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Chicago City Hall Picketed By the NAACP

By Bert Deck

CHICAGO, Oct. 25 - A mass picket line of 1200 was thrown around Chicago's City Hall today to demand action from Mayor Daley (Democrat) on the Trumbull Park racist terror. The demonstration D

was sponsored by the National of the Negro population, will Association for the Advancement make any gestures to improve the of Colored People and endorsed situation in Trumball Park. His by the Cook County CIO Council. record demonstrates that con-The Trumbull Park housing tinued pressure will be necessary.

the NAACP, an overflow crowd

Just recently the Chicago

However, the Negro and labor

eaders here are in the same

the Negro people, they are forced

A CONTRADICTION

n elections.

project is called Chicago's "Little Mississippi." In the NAACP's NAACP has been galvanized by call to action it is reported that the recent Till lynching and the Negro stenants in the project whitewash trial. The mass resentcannot and dare not walk the ment has pushed the struggle to public streets in Trumbull for beat back the racists in Trumbull fear of life and limb. They are Park to its highest level so far. still transported to and from the project in squad cars. Aerial of Emmett Louis Till brought out bombs are still being exploded in 250,000 people to walk by his the area and Negroes driving casket in Chicago over the Labor there are still being stoned. All Day weekend. On Sept. 25, in of this and so much more has response to a protest rally sponbeen going on for more than two sored by the Chicago branch of years.

Pickets were mobilized at eight roared approval of a resolution union halls and numerous churches calling for a March on Washthroughout the city and were ington to demand immediate transported to the demonstration enactment of civil rights legislapoint. Organized union support tion. came from the CIO Packinghouse Branch of the NAACP called for Workers and the UAW Internasending federal troops to Missistional Harvester locals.

The marchers formed a double sippi to end the white-supremacist line around City Hall which oc- reign of terror. cupies an entire city block. Many carried posters which described the facts about Trumbull Park and demanded immediate action. The most militant section of contradiction as elsewhere in the

the line consisted of the house- country. In order to give any exwives who vigorously chanted pression to the pent-up fury of the slogans, "Jim Crow must go!" "No more committees. We want into actions against the Demoaction now." "Daley! Do your cratic Party, which they suppor duty!

Although a number of local unions participated in the dem- spring with the help of the Neonstration, no union banners ap- | gro and labor leadership. Only peared on the line. Of the 1200 six months later they are marchers approximately 50 were forced to organize demonstrations against Daley. white.

The advance publicity for the march was handicapped by the these leaders are either to concomplete silence of the daily press | tinue to mobilize the Negro people which "killed" the story. Also and the labor movement for a many workers were unable to real fight against Jim Crow, panticipate because they had to which means a break with the the picket line was scheduled - orders of the Democratic Party

The brutal Mississippi lynching

Foxholes in the Street

National guardsmen man the foxholes at Perfect Circle plant gates. Machine guns were to be used against pickets to allow free entree of scabs into the strike bound plant. Although martial law has been ended, guardsmen still remain on duty.

MARTIAL LAW IS ENDED IN INDIANA **BUT TROOPS STILL PROTECT SCABS**

By Henry Gitano Oct. 20 - Indiana's Gov. firm of Selvage and Lee. This in a letter to the scabs posted George Craig ended marital law is the same firm that represents on the bulletin board inside the today in the area of the Perfect Kohler Co., of Sheboygan, Wis- foundry. The letter said the Circle strike. National Guards-men, however, will remain at CIO local is waging a 19-month New Castle, scene of the bloody old strike against that unionattack on peaceful UAW-CIO busting firm. pickets by armed scabs three

'RIGHT TO SCAB" LAW weeks ago.

Craig called out the troops on the pretext of closing down

the New Castle plant to prevent Mayor Daley was elected last scabs into the strike-bound pistanks and machine guns prevented any effective picketing. The Perfect Circle strikers in

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The alternatives now posed for since July 25, are standing firm

of the Senate have "agreed in services of the public relations | ed the objective of the company strike breakers "are making a personal contribution to the crusade which will undoubtedly result in the passage of laws

establishing the right of an individual to work where he

William Prosser, general manpleases without paying tribute and declared martial law Oct. 10 ager of Perfect Circle, express- to anyone."



The Socialist Publication and Press Fund got off to a New Castle, who have been out flying start on Oct. 15. A total of \$1571.50 was received in the first two weeks of the campaign.

despite the 14-week drive to The need for a broad publica-Dsmash their union with bullets, tions program is felt by militant them with the spirit of the national guardsmen, scabs, in- workers all over the country. One impending social revolution." work during the hours in which Democratic Party; or, under the junctions, police brutality and cannot participate as a class-Taft - Hartley decertification conscious fighter in the daily BEGINNING IS MADE

The Socialist Publ

Till Verdict Encourages Terror Against Negroes, **Unions Throughout South**

Democrats Decide To Squash Fight On Civil Rights **Guns Blast CIO Rally; Negro Desegregation** A contemptuous slap in the face has been given to the Negro peo-ple and the labor movement by Leader Flees for Life the Democratic Party. Negro and

By George Lavan

Exultant over the freeing of Emmett Till's lynchers, white supremacists throughout the South are engaging in ever bolder assaults on Negroes and unions. In Florida, union-hating racists

donned their Ku Klux Klan-type | miraculously recovered from his wounds. Lee is still in the Florida hoods and broke up a CIO Packdeath house, victim of a Jim Crow inghouse Workers union meeting frame-up. with shotgun fire.

PRICE: 10 Cents

The Groveland case originated In South Carolina, Rev. J. A. in the labor unrest of Negro Delaine, Negro leader in the workers in a local sawmill. To (Oct. 27), the Democratic leaders school desegregation fight, barely meet their demands the white evaded vigilantes and a police supremacist bosses decided on a dragnet to escape to New York. reign of terror and some frame-Racists recently burned down ups to put the Negroes "back in Delaine's church and then their place." Accordingly a "rape" chreatened his life. When he case was invented and imreturned their gunfire, police mediately followed by the inissued a warrant for his arrest. vasion of the Negro district of Groveland by racist gangs, the beatings of all Negroes and the

HOODED MEN

The attack on the Packinghouse Workers meeting took place on the night of Oct. 19 in the central Florida town of Umatilla. As the meeting was beginning, a car with covered license plates circled the hall four times. Then it stopped and four white men got out and put on hoods. They fired

their shotguns four times through the windows of the Negro Masonic Hall, where the union of labor are to be expected from meeting was being held. Accordng to the UPWA, twelve unionists were wounded, five severely; three were hospitalized.

workers. All attending the meet-

organize the citrus workers.

reachable" for three days. UPWA President Ralph Helstein in Chicago immediately sent blistering telegrams to U.S. Attorney General Brownell and Florida Governor LeRoy Collins demanding the arrest of those The meeting was part of a guilty of wounding the Negro drive to organize the thousands

looting of their property.

Possibility of Sheriff McCall's

cooperation with the shotgun

terrorists is indicated by the fact

that a few hours after the attack

on the union meeting he suddenly

left on a boat trip and was "un-

McCALL'S ROLE

unionists and the suspension of of underpaid Negro citrus fruit McCall as sheriff of Lake County. Four days later Gov. Collins ing, except one union organizer refused to suspend McCall and

principle on the main program for the second session of the 84th Congress opening in January in ε presidential election year." One of the main "principles" of the agreed-on policy is no

civil rights legislation, or consideration of such, if it can be prevented. "There is every inten tion to avoid, if possible, such issues as compulsory civil rights bills - for federal sanctions against racial discrimination ir hiring and so on - and repeal or pasic alteration of the Taft Hartley Labor Act," writes the

the next year.

N. Y. Times Washington corespondent.

Even more ominous - since ellouts of the Negro people and capitalist politicians - is the report that top labor leaders have acceded to the dirty deal. The N. Y. Times article ends with the statement that informed Democratic circles "declare in private

that some of the largest organ izations of labor, which heretofor

labor leaders have been demand-

ing that the coming session of

Congress immediately pass legis

lation to counteract the racist

terror raging in Mississippi and

other parts of the South. The

Democratic leaders' answer came

in the form of a decision to ex-

clude all civil rights bills from

the Congressional program for

As reported in a front-page

article in the New York Times

tops, to try to prevent such from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. It is too soon to tell whether demonstrations as took place to Mayor Daley, under the pressure | day before City Hall.

Govt. Pursues Kutcher Eviction to High Court

The federal government continues to relentlessly hound and persecute legless veteran James Kutcher and his family. The latest move in this cruel and shameless

affair is the request of the . Newark Housing Authority to the | ness of throwing the legless 10 that it overrule an injunction of their home.

