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# **Emmett Till's** Lynchers Face Lily-White Jury

#### By Fred Hart

SEPT. 20 — As indignation throughout the country continues to rise over the lynching of Emmett Till, 14-year old Negro youth, the State of Mississippi is going through the pretense of a trial of two of I

the murderers. In Sumner, Mississippi, Jim ers about Mississippi's justice.

Out of an all-white jury panel an trial. all-white jury has been selected. Lynchers J. W. Milam and Roy Bryant sit in the courtroom as if they owned it and are treated with deference and respect. Also in the court, as a spectator, is Mrs. Roy Bryant, whom the authorities have refused to indict.

She is the storekeeper's wife who waited on young Till and his teen-age friends, selling them bubble gum. After leaving the penalty. He proclaims that his store the Negro boy emitted a case against the lynchers is "cir-"wolf whistle." Believing the cumstantial." Nobody expects the whistle referred to her and thus police to do the kind of inwas an insult to "white womanvestigating that would make the hood," she accompanied the case more than "circumstantial." lynchers in the middle of the night to the cabin of Moses | TILL'S MOTHER

Wright, Till's uncle, where the 14-year old Chicago lad was of the courtroom is Mrs. Mamispending part of his summer vacation. Bryant and Milam went into the house and dragged Till to spike one of the plans being out to the car where Mrs. Bryant considered for freeing the lynchidentified him as "the one." ers. She will state that the body

Then Till's head was beaten found in the river is definitely that of her child. Some Mississippi half in, his teeth knocked out, a bullet fired through his temple, a authorities are pretending the hundred pound weight tied to his identification is mistaken. In addition to the tremendous body with barbed wire and thrown anger of the Negro people over of 1950 unconstitutional. in the Tallahatchie River. Till's lynching - in Chicago over

#### NO REAL TRIAL

250,000 filed past his coffin -In the courtroom people conthe labor movement is aroused tinually come up to Bryant and and has demanded punishment of munist-front" or "Communist-Milam to wish them luck. Every the lynchers. President McDonald infiltrated" organizations, was lawyer in the judicial district has of the CIO Steelworkers Union, to branded by the petitioners as the joined the lynchers' legal defense. which Till's grandfather belongs, worst threat yet to civil liber-For the benefit of outside wired the Mississippi Governor ties. opinion the "trial" is being held. demanding justice. Other unions The governor has spoken hypo- have made similar demands.

critical words to Northern report-But it is known to one and all Crow justice was on exhibition. But it is another that this is not really a murder

The only question is whether the child-lynchers will be left off scot free, since traditionally for a white man to murder a Negro is no criminal act in Mississippi, or whether as a sop to national indignation the state will aim for minor sentences. District Attorney Chatham, the prosecutor, has already announced he is not asking for the death

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#### Sitting in the Jim Crow section PROMINENT LIBERALS DEMA Bradley, mother of the murdered boy. She has come from Chicago

The Labor-Democratic Coalition

Y'KNOW WE'RE REALLY

RUNNING

THIS SHOW!

declare the Internal Security Act

The law, which penalizes members of what the government deems to be "Communist," "Com-

This significant new defense of civil liberties took the form

By Harry Ring Three hundred and sixty prom-liled with the U.S. Supreme that the Communist Party was inent educators, scientists, artists Court Sept. 16 in support of the "guilty" on this count. Did not phone and rail strikes were just and political figures have de- appeal of the Communist Party the American people firmly esmanded that the Supreme Court from the decision of the Sub tablish the right to accomplish versive Activities Control Board a revolutionary social change in that its members register as 1776 against the British and again in 1865 against the South-'subversives." The petitioners contended that ern slavocracy?

the Communist Party is being And entirely apart from these penalized, "and savagely so... facts, all of history demonsimply for being associated with strates that a "fair" or "just" Communists of other countries witch-hunt never existed. Conin an international movement, cessions to the witch-hunters on and for sharing the ideas of any premise for political perse-Communists of other countries, cution serves only to strengthen especially the Communist Party the attack on democratic rights.

of Soviet Russia."

Signers of the brief include The brief attacked the "Com- the following: Prof. Harold munist infiltrated" clauses of the Urey of the University of Chilaw as aimed at the unions. It cago, Prof. Linus Pauling of the pointed out that unions so brand- California Institute of Technoled would "be subjected to virtual ogy, former National Youth Ad-utlaumy" and that they could ministrator Aubrey Williams outlawry," and that they could ministrator Aubrey Williams, not even determine how they vere so "infiltrated." Henry Seidel Canby of the Sat-urday Review of Literature, Rally for Sobell

# Argentina's New Military **Rulers Are Confronted by Powerful Working Class**

labor in the South is the doggedness of workers on the picket lines in long drawn-out strikes. Three outstanding examples of this fighting spirit in the long haul are currently being demon-

strated below the Mason - Dixon Line. Readers of the Militant are acquainted with the AFL Hotel Workers' strike in Miami and the CIO Sugar refinery workers' strike in Louisiana. But not well enough known outside of Tennessee is the strike of the AFL Electrical Workers against the Knox Porcelain Co., in Knoxville, Tennessee.

This strike began on March 25 and is now in its 27th week. When the Knox Porcelain work-

ers went out the Southern telea few weeks old. There were 300 workers in the porcelain plant tina). and there were 300 members of the union. The 300 still remain out. Not one has returned to work.

Most of the strikers - about 65% - are women. The union demands are a ten-cent an hour wage increase, five paid holidays and five days per year sick leave. The minimum wage at Knox Porcelain is 97 cents an (Continued on page 2)

# Knoxville, Tenn. Strikers Fight On After 27 Weeks Peron Resigns Rather Than Summon Armed By George Lavan Indicative of the new spirit of they in the South is the dogged

ended on Sept. 19. His overthrow has been widely advertized as a "revolution" by the U.S. press. In reality,

power was transferred behind a 9 screen of mere military maneu- a battering ram against impervering. One group of generals ialism in order to promote the went, another took its place. But the basic crisis of Argentina remains unresolved. Peron fell when the army officer caste, one of the pillars of turned against him would have his regime, went over to his opponents — a newly formed coali-

tion of the possessing classes. These include the representatives of U.S. owned concerns, the Argentine industrial, banking and merchant capitalists and the cattle barons and other large landowners (the oligarchs as they Peron remained true to the have been designated in Argen-

needs of his class DEFENSE OF UNIONS The U.S. State Department

wealth of native capitalism.

To call upon the workers to

save his personal dictatorship

once all the owning classes had

immeasureably increased the in-

dependent strength of the work-

ers. It would have paved the way

for a workers' seizure of power.

Peron feared this prospect more

than anything else including oper-

sonal defeat. In refusing to call

on the workers to save him,

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The working class will now threw its weight behind the coahave to meet attempts by the lition, announcing in advance new regime to undermine the that the rebel regime would get strength of its organizations and recognition as soon as it showed ultimately to crush them. Its that it was in control of the problem is one of creating in country.

good time a leadership from its WORKING CLASS own ranks that will know how

**By Daniel Roberts** 

SEPT. 22 — The Peron dictatorship in Argentina

The Catholic Church, which to defend the unions against atsupported Peron in the past went tacks and steer an independent into opposition last year. After course aimed at workers' power. the army deserted him Peron Peron's desertion at a critical had one solid prop left — the moment demonstrates once again Billings to Speak labor movement. Even by itself that the working class cannot this could have been a sufficient place its trust in leaders from force to defeat all his opponents the enemy class.

combined. Indeed the labor move-How explain the rise and fall ment is potentially the decisive of Peronism? Peron rose to force in the nation even now. It numbers six million in a military seizure of power of 1943 power as a participant in the





J. W. Milam (center) and his half-brother Roy Bryant are conferring with their lawyer (left) as they await trial on kidnaping and murder charges in Mississippi. Bryant's wife, Carolyn, is on the right. (See story above.)

outs against agreements signed

They learned to rely more and

action on the picket line and less

The law is also attacked as composer and critic Deems Tayan overhanging threat to the lor, and violinist Yehudi Menu-First Amendment which guar- hin. antees freedom of association.

Its constitutionality is further challenged in that it permits Congress to evaluate political movements and pronounce them safe" or "dangerous."

**Billions Raked In By Fast Write-offs** 

This is a significant augury for

Fast write - offs, technically known as "rapid amortization," is This otherwise effective action another way companies deduct was seriously weakened by the vast amounts from taxes. Norinclusion of the completely false mally industries are allowed to liberal concept that the Com- deduct 1/10 to 1/20 of the cost munist Party should be prose- of plant and equipment to cover cuted, but on the grounds of depreciation. Since the Korean 'plotting revolution" rather than war, in order to stimulate investor its ideas. ment, companies were allowed to

In the first place, the Com- deduct 1/5 of the amount each munist Party long ago abandoned | year. It is estimated that industry its revolutionary opposition to will save \$888 millions this year, capitalism in favor of pushing and that the total savings will be for "peaceful co-existence" with \$4.5 billions.

## Warren K. Billings will be

among the list of prominent address a mass meeting in behalf of Morton Sobell at Carnegie Hall on Sept. 29, 8 P.M.

in New York City. Sobell was a co-defendant of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg who himself. were electrocuted by the witch hunters in 1953 after a hysterical "spy" trial which aroused world-wide mass protests. The Carnegie Hall meeting will deis now serving his sixth year at Alcatraz.

