of the school at Stead, and Major Oliphant, director of training, deunpopular war in American hisnied the published reports that the course degraded and tortur- who spoke to the pollsters exschool by General O'Donnell, Air Korean war was stained with

force personnel chief and that blood and that they would "rathno changes were contemplated er have their sons back." in the training. Two members of Congress call-

ed for an investigation. Senator courses. Secretary of the Air Force Quarles over the "Face the Nation" program, Sept. 11. to expand its torture school and titude. Patriotism has no place hunt — the hoax that Com- ceiving, it should be noted that

The American Legion Sees Red

By John Thayer

McCarthyism is trying to raise its ugly head on the national scene again as Seaborn P. Collins, reactionary degradation is part of Stead's POW's did not know what the National Commander of the American Legion launched a

year. On Dec. 19 Rep. Carroll

. Ignorance lay behind much ed by former Chicago University Report further declared that "the unprepared to give the commis- Under his direction and that of ing collectivistic-minded educa-

picture of Henry Ford and other Its findings have been a con- billionaires subsidizing "socialvery little about their America servative, highly restrained des- ism" was too ludicrous. The re-. . the inability of many to cription of violations of the Bill newal of the attack by the Men who ask for water, have students that maggots, because speak up for democracy dis- of Rights. Defense of civil lib- American Legion shows that the erties, even from conservative McCarthyite obscurantists are sources. however, is unmistak- determined to make another atable proof to McCarthyites like tempt to smear any defenders Collins that the defenders are of civil liberties, no matter how respectable and conservative, as In a circular to all Legion Communists or Communist posts, Collins denounced the dupes.

trists generally conceded that Fund for the Republic and Other developments on the civil liberties front included a point'." There is a limit to how members to "have no truck" victory for Norman Pierre Gaswith the Fund for the Republic. ton, graduate of the Coast Guard Officers Candidate School, events Legion members would who was denied a reserve comnot have any dealings with the mission because he had asso-Fund, the effect of the com- ciated with his mother, who in munication is to mobilize the turn allegedly had belonged to politically powerful Legion groups on the Attorney Genagainst the Fund, pressure poli- eral's personal political black-

In a similar case, which received national publicity, that ers who undertake studies for of Eugene W. Landy, who on the eve of his graduation with his organization's claimed 3,000,- high honors from the Coast Collins said he was "alerting" 000 members because the Fund Guard school, was informed he would not get a reserve comceed in crippling the national mission because of his "close was "threatening and may sucsecurity." According to him its association" with his mother, no the soldiers in turn reflected the study of civil liberties in America was "constant, loaded criti- A board of naval officers becism of Congressional and ad- gan hearings on Landy's appeal the Korean war was "the most ministration attempts to resist Sept. 5. Landy has been before this board but he and his lawyer "One apparent line of attack," have told reporters they are of the Fund said Collins, "is to unable to speak until the deed its students. McKenzie said pressed the feeling that the attempt to persuade Americans cision has been rendered and he was commended on the prosperity that came with the that Communism is not, and passed on by Secretary of Navy never has been, a serious threat Thomas.

ment has begun another Smith

to the U. S." This is, of course, Semator Clifford Case of the very basis of the witch Landy's home state, New Jer-An army panel of top train- hunt and while the Fund has sey, told the Navy: "It would confined itself to specific stud- seem that the justification for worked on the problem of why ies, like the Watts report on giving Mr. Landy a hearing Stennis threatened an inquiry. GI's didn't fight better in Ko- army discharges and the Yar- should be equally applicable to tary. Wilson to suspend the had month to suspend the bad month to suspend Lest anyone think the witch body wants to serve, and if they cases involving federal employes, it has unfortunately not hunt was withering away bedo as little as possible. You taken up, despite Collins' charge, cause of the unfavorable publicican't build an army on that at- the key question of the witch ty its "excesses" have been re-

munism threatens to subvert or in Buffalo the federal govern-

it leaves about 125 science and awards to supplement their in- the court that the ILA was not mathematics teachers to supply comes, and to provide additional inciting the men to strike but AFL the 25,000 high schools in the training inducements. The Ford rather it was a case of the Foundation allocated \$50 mil- ranks' refusing to work. country!

The shortages extend into the lions to the same objective. colleges too. The number of stu- Large corporations, following the punished for criminal contempt dents who go into research work lead of the Ford Foundation, they would have to build bigger labor device. It appeals to shipin physics and mathematics is have turned to giving million- jails." And that's about the size ping bosses in every maritime far too small to answer the dollar grants toward increasing of it. need. Almost all the major cor- student scholarships. Their statporations report shortages in ed purpose is simple, "It makes leadership has been to get the lent labor force who work in their research staffs. The ma- good business sense." jority of ads in technical maga- Yet these are only stopgap Jersey to devise some face-savzines are designed to lure the measures. Another highly adver- ing gimmick that would check new scientists. A qualified grad- tised Ford Foundation grant of the Waterfront Commission. They uate has the unusual opportunity \$20 million for scholarships will have asked that a public hearing maritime unions. Peaceful co-exto choose a job from a list of aid only about 4,000 students a be held Sept. 27 on the activiglowing offers. And yet Chair- year: It is estimated that at ties of the Commission, These man Strauss declares "scholar- least 200,000 eligible high school requests have been refused up ships in this field are going students did not go to college to now. Both governors say they last year because of insufficient will back the Commission. begging." funds. Educators ask hopefully BROKEN PROMISES What is wrong? Various gov-

ernment and private agencies for a Federal grant of \$300 milhave made exhaustive studies lions (a modern aircraft carrier and come up with the following costs \$200 million) but so far no campaign both governors prom- locally is the complete indiffer- crews who fly the Strategic Air inadequate answers. (1) The move has been made to answer ised to do something about the ence of the longshoremen to Command bombers, jet fighter shortage of qualified high school their pleas.

teachers has curtailed the supply of science students, while thrusting unqualified teachers into the which in turn flows from the sider the Commission to be a off in contempt. The liberal New military branch. The brainwashgap has tended to drive away decline of capitalism and its menace to the continued exis- York Post laments this fact in er's \$4.1 million construction thousands of potential scientists. witch-hunt drive inspired by Wall tence of their union. (2) Low salaries in education Street. A real solution would rehas driven many qualified teach- quire a new social climate based with many ex-FBI men who "all the combined editorial voices ers into more lucrative jobs in on a new perspective of peace, have gone onto the docks and of New York seem strangely inindustry. (3) Students tend to security and social advancement. into the homes of longshoremen effective when addressed to the Stead Base every three years. shy away from the "hard" Only socialism can achieve that. to harrass, threaten and snoop. men on the docks; this failure courses of mathematics and Meanwhile the crisis of educa- The Commission proclaimed one of communication is rooted in a science. (4) Lack of interest by tion, a malignant symptom of the scientists themselves to act as crisis of capitalism, will conwho compete with regular workcounsellors and their failure to tinue.



ANTI-LABOR DEVICE

The Waterfront Commission "If all these men were to be was conceived as a purely anticenter as an ideal way to dis-

The strategy of the union cipline and control the turbugovernors of New York and New the industry.

Wherever such government agencies have been established they have severely restricted impossible unless the union has it is now." lost its independence completely.