Meanwhile the Kutcher Civil prohibiting it from evicting Kutcher's 75 - year - old father, Rights Committee is raising funds Hyman, from the Seth Boyden to take the next legal step in the federal housing project.

erans Administration because of upon it. his openly - proclaimed socialist beliefs and affiliations.

The attempt to evict Kutcher's family started Dec. 30, 1952. At the time Hyman Kutcher received a letter from the Newark Housing Authority informing him that under the Gwinn law, passed in July 1952, he was required to sign a "loyalty" oath certifying that no person occupying the premises belonged to any of the 203 organizations on the Attorney General's "subversive" list.

GUILT BY ASSOCIATION

While the elder Kutcher was in no way sympathetic to socialism he couldn't sign the oath unless he first evicted his son. Barring that he was "guilty" of associating with his son. And the whole family was subject to eviction.

The American Civil Liberties Union entered the case to test the Gwinn law. Subsequently Superior Court Judge G. Dixon Speakman issued an injunctionagainst the eviction. But instead of ruling on the constitutional issue he based his injunction on the technicality that the specific "subversive" list submitted to the Housing Authority was not authorized by the Gwinn law.

It is this injunction that the Newark Housing Authority wants overruled by the Supreme Court of New Jersey so that it can proceed with the inhuman busi-

fight to regain Kutcher's job. A The legless World War II victory in this fight, all civil veteran has been fighting the liberties authorities agree, would federal "loyalty" purge since 1942 be a crushing blow to the "subwhen he was fired from his versive" list and all the witchclerical job in the Newark Vet- hunt practices that are based

JAMES KUTCHER

struggle of the working class It is obvious that the Perfect without a hunger for more so-Press Fund will provide the means Circle bosses are eager to carry cialist literature which can ex- to publish the socialist analysis through their offensive and plain in a simple and popular of many current issues. They will Tafft-Hartley], will be found not break the strike - thus estab- fashion the socialist goals we appear as rapidly as the building to be so insistent now." lishing the 1955 model of the are fighting for. of the fund makes possible. An Mohawk Valley formula used in Eugene V. Debs, whose birth- advance copy of the first Republican administration to the the Thirties to smash strikes. It day centenniary is celebrated in pamphlet to appear under the auspices of the Fund has just is also clear that interest in the this issue, understood thoroughly been received in Pioneer Publish-'Perfect Circle Formula" is not the power of ideas in the fight confined to the management of for socialism. In 1904 he wrote in er's office. It is titled "Desegrethe company. The eyes of the The Metal Worker, "The most gation, Labor's Stake in the Fight for Negro Equality" by Jean whole union-hating American vital thing about this world movecapitalist class are on Indiana. | ment is its educational pro-Simon. It will sell for ten cents. The Perfect Circle bosses, paganda — its capacity and In addition to the treatment of headed by Lothair Teetor who power to shed light in the brain current struggles in the American labor movement, important hisis "on leave" as Assistant Secre- of the working class, arouse them tary of Commerce in Washing- from their torpor, develop their ing Twenty Years of the CIO by ton, have responded to this na- faculties for thinking, teach them New Jersey Supreme Court Oct. veteran and his aged parents out tional interest in their open their economic class interests, Art Preis, a collection of the "crusade" by hiring the effect their solidarity and imbue shop (Continued on page 2)

have been the sources of the strongest pressure for action in these fields [civil rights and

The callous attitude of the pleas of Negro leaders for some sort of federal interventior against Mississsippi terror was again demonstrated on Oct. 24. A delegation of 50 Negroes fror Chicago came to Washington ir an attempt to get the FBI to reconsider its refusal to investigate the Till lynching, or if not, at least to investigate the torical works will appear, includ- kidnaping which preceded the lynching. The Department of Justice gave the delegation a flat "No."

were Negro. Prior to the shooting said the sheriff had assured him KKK-signed leaflets had beer he was making a "diligent indistributed in the region threaten. vestigation" of the shooting. ing violence against attempts to

"SEGREGATION MESS"

The union called these leaf-White supremacists in Lake City, S. C., credit Delaine with ets to the attention of Lake County Sheriff Willis V. McCall starting the "segregation mess," McCall is a notorious Negro because he instituted the Clarenkiller and spokesman for the don County suit, one of the test racist Association for the Adcases on which the Supreme vancement of White People. It Court ruled against school segrewas he who tried with his guns gation. Soon after the acquittal of Emmett Till's lynchers, Deto overrule the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling for a new tria laine's church was burned down. of the framed-up defendants in Then came night attacks on his home. He reported to the police the Groveland or "Little Scottsboro" case. On the way to the new licenses of the cars containing trial McCall ordered the two the gunmen but to no avail. handcuffed Negroes out of his Finally he fired back and had car on a lonely road. Then he to flee with police and racists shot them for "trying to escape." hot on his heels. South Carolina Defendant Samuel Shepherd was is asking his extradition from killed instantly but. Walter Lee New York for "assault with intent Irvin, who was believed dead to kill."

The Heritage of Eugene Debs

By Daniel Roberts "While there is a lower class,

am in it; while there is a "During the lifetime of great criminal element, I am of it; revolutionaries," Lenin once while there is a soul in prison, wrote, "the oppressing classes I am not free," said Debs in have visited relentless persecu- the magnificent speech he detion on them and received their livered just before Judge Westteachings with the most savage enhaver sentenced him to ten hostility . . . After their death, years in prison for denouncing attempts are made to turn them World War I. into harmless icons, canonize

That was the great heart of them and surround their names Eugene Debs speaking. Sixtywith a certain halo for the 'conthree years old at the time, he solation' of the oppressed classes spoke with the idealism he had and with the object of duping acquired in youth and never them, while at the same time relinquished. emasculating and vulgarizing

The detractors of Debs who the real essence of their revocanonize him while emasculating utionary theories and blunting his revolutionary teachings want us to believe that only his

This certainly happened to humanitarianism is of any ac-Eugene V. Debs. Imprisoned count today. They say in effect: twice in his life for his service We who work for reforms to the working class, target of through support of the Demo the most bitter outcry against a cratic Party are helping to reallabor leader this nation has ever ize Deb's dreams. witnessed, his memory is now To remain true to his heritage.

"honored" as that of a saintly they say, it is not necessary to eformer. uphold intransigently the revolu-

their revolutionary edge."

It is very easy to portray tionary struggle for socialism Debs as a saint. He was such as Debs did for the last 25 years by the "Socialist" and Stalinist a warm and loving human being of his life. Debs himself would fakers. with immense compassion for have changed his program if he

the oppressed and exploited! He were alive today. had unbounded faith in the great That is what the fakers of the

potential for happiness lodged "Socialist" Party — the Norman justice did not prompt Debs to whose injustices robbed the ma- tradition — say in their mes- plus the experiences of great crushed, helpless and bitter in- be the line the Stalinists will clusions at the age of 40. dividuals. take



EUGENE DEBS (1855-1926)

After more groping and struggling with various utopian so-But the heritage of Debs will not mix with the rotten policies cialist schemes he announced his of class-collaboration practiced definitive creed: industrial unionism, a revolutionary socialist party armed with the program of Marxism, stern and relentless HIS PATH TO SOCIALISM opposition to the capitalist sys-

the abolition of the wage sys-

tem could win for the workers

their emancipation.

It is true that hatred of in- tem.

At the same time he helped in every man and woman. And Thomas' and Harry Laidlers' accept Socialism all at once. It found the Social Democratic he fiercely hated the system who claim to carry on in Debs' took years of painful groping Party (later the Socialist Party). Thus he jumped from the great jority of happiness and trans- sages on the occasion of the working class battles he led to est class battle U. S. workers formed so many people into Debs centennial. That will also bring him to revolutionary con- had waged up to that time to its political generalization in the He had embraced and rejected (Continued on page 2)

Picket Westinghouse Plant



For the second time in five weeks, the Int'l. Union of Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) shut down 29 Westinghouse Electric Corp. plants in a company wide strike. The union struck Oct. 16 for wage increase and against speed-up. Here IUE members picket plant in Baltimore.



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By A Railroad Worker

Editor:

... On this one-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Eugene V. Debs, American workers should consider it an honor and a privilege to pay tribute to his life.

I was introduced to the teachings of socialism by a personal friend about 40 years ago. I shall always remember that my friend and I rode a night train 250 miles in order to hear Debs speak in Minneapolis. To a. packed house in the old Kenwood Armory, he explained what the workers of the world had to ...gain by establishing a socialist society and how to go about it to reach that objective. In referring to the Russian Revolution and the First World War. "he made the statement that "the greatest thing that came out of "this war was Lenin."