Among the other speakers are: John F. Finerty, who has par- and organized as a militia. Why as its own preserve for capital ticipated in historic civil liberties fights such as the Sacco The answer contains no deen and Vanzetti case, the Mooneymystery. Peron dominated the Billings case and the Rosenberg labor movement but was himself case. In 1938 Finerty acted as the representative of the capitalcounsel for the Dewey Commisist class. He maneuvered with sion which gave Leon Trotsky the labor movement using it as a hearing on the Moscow Trial. charges against him. The commission found Trotsky "not guilty" and declared the Moscow

Billings served 23 years in

San Quentin together with Tom

Mooney as a result of the 1915

San Francisco "Preparedness

Day" bomb frame-up. Since his

release and pardon Billings has

fought energetically in behalf of

all victims of the witch hunt.

country which has a total popu- that displaced the dictatorship lation of slightly under 18 mil- of Pres. Castillo. Subsequent mililion. Despite corrupt leadership tary plots in 1944 and 1945 fighters for civil liberties to by Peronista henchmen, the brought to the fore the ultraworking class has demonstrated nationalist Group of United Ofits militancy time and again, in- ficers (the so-called "clique of cluding the occasions last year colonels") organized and conwhen it waged wildcat strikes trolled by Peron. against the commands of Peron, The 1943 overturn ended the

domination of Argentina by the In 1945, when Peron was ar- class of cattle barons and other rested by the Army brass, the big landlords whose primary workers staged a general strike, trade had been with England, which restored him to power. which supplied them with indus-Why didn't he call on them for trial products. Under this rule, mand a new trial for Sobell who aid this time? Two weeks ago, the dominant economic force was when the new coup was impend-British imperialism. It sought ing, the leaders of the unions to choke off a native capitalist asked that the workers be armed development and hold Argentina didn't Peron heed this request? investments.

However, thanks to constant immigration into Argentina and migration from the land to the cities, an abundant supply of cheap labor power existed pro-(Continued on page 3)

#### **Effects of Dock Strike**



The Grace Line steamer Santa Maria docks in Baltimore after being diverted from New York in the early phase of the waterfront struggle which later developed into a general strike along the entire East Coast against the New York-New Jersey Waterfront Commission. (See story on this page.)

## **The Longshoremen's Political Strike**

#### By Tom Kerry

of the independent International This interlocking political, eco-New Jersey Waterfront Commission was an event of great symptomatic significance. It was a political strike against government interference in the unions. As such it foreshadows the resignation. future course of the class struggle in this country and deserves consciousness other lessons which the most careful study.

molded and guided and deter-For years the ILA had been mined their reaction to things one of the most racket - ridden affecting their material interests. unions in the country. The dock The longshoremen learned, for workers on the New York-New example, to distrust the union Jersey waterfront had to wrest a bureaucrats who too often ganged meager livelihood from a hostile up with the employers to sell environment. Their union officials were venal and corrupt. The ship them short. It became a regular feature of labor relations on the operators and stevedores were waterfront for the dock workers rapacious taskmasters. The huto engage in "spontaneous" walkmiliating shapeup and kickback were regular features of the by their union officials. longshoreman's existence. It was a hard school that required tough more upon their own solidarity in men to "buck the system."

#### "KING RYAN"

and less upon capitalist poli-Joe Ryan, erstwhile president ticians, union bureaucrats and of the ILA was for years "King" of the waterfront. He not only had himself elected lifetime headof the union but was a power in When the bi-state Waterfront Tammany Hall - the name under | Commission was established by which the New York Democratic law for the alleged purpose of Party machine was designated. | abolishing "crime" on the waterof the Catholic hierarchy which suspicious. And with good reason. from employment. What was the shipowners but against the

exercised great influence on the | From the beginning, crime and | worse, many men who had worked | government itself. The govern-The recent eight - day strike Irish and Italian dock workers. racketeering on the waterfront, for years on the waterfront and ment, which they had been taught were part of the "system." Cor- had a militant union record, were was a "sacred cow," was the im-Longshoremen's Association nomic and religious force was rupt capitalist politicians, union arbitrarily deprived of their mediate and direct target of the against the bi-state New York- brought to bear on the New York- labor skates and the shipping livelihood for having a "police strike action. New Jersey dock workers with bosses were its main props. The record." WHAT LIES AHEAD

crushing power. They were taught dockers were its main victims. BACKLIST to how down to the authority of When the "system" became too

bloodsuckers the Waterfront Com-

longshoremen!

shapeup.

It was just such a gross act of the future. The political strike church and state and to accept expensive for the bosses a great victimization of one of their which was launched by the docktheir conditions of life with hue and cry arose about "crime" on the waterfront and the Water- fellow union members that set ers was not undertaken by men But the very conditions of their

front Commission was set up to off the eight-day strike. If it conscious of the true role of the could happen to one, it could be government as an agency fluncexistence hammered into their deal with the problem. used against all. Every docker tioning in the interest of the It was not long before the who had had the misfortune in boss-class. It was launched by a worst suspicions of the dock politically conservative group of his youth to get caught crosswise. workers were confirmed. True, workers led inexorably onto the with some cop was subject to Ryan was eased out and was replaced by one of his henchmen, being deprived of his livelihood. path of class struggle by their Captain Bradley. But the rackets All the men on the front knew material interests.

flourished and the racketeers and that the Waterfront Commission The entire organized American parasites remained. The men on was compiling a blacklist, not working class will in time take the docks worked as hard as ever, only of those with "police records" the same path. Their material under speedup conditions and but of militant union men who interests as workers will compel without job security. Instead of had participated in and led wildcat them to reclaim what the union officials have so often surweeding out the parasites and strike actions. The Waterfront Commission berendered - the principle of union

mission began to "screen" the came identified in the minds of independence from all government control and interference. the dockers with the hated fink

Today the longshoremen fought An anny general was named to halls against which the maritime for the right of a worker with a nead the new agency and a corps workers of this country had police record to hold a job under of ex-FBI agents and ex-cops fought so many bitter struggles. were recruited to ride herd on Their resistance took on the union conditions without inter-"impartial" priests and govern- the dockers. Stringent employ- typical form of struggle which ference from a government ment arbitrators. This lesson was ment rules were established and has become the hall-mark of the Gestapo. Tomorrow the basic driven home over and over again. dockers found they had less New York-New Jersey dockers -right of union militants, radicals and socialists to function freely security than under the odious the spontaneous "wild cat" walkout. Only in this instance within the unions without inter-Thousands who did not meas- they compelled the union leader- ference from any police agency will be reasserted. Such is the ure up to Waterfront Commission ship to go along. And their strike Ryan, for years, had the support front, the longshoremen were standards were summarily barred this time was not only against logic of the class struggle in the

#### The 'Dog Tag' Won't Melt

rials a frame-up.

New York residents no longer have to worry about an H-Bomb attack. Civilian **Defense Director Condon has** solved the problem with a remarkable new "dog tag" which is available to all for practically nothing. Mr. Condon announced Sept. 18: "At the low cost of twenty-five cents per person you will receive the finest quality stainless steel tag on a most durable stainless steel chain . . . This tag will not melt under 2,500 degrees, will not tarnish, discolor the skin, get out of shape or wear out." He explained that in the event of a bomb attack with the imperishable tag, "you can be identified as the person you are."

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THE STRANGE CAREER OF JIM CROW. By C. Vann Woodward. New York: Oxford University Press, 1955, 155 pp., \$2.50.

Although the struggle against Jim Crow is followed in detail by radicals and liberals, it is surprising how unfamiliar even they are with the historical development of the Jim Crow system.

Many people, including mili- exploitation in this very period tant opponents of Jim Crow in is overwhelming.

all its forms, believe that the "It was, after all, in the Southern system of total segre- 'eighties and early 'nineties that gation and discrimination against lynching attained the most stagthe Negro people has always ex- gering proportions ever reached isted except for the period of in the history of that crime. Reconstruction, when following Moreover, the fanatical advothe Civil War federal troops cates of racism, whose doctrines were kept in the South in an of total segregation, disfranattempt to introduce political dechisement and ostracism evenmocracy and equality for the tually triumphed over all oppo-Negro people there. sition and became universal prac-

But this is not the case. Be- tice in the South, were already fore the Civil War, Jim Crow, at work and already beginning as it now exists, was not only to establish dominance over impractical but the position of some phases of Southern life. the Negroes as slaves made it "Before their triumph was unneccessary. complete, however, there transpired a period of history whose

to be totally segregated and

needlessly humiliated by a thou-

sand daily reminders of their

It was not with the end of Re-

Before 1900 the only segrega-

#### NORTHERN BETRAYAL

significance has been hitherto Nor did Northern capital's neglected. Exploitation there was final betrayal of Reconstruction in that period, as in other perin the withdrawal of federal iods and in other regions, but troops from the South in 1877 it did not follow then that the signalize the overnight destrucexploited had to be ostracized. tion of those gains made by the Subordination there was also, Negro people toward equality in unmistakable subordination; but political and social relations. it was not yet an accepted -cor-In 1878 T. W. Higginson, miliollary that the subordinates had

tant Massachusetts abolitionist, an old backer of John Brown and an organizer and commander of Negro combat troops dursubordination." ing the Civil War, visited the South to see what was happenconstruction in 1877 that the ing to the Negro people after

vast jungle of Jim Crow laws, the rank growth choking the the end of reconstruction. He expected to find racism Southern statute books, came into existence. This legislation rampant and the Negro people dismayed by their defeat. He began to appear as the end of was surprised to find no such the century approached and durthings. Negroes rode freely with ing the first two decades of this whites on the trains and streetpresent century it had its most cars, went to the polls and spectacular growth. served in the state legislatures. Altogether their situation comtion law adopted by a majority pared favorably with that in the of Southern states was for pas-North.

sengers in trains. Only Georgia Other contemporary testimony prior to 1900, for example, had bears Higginson out. For exa law for segregation in streetample, in April 1885 T. McCants cars, but thereafter in rapid succession the other Southern states Stewart, a Negro journalist from Boston, visited his native legislated Jim Crow city trans-South Carolina. Crossing the portation. Mason Dixon line McCants Indeed, it is between 1900- and wrote, "I put a chip on my 1920 that the overwhelming

shoulder, and inwardly dared bulk of the medieval laws for any man to knock it off." He separate waiting rooms, toilets, took a seat in a train so crowd- drinking fountains, theatres, ed that many white passengers ticket windows, cemeteries, etc., had to stand, no trouble ensued. ad nauseam, were passed.

At Petersburg, Virginia he en-DEPRIVED OF VOTE tered the station dining room, took a seat at a table with This flood of legislation putwhite people and was courteous- ting the state power behind to-

# "Prosperity" Trap is Sprung On Tony in GM's Speed-up Hell

age.