> of the union must take their own measures.

During last year's election Commission's "anti-labor atti- "official public opinion." All the The crisis in science is at tude." The longshoremen say thundering editorials, threats Marine instructors who organize bottom the crisis of education, they were deceived. They con- and scare stories are shrugged torture courses for their own today's lead editorial. The Commission is staffed The Post editor observes that

> of its aims to be the weeding out lot of history about which few. The Pentagon affirmed that of non-legitimate longshoremen typewriter moralists can be training courses are being conproud." This history is also ig- ducted in all armed services to cenary interests. ers for jobs. But instead they nored by the Post and its advice prepare men for the life of a POW. in turn is ignored as just so

A HARD SCHOOL that number of new men so The men on the docks go at Camp Pendleton, California. for the will to fight, because the ly. Besides the Militant they that competition is even stiffer. through a hard school. They do The captured reservists were ex- cause is one's own. And finally while they were supposed to be impartial in the dirty, strenuous and dangerous ercised to near exhaustion. They labor. They see their lives being were then stripped and placed looking back into history to see Socialism." fight between the ILA and the used up quickly and mercilessly in hot cages or pits too shallow why men fight, made a study of AFL for representation in this by the shipping bosses. They for standing and too narrow for the American Civil War and in two new subscriptions as well port, they have tried to smash

greedy tenement landlords. comradeship among them that since July 1953. frightens the entire capitalist "A People Rising" ers. 25 cents

A NEW

Important

Pamphlet

Egypt

By Abu Hashim

New York 3. N.Y.

waterfront.

orainwashing camp. Newsweek reiterated that the Air Force approved the facts and form of the report as published. "If anything, Newsweek understated the facts," a statement issued by the weekly news-magazine in New York said. "When the article was cleared by the Pentagon," the statement continued, "an officer waved a set of papers, all marked 'confidential'... These papers, the officer said, were plans to be

submitted to Gen. Nathan Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, to make the training at Stead type of government agency is Base, Nev., 'much tougher' than

Since it was set up in 1950, killers of Moroccan and Alger-In that case the rank and file 29,783 men have gone through ian fighters for independence? the 17-day course at the pop-Or with supporting the butcher ularly-called "torture school."

Franco? What amazes the boss press Graduates, include most of the There is nothing surprising array of similar courses. They pilots, and Army, Navy and are in keeping with Pentagon strategy of answering any revolutionary developments, all political problems, any struggle for men's minds with the only program is in high gear. By weapon in its arsenal:" force. next year classes will be doub-And it cannot do otherwise. led. The Air Force's goal is to The torture schools are teachsend every combat airman to

ing "Americanism." The "Americanism" of Wall Street which POW TRAINING utilizes power and force to impose degradation and humiliation on others, for its own mer-

> Men will fight and suffer and agent in that beehive of activity, die for what they believe is reports: "Three of our sales-

In August, the Marines se- right, with no necessity for cured their beachhead of tor- torture schools. Conversely, tor- Rohlsen and Al Adler tures during a training exercise ture schools are no substitute covered a small meeting recent-The Army and Navy Journal Peace and America's Road to

At the same time Carl sent live in the city's dirty tene- sitting. Neither food nor water concluded: "The emergence of as two renewals. ments, the victims of loan was permitted. The Navy in co- a true understanding of why Helen Sherman, Militant agent sharks, installment houses, operation with the Army has they were fighting and what was in the Twin Cities in Minnesota, undertaken similar training ex- at stake in the war was an im- among other items sends us

This forges a solidarity and ercises at Camp Mackall, N. C., portant factor in the new spirit "three renewed subscriptions for evinced by the Union soldiers, the Militant and a new sub for The committee which recom- while the utter lack of under- Fourth International which Alice class. The potency of this soli- mended the military's new "Code standing of what they were Benson got while on her vacadarity is reflected in actions of of Conduct" for POW's, pro- fighting for, other than to up- tion." The New York agent tells us

the rank and file as well as in claimed by Eisenhower on Aug. hold the property of the slaveofficial statements of the lead- 17, reported: "When plunged holders, had much to do with the that "we covered a protest meetinto a Communist indoctrination collapse of the morale of the ing of the Emergency Civil Lib-No matter how the current mill, the average American POW Confederate soldiers." erties Committee on the investi-It's too bad for Big Business gation of the entertainment struggle ends, no government was under a serious handicap. police agency is going to stop Enemy political officers forced in the U.S. that the Army field. Priscilla Jones and John the ranks of the ILA from hav- him to read Marxian literature. can't make use of this valuable Tabor sold 14 Militants. Two ing their say on how they shall He was compelled to participate historical lesson because this young women stopped to ask questions but refused to buy a work and live on the New York in debates. He had to tell what time it's fighting on the side copy of the paper. A few min-

The specific studies subsidized Act proceeding against a local The fault lies not with the by the Fund, however, have had Communist Party troops, but with the decadent a salutary effect in acquainting F. Noto.

sabotage the U.S.

the Fund.

Communist infiltration."

murder of revolutionary people

fighting for their land, and lib-

erty. The POW only reflected

mood of the American people.

Didn't every poll show that

tory?" Workers and farmers

ing officers in August 1954

have to, they feel they should

Street, as in Guatemala? Or

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in concentrated form the mood

Moreover, the Department of system they are ordered to the American public with the Justice has filed an appeal fight for. How can young work- ridiculous witch - hunting exers and farmers drafted into the tremes that have been employed against the decision of District Judge Weinfeld dismissing the Army be inspired with the bar- in searching out those suspected baric unleashing of atomic wea- of "forbidden thought," associa- contempt of Congress charges pons on helpless Japanese? Or tions or family connections. against Corliss Lamont. Lamont with devastating Korea and Such exposes, complains the Le- had invoked the First Amendburning its inhabitants alive gion head "give the impression ment before the McCarthy Comwith napalm for the greater that the organization is battling mittee, which tried to grill the glory of dictator Rhee? Or with what it terms 'witch hunts' and author about his political views and associations merely because ringing the world with bases to 'vigilanteism'." The Fund for the Republic several of his books were on the protect American Big Business interests? Or with deposing was attacked by a special House shelves of the U.S. Information

freely-elected governments, if investigating committee last Service Libraries abroad. they are not servile to Wall

MILLITANT ARMY

Among the most encouraging | utes later one of them returned events of recent weeks for read- to buy a paper . . . Now that about Stead Air Base nor the ers of the Militant Army column the cool weather is coming, New

has been the York is planning sales of the spurt forward of Militant at schools and forums." Richard Clauson has been our activity in Los Angeles. Sales most indefatigable salesman in and Distributions the St. Louis area. "Enclosed." are carefully or- he writes, "is a donation of \$1 from a friend. He has been quite ganized, meetings are covered a fellow for passing the Militant regularly. As a around and he sold quite a few result, the bun- anti-McCarthy pamphlets during dle order of Mil- that campaign. Today he gave itants has been me a buck for a donation. He promised to give me more later, increased a num-

ber of times in the past month. saying I would be surprised how much people get out of it." Carl Feggans, our Militant



he knew about American politics that is against progress.