To railroad workers it is almost impossible in these times to realize the amount of work

railroad industry. He worked al- al and trade union field. So let served close to two years of his most singlehandedly to keep us carry on until the workers ten-year sentence before Presi----alive the Locomotive Firemen's receive their just due.

Nothing can better express his release. union when nearly every one of The first World War "to save the members wanted to give up my own feelings than to quote the struggle. Then when we re- from a message sent to Gene the world for democracy" could ... call the action of the delegates from his brother Theodore on not tolerate the socialist opposito the 1922 convention of that the first day of Gene's stay in tion. U. S. imperialist objectives union who voted down a motion prison at Moundsville, West Vir- in the war could not be submitto have Debs speak to them, we ginia:

EUGENE DEBS

must wonder if such action was "Your unwavering fidelity to taken by union men or others. principle, your unfaltering love He, more than any other person, and devotion to the cause of the now living or dead, had made it crushed and oppressed will be an possible for that union to meet unceasing inspiration. I was and hold conventions. But the never so proud of you. My arms "fat boys" at that time and now are about you, old pal, and will have conveniently forgotten his be through time and eternity." The workers of America owe a struggles.

It is gratifying to us who great debt of gratitude to Gene are living today and who agree Debs for his work in their bewith his objectives, to realize half. We salute him once again. A Railroad Worker that the pioneering done by him

the milltant army

The reports this week speak | series in each paper. Everyone eloquently for themselves so we is feeling good over the fine sale which was very well organized turn to them at once.

Black, and carried out." Lea Hill adds Mary

Buffalo: "We "We could have sold 500 more started the sub Betty Rohlson was high scorer campaign with a with 90, the average about 50. door - to - door All this occurred at the NAACP mobilization on mass meeting to protest the Till the Till issue of murder." the Militant, 200 Dan Roberts, Newark: "Last

copies being sold Sunday Joe Harris and John very easily. In Wilkinson sold 16 single copies

Haute, Indiana. the process a few door to door in the Hayes proj-1870 - Quits school, goes to people promised ect. In the afternoon Raymond to take subs. We Dawson, Gladys Barker and Dan work for railroad. usiastic about our Roberts sold 20 copies at a 1873—Great depression begins. THE MILITANT

Rode 250 Miles To Hear Debs SWP Continues Debs' Struggle Against Capitalism and War

By Myra Tanner

"I hate, I loathe, I despise Junkers and junkerdom. I have no earthly use for the Junkers of Germany, and not one particle more use for the Junkers in the United States." With these words, Eugene Victor Debs struck out at the Wall Street var-makers in his Canton Ohio, peech, June 16, 1918. Four days later he was indicted by the Federal govern-

nent on charges of violating the Espionage Act. In his final speech to the jury Debs replied to his occusors: "I admit being opposed to the present form of government. I admit being opposed to the present social system. I am doing what little Ican, and have been for many years, to bring about a change ted to the light of public de-

that shall do away with the rule

of the great body of the people by a relatively small group and the war was plotted in secret. establish in this country an industrial and social democracy."

DEBS CONVICTED

and the sacrifices made by Debs is beginning to be accepted by Debs was convicted. In April, to build effective unions in the the workers, both on the politic-ind the war was fought for any but prison, he said, "In this time reason we are on our way to reason we are on our way to be the workers between the second inductor the workers between the second inductor the second inductor the workers between the second the sec dent Harding was forced to order

went on trial for their opposition to the second blood-bath.

JAMES P. CANNON

bate. The treaties were made in

Only after the slaughter was

over would Woodrow Wilson ask

quite cynically - Is there a

commercial reasons?



Dobbs, Vincent Dunne, Carl Skoglund and fourteen others were the first to be tried and imprisoned under the infamous Smith "Gag" Act, passed in 1940 despite the opposition of the labor movement.

With the arrest and imprisonment of the 18 leaders of the SWP and the Minneapolis Teamsters Union the capitalist rulers once more junked the constitution on which the government is supposed to exist. They threw away the most elementary democratic rights of the working class — freedom of speech, press and assembly. Their primary ob-

jective, once again, was to serve FARRELL DOBBS secret. And America's entry into notice to the American people

They sold them out and went that opposition to their profitwar would be paid for with jail. over to the camp of the liars and deceivers. Our party alone ers Party, and many others. italist war, said Jim Cannon, is did not betray, did not sell out. The first casualty in a capman, woman or child who is still so naive as to believe that well speech before going to the many we are on our way to when the people of the world, prison. We obeyed the first commandment in the decalogue When the war was over the and the people of America of Trotskyism which reads: 'Thou shalt not lie.' "

The propagandists of the capitalist class drew a picture of terrible capitalist dictatorship in life, all the political parties, all universal freedom, self-determhistory. Fascism — not freedom the preachers, priests and rab-ination of nations and world scoreboard. - was the hideous bloom that bis, the intellectuals who had peace for humanity. Newspapers and magazines were filled with stories of the beautiful life that and inform the youth-they all would be in store once the vicbetrayed the people of America. ory was won.

But again — the beautiful fruit that was offered turned out to be made of polished wax. writes, "I am happy to inform you freedom, but with a new and -as the imprisoned Trotskyists had forecast. The witchhunt brought the torment of stoolpigeons, police spies, snooping, prying and persecution to the American people.

All the terror and destruction that the capitalist world is ready to unleash on humanity, however, will not stop the march of the working class to power. The devotion of Debs and the SWP leaders to the socialist cause will be its inspiration.

Fund Scoreboard

Monday, October 31, 1955

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City	Quota	Paid	Percent
Seattle	\$ 200.00	55.00	28
Buffalo	1,760.00	300.00	23
New York	3,520.00	675.00	19
San Francisco	800.00	102.00	13
Los Angeles	3,300.00	336.50	10
Oakland	300.00	30.00	10
Newark	200.00	6.00	6
Philadelphia	440.00	17.00	4
Twin Cities	1,320.00	50.00	4
Akron	140.00	0	0
Allentown	85.00	0	0
Boston	500.00	0	' 0
Chicago	1,760.00	0	0
Cleveland	350.00	0	0
Detroit	825.00	0	0
Milwaukee	250.00	0	0
Pittsburgh	100.00	0	0
St. Louis	,85.00	0	0
Youngstown	250.00	. 0	0
Total through Oct. 25	\$16,185.00	\$1,571.50	9

Socialist Publications Fund

(Continued from page 1) Pearl Spangler writes from writings and speeches of James

Philadelphia, "Seventeen dollars P. Cannon, veteran revolutionist were collected last Sunday for the who founded the Socialist Work- Fund. Although the sum isn't overwhelming we are off to a Those cities on the scoreboard good start. Everyone is serious. (see page two) that appear in It is said that the proof of the darker print are on or ahead of pudding is in the eating. Well, schedule in sending their con- the following night a friend called tributions to the Fund. Seattle up and pledged \$25 and later is at the head of the list with placed five of it on the table. It 28% of its quota in. Buffalo is is yet too soon to say whether second and New York City came we'll be 100% by the end of the n third. Only those contributions first month, but one thing is that arrive by Tuesday of each certain we'll be 100% and more week are recorded in the current by the end of the campaign."

Howard Mayhew writes from Chicago that they want to in-The Fund supporters in Seattle eflect the enthusiasm for the crease their quota 10% to \$1760. publication and press program New York City deserves special that is felt by all Militant readcongratulations. Despite its large ers. They rejected a proposed con- quota, it met 19% of its obligatribution of \$175 and insisted that tion in the first two weeks of the

they could raise \$200. Clara Kaye Fund Campaign. Readers of the Militant who The war ended, not in peace and that we really believe we can want to join in the realization of raise the \$200 without too much this vital publications program more terrible war on the horizon difficulty. The prospect of pubshould send their contributions lishing Cannon's works has everyto: The Socialist Publication and body excited, not to mention the Press Fund, 116 University Pl., other proposed publications." New York 3, N. Y.

The Great Socialist Propagandist







As it was in World War I, so was in World War II. On Oct. 27, 1941, eighteen leaders of the Socialist Workers Party The prison doors closed on these loyal leaders of the working class on the last day of the year



Nov. 5, 1855-Born in Terre | fuses his resignation for three | July 20, 1894 - Strike broken, | paper, Appeal to Reason. Debs days. Compromise reached. Can ARU smashed, the leaders jailed. tours to arouse workers and to quit as secretary-treasurer but Jan. 1895-Jury won't convict raise money.

VINCENT DUNNE

must stay on as editor of the magazine in which he can print bis views. He refuses month 1914—Imperialist







"results and looking forward to NAACP Youth rally to protest Debs rides freights looking for the Till murder." work. going out again."