By Ben Haines When Tony, a General Motors production worker, failed to rehimself to feed and clothe, plus the lowest wages. port for work after a three the maintenance of the house. months sick leave his fellow

workers speculated whether or WORKERS' ADVICE

not he would ever return. When Tony first began to Most of them were of the show the effects of the speed-up opinion that he wouldn't, that workers advised him to give up his health was shot and he could a few things so that he could no longer stand the grind of the afford to take time off. But assembly line. "Besides," they Tony usually answered, "I'm not would add, "he always said he afraid of work. I worked hard would quit this rotten job if he all my life. As long as I can could find another where he make the money I'm making now could clear \$60 or \$65 a week." I'm not worried."

Workers who were more fa-Not all the workers were familiar with Tony's personal probmiliar with Tony's background lems weren't so sure. They knew or they wouldn't have wondered he had bought a house on a why he surrounded himself with small down payment and 30 so many "luxuries." years to pay. In addition he was His father had migrated from

naking payments on a car, a Puerto Rico when Tony was

Automation and Polio Patients



MIT research engineer Dr. G. A. Biernson demonstrates how polio victims may be helped by recent advances in application of automation to iron lungs. Pressure control system he developed allows the patient to vary his own breathing control.



company lawlessness. H. L. (Continued from page 1) our. Since most of the workers are women and in the low-pay International Brotherhood of with the CIO Packinghouse Work-D

rate is \$1.00 per hour.

the rail and During

deep freeze, a refrigerator and young and like the majority of baby and after a short time to a television. There was also Puerto Ricans he was forced to a hard job at \$30 a week to three children, his wife, and accept the most menial jobs at help out. She also convinced

Tony to see a doctor who rec-As a result Tony was brought ommended that he be transferup in the poverty of the slums red to a job which would be less and went to work at an early of a strain.

Tony was quite relieved, Once he was bitterly describthinking that this was the soluing these years to another worktion to his whole problem, but er and he recalled that, "The he reckoned without the GM best job I ever had was \$48 for management:

ems.

Reuther's observations.

the two-party system."

"non-friends."

a six-day week and that only They were not willing to make even this small concession, fear-Then the Korean War came ing that it would open the flood and jobs began to pick up. Tony gates to similar demands from was hired by GM at wages two other workers.

ture. Then he became so ex-

hausted that he was forced to

or three times more than he had When Tony found out from the experiences of other workers ever made. As soon as he saved enough that he would be lucky to get a he moved his family out of the transfer in six months he really slums and began to buy all the got bitter. He began to understand a lot and made remarks items listed above. The only thing he left out in like. "Every car that goes out

his planning was where GM fitof here has a gallon of sweat ted into the picture. and a pint of blood on it." For a couple of years he ap

SICK LEAVE peared immune to the growing He continued on the job, often speed-up and everyone commentworking the whole shift while ed on what a tireless worker he running a 100 degree tempera-

INCREASED HOURS

was.

lasted a few months."

put in for a week off during that is to come into being in Then came 1955, a record year n the auto industry particularly which he got a complete physias \regards production. Tony's cal examination. The results plant went from eight to ten showed that he was in serious danger of TB and only a comand often 12-hour shifts six days plete rest would cure him. That's doing so, Reuther added, "labor's week.

In the meantime his wife had when Tony's sick leave began. become pregnant and was hav-As far as management is conties." Up to this point Reuther ing difficulties. Most of the recerned Tony is only one of was merely repeating what he has sponsibilities of the home fell thousands of workers who quit or are forced out of the plant so often asserted in the past. But on Tony's shoulders. He would then, without further explanation get home from the night shift, every year. But his shopmates feed the children, send them to felt differently.

school, do the shopping and then They were genuinely concerntry to get a couple of hours ed and two of them visited his leep before returning to work. house when he failed to return This went on for a couple of to work. They found that all nonths before it began to slow the "luxuries" he had bought on Cony down. First he developed credit had already been confisracking cough. Then he began | cated for non-payment. The only running a high fever which he elements"? thing left was the house with tried to ignore by calling it a its thirty year mortgage and it

"cold." was rented out to new tenants. By this time it was obvious Tony had moved to Puerto'Rico to the other workers that he where he was staying with relawas in bad shape. They kept tives, trying to recover his jumbled hopelessly together in trying to convince him to take health which had been shattered time off, to apply for a sick on the assembly line. "Democrat," and the other "Releave. But Tony wouldn't listen. This is an example of why so

publican." The task, according to He just couldn't afford it. many auto workers refer to GM this schema, is to separate the Meanwhile his wife had the as "General Murderers." liberal "friends" from the con-

## Strike Settled At Colonial Sugar

Part of the bitter, five-month strike of CIO sugar refinery workers in Louisiana has been won. In the town CAPITULATE TO SOUTH Cloud, president of Local 927, of Gramercy the Colonial Sugar Co. has signed a contract





NEW YORK, Sept. 21 — Walter Reuther, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, landed here yesterday after a three-week tour of Europe and the Middle East. As befits a "labor-

statesman" of the first magni- crats have capitulated and crawled tude, Reuther was interviewed by before the Southern Bourbons. the press aboard the Cunard liner, The record of the last session of Queen Mary, anent his views and Congress has amply demonstrated opinions on sundry world probthat the differences that do exist between them are neither funda-

Being a man of modest and remental nor "incompatible." On the contrary, both liberal tiring mien, Reuther rendered an opinion on such diverse subjects and Bourbon Democrats represent the interests of the capitalist as: communism, atomic reactors for underdeveloped countries, class and therefore do not commilitary strategy, world economic prise "incompatible political and betterment, global politics, the economic elements." What makes impending union merger and the the Democratic Party coalition American two-party system. such a monstrosity is the It was on the latter subject adherence of the union bureauthat Walter Reuther, essaying crats, the labor misleaders, who the role of political pundit, teach that company unionism on waxed most profound. As it is a the political field is a fixed and subject of immediate and direct eternal part of the American way concern to all American workers of life. we should like to comment on

Reuther's twaddle about a 'realignment" inside the two parties is so much hogwash. At TWO-PARTY HODGEPODGE the 1954 CIO convention in Los "The merged labor movement Angeles, Reuther castigated the eaders of the New York CIO December," declared Reuther, for becoming involved in the fight "would carry on its political acover the nomination of the Demotivities within the framework of cratic candidate for governor. The While New York CIO leaders supported the nomination of Franklin D. aim will be to bring about a Roosevelt Jr. against the Tamrealignment inside the two parmany candidate millionaire Averill

REUTHER'S COMPLAINT

Harriman won.

Harriman. After a bitter struggle

or elaboration, he proceeded to Roosevelt was considered the candidate most "friendly" to characterize the "two parties" as labor. If anything, the fight over "a hodgepodge of incompatible the Democratic party nomination political and economic elements." What is it that makes the two in the State of New York should major political parties in this have been welcomed by Reuther country a "hodgepodge of in- as a struggle for "realigning" ompatible political and economic | Tammany Hall in favor of the liberal-labor wing of the party. Instead he lashed the N.Y. CIO According to Reuther, the two

leaders for spending so much time ajor parties are made up of and money putting out press iberalls and conservatives. friends releases before the nominations, of labor and non-friends, all instead of devoting themselves to mobilizing the door - ringing two separate pots - one labelled contingents after.

Reuther's political strategy consists in clinging tenaciously to the professional machine politicians who run the Democratic servative "non-friends" and to realign them, each under their party in the North, who, in turn, grovel before their political counproper label, which, again according to Reuther, is Democrat for tenparts in the South, upon whom they depend for political victory "friends" and Republican for and spoils of office.

If Reuther and his fellow bureaucrats had their way the present state of political affairs As it stands now, the coalition that comprises the Democratic would continue indefinitely. However, it is precisely because strosity! Control is vested in the patible political and economic

ly served without comment from tal segregation of the Negro people was based on disfrananyone. On the whole the dischisement of Negro voters in the crimination he found in public 'eighties and 'nineties, the facilities compared, if anything,

favorably with that which existed in New England.

#### NO 'GOLDEN AGE'

tion in the South and the politi-As the author puts it: "It cal and moral abandonment of would certainly be preposterous the Negro people by public to leave the impression that any opinion in the North. evidence I have submitted indi-With disfranchisement, only were the Negro people cates a golden age of race relations in the period between themselves defenseless against Redemption (Southern term for racist politicians, but their atthe defeat of Reconstruction) tractiveness as potential allies and segregation. On the confor the contending social classes trary, the evidence of race conand political parties among the white population of the South flict and violence, brutality and vanished.

In Louisiana, for example, in 1896 there were 130,334 regis-Detroit Fri. Night tered Negro voters. In 1904 there were but 1,342. Is it any Socialist Forum wonder that it is precisely the

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buses.

period following the almost total

Negro disfranchisement that

Louisiana white supremacists

passed virtually without opposi-

tion that state's vast body of

But Negro disfranchisement,

the prerequisite for total segre-

gation, was only possible after

the political smashing of an al-

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strike, Mayor "Shoot to Kill" becoming more educated to the

unity and what it can do to help

This is precisely what has happened. Although there has been no violence on the picket been told that if a man is a delay in its application. line Knoxville police turn out in union man he is a communist. patrol cars for every shift But that communist scare is not

change at the plant which is working any more. The enemies being operated by a half-size of labor have about worn that crew of strikebreakers recruited one out. ". . . We think the company rurally and transported to and

from work in company-hired is trying to starve us out. But As an officer of the striking picket line as long as it takes. local said: "We know that if the I don't think organized labor us lose this strike. we would have had it settled."