THE MILITANT





"I Didn't Order Him to Stop"

Why was the U.S. defeated in Korea? This question has bothered millions of Americans. Isn't America the most powerful country in the world? Hadn't it shown its military capacity by defeating both Germany and Japan in a two-front war? Weren't the Koreans and Chinese just a bunch of "backward natives"?

The explanation of the China Lobby, the Asia Firsters, the McCarthyites, and all the rest who were foaming at the mouth for an all-out war on China, was that "we were betrayed."

If only Gen. MacArthur had been permitted to go ahead, the U.S. could easily have won. If only Truman hadn't "ordered MacArthur" to stop at the Yalu, the armies of America could have rolled right on through China and maybe as far as Moscow.

As to why Truman "ordered Mac-Arthur" to stop at the Yalu, these "explainers" hinted that the White House was surrounded by spies, due to the alleged "soft on communism" policy of the Democrats. (The Democrats had only started the worst witch-hunt in America's history.) And among these spies someone gave "treasonous" advice which the State Department and President Truman accepted for mysterious reasons.

The other night in Chicago, Truman gave a different explanation. Speaking before some 2,000 members and guests of the predominantly Republican Executives Club of Chicago, Truman answered a question from the floor about his famous "order" to MacArthur. Here is what Truman said:

"I didn't order him to stop. There were a million and a half Chinese in his way and he couldn't get by them."

Truman no doubt exaggerated the number of Chinese who stood in MacArthur's way, but he was correct in implying that Street's war drive conducted there was something standing in his general's way that was much bigger than the mighty military power the U.S. could muster. That something was not so much something • quantitative as something defending the capitalist order in qualitative. It was the Asian revolution. The Asian revolution that had its mightiest explosion so far in China.

It was this that MacArthur "couldn't get by." For the revolutionary people who blocked the imperialist aims of Wall Street had on their side a force of incalculable power — the inspiration of the struggle for independence and freedom, the dream of breaking out of the rusting chains put on them by foreign conquerors, the vision of a new world in which they could exercise the precious right to choose their own form of government.

It was revolution that gave MacArthur his orders to stop. Not Truman. And in that sense Truman spoke the truth.

shouts in a boldfaced paragraph. The

whole implication of the editorial, which

does not seriously take up Lewis' warn-

"Rope of Sand"

nivores.

the phrase "rope of sand."

John L. Lewis, appearing on a television however, we hope the sentiments of the interview program Sept. 4, was queried united rank and file will prove strong about the forthcoming merger of the AFL and CIO. While we think Lewis took too gloomy a view of the merger — in our opinion the enthusiasm of the workers for unity will overcome the built-in defects the union bureaucrats have incorporated to protect their respective "empires" — he nonetheless made some pertinent remarks. In particular he warned of the "carnivorous" and "cannibalistic" labor leaders whose power to raid smaller unions remains unclipped by the merger agreement.

ing is that Lewis got his idea and phrase Under pressure from such union leadfrom Lenin. Therefore the reader is supers, Lewis warned the merger would part posed to believe that Lewis is either a "like a rope of sand." We hope not. But it Leninist or somehow suspect. is a danger and Lewis, who has contributed This, of course, is the cheapest kind of more to the cause of unionism in this country than any other top labor official, is well within his rights in voicing the famous Letter to American workers, first warning. It is a matter of record that the published in this country in December AFL leadership in all its history has been 1918, is still available for all to read. It is too weak to deal effectively with racketvery instructive even today. But, it not eering or with the raiding of one AFL only doesn't have in it the phrase "rope union by another. of sand." it doesn't even mention the AFL. The cannibalistic appetites of certain (It does have some fine things to say about top labor chieftains will not vanish merely Eugene V. Debs, however.) because of merger. A number of them will The top bureaucrats of the AFL appear still prefer to "take over" other unions' not only to be weak in argument, but apmembers by strongarm tactics rather than parently they can't even do a good smear to organize the unorganized. As we say, job when they try.

general and upholding the rule of Wall Street in particular. TROTSKYIST POLICY. The Trotskyists, basing themselves on the line of international class struggle, denounced this perialism." foul anti-"Communist" brother- They we

police action in Korea was waged

under this formula. So was the

witch hunt at home. McCarthy

smeared his opponents as "Com-

condemned McCarthy for "play-

ing into the hands of Commu-

nists" and emulating their

All tendencies from the fascist

McCarthy to the labor chiefs and

the liberals stood upon the plat-

form of the "anti-Communist'

struggle. All lined up in Wall

under that formula against the

Soviet Union and the colonial

people. Their common standpoint

- no matter what differences

existed among them — was

methods.

The Brotherhood of "Anti-Communism" hood. They defended the Chinese, | equally opposed - so they said | aggressive postures, and stumble | By Daniel Roberts Vietminhese and Korean working - to U.S. imperialism. However, from one crisis to another." The official preoccupation in the U.S. during the last eight people in their revolutionary wars in their daily activity they years has been the struggle for national independence and embraced the struggle against against the "menace of the world anti-capitalist social measures. "Communism" as their own. They They reaffirmed their stand of joined the anti-"Communist" communist conspiracy." defense of the Soviet Union The cold war including the

brotherhood with just one small against imperialist attack. They - and under the circumstances conducted the struggle against unimportant reservation: they Stalinism solely within the conpreferred to speak of the comtext of the working class strugmon foe as "Stalinism" rather munist stooges or dupes." Liberals gle against capitalism. They than "Communism." fought the Stalinist bureaucracy

as a major obstacle to the success "DISASTERS"

the U.S. workers.

of the socialist revolution. Like the McCarthyites, Eisen These socialists denounced the hower Republicans, regular Demofficial labor bureaucracy in this ocrats, Americans for Democratic country for joining in the anti-Action and labor bureaucrats, 'Communist" front and thereby they assailed the victories of the betraying the class interests of Chinese people over U.S. im-

perialism and the partial victory How about the Shachtmanites of the Vietminhese over French of the Independent Socialist and U.S. imperialism. They spoke League? What was the theme of of these as "disasters." Their their agitation and activity dur-" greatest fear in connection with ing these past eight years? Ofthe Indo-China crisis in 1954 was ficially, they proclaimed themthat the Vietminhese might take selves for the "Third Camp." over all Vietnam. They wrapped up the Soviet

Over the past several years, the state, the national liberationist hachtmanite paper, Labor Action, has kept up a steady wail when they are committed by to the offect that the US State one's own side. movements in China, Indo-China and Korea and the Stalinist mis to the effect that the U.S. State leaders in one neat package and Department was losing the war to labelled the whole "Stalinist im-Stalinism because of its "unlemocratic" foreign policies. The They were opposed to it and nain trouble, said the Shachtmanites, is that the U.S. government doesn't understand it can't win by H-bomb rattling. Political warfare alone can win the day.

It is true they never charged 'treason in high places," but at one point in 1953 they spoke of the U.S. State Department as "all-time world-record breaking bumblers."