Sue Stevens, Oakland: "We Merle Benjamin, Cleveland: 1874 — Has job as clerk for "On Saturday I sold 100 papers are selling our bundle every wholesale grocer in Terre Haute in about three hours, as a spec- week without trouble. By build- but helps form local of Brother-"ial. Then on a regular corner ing routes in different parts of hood of Locomotive Firemen 20 papers were sold. Sunday the city we hope soon to in- (BLF). Is elected local secreafternoon Jean Simon and I sold crease the size of the bundle . . . | tary.

212 papers at the NAACP meet- At the Till mass protest meet- 1879 - Is nominated for City ing (apparently sponsored by Clerk by Democrats; elected. ing.' Paul Rollant, Milwaukee: "At the Stalinists) where Mrs. Brad- 1880 - The almost-bankrupt a recent Emmett Till Protest ley was supposed to appear but BLF drafts its hardest working meeting Bob Crane and Bea An- didn't, we sold everything we local secretary to be national drews sold out all the Militants had - about 150 papers. The secretary-treasurer and editor they had with them in a few fact is that we did not have of the union magazine. Union's minutes. The enclosed sub was enough papers." national office moved to Terre obtained by Bea and myself George Clement, Philadelphia: Haute where Debs and his

while visiting past subscribers." "Eight of us went into a large family do the union work in ad-Allen Winters, Detroit: "The housing project where we have dition to their other jobs. enclosed subs are just a begin- been working the past few 1882-Membership quadrupled. ning . . . We sold nearly 500 weeks. In about an hour we sold Union out of debt. Although copies of issue No. 40. Bea Allen, 56 single copies, a couple of subs Debs agrees with BLF's no-

69 papers in a shopping area obtained by Pearl Spangler, and newly-formed AFL radical, he for a large mixed community. Clara Raymond was the scorer helps Terre Haute workers from year, demand robber baron Jim Socialist Party. Bill Fredericks sold 20 in a mix- in single sales with 16. From AFL locals; also helps lessed housing project and he and the project we went to the skilled rail workers form their refuses, strike begins. Nine for president. Speaks to 250,000 Dotty Lessing sold 100 copies on NAACP protest meeting. Here own brotherhoods.

main street of the largest Negro the high scorers were Ethel Pe- 1884-Full time for BLF now. days. Hill surrenders. As Debs Receives 420,000 votes. slum area in Detroit. Tom John- terson, 54 copies, Betty Shelton Travels all over U.S., often by leaves St. Paul both sides of son and Edith sold 48 on the with 48 and Jan Conner with 42." freight car, organizing new lo- track are lined with rail work- the Industrial Workers of the Helen Baker, Seattle: "Due to cals. Helps organize switchmen ers standing bareheaded in trib- World (IWW). same street as well as 48 more in a Negro housing project. On a rash of illness we did not get and carmen into unions.

Sunday Ed Hamilton and John a very good start in the sub 1885-Elected to Indiana leg-Collins sold a few at a Ford campaign. Along with a sub islature on Democratic ticket. "Local 600 unit meeting, then here are two FI subs. But be- Fails to get law passed making began without money and with and Pettibone being rushed to sold 37 at a Negro church. Pa- tween car trouble and sickness railroad companies compensate only three fulltime organizers, "tricia Stall, Bob Himmel sold 53 at the beginning, we should wind rail workers injured in course has 465 locals and 150,000 memand Paul Munson, Edith Black up in a wave of glory. Frank of work; breaks with fellow bers. The combined brotherhoods and Al Winters sold 54 at other Powers, Ann Martin and I had Democrats to vote to abolish all only claim 90,000 members, while the pleasure of selling 70 copies distinctions of race or color in the whole AFL has only 75,000. "Negro churches."

Milton Alvin, Los Angeles: in a brief time. Frank sold thir-"Our salespeople disposed of 750 teen in his shop. One reader told copies of the special issue of the him that not, only did his wife feated. Disgusted, decides not to the ARU convention for help. Militant on the Mississippi and entire family read it, but it run for reelection. lynch-murder of Emmett Till had passed around among all and 50 pamphlets on the Trum- the neighbors. Ann and I sold Terre Haute girl, who will be vation. bull case. Everything was sold on the street as people were his life-long comrade and com-

from 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. The coming from work between 5:15 panion. meeting began at 3:00. We in- and 5:30. We averaged a sale a cluded a sub blank and interest minute, better than we had ever slip plus a leaflet for our forum done before."



views. He refuses money them for contempt. gifts voted him and accepts as editor's pay only one-third of what the convention offered.

1893 - Big Business offensive against workers. Steel union smashed by strikebreakers and troops at Homestead, Pa. Miners' nion smashed at Coeur d'Alene, to hail him in Chicago. Idaho, by strikebreakers and federal troops. Depression spreads over U.S. Railroads begin wage cuts; brotherhoods, unable to stand up to boss offensive, I am for humanity."

dwindle in size. June 20, 1893-The American

Railway Union (ARU) founded. The companies, brotherhood of- and selling subs to its newspaficials and AFL head, Gompers, openly hostile to ARU. Rail War as national murder for workers flock to join.

markets and colonies. April 13, 1894 - Workers of 1900 — Social Democratic Party Edith Marshall and a friend sold and some pamphlets. They were strike views and considers the the Great Northern RR, who had runs Debs for president; gets three wage cuts in less than a 98,000 votes; name changed to

> Hill negotiate with the ARU. He 1904 — Deb's second campaign thousand men out 100% for 18 people from Maine to Oregon. June 27, 1905 - Helps launch

1906 — Western mining interute to him. June 12, 1894-One year after ests begin frame-up of union its founding, the ARU, which leaders. Haywood, Moyer, St. John execution in Idaho. Debs publishes manifesto: "There have been 20 years of revolutionary education, agitation and organization since the Havmarket tragedy, and if an attempt is state laws, again, to vote for June 15, 1894-Spokesmen for woman suffrage. Both bills de- the Pullman strikers appeal to made to repeat it, there will be a revolution and I will do all in

my power to precipitate it . . Wage cuts have 'reduced the 1885 - Marries Kate Metzel, Pullman workers to near star-If they attempt to murder Moyer, Haywood and their brothers,

June 28, 1894 — 125,000 raila million revolutionists, at least, roaders are out on strike. Big will meet them with guns . . 1886 — AFL calls strikes and Business, which is smashing A special revolutionary convendemonstrations on May 1 for unions all over the country in tion of the proletariat at Chicaeight hour day. The Haymarket its open-shop drive, conspires go, or some other central point,

bomb frame-up. Labor militancy with government to smash the would be in order, and if exaffects the BLF which junks the ARU. Armies of strikebreakers treme measures are required, a no-strike position and all its of- are hired from the unemployed. general strike could be ordered ficers save Debs and one other. Press screams about "Dictator and industry paralysed as a pre-

liminary to a general uprising." Aug. 1907 — Haywood and July 2, 1894-Democratic U.S. others acquitted. Attorney General Olney, a form-

strike, federation wins every er director of numerous rail-1908—Runs again for president; the "Red Special" camgrievance it takes up. roads, arranges for a federal 1891 — Craft-union jealousy judge who has received lavish paign train tours the country. destroys the federation. One favors from the railroads, to is- For 65 days running Debs speaks craft conspires with company in sue an injunction. Democratic from five to 20 times a day. job raids against another craft President Cleveland orders the Tour climaxes in New York with U.S. army to preserve "law and largest political meeting city has

1892 - Disgusted with craft order" in the Chicago rail yards. ever seen. Yet socialist vote does unionism, Debs decides to quit Federal marshals deputize not increase-still 420,000. job and start a national labor strikebreakers and with the 1909-U.S. Post Office tries newspaper. BLF convention re- troops they attack the strikers. to suppress the main socialist

looms in Europe. Socialist Party 1895 - The labor prisoners ordraws up anti-war manifesto. ganize study classes. Debs be-Wilson sends U.S. troops to incomes convinced of socialism. tervene in Mexican Revolution; Nov. 22, 1895 - Debs released Debs denounces this as favor to from prison. Ten thousand come Standard Oil Co. and demands to Woodstock prison to greet withdrawal

him; 100,000 workers turn out 1916 — Debs refuses Socialist omination on grounds of health; Jan. 1, 1897 - Debs publishes Allen Benson, socialist writer is manifesto beginning: "The isnominee; Debs campaigns for sue is Socialism versus Capitalticket, and the anti-war platform. ism. I am for Socialism because Socialist vote drops to 585,000. April 7, 1917-One day after June 1898 - Founds Social U.S. enters war, an emergency Democratic Party; Debs tours

convention of the Socialist Party country explaining its purpose begins in St. Louis; adopts reso lution reaffirming "unalterable per; denounces Spanish-American opposition" to the war. But right wing leaders of party are becoming social patriots; government persecution begins.