"We think the National Asso-But the police harassment is not the "law's" only interference out to bust labor unions, particin the strike in the company's favor. An anti-labor injunction ularly here in the South. As limits the picketing to two per-Northern plants move South in sons. Fortunately, what has hap- search of cheap labor, the NAM pened in many recent strikes in steps up its drive to destroy labor unions and keep labor the South happened in Knoxville. The owner of a home right cheap down here. But I think Southern labor is ready for unnext to the plant offered his ions now. Our people are waking educational program were two lawn as a meeting and resting up. I believe Southern workers blace for the strikers. The comwill make just as good union dustrial Workers of the World by pany went to court to have this members as any in the U.S.A. prohibited, but the judge apnarently feared to rule that in "Our pickets here, for in-Knoxville a man's house wasn't stance, will leave home duties active organizer of the IWW in his castle. So for months the for service on the picket line. Knox Porcelain strikers have They've never failed that duty, the Long View of History by Wilcamped out on their sympathiz- rain or shine. They even bring liam F. Warde.

their kids to the picket line with

South will be completely organ-

keep them.

interested in complaints about annual demand. An increase of out only 30,000.

er's front lawn. SUPPORT STRIKE

Other manifestations of solidarity are the support of AFL and CIO unions in Knoxville and ized. I think the common people, socialists," said Kerry, "view the in other parts of Tennessee. Moreover, considerable assistance waking up. Some day we'll have a progressive march upward and has been rendered by farmers who have come to the strike be a much better and more pros- social organization, toward the

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headquarters with gifts of vegeperous South." tables, melons and other farm produce as well as words of en-The union has complained that

More Pupils, Fewer Teachers some of the scabs enter the plant this year with a shortage of year making a total of 32 million went the applause and expressed fully armed. Also that a num-250,000 classrooms, according to elementary and high school appreciation of the guests asber are children legally too young to work in this type of the United States Office of students. An AFL survey esti- sembled at the concluding Education. While 60,000 class- mates that 120,000 new teachers banquet. All agreed it was a factory. But the Knoxville police, who give so much attention rooms were built since last year are needed each year, but the col- highly successful encampment for

strikes - which resulted in un- out of the plant's front door boost. This would mean the gen- struck on April 14. Acceptance of ion victories - Mayor Dempster and began shooting at the pic- eral seven - cent increase the the contract was delayed several UPWA was winning in the in- days because the company in-Interviewed by the Southerndustry nationally, plus another dicated that 25 to 28 strikers between the Negro people and guns and ordered them to "shoot er, a labor newspaper published three-cents to whittle down the would not be rehired. Labor's 41-cent an hour wage differential Daily, reporting the contract's 13 Militant pointed out that the local's president said: "I between sugar refining in the acceptance on Sept. 14, said: "It with the ending of the phone think the Southern people are South and the rest of the country. was presumed that all strikers The contract signed by Colonial would be returned to work with Dempster's police were turning meaning of organized labor. In provides for an immediate five- out discrimination against them." their attention to the Knox Por- the past they have not under- cent increase and another five At nearby Reserve 900 sugar stood the principle or need for cents on Jan. 1, 1956. Thus the workers are still on strike against principle of decreasing the wage the Godchaux Sugar Co. Both all who work, including farmers. differential has been established strikes have been marked by

"A lot of Southern laborers by the union even though there solidarity and surmounting of have been prejudiced. They've will be a three-and-a-half-month Jim Crow prejudices in the ranks erature agents and friends are which are approximately half

Other features of the two-year white and half Negro.

## Cannon and Warde Lecture is trying to starve us out. But we're in a position to be on the At West Coast Encampment CARBON CANYON CALIF., Sept. 11 - The West

law would have stayed out of it throughout the country will let Coast Workers Vacation School concluded its 1955 session here today with a banquet attended by over 100 friends of The Militant and the Los An-3

ciation of Manufacturers has set geles School of Social Science, tory," said Kerry, "develops not which sponsored the week-long in a straight line but with many encampment. detours. But it is the main line of

A well-balanced program of development that is decisive and educational and social activity not the detours. It was on the provided the guests with many basis of his analysis of the main nours of stimulating education, line of development that Karl recreation and relaxation. Among Marx arrived at the unshakable the highlights of the week's conclusion that the victory of socialism is inevitable. It is this lectures on the history of the Inlong view of history," concluded Kerry, "which distinguishes the James P. Cannon, founder of the genuine socialists, the revolu-Socialist Workers Party and an ionary Marxists, from all others.' Many more thought-provoking its early days, and two lectures on

the guests at the encampment The theme of the Warde lecthem when there is no one to tures was used as the keynote of Totem and Taboo; four lectures the banquet speech by Tom by Clara Kaye on Historical ". . . I think one day the Kerry, chairman of the Los An-Materialism; two lectures by geles Local of the SWP. "Genuine Frank Powers on Early American History; single lectures by Joan both farm and industrial, are development of human society as an organized South and it will onward through various forms of

> new subscription to the F.I. goal of a classless society. Histhe Dance, etc. sends an appreciation from the Twin Cities to the editor: "The To the staff which handled the particular attention that the Miliorganization of the encampment

and the smooth running of the tant is giving to news letters The nation's schools will open 1,370,000 pupils are expected this camp despite great difficulties and stories from the South is a great thing for the paper, informing and inspiring readers. It is a good selling point . . ." From Cleveland: "For two consecutive weeks Manny Selden to the company's gate are not they only kept pace with the leges and teachers' schools turn the West Coast Workers Vacation and Meryl Waxberg distributed School. back issues in a project. "Upon

most rabidly anti-labor and Jim lass interests between the work ing people and their capitalist ex-Crow section of the American ploiters that the two party system capitalist class. Far from conwill be shattered by the first real ducting an irreconcilable struggle for control, the elementary forward surge of the American workers acting in defense of their prerequisite for any "realignliving standards. ment," the so-called liberal Demo-

THE MILITANT ARMY

Now that Fall is here with our return to the same project its refreshing breezes, our lit- this week we got a new sub, and sold seventeen papers in an turning their athour."

tention toward This column would not be complete without a report from completing plans Los Angeles. "We sold \$46 worth for the work ahead. On this of literature at the Trotsky score Helen Ba-Memorial Meeting," writes Carl ker writes from Feggans. He continues: "We Seattle: "I will have been selling out our bunsend you comdle each week. Last week our pleted plans for friends went out Saturday morning and sold 40 papers. Lea Hill, our future work when we finish who is in charge of sales work here, together with Dick Singer our discussion of

these plans." Helen goes on to and Laurie Freeman sold twenty tell us that "Leon Hirsch and I Militants in forty minutes on a had a very successful Sunday single corner. Lea then went to in which we sold thirteen copies a corner in a working class of the paper. People were at neighborhood with Rose Bailey home and in a responsive mood. and Tybie Black where they sold We had continued the discussion twenty more papers in as many with the group interested and minutes. Our real pride and joy is our hotshot salesman Dick disturbed by automation. The result so far is two new perma-Singer who always sells whatever quantity of papers he takes. nent readers."

copies of the F.I. along with

He says all you have to do is Philadelphia has been right on tell people about the paper and top of the situation. George Clement says: "Betty Shelton they buy it." and Ethel Peterson sold four

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nine Militants at a Westinghouse lectures provided intellectual plant gate sale. The previous stimulation and discussion among week Alma Seton and Ethel had sold eight Militants and one Three lectures by Evelyn Reed on F.I. at another gate of the same plant. In addition they received some contributions.' Speaking of contributions. Svlvia Jacobs handed in a \$3 contribution from a friend in New

Jay on the Situation of Women York "to help the Militant." in the U.S. Today; by Louise Helen Sherman, along with a Manning on The Fight for World renewal to the Militant and a Trade; by Tiby on the History of



### American Legion and Ford Fund

The fact of the continuing decline and isolation of the McCarthyite movement was demonstrated this week by the split on the Fund for the Republic issue in the American Legion. The legion has been considered one of McCarthy's last major strongholds.

Two weeks ago the Legion's national commander, Seaborn Collins, launched a straight McCarthyite smear attack on the Fund for the Republic which was set up and endowed in 1952 by the Ford Foundation.

Collins charged that the Fund, which has financed a series of studies on the state of civil liberties, was attempting "to persuade Americans that Communism is not, and never has been, a serious threat to the U.S." Collins ordered the Legionaires "to have no truck" with the Fund.

This week Collins was publicly attacked on the issue by Irving Breakstone, past commander of the Illinois Department of the Legion and chairman of the Committee on American Citizenship of the Illinois Bar Association. In a letter to the Secretary-treasurer of the Fund for the Republic Breakstone said: "I sincerely deplore the attitude of the national commander of the American Legion. . . I would certainly like to see the evidence, if there is any, to justify his findings."

Breakstone revealed that the Fund had

contributed \$50,000 to finance the work of the Illinois Legion's "Education for Freedom" program. He warmly praised the work accomplished with the Fund's money.

Breakstone's stand is in marked contrast to the reaction that would have occurred if Africa may be drawn into the was riding high. At that time such a blast would have been sufficient for the Chicago Legionaires to hastily clear their skirts of independence from French cothe Fund, weasel their way around their lonial rule, Farrell reminded his association with it, and join the attack radio audience that in 1776 the on it.

Although the event is a gratifying one for defenders of civil rights it would be an illusion to draw the conclusion from this and similar developments that the defense of the Bill of Rights is now in good hands.

In answering the attack on it, the Fund pointed out that like the Legion it considers Communism "the main danger." Its from its conception of how to fight Communism "effectively." The Fund for the Republic is not trying to smash the witchhunt but rather to curb its "excesses." In the course of their efforts they have made contributions to the fight against the subverters of the Bill of Rights. But the witch-hunt will never be eliminated by those who concede its basic premise, the hoax of the "communist menace."

The Gagging of Dr. Muller

There was a time - not so very long ago — when the suppression of the views of scientists would have been impossible. The liberty of labor organizers and radicals was often enough trampled upon in the hope of safeguarding capitalist profits. But physicists, chemists, biologists — were all given full freedom to dissent.

An attempt to silence the scientist in his effort to protect human life would have caused a great scandal. But not today. Not in the witch-hunt-ridden United States.

Dr. Hermann J. Muller, who won the Nobel prize in 1946 for his work on the effect of radiation on heredity, was pushed out of the U.S. delegation to the Atoms for Peace Conference at Geneva last month. His views were suppressed.