Here are further samples of Shachtmanite fault-finding with the way the State Department has been fighting "Communism' in the last two years. (1) A May 31, 1954 Labor Action headline sets forth "The Case of Guatemala: How to Push a Country Into the Arms of Stalinism." (This was on the eve of the Wal Street-backed Armas coup.) (2) On July 26, 1954 the Shachtmanites announced, "U.S. Policy in Shambles at Geneva Conference." (The conference pro duced the partition of Vietnam cheating the Indo-Chinese people of complete victory in their revolution

(3) Feb. 14, 1955 in connection with the Formosa Straits crisis, Hal Draper, Labor Action editor wrote: "The American government is incapable of coming up with a formula which could put political pressure on them [i.e. the Chinese Stalinists] . . . It can only threaten and strike

ment expenditures are so vast

that Radford himself didn't seem

(4) When the Administration agreed in May to a Big Four top of hundreds of millions of people level conference, Labor Action (May 16) predicted: "It is the product of conviction, based on sad experience, that the foreign cludes it from deriving any poli-

WHY SO SAD?

War III. Joseph Hansen called attention policy of this government prein The Militant to this turn in tical or propaganda advantage foreign policy as far back as from such a meeting. In fact, January 1953. It was primarily it simply exposes this government | the pressure of McCarthyite ato another political rout."

tacks — a somewhat weightier force than the "Socialist" advice of the Shachtmanites - that

Now mone of this is com slowed the execution of the turn limentary to the wisdom of the from war-mongering and H-bomb ratiling to a demagogic peace State Department or U.S. im perialism. Nevertheless, when the campaign.

The object was to try to erase

the stigma of "war-monger" that

Wall Street has earned in the eyes

throughout the world and at the

same time to mask continued

preparations for launching World

However, at the Geneva Con-Shachtmanites criticized the U.S. government for "bumbling" and ference in July, the Administra-'stumbling" in the fight against tion was finally able to launch Stalinism they really showed its pacifist propaganda with the help of the Kremlin leaders, who their basic political solidarity with that government and the declaimed for Eisenhower's benefit anti-"Communist" cause it prothat they really believed in his motes. For in politics one is sadpeaceful intentions. Here was propaganda warfare by the State dened, angered or dismayed over Department to confound the blunders - real or fancied - only

Shachtmanites' predictions. But at this point, evidently vearied by their previous efforts, Actually the State Department the Shachtmanites dropped back has not been as impervious to the into their literary Third Camp needs of waging "political warfare" as the Shachtmanites claimline and denounced both sides at ed. They know the value of Geneva impartially.

demagogy where threats and open This doesn't mean they will remain "neutral" when U.S. imwar-mongering no longer serve their ends. Ever since the end of perialism again openly prepares the Korean War, the State Defor war. They have already laid partment has been executing a the groundwork to drop all turn in foreign policy in the pretense at "Third Campism" and direction of seeking a temporary come out for "democratic" U.S. imperialism as the "lesser evil." truce with the Soviet bloc.



ARGENTINA'S GENERAL determination demand of the CONFEDERATION OF LABOR Cyprus Greeks and claims the (CGT) suggested to the govern- island should be turned over to ment on Sept. 7 that its six Turkey. This gave the British million members be constituted government the opportunity to as a civil militia to "defend the call a Britain-Greece-Turkey Constitution, the law and the conference last week. Playingnation's constituted authorities." off the Greek demands against According to the Sept. 10 N. Y. the Turkish claims, the British Times, the proposal for a labor imperialists decided to retain militia is supposed to be pat- control of the strategic island terned on armed workers battal- but grant a measure of "homelions in Bolivia. On Sept. 9, rule" to the Cypriots.

General Franklin Lucero, Minis-

ter of the Army rejected the proposal, although the CGT has been a main base of support for | for Reconstruction and Develop-Peron and is dominated by the ment said on Sept. 11 that Peronista party. en demodration de la construction d A construction de la construction de

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THE INTERNATIONAL BANK throughout most of the world production was drawing ahead

* * * of population and that living ISRAEL last week expressed standards were on the rise. The upport for a proposal made by bank reported that the past year Maj. Gen. Burns, UN truce chief had been the most prosperous in Palestine, to establish a barb- since the end of World War II, ed wire "physical barrier" be- but expressed concern over intween Israel and Egyptian arm- creasing signs of inflation. It ies in the Gaza area and a one also reported greater readiness



UN Head and China Premier

United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold (left) shown in Peking with Premier Chou En-Lai of China as they conferred last December on demand for release of American prisoners. Since the meetings, Hammarskjold revealed last week, he has kept up correspondence with the Chinese leader.

argument or rather beggaring of an argu-ment. The pay-off, however, is that Lenin's ... Powers Jockey on Eve of Parley

The American public has become so used to reading about violations of civil liberties in the past few years that many people have thought the only American freedom left untouched by the witch hunt is religious freedom. Therefore it will come as a shock to learn that 28 textile workers in Dalton, Georgia, have just been fired because of their religion.

Why do the textile barons, who usually like their workers to be church-goers (on the theory that it will keep them away from unions) object so violently to the religious affiliation of these 28 mill workers? Why do they try to deprive them of their livelihoods and do it in such crass violation of one of the U.S. Constitution's first guarantees?

The fired workers belong to the Church of God of the Union Assembly, which has its headquarters in Dalton, Georgia. It is distinguished from other churches by the fact that it tries to put into effect the -Brotherhood of Man throughout the week rather than just sermonize about it on Sunday.

The ministers of this church publish a newspaper called The Southerner which is largely devoted to advocating the unionization of the Southern working people. It publicizes and helps strikes and organizing campaigns throughout the South. Plainly this sort of religion can only be considered irreligious and subversive by Southern mill owners (or Southern agents of Northern capital), plantation owners and white supremacists.

For this reason The Southerner and its editor, Rev. Donald West, have already been victims of a smear attack. The usual drama has been enacted. Paid informers laid the groundwork before Congressional committees with charges that Rev. West was a "Communist." Then the

Fired for Religious Beliefs

local newspapers and veterans' organizations started howling about the "red" preacher. At the present moment that unspeakable racist plantation owner, Senator Eastland of Mississippi, is conducting a political arena. To understand this smear investigation of Aubrey Williams, a we have to place the present contributing editor to The Southerner.

But the firing of the 28 mill workers is stence" against the larger backthe result of something more than the ground of world revolution. generalized witch hunt against the The mitting the obvious fact: "There Southerner and the Church of God of the is an epidemic of revolutionary Union Assembly. The CIO Textile Work- movements, some of them overt ers is trying to organize some 11,000 mill and some still latent in large workers in Dalton, which is the "capital" parts of Asia, Africa, and Latin of the chenille rug and bedspread industry.

The Southerner and Rev. West's church them have been encouraged, many have been very active in the organizing of them have been assisted, some campaign. A few weeks ago the Lawtex have been profitably exploited, by Corporation, which manufactures rugs, passed out to its employes a new form to revolutionary movements all over be filled out. One of the questions on it the globe originate in Moscow, was: "What is your church affiliation?" The 28 workers who put down "Church of God" were immediately fired.

John W. Edelman, Washington representative of the CIO Textile Workers Union of one way or another they would America, has sent the facts in the case to happen even if Moscow said noth-Senator Thomas C. Hennings, chairman ing and did nothing about them. of the Subcommittee on Constitutional THE DULLES FORMULA Rights, a committee not very noted for its activity.

that this religious discrimination in the South is defeated. It is a question of Moscow in heading off and be defending religious freedom as well as traying these revolutionary movedefending a force that can play an im- ments. Lippmann puts it disportant role in the coming battle to organize the South.