November 1917 - Bolsheviks THE TEST OF WAR lead workers' revolution in Russia. U.S. capitalists, frightened increase persecution of socialists. Thousands of IWW members and anti-war socialists arrested. outset of World War I he align-Debs decides on anti-war tour. June 1918-At Canton, Ohio, he told reporters "the Bolsheviks out the world that remained of Russia were the inspiration of the world and that he hoped their ideas would come to prelook.

vail in America." Then makes speech; soon is indicted under Luxemburg imprisoned in Ger-Espionage Act. Sept. 1918 - Sentenced to ten many - these were his com-

party.

years imprisonment. rades in arms. Along with them 1920-The Socialist Party nomhe denounced those "socialists" inates Prisoner 9653 in Atlanta who supported their respective governments involved in the Penitentiary for President; receives 918.000 votes. blood bath.

When U. S. imperialism enter-1921-Growing amnesty movement for Debs and other political prisoners causes President leaders of the Socialist Party bury it! Harding to release him on Dec. that endorsed it. He declared

that he could not square it with his conscience if he remained

free while hundreds of IWW Progressive Lafollette for presi- members and left-wing socialists dent. Socialist Party disintewere in prison for anti-war agitation. Debs then began the

speaking tour against the war which led to his arrest, trial

The Heritage of Eugene Debs and conviction for "sedition" (Continued from page 1) formation of a working class under the Espionage Act in

Cleveland in 1918. He hailed the Russian Revo-

lution of October 1917, explained When already in his sixties its historic significance to the Debs passed the acid test for working class and never ceased revolutionaries — the test of supporting the Soviet Union to war and revolution. From the the day of his death in 1926.

Reviewing Deb's long and ed himself with the small wing painful search for the genuine in every socialist party through- answer to capitalist exploitation, Ray Ginger — his most recent true to the internationalist out- and best biographer - says: "He never deserted a possible solution Lenin and Trotsky in the until he became convinced that

Russian party, Liebknecht and it had failed." That is true. All the more stanchly did Debs cling to the program of revolutionary socialism once ex-

perience had taught him that it was the only way to end the misery which capitalism imposes on the working class.

And the fake Socialists and ed the war he condemned the Stalinists think they can cut move and sharply attacked those this away from his heritage and

Millions of workers in the coming years will travel the road Debs did towards revolutionary socialism. Like Debs they will learn from their experiences, testing and rejecting false solutions until it becomes clear to them that the revolutionary road is the only way.

But they will arrive far more swiftly than Debs did to the same conclusions, because he has already paved the way. The lessons he learned and taught plus the teachings of other giants of the international socialist movement is a living force today in the program and activity of the Socialist Workers Party. This alone assures that the heritage of Debs will play its, role in the shaping of a socialist America.

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The foreign ministers of the "Big Four" powers — the U.S., the Soviet Union, England and France — will meet in Geneva on Oct. 27. This meeting flows out of last July's meeting of the "Big Four" heads of state.

Last summer's Geneva Conference formalized a relaxation of the cold war that had been under way since the close of the Korean war. The conference produced no tangible agreements but created the socalled "Geneva spirit" whose main ingredients were declarations of peaceful intentions by President Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Bulganin's statement that he respected these declarations as "sincere."

The "Geneva spirit" has been hailed both by Stalinists and representatives of U.S. imperialism as opening a new epoch in which peaceful settlement of outstanding conflicts of interest between the U.S. government and the Soviet Union has supposedly become possible.

The agents of the Wall Street warmakers, it is true, warn against the alleged "danger" that the Soviet leaders might be using the "Geneva spirit" to disguise their "aims" to communize the world.

The Stalinists, in turn, urge the creation in the U.S. and Western Europe of "popular front" governments in order to "enforce the Geneva spirit." These would be governments formed through coalition of the working class movements with supposedly "peace-loving" sections of the capitalist class. In the U.S., for instance, the Stalinists endorse the labor-Democratic Party coalition and urge the labor leaders to work for realizing the "Geneva spirit" within it.

Despite the public displays of mutual distrust by both sides, however, the foreign ministers' conference will in all likelihood reaffirm the "Geneva spirit" even if it arrives at no further tangible agreements.

For U.S. imperialism is not ready to

resume its open drive to war. It was blocked in this course by the upsurge of the colonial revolution — especially by the realization of a new workers' state in declaration is published in the China. In addition the achievements of letters column of the Oct. 10 production by the Soviet bloc and its issue of the Progressive Party development of the H-bomb established weekly, the National Guardian. a temporary military balance of power.

Signed articles by contrib-

In the light of these developments U.S. Big Business decided to make more thorough war preparations and to mask Wagner in 1953 and Governor them behind a seeming desire to affect a peaceful settlement of the cold war.

The colonial movement is still on the rise evil" theory, McAvoy calls for a as witness the heroic struggles of the rejection of the policy of "enrollpeoples in the French North African ing in or dabbling in the internal colonies to achieve their national independence. These struggles have thrown France into a crisis that will take on revo- Avoy declares, "to coalition on lutionary scope in the period ahead. This any basis with advocates of cold tulation of the Guardian gave observes to slow down the U.S. government's time-table for war even further.

Crow.' The Kremlin overlords, for their part, still offer to betray working class and colonial struggles under their leadership to Wall Street in order to get a formal status-quo deal from imperialism. They agreed to underwrite the "Geneva officialdom and the capitalist spirit" hoax last July in pursuit of such a politicians of the Democratic tion is essential if the remaining bargain and are ready to continue the hoax party. at the foreign minister's conference.

In the meantime, as Myra Tanner explained in the Oct. 24 Militant, U.S. imperialism is pushing ahead with its now longer-term war preparations behind the screen of the "Geneva spirit."

West Germany and Japan are being rearmed. The U.S. Defense Department is trying to indoctrinate the U.S. youth into acceptance of permanent militarization, and ever more devastating H-bombs and other weapons capable of annihilating mankind are being developed.

The working class struggle for socialism — and not the hoax of the "Geneva spirit" — remains the only road to lasting peace.

"The Greatest Thing in History"

Little by little the facts about the dropping of the first atomic bomb come to light. First we had the revelations of Winston Churchill's memoirs. Now we have the boasting of former president Harry Truman who was directly responsible for the gigantic crimes of the American imperialist madmen.

Truman tells the "success story" of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki mass murders in his memoirs, published in Life. The atomic age was officially opened when a U.S. plane carried out its assignment over Hiroshima. A city was laid waste with 60.000 men, women and children delivered into radioactive death, 100,000 wounded and 200,000 homeless. Truman received the news on board ship as he returned from Potsdam: "Results clear cut successful in all respects. Visible effects greater than in any test. Conditions normal in airplane following delivery."

for . . . Nagasaki. There too the weather had closed in, but an opening in the clouds gave the bombardier his chance, and

Nagasaki was successfully bombed." A low ceiling — and hundreds of thousands could continue to live. An opening in the clouds — and man-made death never seen on such a scale in history.

Truman explained that he unleashed all this horror in order to obtain a quick victory — the saving of life. This is a lie. The Japanese militarist had already sued for peace the previous month through the then-neutral Soviet Union. On July 28, at the Potsdam conference Stalin reported that thirteen days earlier the representatives of Japan asked the Soviet Union to seek negotiations for peace. ' Then Truman reports: "Stalin declared the answer would be in the negative. I thanked Marshal Stalin. I then opened the meeting for business." Truman, Stalin and Attlee refused to even discuss the question of a negotiated peace although they were certainly in a position to dictate terms. Were there no military alternatives to the horror of nuclear destruction? The Japanese were struck by the A-bomb without even knowing what hit was destroyed and the full military weight | Editor: of the U.S. and its allies could now be brought down on Japan. Japanese uprising? capitalist rulers of the United States were and turbulent life. already plotting the Third World War - Anomalously enough, Debs enthis time against the Soviet Union. They tered the rail union movement saw the great colonial upsurge that was at sale grocery firm after having not submit to the mighty American dollar. atomic bombs on populated cities was | Haute, Indiana, on February 27, monstrous, what is there to say for Stalin, 1875, and was the first recording who, according to the Communist Party, represented a "socialist" state? Coexistence with imperialism during World Debs joined the infant organizabooty. tionary justice — along with the imperialists.

utors do not necessarily rep-resent The Militant's policies. These are expressed in its What Next for the Independent Group in the Progressive Party?