What "terrible" ideas did Dr. Muller hold that made the Atomic Energy Commission revoke his assignment to serve as part of the U.S. delegation in Geneva? What "horrible crime" did he commit that

was to serve in Geneva as part of the U.S. delegation. Late in July he was informed that his services would not be needed. As a result of the AEC's manuevers

the scientist charged, the papers presented tion. at Geneva did not include the point of view of the great majority of radiation geneticists.

The struggle between Dr. Muller and the AEC did not begin with the Geneva conference. Last April, Dr. Muller, in a speech to the National Academy of Sciences, said tually liberating the country that radiation from H-bomb tests could from economic dependence on cause "tens of thousands" of harmful either England or the U.S. and mutations in the next generation of Amer- establishing Argentina as a rival icans.

Yankee colossus. AEC Chairman, Lewis L. Strauss, replied that it was "an act of irresponsibility" for anyone to claim that radiation from atomic tests is poisoning the air and backward areas. The population guaranteeing future generations of monsters."

SWP Speaker Scores U.S. Role In Moroccan Independence Fight

OAKLAND, CALIF., Sept. 15 actively engaged on the propa- the piece, making twenty - In a 20-minute talk over ganda front in aiding French fifty cents a day. A French capitalism in Morocco. overseer stood over them with a Radio Station KPFA-FM in "Here are some of the results long leather lash, using it with Berkeley last night, William of over forty years of French fervor on the laggards. The lash Farrell, representing the Soprotection." The Moroccan peas- is, indeed, the symbol of French

cialist Workers Party, denounants' land has been steadily ex- rule in Morocco.' ced the pro-French imperialist Tracing the history of Morocpropriated. . . Forced labor is bias of the American press in imposed upon thousands of nacan struggle Farrell reported reporting on the Moroccan revtive peasants . . . The minimum the organization of the illegal olution and warned that U.S. wage in industry is eleven cents trade unions - illegal because troops now stationed in North an hour - in agriculture there they are banned by the Frenchis no minimum. Poverty stricken and the now emerging working Seaborn had launched the same attack a fighting there in what may be- Moroccans are burdened with class which is struggling tocouple of years ago when McCarthyism come another Korea or Indo- taxes while there are hardly any gether with the peasant for on the wealthy French settlers. Moroccan independence. He told China type war. For instance there is a 15% tax how Farhat Hatched, leader of Urging support to the people of Morocco in their struggle for on sugar while jewelry, furs the Tunisian unions, was murand other luxuries bought by dered and how the workers French residents are untaxed." staged a protest demonstration Farrell quoted from the article in December, 1952, which touchwritten by globe-trotting Wil- ed off the widespread demand American people fought against liam O. Douglas, U. S. Supreme for removal of the French from a reactionary foreign rule and Court Judge, in the Oct. 19, Morocco. velcomed support from all who

1954, issue of Look magazine. believed in independence. "Child labor appears in a vic-U.S. SUPPLIES ARMS

ious form. There are many pal- baria, now candidate for Mayor Reviewing the recent history metto trees in Morocco, and out of San Francisco on the Social of Morocco and drawing a of them a French syndicate has ist Workers Party ticket. Once graphic picture of current con- built a considerable industry. each two weeks an SWP speak ditions under which millions of The plant is ground and then er presents the Marxist view of Moroccan peasants and workers spun into ropes and the ropes some current topic of interest difference with the Legion flows primarily are exploited by French im- baled for export. They are ulti- William Farrell, of the Oakland perialism, Farrell pointed out mately used to stuff furniture. Branch of the SWP will conthat the United States, alleged I visited one of these plants tinue the talks until after the defender of the "free world," is near Rabat. Most of the work- election at which time Frank now supplying arms and equip- ers were Moorish children from Barbaria will resume the sched-ment to French troops and is six to twelve. They worked by ule.

## ... Argentine Military Rulers

pite all the pressure Peron was (Continued from page 1) to give it all afterwards" Just the same, the cost of mustering to put it across. viding the opportunity for industrial growth. U.S. capital Peron's labor program represented a sizeable overhead for class, Peron's capitulation to immoved into Argentina rivaling the capitalist class. In addition perialism meant that the pro-British investments, and during there was the expense of main- gram of creating an independent the Thirties and the Second World War the native Argentaining a pampered state bureauracy — especially the corps italist foundations was bankrupt tine capitalist class experienced of young army officers loyal to And if so, why pay any longer a phenomenal growth, though Peron-and the Catholic Church, the overhead of maintaining the remaining in a subordinate posiwhich was also a beneficiary of regime? Why retain, too, a dic-Peron's regime.

It was for this capitalist class - incapable of ruling in its own FAVORABLE WORLD name because it was rent by in-MARKET

ternal rivalries and fearful of a During World War II and the working class more powerful years thereafter all the way ism and put an end to Peronist than itself - that the nationalthrough the Korean war, there ist army officers developed great was a ready world market for ambitions. They dreamt of evenagricultural products at relatively high prices. The Peronist program of advancing the positions of the Argentine captures, ship. class against imperialism seem-ship. dosnite the high "There are indications," says power in South America to the

Argentina had many factors seemingly favoring such a development as compared with in hefty profits. prospects of other economically

is 90% literate. By 1943, industry accounted for almost half of agricultural prices stemming traditionally nationalist to the The question of which view gets ex- the national income. The trend from a rapidly mounting glut core and oppose the influx of on the world market. As this foreign entrepreneurs, Yet at

To the Argentine capitalist economic development on captator whose following took his anti-imperialist demagogy seriously and demanded that he live up to it? Better to come to terms right away with U.S. imperial-

These talks over station KPFA

were initiated by Frank Bar

trappings. Emboldened by Peron's failure to call out the workers during the June 16 rising, the army followed the capitalist class and it

overhead cost of the dictator- the Sept. 21 Christian Science ship. The landlords, too, despite Monitor, "that the new governforced sales to the state, raked ment may not be quite as cordial [to the U.S.] as General But the end of the Korean Peron during the last two years War brought a sharp downswing of his tenure. Many officers are

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#### Air Force Torture School



Shocked criticism from many quarters followed revelation of torture techniques practiced on Trainees at the Stead Air Force Base in Reno, Nev. Air Force officials say the sadistic sessions are demonstration of enemy brainwashing techniques. These two Air Force photos show a student being bent backward and then forced to kneel on a stick while holding heavy rocks.



ONG AH TOO, 25, A CHI- | the opposition of the Greek peo-NESE TRUCK DRIVER in the ple, is now considering the pos-British colony of Singapore, was sibility of quitting NATO. A sentenced to death. Sept. 19. number of different variants are according to an Associated Press | being put forward there, he redispatch, for "having been a ports. All of them are pegged nember of a mob that murdered around an alliance in the first Gene Symonds," U.S. correscase with Yugoslavia. pondent. Symonds was killed

May 12 when he defied police JAPAN'S biggest trade-union orders and entered an area body, the three-million-strong where Singapore strikers were General Council of Trade Unions, fighting police. The sentence has asked the CIO and AFL to was passed despite the fact that support the Japanese people's Ong Ah Too was cleared of the struggle against U.S. military charge of personal responsibilibases. Farmers, supported by ty for the death of Symonds. unionists, have fought enlargement of air bases in Japan, be-REPRISALS IN SINGAPORE cause this has encroached on against participants in last May's their land and undermined their

- Page Three

made the AEC withdraw the paper prepared by Dr. Muller for the Geneva conference?

Dr. Muller thinks that atomic radiation has an adverse effect on human genes. In addition he thinks that this danger should be discussed. When he was prevented from speaking he protested that "at a conference of this kind, there should have been a full airing of the problem of genetic damage produced by radiation."

Dr. Muller, a Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Indiana, left the United States for Europe early this summer under the impression that he

pressed is not determined by the weight of scientific evidence but by political banization. (Over 40% of the power. Strauss has the political power of the U.S. billionaire rulers behind him. cording to the 1947 census.) Muller has only the convictions of his

scientific research. But nature operates with its own laws. It cannot be forced to comply with the nuclear weapons program of the State De- tural raw materials and mineral partment and the AEC. Muller's opinion products. It was dependent on can be suppressed. The majority of radia- foreign trade for such products tion geneticists can be silenced. But if the as coal, steel and machinery. The scientists are right, genes will react to atomic radiation, nonetheless, and "monsters" will result.

#### The Tenth Session of the UN

A cartoon appeared in one of the daily newspapers recently depicting the new Soviet peace offensive. A very weary-looking Khrushchev was hanging up his hat in his office. To one of his aides he complained, "I'm beat. Smile, smile, smile -all day long.'

Vyacheslov Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, can make the same complaint after participating in the first few days of the Tenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations which convened in New York City, Sept. 20.

The first controversial question that arose was the representation of China in the UN. Molotov made the usual Soviet motion for seating the representatives of the real government in China instead of the Kuomintang clique that was thrown out of China.

a total

This time, however, Molotov couched his arguments in terms designed to soothe. not ruffle, the feelings of the U.S. delegation. John Cabot Lodge, Jr. for the U.S., in turn, made the usual motion to postpone consideration of Chinese representation to next year. Lodge also pleasantly avoided harsh words and merely asked the General Assembly to vote on the U.S. motion first.

But aside from the changed contours of diplomatic mouths, nothing is very different in the UN. The U.S., standing pat with its majority of votes, yields nothing and the act moves on.

And so it will be with the tenth session as it was with the ninth and those that came before. All the amicable language in the world won't change the fact that U.S. imperialism intends ultimately to destroy

the Soviet Union and to destroy the colonial revolution with China as its major ever, would have been an intarget.

Of course, the U.S. delegation at the UN covers all its moves with phrases of the regime. humanitarian concern for the oppressed people of the world. All basic freedoms including the right of self-determination of agricultural products to the state nations are defended. Terms like inde- at prices fixed by the governpendence and democracy are bandied about frequently - for the benefit of newspaper criminated against the encencopy.

When a real issue of "freedom and selfdetermination" arises, as in the case of Morocco and Algeria, different terms come dustry (especially a heavy arms into vogue. Phrases like non-intervention industry - pet project of the in internal affairs suddenly become sub- military) and benefited the capstituted for the words of liberty.