If the Church of God workers of the Lawtex mill are not reinstated with back pay, it's about time to amend the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion to read "except in cases of religions favoring unions."

(world imperialism, of course, and | was contemplated was to squeeze (Continued from page 1). has replaced Nazi Germany as the speed a Third World War. disrupter of international rela-

What Washington is prepared

sions can, perhaps, be gauged by

what the Social Democrats among the most rabid of anti-Soviet currents - advise the State Department to grant, David J. Dallin spells it out in the Sept. 5 New Leader. The concessions include "U.S. recognition of Communist China," a seat in the UN for the Mao regime, and the

easing of trade relations with the entire Soviet bloc. Whatever else, Moscow and

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Peking give in return for such items, their most important service in return will be in the moves toward "peaceful coex-

As Lippmann points out, ad America."

Lippmann contends that "All of Moscow." But he thinks it a mistake to believe that "the are directed from Moscow, and would fold up if Moscow could be made to behave."

The truth is, he holds - and he is right in this — that "in"

What Washington is interested

in getting out of the "peaceful It is up to the labor movement to see coexistence" deal, besides repairing its damaged diplomatic position, is the active cooperation of creetly as follows: "The Dulles

nist revolution." That is the big commodity the Stalinists have to offer American imperialism.

Street expects from a period of "peaceful coexistence."

to grant in the way of conces-TRUMAN VS RADFORD

The war preparations in a clear on what the total amount strictly military sense will pro- earmarked for war preparations ceed under the camouflage pro- is. vided by the deal. This was According to Radford it is \$37, eloquently indicated by the ex- 750,000,000. Another spokesman

change Sept. 10 between Truman put the total at \$35,750,000,000, and Admiral Radford. with the actual amount to be Trumian attacked alleged cutspent maybe as low as \$33,000,backs in armaments that would 000,000.

endanger defense. He was, A military budget so colossal naturally, implying that Eisen- that a billion or two gets lost in nower was "soft on communism." the adding machines spells noth-Radford replied by simply ing but eventual war in any pointing out that the most that language.

NEHRU'S POLICE SHOOT DOWN UNARMED PEOPLE

[The following article is reprinted from the Sept. 1 Samasamajist, English weekly of the Ceylonese Trotskyist Lanka Samasamaja Party.]

The world capitalist press has | tion of Goa. The reasoning of expressed its indignation and the Indian government is probhorror at the killing of unarmed ably that the people of India, Indian satyagrahis (peaceful re- and the working class in parsistance demonstration) by the ticular, have no business to Portuguese authorities in Goa. "take the law into their own Whatever views one may hold hands." But then, the Portuabout the methods used for the guese government itself can improvement in their Indonesian liberation of Goa, the struggle claim that the Indian volunteers prospects."

for the extension of home rule who crossed into Goa had no to Portuguese possessions in In- business to violate the sacred dia deserves support. The shoot- frontiers of imperialist terriing-to-kill of unarmed volunteers tory. Such argumentation will is an unconscionable act of im- not be conclusive. One can alperialist violence which should ways think up more words.

resolutions presented to the anbe, and has been condemned. One significant lesson emer-Nehru, the "peacemonger," (re- ges from the recent incidents. A nual conference at Margate to cently returned from a tour of capitalist government and the be held Oct. 10-14. A new fight the Soviet Bloc as the most wel- capitalist hack press might howl over policy between the Bevancome foreign guest since the in holy horror against another ites and the right wing headed revolution) undoubtedly wishes government using violence, but by Hugh Gaitskill is expected, to preserve his prestige as a it always has good reason for according to the Sept. 12 N. Y. man of peace. And unarmed its own use of violence, espec- Times.

volunteers will continue to pour ally if it is against the unarminto Goa and perhaps lay down ed people. Recently again, Neh-THE GREEK GOVERNMENT their lives. As long as the Por- ru's police opened fire on strikdemands the right of self-detuguese government remains ad- ing tea workers in Calcutta. termination for the population formula rules out Communist in- ament and the Nehru govern- Against the workers anything of Cyprus, British-held island in tervention to support a Commu- ment remains "peaceful" there goes. the East Mediterranean. About

seems to be no solution possible. Let us see no more crocodile 400,000 Cypriots are of Greek What passed unnoticed and un- tears from the local capitalist descent as against 90,000 Turkcondemned is the fact that the hack writers on the subject of ish descendants. There is a Nehru-Government itself shot- Goa. We know how these apolo- strong movement among Cyp-This counter-revolutionary role to-kill during the Bombay Har- gists fully justified the shoot- riots for "enosis" - that is, uniof Stalinism weakens the defense tal (general stop-work demon- ings during our own August fication with Greece. The Turkof the entire Soviet bloc against stration) demanding the libera- (1953) Hartal. ish government opposes the self-

kilometer - wide demilitarized on the part of private capital to preparing for war, the power that in the final analysis will help about a billion dollars worth of zone. Basis for Israel support is enter the field of international water out of the military budget. that it would give legitimacy to investment. The bank is financed That is one of the gains Wall Large as this sum appears, it the tentative borders established mostly by capital paid in by the would mean only a fringe dif- in the 1949 truce. These are ob- U. S. government.

ference. The fact is that govern- | jected to by the Arabs, who op-* * * pose all Zionist territorial

THE MOROCCAN Democraclaims. On Sept. 11, Israel Amtic Independence party, involved bassador to the U.S., Abba Eban, objected to any Arab-Is- in current negotiations with the rael negotiations of frontiers French government, appealed on such as proposed by Secretary Sept. 11 to Moroccan Jews not Dulles, though favoring Dulles' to move to Israel. It asked Jews proposal for an Israel-Arab se- and Moslems to help form a curity pact. There has not been national union for the realizaany official Arab response to tion of their common and legitithe Dulles proposal as yet. An- mate aspirations. Istiqlal, naother feature of the Dulles plan tionalist party with a mass folis a proposal for the U.S. to lowing in Morocco, has made similar appeals. lend Israel money to pay Arabs

compensation for having ousted 900.000 of their number from ISRAEL is launching a new

Israel and taken their land. sale of bonds among Jews in the U. S. and Canada. The reason INDONESIAN S T O C K given by Prime Minister Shar-SHARES have risen sharply on rett is that Israel "must cope the Amsterdam Exchange after with" a mounting scale of hosthe recent change in government tility from their Arab neighbors in Jakarta. The new Indonesian and with the resumption of government promised a more large-scale immigration from liberal attitude toward Dutch North Africa." The receipts of and other foreign capital. Since Israel bonds are said to provide indonesia proclaimed indepen- the central sources of investdence in 1945, Dutch companies ment capital for Israel. Accordwith properties in the former ing to the Sept. 10 N. Y. Times colony "have been operating un- nearly 200 million has been raisder trying circumstances," says ed since May 1951 from this Gaston Coblenz in the Sept. 13 source. The bonds were purchased N. Y. Herald Tribune. Some of by more than 750,000 persons in them switched investments to the U.S., Canada, Latin Amer-Africa. Now they see "a sudden ica and Western Europe.