By Harry Ring

two-party system." Clifford T. McAvoy, a leading Reluctant to accept this line. figure in the American Labor the editors of the Guardian, or Party, has appealed to the sup-Jan. 10, 1955, issued a call for a porters of the Progressive Party "national independent political to retain their independence from the two major parties. His elections." They proposed that a sive Party. conference to launch such a party The letter scores the supporters

of the "coalition theory" in the ALP who deserted their own can didates to help elect Mayor from the Guardian. Hauriman in 1954. Citing the

Meanwhile the Stalinists, who record of both men as fresh proof of the bankruptcy of the "lesser policy in definitive fashion. Immediately prior to electoral registration in New York, ALP politics of the machine parties state committee members toured now or in 1956.' the branches with a blunt direc-

"Let us have an end now," Mctive for the ranks to enroll in the Democratic party. The capiwar, enemies of labor and the Bill of Rights, friends of Jim jective aid to the Stalinists in putting over their line. The substantial number of in-

The unnamed supporters of dividuals in the ALP who back "coalition" are of course the. McAvoy's persistent opposition to Communist Party and its allies support of the capitalist parties who have waged an unremitting are now squarely faced with the question, "What next?" campaign to reestablish their unholy alliance with the union The working out of a clear and meaningful answer to this quespartisans of independent politics

The Stalinist drive to herd the in the Progressive Party are to Progressive Party membership escape the alternative of capitulating to the Stalinists or simply into the Democratic party has been carried on systematically throwing in the towel in demoralized resignation. since 1952. It was formalized in a "Draft Program" published in March, 1954, which announced It is necessary for them to re-

evaluate the entire past course that "The key to the crucial 1954 and to re-examine fundamental and 1956 elections lies in the questions. Precisely what is an inability of the organized labor dependent party and an independmovement to come forward as a ent program? The success of

More Flood Victims

distinct political force within the the Stalinists in accomplishing their liquidationist perspective against wide opposition flowed in large measure from the fact that correct answers to these ques tions have never been clearly party on the ballot in the 1956 presented in the ALP or Progres

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The first fact to be recorded is be held in the mid-west during the consistently treacherous role Labor Day week, 1955. The call of the Stalinists in both the ALP evoked a sharp scolding from the and Progressive Party. For them Stalinists in the April, 1955 issue independent politics was never of Political Affairs. The date anything more than a necessary for the proposed conference has tactic within their fundamental passed without further notice perspective of "coalition" with the Democratic party. That has been their unswerving aim since control the ALP machinery, have the "Peoples Front" days of the spelled out and established their Thirties and it was their basic premise when they helped organize the ALP in 1936.

> This shameful fact has been openly admitted by the Stalinists themselves. In Political Affairs of May, 1954, one John Swift explains that the ALP was so organized that it "enabled the independent voters in New York to form

a new party without thereby endangering the election of those major party candidates who in their eyes still deserved support. cal of the International Pulp and In practice this perfomed the function of delivering an even resolution took up the top brass larger vote to the Democratic Party presidential, state and conand great benefits that would gressional tickets.'

In the Political Affairs polemic organized labor, and urged that against the Guardian call, the same John Swift demagogically compass all "bona fide unions." employs half-truths and pseudo-Marxist formulations to justify a course that collides with the most elementary concept of Marxism, a course of leading workers across the class line in support of capitalist politicians. local, etc., who were brutally ex-

After flaying the programmatic odge-podge of the Guardian call, cracy's extension of the boss' which he easily demonstrates was cold war into the labor moveneither a full socialist program, ment. nor an effective minimum one, he Through a series of technical-

demands to know where are the masses necessary for such a movement. With an unusually of order, and, failing this, to get Vancouver council he will have convenient memory for history (he didn't think of this point in 1948 when the Stalinists organized about 20 resolutions that had not in the manner he is accustomed.

congress.

the Progressive Party) Swift sternly admonishes the Guardian that a third party movement can succeed only if it is solidly based on the trade unions.

But all of this is intended as a esson in stoicism. There isn't any 'sense in gnashing our teeth in impotent rage at the treasonable role of the labor officialdom which plays no small part in keeping labor tied to Big Business politics." What to do about it? His answer boils down to the tested Tammany Hall formula, 'If you can't lick'em, join 'em." And all of this in the name of Marxism and building a labor party "eventually." Guardian call c

STRONG OPPOSITION EVIDENT AT CANADIAN AFL MEETING

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 15 - A growing opposition from the local officer level was heard at the recent British Columbia provincial convention of Trade and Labor Congress (AFL) affiliates. This

convention is the last before the appeared on the order paper hit merger of the TLC-AFL unions the floor. Among these resoluwith the Canadian Congress of tions was one from the Port Labor (CIO) unions. Thus the Alberni Painters unging amendrank and file opposition to the ment of the constitution of the bureaucracy developed to its merged congress to admit all sharpest point around issues in-bona fide unions.

volving the unification of Can-The right wing challenged the ada's two union congresses. chair's ruling that the resolu-The delegates had their say tion was in order but was deon the CCL-TLC Unity Commit- feated 55 to 59. The debate was tee's proposal that the merged sharp and tense. R. K. Gervin, body, instead of meeting yearly secretary of the congress since as the congresses did separately. its foundation, subsequently should meet every other year stated that he had anticipated a with a General Board of top "red" attack on the TLC. In acbrass handling affairs between tuality there were only three conventions. The delegates voted known Stalinists in what "the overwhelmingly for annual conpress called the "self styled ventions of the Canadian Laprogressive element." Outside of bour Congress. At the same time them, all the supporters of the they voted that, contrary to the Port Alberni resolution voiced Unity Committee's proposals, political opposition to Stalinism

only credentialed delegates be and were for the most part Pulp eligible for office in the merged and Sulphite worker delegates, CCFers (members of the Cana-INCLUDE ALL UNIONS

dian Commonwealth Federation. an independent party based on The right wing mobilized all labor) who approached the quespossible forces to defeat a resotion from the point of view of ution from the Ocean Falls lotrade union democracy.

Sulphite Workers Union. This RANK AND FILE WIN

The rank and file swept on its declarations of the need through the elections to take all posts but one. R. K. Gervin who derive from the unification of had built himself up as a real power, particularly in the Vanthe unification be extended to en- couver area, to the extent that no delegate from Vancouver This, of course, meant the re- could be found to nominate a admission of the thousands of candidate against him, went workers in the Stalinist-led Mine down to defeat as secretary of Mill and Smelters Union, the the congress. Now the Street United Electrical Workers, the Railwaymen are intending to Vancouver Municipal Employees change their own by-laws to provide for election of all delegates pelled by the trade union bureau- to the Vancouver Labor Council. This means that Gervin will have to stand for election in his own local-a local that voted solidly against him and actually ities the right wing attempted ran a man to defeat him. If first, to rule the resolution out Gervin loses this paid job on the it lost in committee. All their to fall back on his many busiattempts were frustrated when ness ventures to continue to live



SAARLANDERS voted more | many casualties. However, as a than two to one against a measresult of the struggle, work ure putting the Saar under conhours were cut from ten to eight, trol of the European Union - a the food improved and foreign military alliance of Western imprisoners were permitted to perialism. The referendum brought write home. oult 96.5% of the volters. The

measure would have permanently "THE ARAB NATIONALISTS laced the coal and steel producin North Africa are rapidly diing region within the French viding into two hostile camps: customs and monetary zones. The those who oppose any under-Saar now is an autonomous

standing with the French and

those who favor cooperation

with the French," reports Michael

Clark from Algiers in the Oct.

24 N.Y. Times. The militant na-

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DIVISION IN THE BRITISH

LABOR PARTY between right

and left wings deepened at the

annual Margate Conference last

week. The main task before the

gathering was to frame a new

toral machinery. But the confer-

ence never got down to either

tionalists have Egypt's backing

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Truman reacted: "I was greatly moved. I telephoned (Secretary of State) Byrnes aboard ship to give him the news, and then said to the group of sailors around me, 'This is the greatest thing in history. It's time for use to get home.''

This was Truman's big historic moment. And he wants to make clear in his memoirs that the responsibility was his: "The final decision of where and when to use the atomic bomb was up to me. Let there be no mistake about it."

Of course Truman claims he was proceeding strictly according to the rules of the game. He says, "In deciding to use this bomb, I wanted to make sure that it would be used as a weapon of war in the manner prescribed by the laws of war."

What "laws of war" is Truman talking about? The agreements that imperialistgentlemen reached in Geneva to keep the slaughter humane? No "laws of war" ever took into account nuclear destruction. The atom bomb wasn't even born until three weeks before it was dropped on Hiroshima. And that wasn't enough time to even scientifically assess the results of the New Mexico test.