Three years ago 15 small nations banded together in an attempt to put the question of Morocco and Algeria on the agenda of the United Nations. France succeeded, with the help of the U.S. delegation, in of Labor under Pres. Farrell, preventing even a debate on the question of the oppressed people in the French North African colonies.

There are 57 items on the regular agenda unions. The workers made unof the Tenth Session of the UN. But Morocco and Algeria are on a supplementary list. It isn't difficult to anticipate that once more a debate will be barred. The United Nations will wait to record the ditional organizations of strugdefeat of the independence movement or gle in support of the regime, be compelled to recognize its victory.

So while the Moroccan people get mowed down by U.S.-donated machine guns, the United Nations will go on talking in will go on building its world network of not true. There is no better supmilitary bases and nuclear stock-piles in preparation for World War III.

of population was toward deepened it marked the beginpopulation lived in cities with more than 100.000 people ac dictatorship.

The squeeze the government turning except from the United However, there also were enor applied on the landlords became States? mous handicaps to overcome. intolerable. So was the squeeze

Argentina's industrial developon the capitalists for retaining ist defiance of imperialism is at ment was limited to a few fields concessions to the workers. The an end, no matter how much the -mainly processing of agriculregime bore down on the work- army officers might still posture. ers demanding more production It is impossible for the Argen at the same pay despite infla- tine capitalist class or that of tion and proceeded to break any other colonial or semi-col strikes. More and more the dic- onial nation to win the country's Argentine capitalist class lacked capital for expansion and had to tatorship turned to suppression independence from imperialism. of remaining civil liberties and For that class is completely secure it abroad.

drove sections of the middle bound to the world economy and The principal export products classes into opposition. were agricultural, grown on the Seeing Peron in difficulties, sits U.S. imperialism, the world's ranches (encendias) of the olig-Wall Street applied its own exploiter. archy, traditional ally of British

queeze two years ago and pressimperialism and foe of the Ar ed in with demands for greater a semi-colonial capitalist govgentine capitalists. To expropriconcessions and guarantees to ernment are insufficient to break ate them on a large scale, how-U.S. capital. Peron capitulated. through this domination. Only Finally, this year, Peron con- the socialist revolution can tear vasion of private property which would have frightened the cap-

Co. granting nearly 20,000 square the imperialist orbit. italists and repelled them from miles (about the size of West Virginia) of oil land for a per-The dictatorship resorted in iod of 45 years. stead to forced deliveries of The terms were so unblushingment, which sold them on the world market. This not only disdiaras but bore down on the tenant farmers as well. How-

ever, it provided the government considered doubtful whether the such time as their victory would with surpluses to invest in in-Peronista - controlled Congress be guaranteed by a working class would ratify the agreement des- government in the United States.

#### italist class. The regime also SOVIET AND U.S. BASES nationalized a number of for-To challenge U.S. imperialism

Hard on the heels of its Sept. 17 announcement that it was giving up its naval base in Finland, the Soviet government has opened a campaign to have the Western powers, particularly the United

Peron began to introduce social to the northern border of Finland welfare measures and to create States, follow suit by withdrawto menace Sweden. Baldwin, howa labor movement in rivalry with ing their troops from foreign soil. ever, doesn't deny the Finnish base the Socialist and Stalinist-led The initial replies of the U.S. had defensive strategic value. propaganda machine will not But no military expert could deny deniable gains in the first years prove very weighty outside State. that U.S. bases in Iran or Japan of the regime for which they are a menace to the Soviet border.

Department circles. It argues that the Soviet Union is pulling its Explaining this policy of wootroops back only 30 miles in withing the workers from their tradrawing from Finland. The U.S. would have to pull back 3,000

miles. But this raises again the Peron told the Buenos Aires question of just why Americans Stock Exchange in a September are stationed so far from home. 1944 speech: "If you want social Hanson W. Baldin, the milipeace you have to know how to tary expert of the N. Y. Times, handle workers. . . . They say generalities about freedom. And the U.S. I am an enemy of capitalism. It's doesn't answer the Soviet move with any more logic. He says the porter of capitalism than I. But Finnish base, Porkkala, had no . . . it's better to give thirty strategic value for the Soviet per cent now, then to be forced Union for it wasn't close enough | colonies subjugated.

eign-owned enterprises.

credited Peron.

Peron needed a base of support

among the masses. As Minister

crisis became prolonged and the same time the government strike struggle are continuing. Last week Gan Peck Choo. 29 must face realities. . . . Where ning of the end for the Peron can the Argentines get money was sentenced to 18 months im-

to keep their economic wheels prisonment. She was charged

Quite right. Argentine capitalcontingent. armed forces, according to Drew

the world market. Astride this

Baldwin anticipates the State

Department when he ups the ante

and tells the Soviet Union to with-

draw its troops from East

Europe, then hold U. N.-sponsored

elections "if you want the United

States to abandon some of its

The means at the disposal of

complaining. There are so few cluded a deal with Standard Oil a country like Argentina out of present time because of the eco-

This is the task which the Argentine working class alone can achieve with the aid of the tenant farmers. Such a revoluy favorable to the U.S. corpor- tion would find immediate supation that Peron's party was port from workers and peasants split on the question two weeks throughout the rest of Latin before his downfall. The Peron- America. A resulting Socialist ista union heads, fearing the re- Federation of Latin America action of the workers, were op- would succeed in holding out posed to the deal, and it was against U.S. imperialism until



tory in the nation's first elecnomic structure. He then headed tions. He stated that the new the Polish government-in-exile in London. The Polish and other Congress will redraft the con-East European Governments are stitution to eliminate any refercurrently conducting a drive ence to French Union, post-war among emigres to return with name for the French empire the promise that "all will be overseas. This means that Cam-

bodia. like South Vietnam, whose government also cut ties with the French Union, will be an outpost for U.S. imperialism.

THE MARX MONUMENT tion with Greece by pitting the FUND has opened a drive in island's Turkish minority against. London to raise a \$28.000 fund them is creating strong reperto commission a bust of the cussions in the Greek governfounder of scientific socialism. ment. C. L. Sulzberger reports from Athens on Sept. 18 to the reports the Sept. 20 N.Y. World-Telegram. Part of the fund will N. Y Times that "Greek anger

foreign bases." This demand can hardly be may result in neutralism" He also be used to pay for a new made in the interests of East says that anti-British and antigrave to which his body was re-European freedom. The U.S. is U. S. feeling is becoming so cently moved. Marx did the bulk currently financing France's ef- strong that the Greek govern- of 'the research for his celefort to keep North African ment, which was put in power brated work Capital at the by the U.S. and Britain over British Museum in London.

off the demand of the Greek majority in Cyprus for unifica-

forgiven." BRITISH EFFORTS to stave



ISTS may loose a ready source with leading a group of 200 of iron ore if India liberates men in a fight against a police Goa from Portugese control, Goa is the last foreign colony on Indian territory. It is so abundant

THE BRITISH CABINET is a source of ore that towering proposing a reduction in the mountains are said to be of "solid iron" And low fences Middleton in the Sept. 19 N. Y. used to separate farms are Times. This would be done eith-- said to be made of reddish er by cutting the length of com- stone blocks of the purest iron pulsory military service from ore. Japan has been importing two years to 18 months or by a about 900,000 tons of ore a year. gradual postponement of the age Japanese shipping companies of enlistment from 18 to 20 or are already considering a shut-21 years. The purpose of the down of trade with Goa since olan is not pacifistic, however, longshoremen in Bombay and but to meet the problem of other ports refuse to handle any 'overemployment" about which ship calling at the Portugese the British capitalist class is colony. This threatens these companies with a complete loss

unemployed in England at the of trade with India.

KREMLIN LABOR CAMP nomic boom that labor's strength prisoners have forced the Stalhas been increased in its dealings with the employers. Curnist regime to ease conditions rently, the British unions are in some Arctic Circle camps, acasking for a substantial wage cording to recently released increase to meet inflation. What Japanese ex-prisoners. They told the demilitarization plan of the Dr. Herbert Passin of Ohio State University that prisoners British Cabinet amounts to is a program for diverting workers had struck against working conditions and that the Stalinists from the military army to an 'made concessions which were

#### The Negro Struggle By George Lavan

#### Public Disgrace of an Uncle Tom

A dramatic and terrible punishment was inflicted upon an Uncle Tom at the recent convention of Negro Baptist ministers in Memphis, Tennessee. The victim of the merited humiliation-was a Rev. H. H. Humes, of Greenville, Mississippi and a Vice President of the National Convention of the U.S.A.

Rev. Humes has acted as a traitor in the struggle against school segregation. In Mississippi where militant Negroes are suffering economic terrorism, and risk lynching for demanding the enforcement of the Supreme Court's decision, Rev. Humes denounces them. He is for segregation. "Separate but equal" is good enough for the Negro people, he says.

This is no abstract Uncle Tomism. This is cowardice in the face of the enemy. The corpses of Rev. G. W. Lee, Lamar Smith and Emmett Till testify to the war that is being waged against the Negro people in Mississippi. Yet in the midst of the battle, Rev. Humes gives moral justification and propaganda material to the white supremacists. No wonder he is one Negro with whom the members of the White Citizens Councils are willing to shake hands.

Humes is chairman of a committee of the National Baptist Convention. It is not a policy committee, but has charge of bath houses the organization maintains at Hot Springs, Arkansas. When the time came for his annual report to the convention pandemonium broke loose. The 15,000 delegates attending rose from their seats booing and hissing.

At the front of the hall the stage was

surrounded by angry ministers shouting their opinions of him. Even a new chairman was unable to persuade the audience to permit Humes to report. When the floor microphones were shut off so that only the platform voice would be amplified, the delegates stopped the convention.