French Workers Continue Strikes

A 24-hour general strike hit the French city, Nantes, on Sept. 12. Twenty thousand strikers paraded through the streets to present their demands to government officials. At issue is the shipyard strike, in which bitter fighting between strikers and the CRS, special strikebreaking troops, has resulted in the shooting of one worker. The militancy of the workers in this strike, as in that a month ago in St. Nazaire, has surged over the heads of the Stalinist union leaders. These have joined the government officials in calling the French Trotskyists provokers of the militant strike struggles in Nantes and St. Nazaire.

BRITISH LABOR PARY constituency bodies are calling for "a pure socialist policy and not

a middle-of-the-road policy" in



The Negro Struggle By George Lavan

School Opens

Schools are now reopening for 1955-56. The eyes of all those interested in the struggle against Jim Crow will be fastened on the South and the border states. Will they comply with the Supreme Court order? If not, will anything be done about

It is evident that a number of hitherto segregated school districts are enrolling both Negro and white children for the coming terms. Most of these districts are in the border states. Most districts desegregating are those without large Negro populations. In such areas the economic argument about the expensiveness of two parallel school systems carries great weight.

One thing to be watched for is token desegregation passed off as the real thing. In many places the admission of five or ten Negro students to a white school of over a thousand goes into the statistics as "integration." Needless to say, for the bulk of the Negro school children, who remain in their old Jim Crow schools, such "integration" is a mockery.

Along with the encouraging news of more towns and cities declaring they will desegregate this fall, comes the defiant racist answer of seven states — Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, and Virginia. According to the Southern School News, an impartial source of facts, the attitude of officials in these states was not toward compliance but toward stronger opposition.

This is the seedbed of Jim Crow in this

country and school segregation will never be licked till it is licked there. How can this be done?

It is well over a year since the U.S Supreme Court handed down its historic decision on May 17, 1954, declaring school segregation unconstitutional. It is over three months since the "implementation" ruling by the same court.

But there appears to be two kinds of law and constitutionalism in this country. That which favors Big Business is hardand-fast law. If the Supreme Court rule: that something the ruling class is against is unconstitutional — a labor union practice, for example — the law cracks down at once. But when something the Negro people are against --- like school segregation — is declared unconstitutional, there is no immediacy about it. The Supreme Court says to the law-breaking segregationists, take your time, show a little good faith and we'll accept any "plans" that you submit.

That's the unfortunate situation. It doesn't do any good to lie down and moan about it. But it is necessary to recognize it and to recognize that there will be this double standard in American law as long as the government is controlled by the capitalist class and their plantation-owning allies of the Deep South.

Recognizing this, fighters against Jim Crow can figure on just how much they local's request for strike aucan get through the courts and how much thorization and ordered the workers to return to their jobs by they will have to get by other means -Sept. 12. Negotiations with the their own mass struggle and alliance with company were taken over by replabor. esentatives of the International.

Rank-and-File Strikes Continue In Auto Industry "Unauthorized" strikes con-

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tinue to plague the Reuther bureaucracy in the UAW-CIO. The wave of "wildcat" strikes that hit the auto industry during negotiations with Ford and General Motors has not died down. In the ast week workers in both Chrysler and Studebaker plants have also fought battles without the support of the International. On Sept. 8 the workers at the Chrysler Indianapolis transmission plant voted to return to work after an unauthorized walkout caused by an accumulation of rrievances.

When the UAW contract with Studebaker at South Bend, Inliana, terminated on Aug. 31, 9,000 auto workers refused to enter the plant. The company broke off local negotiations until the workers either returned to their jobs or - until the strike was authorized by the International union officials.

The International Executive Board of the UAW in Detroit Studebaker turned down the

When the president of Stude-

baker Local 5, William Ogden,

reported the decision of the In-

they responded with boos. Ac-

cording to the N. Y. Times, Sept.

ternational Board to the strikers,



Contract Ends Chrysler Strike

The United Auto Workers (CIO) and Chrysler Corp. reached agreement in Détroit on a new three-year contract, ending a brief strike of 139,000 employes. UAW Secretary-Treasurer Emil Mazev (left) and Chrysler industrial relations director Robert W. Conder are shown as contract was signed.

Now once again the Reuther vould accept no motions or conbureaucrats are trying to curb The Studebaker workers in the fighting spirit of the Stude-South Bend have had an especially baker workers.

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rough time with the Reuther ma-The Studebaker company, in chine. In the summer of 1954 they making its ultimatum to the were pressured into accepting strikers to return to work or get wage cuts from Studebaker on strike authorization, indicated the the excuse that this would prevent extent to which it relies on the against members of Local 5.

Then on July 6 of this year 1,700 workers were fired. Mem-Reuther, the "labor statesman" bers of Studebaker Local 5 voted didn't disappoint the company 11, Ogden "explained that the 82% in favor of a protest strike. when he ordered the strikers back the time spent in the army may meeting was called solely to The International was compresent the report. He said he pelled to authorize this struggle. to work.

social aspect of this thing."

The fact of labor displace-

ment and the supposition that

Army's 'Stigma' Discharges Hit By Union Local

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"sub-

The fight of former Private Edward L. Spira of Cleveland, Ohio, for an Honorable Discharge from the Army has entered a new phase. The Army Discharge Review Board has refused to 3

In Spira's case the principal reverse lower Army action in giving Spira a General Discharge charge is that he once belonged for political association and ideas to the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). This organizabefore induction.

tion, which has a long and hon-Spira has announced that he orable record in American labor will appeal his case. He is backed in his fight by Local 72 history, was arbitrarily put on the Attorney General's of the Mechanics Educational Society, CIO. This local, to versive" list without a hearing. Along with hundreds of other which Spira belongs, has gone blacklisted organizations it has on record with a strong resoluprotested the Attorney Gention demanding an Honorable eral's illegal action and has de-Discharge for Spira and defendmanded a public hearing, at ing the right of American workwhich it could answer the ers to hold whatever political views they wish without fear of charges and evidence, if there is discriminatory reprisal. "An any, against it. No organization Army discharge," says the union demanding such a hearing from resolution, "should reflect only the Attorney General on its the quality and conduct of an blacklisting has yet gotten satisindividual while in the service." faction.

Other charges against Spira This is the nub of the whole were that in the years prior to fight against the Army's prohis induction he had attended gram of punishing draftees for several meetings of the Socialist views, associations, relatives, Workers Party and that he had etc., they allegedly had before filled out a stub from a Labor they were drafted. Youth League leaflet asking in-The Army witch hunt subjects

such GI's to special surveillance, union bureaucracy in its battle bans their promotion and then tion. at the end of their term of service issues them discharges other-than-honorable, no matter how spotless their records for

formation about that organiza-Upon learning of the Army Discharge Review Board's unfavorable action, Spira issued a statement defending the right of all Americans to exercise all of their constitutional rights. "All have done is exercise my share of these rights, as I felt bound by my conscience to do, and hat is all the Army in effect has charged me with," said

Spira. "I have no apologies for

my exercise of these rights, and will continue to exercise them as I see fit whether the brass, silk and top hats like it or not." A General Discharge is not only an injustice to a GI who is entitled to an Honorable Discharge, but it has on it coded notations, known to the employment offices of most Big Busicause of its obsolete equipment." ness outfits, indicating "deroga-Mr. Keller should know because tory" information as the basis the Chrysler Corp. almost did for the issuance of the discharge. It is therefore not only a smear on the holder but can be a great handicap in seeking

employment.