"Four cities were finally recommended" as targets," Truman relates, "Hiroshima, Kokura, Nagasaki and Nigata. They were listed in that order as targets for the first attack." Then Truman goes on: "The wheels were set in motion for the first use of an atomic weapon against a military target. I had made the decision."

The second A-bomb was dropped three days later on Aug. 9. Why were the people of Nagasaki destroyed instead of Kokura. the second on the list? (This account must read like a blood-curdling nightmare to the people of Japan.) "By the time Kokura was reached," Truman writes, "the weather had closed in, and after three runs over the spot without a glimpse of the target, with gas running short, a try was made



Residents of Norwalk, Conn., seek shelter in high ground after three-day "nor'easter" drove them from their homes. Flood cut off electricity and damaged factories and office buildings. This is the second flood that hit this area in two months. Of the \$35 millions allocated for flood prevention only \$5,780,000 has been used.

VETERAN RAIL UNIONIST them. The Japanese militarists had already been beaten on the sea. Their German ally HONORS DEBS' MEMORY

enable Debs to handle both jobs Debs was without doubt the

As one who spent 49 years in a locomotive cab in all classes greatest rail unionist that this And why the second bomb — delivered of service, it is quite natural country has ever produced. He and it cannot consist of a series before the people of Japan had even had that I should take an at- played a leading role in the fortitude of keen interest and ap- mation of the ARU (American is the scientific program of time to figure out what happened? Was proval toward the 100th anniver- Railway Union) in 1894 to unite Marxian socialism. It is the task the Pentagon afraid that a delay in the sary celebration of the birth of the railroad workers into one of fighters for working-class Emperor's capitulation might lead to a Eugene V. Debs. During most industrial organization. This emancipation to take that proof that time I have been an ad- plan was defeated by the com- gram and effectively translate it

The reason why the A-bomb was dropped vocate of the very structural bined efforts of the craft union into the language of the work- the Siberian Arctic Coast reand programmatic changes in bureaucrats, the railroad comon Japan can be found only in the long- railroad unionism to which Debs panies and the corporation-con- of consciousness. It must be done range imperialist plans of Wall Street. The devoted a big part of his active trolled government. In 1905 he in terms of continuously pressing again tried to reach the objective of industrial form of or- to raise the level of working class ganization when he helped organize the IWW.

Through all this experience on hand and would soon rob them of the chief quit his job as locomotive fire- the industrial field he learnt the prize in Asia, - China. They wanted a man the previous year, and he necessity for workers' organizademonstration of their new power of never again entered the railroad tion on the political field, and destruction as a warning to all who did service. He was admitted as a this in turn led him into the So-bound together by a clearly charter member of Vigo Lodge, cialist Party, to his opposition to defined socialist program, to number 16, Brotherhood of Lo- World War I, and into the Fed-If Truman's role in the dropping of comotive Firemen at Terre eral Prison at Atlanta. He also had previous jail experience at Woodstock, Illinois, for his role as strike leader for the railroad keep the union ranks chained to secretary of that lodge. workers. The B. of L. F. was launched

was moved to Terre Haute to

But trials and prison doors in December 1873, and when never swerved Debs from his be one genuinely independent War II meant to the Kremlin going hand- tion it was struggling for its goal of better things for those ticket in the field, that of the in-hand with imperialists in the grab for very existence. Debs threw his who toil at productive labor. Socialist Workers Party. This And whilst the labor bureau- party will militantly advocate an full, boundless energy and natural ability into the task of cracy, particularly on the railanti-capitalist, anti-war and anti-Stalin and the whole Kremlin bureau- building the union against all roads, have tried to bury his witch hunt program. The focal cracy shared with Truman the brutal in- the unlimited obstacles confront- name and his great work - to point of its campaign will be the difference to the fate of the Japanese peo- ing it, and soon he rose to be- cover up their own bankruptcy urgent need for the merged union ple. For this crime the bureaucracy will come the editor of the B. of L. as leaders of labor — the memory movement to build an independent also be brought before the bar of revolutary-Treasurer of the organiza- shine through the mist of time.

contribute materially to the C. R. Hedlund Minneapolis, Minn. the American workers.

region whose economy is annexed tself wide open — both on proto that of France. However, the gram and the content of its Saarlandens are German and independence." Its basic prodesire reunification with Germany from which they were torn after World War II.

hower administration kicked a big prop from under the Guardian call. The "independent role" proposed by the Guardian was in Chief of State enjoyed the conprogram, an independent class formation.

Such a program is indispensable of improvisations. What is needed

ers movement at its given level following the East German ris-This returnee, Johann ing.) consciousness to the point where Distl, says that Soviet guards the fight for a workers and farm-

fired into the ranks of the strikers government will be on the ers (called by the Oct. 22 Chrisorder of the day. tian Science Monitor "the riot-

The key task today is to ing mobs") and there were assemble a cadre of fighters

Detroit Fri. Night enter the arena of the workers movement in struggle against the **Socialist Forum** labor bureaucrats, the Stalinists and everyone else who would The Life and Work the Democratic party. Of Eugene V. Debs In the 1956 elections there will Friday, Nov. 4, at 8. P. M.

and Clark refers to them as the * * * "Cairo faction." SOUTH VIETNAMESE Premier Diem staged a referendum IN ARGENTINA, the Lonardi on Oct. 24 to determine whether government restored to the Cathhe or Bao Dai, French puppet olic Church all privileges 'it lost

during the last period of Peron's fidence of the South Vietnamese rule. Catholic property is again people. Diem, a former French exempt from taxation, subsidies puppet, overthrew Bao Dai's rule to Catholic schools have been last Spring and lined up with restored and priests and nuns U.S. imperialism. In the ballothave been reinstated to service ing, Diem claimed to receive in hospitals, schools and prisons. 98.4% of the vote. According to A TV interview broadcast to the Oct. 24 N. Y. Times, "tens the U.S. on Oct. 23, announced of thousands of South Vietnama "regime of austerity." ese went to the polls." The Times also reveals, however, that 5,335,688 men and women over

the age of 18 were eligible to vote. Even observers for the capitalist press agree that a huge majority of the South Vietnamese prefer unity with the North Vietnam regime to the North Vietnam regime to program and pass upon a plan the rule of either a French or for re-making the party's elec-U.S. puppet.

A GERMAN RETURNEE task. Instead the session was from a Soviet prison camp in spent in bitter conflict. Aneurin

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Bevan, leader of the left-wing, ports that 30,000 prisoners there attacked the right-wing leaders waged a two months strike be- as timid socialists and demanded ginning June 1953 (presumably extension of national ownership





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developing class-consciousness of

grammatic point is the Stalinist panacea of "peaceful coexistence." The adoption in large measure of

that "program" by the Eisen-

all fundamentals a fiction. Genuine political independence is a reality only if it is class independence. Only the working class has the power to eliminate capitalism. It can and must win great support from other classes as it discharges that historically mposed obligation, but it cannot share that responsibility in the sense of abandoning its objective for the sake of "coalition" with other classes. Working class independence receives expression only through an independent class

The Negro Struggle By George Lavan

Debs and the Negro Question

On the 100th anniversary of Eugene V. Debs' birth it is fitting and instructive to recall what he thought and said about the Negro struggle. The purest distillation of all that was militant and revolutionary in the American working class of his day. Debs early reached—as, if by instinct—a position of equal rights for the Negro people. It is significant that his life-long hero was John Brown, who liberals and milkand-water socialists have come to regard as a madman or bloodthirsty fanatic.

From his travels in the South organizing unions, Debs understood the economic basis for the Jim Crow system and always told white workers how it profited Big Business bosses at their own expense. In later days when Debs was a famous lecturer and spoke in Southern cities, he always refused to address an audience if it was segregated. His personal relations with Negroes — Socialist comrades, trade unionists, friends, casual acquaintances were marked by that deep love and respect for human dignity and equality that made his personality so unique. There was not the tiniest trace of chauvinism in Debs.

In answer to a letter warning that the Socialist Party would lose many votes if it insisted on equality for Negroes, Debs wrote a scathing reply in the International Socialist Review (Jan. 1904) declaring his party "would be false to its historic mission, violate the fundamental principles of socialism, deny its philosophy and repudiate its own teachings if, on account of race considerations, it sought to exclude any human beings from political and economic freedom."

Debs great shortcoming as a socialist leader was his lack of theoretical interest.

He almost always reached the correct position on a question by his militant instinct. He left the theoretical problems to the book-learned socialists of the Milwaukee reformer type. Unfortunately these people, who claimed to know Marxism and overawed Debs with their talk, were not Marxists but revisers of Marxism — which is a revolutionary philosophy that was completely alien to their timid, careerist, middle-class minds and characters. (Their spiritual descendants are this week "commemorating" Debs with speeches picturing him not as a revolutionary socialist but just a picturesque and "saintly" character, who if he were alive today would be campaigning for liberal Democrats, as they are.)