To the declaration that President Jack- Buffalo son wanted Humes to report, the delegates | Monday, Sept. 12 shouted: "We are the ones who decide who is going to speak to us and we are not us. At the union meeting last going to listen to Humes. Finally a spokesnight we all had the idea that man for the angry ministers - Rev. the union and Westinghouse had Borders of Atlanta, Georgia - was given settled. We got here too early for the news broadcasts about the the floor and declared the ministers were strike. We were going to the not going to listen to a man whom they meeting that was to be held felt shared responsibility for colored peo- in the lot across the street from ple being killed in Mississippi. the plant . . . instead we saw a handful of pickets with their

Never has a humiliation been so comlete and so public. Men walked right up to Humes and called him an Uncle Tom. Others implored the chairman to "put him off the platform up there because we know what to do with him down here."

rest of them. When the sun comes The moral of the story is that even up it brings a pale light but little ministers — traditionally far from the heat. Somebody says, "I wish it most militant section of the Negro people would warm up. When I shiver - can no longer stomach open Uncle like this, it looks like I'm scared." Tomism. This does not mean Uncle Toms We all laugh. Later the sun comes up in good will no longer appear. There will be the earnest. As we circle in the picket same development that has taken place in line and face east we have to the labor bureaucracy. Open selling out to squint. The sun climbs higher. It's the enemy will disappear as it ceases to a beautiful day, clear and cool. Someone points out a company pay off. But a new form will take its place. cop on the plant roof. We turn It will talk against "separate but equal" and see him aiming a camera at but it will do everything it can to hamper us. and hold back the militant struggle to the that. When there's a strike they end against Jim Crow — the only kind of take more movies than Selznick. For a while some of the fellows struggle that can do the job.

Nixon's Dog Story By Henry Gitano

Vice President Nixon told 600 TV and radio executives how to manipulate broadcasts for political campaigns. He said that what seems to be a spontaneous appearance requires more careful preparation than a written speech. He advocated creating the illusion of intimacy, which can be achieved through audience participation or "fireside chats."

Nixon illustrated, by recalling his famous TV "Checkers" soap opera of Sept. 23, 1952. The broadcast was a reply to the disclosure that he secretly received an \$18,000 fund from California business men. "What really happened," said the VP, is that the broadcast was put off from Sunday to Tuesday to build up the audience, "we wanted to create suspense" and allow time for preparation. Informality was achieved by familiar reference to the family dog "Checkers," while his wife in oloth coat sat beside him. "Many people," Nixon said, "vote only for a name." Thus he suggested frequent five-minute talks and one-minute "spots" to make the candidate's name and face familiar. He added that his advice would be equally beneficial to Republicans and Democrats. Nixon's cynical remarks about organized, prefabricated spontaneity and the voter's stupidity as the reason for high pressure saturation campaigning is merely a publicizing of what is accepted by capitalist politicians. Clem Whitaker of "Campaigns Inc." has said that managing campaigns, now becoming "a mature, well managed business, founded on sound public relations principles, and using every technique of modern-day advertising," is "no longer a hit-or-miss business directed by broken down politicians." His credo is, that "if you can't fight, put on a show!" After manufacturing a personality, Whitaker's prob- ' lems arise in the candidate's "inability to

measure up to the character you give him by your carefully-prepared buildup."

where and trades it for a larger In the last campaign, Tide, an advertisone the size of a platter. He stands ing organ, reported that Republican right in the middle of our circling huckstering strategy revolved on merline, reflecting the sun right into the plant guard's camera. The chandising Eisenhower's frankness, honday stays clear. No more pictures. esty and integrity, his sincere and wholesome approach. "Voice: Mr. Eisenhower, Tuesday what about the high cost of living? Eisenhower: My wife, Mamie, worries about the before dawn, just as dark. By same thing. I tell her it's our job to change ones and twos we sign in at the that Nov. 4th." union office and head for the

After the last election, the Wall Street picket lines across the street. Journal reported that the Eisenhower- Yesterday the foremen, executives, clerks, and engineers hung Nixon Research Service proposed a "carearound until about 10:30 in the fully-calculated, government-wide effort morning before going home. to cultivate the public" with methods There was a little shoving here "reminiscent of those employed by a and there, but all in all it was a private company." A later story in the quiet day. What will this one be? same paper reported that "Eisenhower & We had nam expected a quick settlement. Since it didn't come Co. have opened a new sales department the first day the picture has

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It's a big surprise to most of

signs in the half darkness at the

Bit by bit we fill up the gates,

marching closely in a big circle.

in case. Still we shiver with the

Westinghouse always does

clown around and mug at the

camera. We know what they want.

They hope some foreman or

"heroic" clerk will cause a scuf-

fle. Then a carefully edited film

will prove what devils and wild

Then a striker shows up with

mirror. Later he goes some-

The second day. Just as cold

beasts the pickets are.

Some of us dressed heavily - just

work?

of everything.

plant gates.

**Diary of a Striker** By A Westinghouse Striker

> timelessness of a strike has set in. | the same people they bosse It's the third day, but it seems as around in the shop.

Now, suddenly we're to be if we've always been on strike. workers again. It's going to take Something changes, when you're some getting used to. on the picket line. In the plant

Yesterday the big news was there are always some loud felthat Westinghouse was going lows. Sometimes they get on your after an injunction. Now, before nerves. But here you run across dawn, we stand around shuffling some clown who's a good one. He our feet on the damp gravel of a brightens up the whole line. He's parking lot waiting for the meetas loud as ever, perhaps louder. ing to begin which will formally But you feel grateful. Your end our strike. Last night the laughter gets as loud as the first bulletins about a settlement things he says to cause it. He's came over the radio. At first we really an awfully funny guy. and wondered: is this a false alarm you like him a lot. How is it you like last Sunday? But they never looked at him that way at sounded right.

Someone comes up in the half-Tension rises with the sun. You dark and says, "Did you know feel the sun's increasing warmth Pittsburgh's still out? I heard simultaneously with the growing it on the six o'clock news.'

ense that something is going to Little crowlds gather. Others appen. And with the spreading have heard it too. Everybody sunshine the crowd of company wants to know the exact words. men grows. One by one the white Maybe we're still out after all. sheriff's cars and the black police Finally the sound truck turns sedans gather. Motorcycles come in off the street crunching the noisily up the street and stop, gravel and lurching over the holes and cops get off and stretch their like a great horned beast, prehistoric lizard. We follow it

We're ready. Our line is so back into the lot for the meeting. lose that we shuffle along step-The president thanks us for oing on the heels of the people holding the lines, tells us it's all ahead of us. A slender, goodover. The IUE Westinghouse Connatured girl patrols the side of the line, calling, "Let's keep it ference Board has voted to accept the company's offer to negotiate close, fellows. Watch that corner

the dispute along with the naover there." She's in the middle tional wage negotiations next month. That's it. In our union we Before we know it, they're on is. A flying wedge of cops breaks don't even vote on it. Two thirds of the Conference Board starts a

through with a pack of company strike, and two thirds of the men, and it's over in a minute. board ends it. We're heavily outnumbered, but The company has announced that doesn't mean a thing. Those who get through do it only with they will call the workers back

"as soon as possible." At a sugthe assistance of the cops. And when the cops leave for school gestion from someone in the crowd the president says the crossing duty, the company men negotiating committee will set keep their distance. There's a flareup at another gate. A company man hits a picket in the face, and the picket back together. chases him through the gate and

Somebody says, "Yesterday the halfway into the plant, cops dashing madly after the infuriated plant was open 'for all who want to work.' Now the strike's over, picket. About four of them escort it's closed until they call you." the picket back out the gate as "Tell the cops to help us get though he were a public enemy in, like the foremen yesterday," But there have been too many somebody else says. witnesses, including a police lieu-

#### tenant who saw the company man Later start the whole thing. Even the

Buffalo press can't make much of It's pretty light now, a murky, the incident, although, naturally, damp, but rather beautiful mornthey forget to quote the lieuing, like springtime. The crowd tenanit, who probably didn't want thins out, but some hang back to be quoted anyhow. swamping strike anecdotes or

This is a funny strike, but it discussing the settlement. makes you feel good. The aim and demands caused a lot of con-

"It was Tuesday, down at Four

Truman Didn't Explain

In Detroit's Cadillac Square, former pres. Harry S. Truman (r.) denounced the Eisenhower administration's anti-labor policies in a Labor Day oration. Seated at left is Michigan Gov. G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams (D). None of the Democratic orators explained why the 84th Congress, which was controlled by the Democrats, has gone along step by step with 'the ad-

# Company Line Swayed Buffalo Westinghouse Local to Join Strike

BUFFALO. Sept. 15 - The nation-wide Westinghouse strike of the International Union of Electrical workers. CIO, was ended by the National Conference Board as the result of an agreement reached

between James B. Carey, IUE president, R. D. Blazier, West-The company, confident that it could sway the workers, actually nghouse Labor Relations head. did sway them, but in just the The strike was called by the Conopposite direction. They clearly ference Board in support of drew the class lines, and the IUE's embattled Local 601 in workers then made their choice East Pittsburgh. - a vote of 13-to-1 in favor of Prior to the strike the utmost strike.

confusion reigned among the workers in the Buffalo plant. PENT-UP ANGER about establishing with the com- Pittsburgh workers were already pany that in the future, when we on strike because management call a membership meeting for all walk out together, we'll all go began a time study of the hourly. organizational purposes, heard workers. On this same issue the the pent-up anger of the members Westinghouse workers Buffalo explode in criticism of the local

were recently involved in a strike situation which was squelched by the local bureaucrats, and at which time it was agreed that management could time study the

local amion.

turned to work.

in the retreat.

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unanimously adopted calling for Buffalo workers. "an end to secret negotiations" The question, therefore, buzzed in protest against Carev for among the Local 1581 members

secretly meeting with Blazier. in the Buffalo plant: would they The next morning the strike strike to help another local turn was on, much to the surprise of down what they, themselves, had already been forced to accept? In addition, the aborted strike situa- gave a good account of themtion in Buffalo left many dis-

the local leaders. The workers selves on the picket line. (See gruntled workers who felt with Diary of a Striker on this page.) Gate. This guy comes up with a considerable reason that they had The strike most certainly dem-

The local leadership, forced to

leaders. A motion was passed to

use the strike vote later if the

A very significant motion was

strike did not take place.

ministration's basic policies.



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right in the White House." Under Secchanged. retary of Commerce Walter Williams and one. his publicity staff attempt in their new job "to 'sell' the President's policies to the just beginning. Foremen and public — and tout his achievements."