The Hire By Ben Haines

crib.

New

Even though the peak of auto production for 1955 has passed and the turnover to 1956 models has begun, the pressure of speed-up remains. The workers are in a tense mood and react quickly to moves from the company to increase production or worsen job conditions.

The following incident involving a group of production workers is an example.

A new worker was hired in the department and given one of the worst jobs. The first thing the foreman told him was that if he couldn't make the time standard for the job in three days he would be fired. It didn't take long for this information to get around the department, and as 'is usual with a new hire, the other workers started speculating about whether or not he could stand the grind.

A couple of days passed and the new worker who had a wife and two kids demonstrated that he really wanted the job. Meanwhile everyone in the department sympathized with him, but began to grow nervous when they saw the foreman going over every couple of hours to check on the amount of units he was putting out.

Every eye in the department was fasten ed on them. As they disappeared from view the heated words began to fly.

"You know Sam, that rat is going to fire him."

man's desk which is located behind a too.

"Yeah, its a damn shame."

"He's been getting away with too much lately. If he fires this guy we're all walking out. You going with us?" "Wait a minute Sam, he's only been

working here four days. He isn't even in the union.'

"So what, it puts pressure on all of us. We can't let them get away with this." "What about calling the committee-

man?" "What for? There's nothing he can do."

"Do you think we can get most of the other guys out?"

"Sure, they'll all go."

"That's O.K. with me."

excerpted logic of modern industry lead- is this," he says, "if we could of Chrysler Corp. said at a refrom a radio talk given by ing to the automatically-run take some of the money that we cent symposium on automation Frank Barbaria over station factory. In Volume I, he states, are spending in trying to ease in San Francisco, "I believe that KPFA, Aug. 30, in the San "As soon as a machine executes, the pain of our assemblyline the company that stops at this Francisco Bay area. Barbaria is without man's help, all the personnel, and apply that money point and gives up all considerthe Socialist Workers Party movements requisite to elaborate for some research to get the ation of automation because it the raw material, needing only men out of there entirely, we Candidate for Mayor of San is frightened by the high initial attendance from him, we have would be far better off in the cost will soon find itself out-Francisco.] Tonight I will discuss the in- an automatic system of ma- long run." stripped by its competitors be-

dustrial process known as auto- chinery, and one that is sus-"DIFFICULT THINGS" mation. Like most previous ceptible of constant improvement Now, don't think because Dr.

sider any action."

lavoffs.

speakers on the subject, I feel in its detail." Marx foresaw also a system Brown speaks of men as being t is necessary to define autoget outstripped. mation before commenting on it. of these machines, requiring only "difficult things" to be got rid Automated machinery of to- attendance, constituting a form of that he and others exclude

PROFIT MOTIVE day is given instructions by of the automatic factory. He women from this choice cate-Competition impels automation punch cards or recording tape continues, "An organized sys- gory. Engineers have come to for self-survival and thus creand it then proceeds to process tem of machines, to which mo- estimate new office machinery ates an even greater glut on the is communicated by the designed to replace office girls market. Not automation is t tion

"Machines Are Easier to Control than People"

At the start of the shift on the fourth day the foreman tapped the new worker on the shoulder as he was starting his job and they started walking toward the fore-

POLIO STILL NOT CONQUERED. Polio

epidemics have cropped up in a number of areas.

New England is the section hardest hit with a

total of 3,517 as against 428 cases in 1954, reports

the Associated Press. The bulk of cases were in

Massachusetts which reported 2,563 as against

428 last year. Milwaukee County, Wisconsin,

reports 402 cases, the greatest number in its

history. New York City lists 508 as against 277

cases last year, 25 of whom are children who were

THE FURRIERS JOINT COUNCIL of New

York reported that all officials of its seven locals

are now ready to sign anti-Communist affidavits.

inoculated with Salk vaccine.

from behind the tool crib. Two or three asked, "What did that rat want?"

"Oh, he just lectured me about not coming in late and some stuff about safety he continued on to his job.

parts, aterial, assemble At this point the new worker came out raw material, assemble parts, tion is communicated by the in terms of G.P.'s; "G.P.'s" reor reject parts and finally in- central automation, is the most fers to the number of girl-powworkers waited to hear the answer as Sam spect the finished products. The developed form of production by ers the machine will replace.

machine is integrated and con- machinery. Here we have, in I'm sure you would like to trolled by a central electronic place of the isolated machine, a hear what plans these so-called mechanical monster whose body leaders of industry have for the brain.

Automation isn't limited to a fills whole factories, and whose displaced employes J. J. Jaiger, rules," the new worker answered and then plant-wide application but can demon power, at first veiled a Pratt and Whitney official eventually integrate and control under the slow and measured sums up the attitude on this very the operation of an entire sys- motions of his giant limbs, at important social problem: tem of plants. Also, there are length breaks out into the fast "I don't think we are consciously trying to improve their examples of small business con- and furious whirl of his countcerns applying automated ma- less working organs." standard of living. These things take care of themselves. They Marx didn't describe the autochinery to only a portion of the

productive process - a sort of matic factory of today but he have a feed-back of their own embryo or deformed automation. understood the laws of econom- that closes the loop automaticics which have brought modern ally. I don't think it is the part of industry to try to plan the

automation into being. The most apparent result of WHO CONTROLS? automation is the terrific in-

Certainly with the powers of crease in products turned out production unleashed as autowith a shrunken labor force.

some natural law, some self-W. K. Scott, Staff Engineer mation takes command, we are regulating process will autofor the U.S. Steel Corp. re- justified in expecting a life of matically take care of any surports that, "In the days of the security, ease and abundance. plus workers rouses the fears hand-hot mill, seven men would But, if we think security, ease and suspicions of the workers. produce 11 tons per shift; today and abundance will come na- These fears are entirely justified. Some theorists maintain that in a modern cold reduction mill, tural-like, we are not reckoning seven men will produce about with the all-important question: industries producing automation 550 tons per shift, 50 times "Who commands automation machinery will absorb enough labor to compensate for those and for what purpose?"

The Capitalist captains of in- displaced. If this were the case. "The Prudential Insurance Co. is counting on its electronic dustry have command over auto- the cost of the machinery would material conditions were ripe computer to replace 60 to 75 mation and will determine its be greater than the savings for a 6-hour day with at least ing, introduced representatives other machines along with their use, at least to a large extent from the discharge of labor. operators - 200 in one depart- at this time. Listen to a few Under those conditions, the vastly improve this potentiality. Cleveland, Detroit, St. Paul, ment alone," reports Robert of them explain their purpose. change-over would never be But until the people as a whole, Minneapolis and Milwaukee. John Snyder, Jr., President of made. Besides, automation itself and the workers in particular, Bendiner in the magazine, The U. S. Industries, states very already has quite a foot-hold do something about it, this po-Reporter. He continues, "Ratheon Mfg. bluntly the two-fold purpose. "It in the industries producing auto- tentiality will remain just that beautiful and inspiring rendi-