As a cartoon of a Hollywood producer, further their career mass across meeting with his brain-trust, put it: What the street. We tighten up our with personal spectacles, fireworks, newspaper, radio and TV buildup, our picture should be a smash. Our one problem, as I see it, is to stop the word-of-mouth reac- with the police. Some of the tion.

Last year a shipyard worker, James Heavy, heckled Nixon at a Republican rally: "Tell us another dog story Dick," he called out. He was hurriedly ejected at cronies, and the cops are in their Nixon's orders, and is currently unable to midst. Pickets brace at the gate get Navy security clearance because of and crowd in from all sides, cops this incident. But the Heavy's will increase, they will see through the elaborate men and engineers get through. facade which is forced to manipulate showmanship because it has nothing to offer | cops stand. Later, however, some except broken-down capitalist politicians of the company big shots get a reflecting a rotting system.

ager. The greatest rise is in the field of auto-

HARVESTER WORKERS ended their 26-day

old strike when the company signed an agree-

ment with the United Auto Workers, CIO. The

settlement provided for an eleven-cent an hour

wage increase, eleven cents on pensions, three

cents in additional insurance coverage, five cents

in supplemental layoff pay (Reuther's guaranteed

wage plan), 2.3 cents in skilled trade increase and

matic, labor-reducing, equipment.

#### This might fusion in the shop. In the Cheekcamera, and everybody wants to towaga (Buffalo) plant, there are know who he is, Courier-Express,

By 8:30 it seems as though no incentive workers, just dayor News, or what. So somebody, we've been here all day, but it's workers, and the contract allows the picket captain I guess, asks the company to make time studies him and tells us it's the Assowhite collar stooges eager to In East Pittsburgh where it ciated Press. Then some guy in all began, the dayworkers walked the line hollers back, 'Who's he out when the company started associated with, the company?" timing them. They have both inlines waiting. Town cops and In a quiet group there is a sheriff's deputies gather together. centive and dayworkers down shaking of heads. Pittsburgh's Yesterday in the first flush of there. So in a way we're supstill out, and we're going back. the strike there was no trouble porting them in a fight against We remember how the internasomething we're already saddled tional president, Carey, came to pickets innocently, happily think with. But nobody mentions that an agreement with the company the cops are on our side. on the line. at first. Sunday night, and the Just how it starts we can't be We're on strike, and all we're Pittsburgh neople turned it down. interested in is to win. Nobody's

entirely sure afterwards. There's Now it's happened again, and grumbling at all. Perhaps the a surge of the foremen and their we've left them high and dry. We basic reason that moves our weren't down there and didn't pickets without their recognizing hear all the arguments, but we it or even searching for it, is don't like it. It's like tabling a that we all feel that whatever motion that ought to be voted up holding us back. It's a momentary break in the line, and four forethe words in the contract, whator down right now. It's like walkever the precise terms of the ing out on the Pittsburgh local. Now the fellows see where the dispute, Pittsburgh is fighting By ones and twos we drift speedup, and we are fighting away. Driving down the street speedup. Our victory will mean in the bright sunshine we look at little too obvious about what a blow struck against speedup, the empty gates. Those we held and with a grimness belied by at bay there for the last three they expect from the police, and the cops bridle, mollifying some our rollicking attitude on the days will soon be walking line, we intend to win. of our boys. through. Another day or two, and

Earlier in the day - I think -You meet old friends on a the machines will be humming, we turned away the plant manpicket line. There are many we crashing, cutting and pounding. ager in his Cadillac, Tom Turner, never see at union meetings, but Whistles will blow and we'll start one of the Westinghouse viceevery day - just like the last or stop work, eat our lunches out strike four years ago - we say presidents. It's hard to keep track of boxes and bags, look ahead of time on the line. He drove up hello on the line. Factories have with a yearning for quitting time.

importantly but found the way some wonderful people who never blocked. He's a thin, gray-haired run for union offices, whose man, terrifyingly stern, the hard- names are known to only their driving executive. But in the car fellow workers in the departments he looked like a petulant little old where they work. I suppose they must have this famous "humility." man. Lo, the mighty often get that way at a picket line. They don't push forward. But they Pickets tell him all he has to don't let anyone push them back do is go to the union office for a either. In a strike when you need 1.7 cents in area pay differentials. This is the pass, but he has his dignity. them they are there, quiet, un-Finally the sheriff gets the jeercomplaining, and very dependable. ing picket line to open up for the Brown-suit is still around with long tan Cadillac, and his majesty his foolish gold-striped smile doing his best to get through the passes from sight between two deferential plant guards flanking line. Maybe tomorrow the cops the door of the executives' garage. will help him out.

Thursday

sense of routine. The peculiar trepidation. They know we're not

How do you like that! It's all over.

A strike's not just something you do. It's a way you live. A striker isn't just a guy who is on strike; he (or she - and some of the best are the girls) is a person whose routine of life is one of reporting for combat and preparation for combat each day.

It's about ten degrees warmer, but it doesn't feel it. We check free. When the foremen approach

The striker is a worker only as a moth is a caterpillar: the striker is a worker who has been set

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Friday will mean payday again,

and a good one if we've put in

the last Saturday. But there's a

little regret. You're a foot taller

on the picket line, and the factory

is going to be a tight fit for a

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en badly let down by their onstrated the will and the ability "leaders." Some of these workers of the workers to struggle against were so bitter that they openly one of the richest corporations in opposed joining forces in the the world. No matter how the precedent-making national strike bureaucrats try to stifle the to protect a sister local. The Buffalo management, how-

struggle and water it down, the very fact that a strike involving ever, unintentionally, as often 44,000 workers in 28 plants across the country took place at all. is happens in the class struggle, eloquent testimony that the labor solidified the workers. The combureaucrats in fear for their pany brazenly called meetings in the plant where foremen spoke to positions, were forced to capitolate to the pressure of the the workers, urging them to vote against the strike and published workers and lead — if only for a few days - a nation-wide strike, bulletins attempting to answer every leaflet published by the first of its kind against this

company.

## PITTSBURGH STRIKERS **"SOLD DOWN THE RIVER"**

#### By John Black

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 15 - "We have been sold down the river." These words, hurled by a member of the Executive Board of Local 601 of the International Union of mass meeting in East Pittsburgh.

represented the feeling of the the company the afternoon before the strike spread to the Vestinghouse workers. The strike is over. The com-Westinghouse chain and that the pany has won the temporary Conference Board then rejected right to continue the time-study, it and went ahead with the speed-up project which had led strike. o the Aug. 8 walkout. James B.

After 72 hours Carey signed Carey, IUE-CLO president, signthe same agreement with the ed an agreement with the comcompany and this time forced a

pany, 72 hours after the strike majority vote of the Conference had been extended to the whole Board for the return to work. Westinghouse chain. With this Local 601 was left out alone in agreement all but Local 601 reits defiance of the Westinghouse

Electric Corporation. Local 601, largest of all the

With Carey leaving them in Westinghouse Locals with over the lurch, the workers in Local 9,500 workers, stuck it out for 601 could not see any chance of another 15 hours and at a stormy beating the company at this and bitter meeting, at which the time. The agreement which name of Carey was booed loudly Carey forced on the striking and repeatedly, decided to join workers gives the company the right to continue with its time-Westinghouse workers here study project for the time being. feel betrayed by Carey. They However, the Company has know that Carey had signed an agreed to include the problem of unsatisfactory agreement with time studies on the agenda of the contract negotiations now going on between the IUE and the Westinghouse Corporation. The company has hailed the end of the strike as a vindication of its right to "manage the plant." In the meantime Local 601 has been subjected to a fierce attack in the boss press

and by the labor-backed Republican Rep. James Fulton who announced that he will press for an investigation of the leadership of Local 601.

# Notes from the News

OFFICER CANDIDATES TAKE NOTE! "It has been found that Gaston's relationship to his mother has not been close, especially during his scholastic and more mature years. In fact, the mother-son relationship was less close than in the ordinary case and no improper influence exists." With this statement the Coast Guard cleared Norton P. J. Gaston and granted him a reserve ensign's commission, even though they claimed his mother had once been active in "subversive" organizations. Their action was taken, they claimed, in accordance with the basic American principles of fair play and justice."

AIRCRAFT COMPANIES super profits stem directly from war drives and tension. Aircraft firms that were in the red after World War II hit a bonanza with the Korean War. The Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee released a report, Sept. 13, showing that gross profits for major aircraft firms equaled more than half their net worth for the years 1952-1954. Top earner was Glen Martin - which grossed a 1,039.8% profit in 1952, but dropped to only 76.6 percent in 1955. Boeing's profits ran from 86.1 to 93.3% and Consolidated Vultee 45.4 to 139%. The figures are based on the companies' own reports to the Securities and Exchange Committee.

THE MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY, one of the indicators of industrial boom, reports rising sales. Warner and Swasey Co., one of the leading tool-making firms, reports a backlog of unfilled orders double that of a year ago. "We're having our best peacetime year," reports the sales manfirst strike since the merger of the Farm Equipment Workers into the UAW. THE AFL HOTEL WORKERS UNION, United Press reports, warned its members, "There are certain real risks involved in seeking jobs in Miami and Miami Beach. When the NLRB refused to hold elections at 165 Miami Beach hotels, Local 225 completed plans for widening the strike and

carrying it into the winter season." The union has been on strike since April 13 against 22 hotels in the area.

THE TWENTIETH CONVENTION of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, Independent, opens in Cleveland, Sept. 19. The session will take up its negotiations with General Electric and Westinghouse for new con-

tracts and its campaign for a shorter work week. The UE was expelled from the CIO in 1949 for "Communist views" by the right wing witch hunters. It has been under investigation by the House Un-American Activities Committee and is in and start picketing with a our picket lines, they do so with under threat of government prosecution.

The company men hang around until about a quarter to twelve. Only minor scuffles now and then, most of them started by a big, fleshy man in a brown suit and gray hat, whose mouth hangs constantly open in an imbecilic grin that reveals his golden dental

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work. Somebody says he's an engineer. Whoever he is, he was a nuisance yesterday and he's a nuisance today.