geared to a thousand radios a Snyder, "that automation in its The labor force has been day, that is operated by two ultimate sense in an industrial growing along with the intro- ment that automation-for-profit employes where standard meth- plant is a desirable goal because duction of labor-saving devices will help bring about will cause with a cartoon for the rebuilt ods of production would require it will reduce labor costs . . | during the last 15 years. It an almost automatic feed-back headquarters picturing historic The Ford Motor Co.'s engine only part of the point. Another credit labor-saving devices with They will conclude it is time to Market demonstration for an plant in Cleveland requires only highly desirable feature of auto- the power of creating more jobs. wrench control of the factories eight-hour day, the Truck Drivnine men to accomplish what it mation in relation to labor is The expanded market should re- from the hands of the profiteers ers strike of Minneapolis, etc. took 39 men previous to auto- the fact that machines are eas- ceive the credit even though it and use our wonderful auto-

mation. In addition, an engine ier to control than people. The is a false-bottom market. A mated facilities to ease the labor cago branch satirizing the recent A "30 FOR 40" RESOLUTION was endorsed that used to require nine hours more machines the fewer peo- market created and maintained of mankind and not to put it Big Four Conference brought by the executives of the 65,000-member Toronto to complete is now sped through ple, and therefore the easier the artificially by tremendous gov- on the scrap heap. Labor Council, Labor's Daily notes. The 30-hour work week at 40-hours pay proposal was incontrol problem." in 15 minutes.

In case you have missed what agricultural goods and for plant In my opinion, present-day automation' constitutes a revolu- I just quoted or can't quite be- expansion in the form of deduc-

NAVY JIM-CROW persists in many categories tionary phase in the long evo- lieve your ears, let me quote tions from taxes. lution of modern industry, an the sentiments expressed by Dr. Even with the old methods of the American Civil Liberties Union charged in an evolution including earlier revo- J. J. Brown of Aluminum, Ltd., production, manufacturing conexchange of letters with Navy Assistant Secretary Albert Pratt. In the wardroom detail of lutionary stages such as intro- in Fortune Magazine's round cerns are overloaded with goods. ships "the Cooks and Bakers Branch was almost duction of the steam engine, table discussion:

"Now men by definition are intensity of competition in the entirely white, while the Stewards Branch was electric power and belt-line assembly technique. I can't help mentioning my old play around with," he says. friend Karl Marx in this respect. "You have employe-relations mation to place them in a better almost entirely Negro" the ACLU letter asserted. sembly technique. . . . the choice of ROTC candidates is discriminatory in practice," and ". . . the majority of Negro Navy officers are in the Chaplains or His monumental work, Capital, men, time-study men; you have competitive position. Lowered Medical Corps. Negro officers who are eligible published in 1867, presents a training and educational direc-production costs can mean the penetrating analysis of automa- tors; you have personnel men, underselling of competitors and and who would prefer line duty, "which would tion. He didn't predict the elec- washroom men, cafeteria men. of thus surviving. in time qualify them for the command of ships" end up in recruiting and public information posts. tronic brain but he saw the That all costs money. My point Robert Keller, Vice-President

Vincent R. Dunne be blamed, but the profit-motive use of it.

Today, theorists sing praises Speaks at Chicago cess of reducing the hours and arduousness of work as a result of labor-saving devices. This is

pure bunk. The belt-line assem-CHICAGO — Friends from bly technique was one of the eight different cities in the Midmost productive devices ever in- west filled the spacious Chicago stalled. Ask any auto worker Socialist Workers Party Hall about the ease of working on Sept. 4 to celebrate its reopening after a fire last April.

With the advent of machinery V. R. Dunne, well-known Minin the early period of the innesota labor figure and a nadustrial system, the hours of tional leader of the Socialist work were extended beyond the Workers Party, was met with a 12-hour day and child labor was standing ovation when he took introduced on a scale never be- the floor.

fore witnessed. The more expen-After congratulating the Chisive the machinery, the greater cago branch upon its work in the compulsion to use it up bereopening the headquarters, he fore it became obsolete due to gave an absorbing analysis of the perfection of even more efthe current political situation. ficient methods. Night-work was He showed that both the Stalinintroduced along with the other ists and the imperialists hope to vices. It was the resistance of utilize "peaceful co-existence" to the workers which finally won repress struggles of the working the 10-hour day and later the class and colonial peoples throughout the world.

Even before automation, the Howard Mayhew, Chicago SWP organizer who chaired the meet-8-hours pay. Automation will from Buffalo, Youngstown,

> 'The Minneapolis Militant chorus won warm applause for their tion of workers' songs.

In my opinion, the unemploy-The director of the chorus presented the Chicago branch But reduction of labor costs is would be an error, however, to in the minds of the workers. labor battles such as the Hay-A dramatic skit by the Chi-

laughter and acclaim from the audience.

An evening of discussion and dancing kept the celebration going until the wee hours.

Progress

The Japanese government is conducting research on guided missiles that are superior to atomic weapons, according to Shigemasa Sunada, defense board chief. On Aug. 16 Sunada announced that his department would undertake research toward manufacture of a cobalt bomb.

ernment expenditures for arms.

- a potentiality.

the line!

8-hour day.

Detroit Debate Is the Soviet Union A Socialist Country? As a matter of fact, the very

Yes," says Marty Mitchnick (Review of the Month Forum) 'No," says George Breitman (Socialist Workers Party) Friday, Sept. 23, at 8 P. M. at 3737 Woodward

In a recent election 13 so-called leftwing officials were defeated. The furriers previously expelled from the CIO, recently merged with the AFL Butchers on the basis of allowing the Butchers to purge any "communist" elements from the union. The Joint Council now hopes to win approval from the AFL Executive Council which had previously

Notes from the News

the Communists." * * * NEWS THAT VOLKSWAGEN CORPORATION plans to reopen the idle Studebaker plant in New Brunswick, New Jersey, raised the interest of New Jersey auto workers. However the speech of Heinz Nordhoff, president of Volkswagen, advocating a six-day week on the basis that "work is more satisfying than idleness" inspired an immediate answer from Paul Krebs, President of

objected to the merger as "providing haven to

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the N. J. CIO. Pointing out that this was a timeworn argument in America against reduction of PRODUCTIVITY MULTIPLIED the 14, ten and eight hour day he ended his letter with the hope that Nordhoff "would view the opening of the New Brunswick plant as an opportunity to spur a still shorter work week."

GLASS WORKERS, members of the United Glass and Ceramic Workers, CIO, won a lay-off pay plan from Pittsburgh Plate Glass and Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Companies. The agreement, covering 23,000 workers, contained a 14-cent hourly pay package and an employer payment of five cents an hour to a fund that will pay \$30 a week for 20 weeks. Payments will be made for more" either unemployment or illness.

LAY-OFF PAY PLANS are not wages within the meaning of the Fair Labor Standards Act, Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchel announced. Both the employers and unions had stipulated in their agreements that the Government would not legally treat the employer payments as wages. The ruling now clears away one of the barriers to government and state approval of supplemental unemployment compensation.

"WORKING FOR NOTHING" must have been the conclusion of two Greenville, Alabama, lumber workers. After the W. T. Smith Lumber Co. deducted rent for company houses, water bills 200." and groceries they handed checks for \$00.00 to the two men. The CIO Woodworkers Union is negotiating for a wage increase.

troduced by Local 132 of the CIO Rubber Workers

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Co. has a chasis-assembly line, often has been thought," says mation machinery.