Not a theoretician, Debs erred in not seeing that the Negro struggle for equality was a special struggle with its own dynamic and needs. He considered it as just part of labor's general fight. "We have

nothing special to offer the Negro," he wrote, "and cannot make separate appeals to all the races. The Socialist Party is the party of the whole working class, regardless of color — the whole working class of the whole world." Despite the shortcomings of Debs' position, which failed to see that the Negro worker was not only exploited as a worker, but doubly exploited. and that all Negroes - regardless of class - were exploited on the basis of color, nevertheless it was far superior to the hardly-concealed prejudice of the rightwing leaders' "theoretical" approach. It remained for the revolutionary socialist movement of our day to unite Debs' instinctive militancy on the Negro struggle with Marxist theory.

NUMBER 44 MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1955 **Ohio Labor's Ballot Battle for Jobless Pay**

THE MILITANT

By Jean Simon CLEVELAND, Oct. 21 - For for Proposition No. 4. the first time in many years The proposed law, as describ-Ohio workers will have the op- ed on the official ballot "pron their own interest in the Nov. fits, increased dependency allowelection.

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action of the CIO in securing proof on appellants, provides some 140,000 signatures on initiative petitions, the voters have a chance to pass an improved by the unreasonable action of unemployment compensation law employers, and provides 'that which the last session of the payments to a claimant under a guaranteed period wage plan egislature rejected.

All labor organizations (AFL, shall not affect the weekly bene-CIO, Railroad Brotherhoods and fit amount of claimants under independent unions), the Ohio the unemployment compensation branches of the National Asso- law of the State of Ohio." ciation for the Advancement of Lined up against the proposed

A Scab's Life

Colored People, the Ohio Con- law are all the bosses' organizasumers League, and all pro-labor tions, under the leadership of

groups are urging a "Yes" vote their "Ohio Information Com-| "The test created by the CIO's mittee," formed by the employ- initiated petition vote is whether ers after the measure was certi- or not the CIO is strong enough in which labor representatives fied for the ballot. Headed by to take control of Ohio away went hat in hand to Columbus portunity to vote for something vides for increased weekly bene- Rep. Horace W. Troop, chair- from the duly elected represenman of the legislative committee tatives of the people. ances, increased duration of which rejected the bill, the OIC "The issue in November is

As a result of the independent benefits, places the burden of is raising a war chest of be- whether Ohio voters shall sur- they are good for business, has tween one and two million dol- render orderly legislative pro- developed into open political supplemental payments to claim- lars by taxing its members 75 cesses to the dictations of the class struggle. ants whose claims are delayed cents per employe. Ohio CIO."

The obvious misrepresentation Smaller Business of America, Inc., "educators," and similar in the editorial, of course, is the idea that a decision by a majorgroups have been swept into the ity of the voters is dictation of campaign by the OIC with horthe .CIO. ror tales of increased taxes, en-Unfortunately, neither the CIO couragement for "loafers" and leaders nor any other section of 'deadheads" and similar catch-

words. to take control of Ohio away But the more powerful Assofrom the bosses' representatives. iated Industries of Cleveland They are not even proposing to bluntly states that its chief oborganize a labor party. ection is "Not only because it is All they are proposing are too much money for not working.

some minor reforms of the unbut even more important, because employment compensation law, of the method the CIO has chosen which is so stringent in its proto gain this end." visions and administered so

The basic issue, says Associmuch in the employers' favor ted Industries, is who shall dethat 47.3% of all applicants are cide the amount of unemployrefused payment in Ohio as ment benefits-"a special group compared with an average of (in this case the CIO) or the 24.4% in the other 47 states. elected representatives of the people of Ohio." THREAT TO GAW

The "method the CIO has One of the reasons behind the special drive of the CIO to pass chosen" and to which the bosses object is the referendum pro- the proposed law is that the vided for in the Ohio Constitu- "guaranteed annual wage" (or, tion whereby a law may be more correctly, supplementary voted in by a majority of all the unemployment benefits) clauses of the contracts signed with voters when the businessmen, lawyers and big farm interests' Ford and General Motors this in their own class interests. By private club known as the legisyear will, in effect, be cancelled f Ohio and Michigan do not lature fails to act on it. This constitutional provision amend their unemployment combecomes a democratic right the pensation laws to permit claim-

begins to show signs of using it less of what they may receive for independent political action from a GAW contract. But regardless of the limited by the working class acting in

The organized employers' line and the reactionary motives of trol of the state and production of reasoning is expressed even the employers, the struggle has out of the hands of the capitalmore sharply by the Cleveland a logic of its own in lining up ists and their duly elected rep-News editorial of Sept. 8: the class forces involved.

What started as a CIO initiated petition to the legislature, to appear before committees with testimony as to why the reforms are needed and why

CLASS LINEUP

All the employers and their agents are lined up against all sections of the labor movement. Both sides have formed committees to co-ordinate their campaigns, raise funds and get out the labor leadership is trying the vote. Daily debates are being held between union and employer representatives on radio,

> television, and at meetings. Everyone is being forced to take sides. The NAACP, despite its conservative leadership, naturally lined up with labor against the traditional opponents of its campaigns for fair employment practices legislation. Fraternal organizations like the Eagles, and some clergymen from working class districts have taken a stand in support of the proposed law.

Regardless of the outcome of the vote, this is only a first step in the political struggles of the workers in this state. By their control of the state the capitalists will continue to administer unemployment compensation laws their control of industry, they will continue to organize production for profit at the expense of the workers' standard of livng and security.

The real solution for labor lies in doing what it is incorrectly being accused of doing in the objectives of the labor leaders present campaign-taking conresentatives in the legislature.

Insecure Military Minds

By Joyce Cowley

In recent months, many of the policies of our military leaders have been sharply criticized. For example, there has been some question as to whether a fellow can inherit Communist tendencies from his mother-in-law or whether they are transmitted only through a blood relationship. Also, a lot of people didn't feel sure that torturing our draftees just for practice would inspire them with an unwavering patriotism and a sincere appreciation of American democratic ideals.

Anyone who thinks it's so easy to run the army and navy right has very little understanding of the complex yet delicate problems handled by our top brass. I always realized they had a big job but until I read a couple of recent news items, I had no idea how complicated this job who doesn't like army life. I wonder if they check to find out if he has been associating with Republicans or if his mother belongs to the DAR. This is really a political threat and suggests the frightening possibility that thousands of young men who are not enthusiastic about military service — all of them with staunchly conservative ancestors and friends - may be converted to Communism.

The second news story was about sergeants. So many of them crack up mentally that the Army is making a special study to find out why. Lt. Col. Frederick A. Zehrer, who examined a lot of sergeants

Circle plant at New Castle, Ind. While the scab enters, works and leaves the plant under the watchful eye of the military he must then face his former shopmates, neighbors and family for the rest of the day. He must also live with himself - for the rest of his life.





In the 1890's the Southern friendliness of white middle class aimed at stopping any possible ruling class, threatened with youth to Negroes has terrified desegregation, Folsom vetoed it, political overthrow by the poor the ruling class of the South. as he did another bill aimed at white farmers and the Negroes This has increased in the fight virtually outlawing the NAACP. national wave of protest over the murder of Emmett Till, organized into the Populist for school desegregation. Like in psychiatric wards, finds they have Party, perfected the technique an octupus, the Southern ruling class forces in the South - from "feelings of insecurity and anxiety in of racist politics. This technique class has been flooding the his own point of view-is illus-

relation to the officer to whom they were (plus violence and fraud at the South trying to "unito" all that the monoved interests was held here today. responsible." To the average GI, ser-it in name to be average GI, ser-

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23 — As a continuation of the Folsom's ability to see the a mass protest meeting, called by the local branch of the National Association for the Ad-

> Vote for anyone who would vancement of Colored People, not make a deal with the South-More than 3,500 crowded the ern politicians, she advised. Who could this mean? No indication

could get.

Take the question of subversives, which sounds like a simple matter of tracking down Reds. A man may have to look for them in unlikely spots and it tests his ingenuity, but the main objective is clear. Now, according to the first news report I saw, security investigators are faced with an entirely new problem. A number of young men come right out and admit they are Communists! But army officials are not so easily misled. According to Army Secretary Brucker, these men are not really Communists, they are draft dodgers trying to avoid military service by claiming to be Communists.

This must be a little upsetting because to date no investigator ever tried to prote that a suspect was not a Communist. All the machinery is set up to prove that a guy is guilty of subversion, and now suddenly it has to go into reverse and prove that he isn't a Red, just a loyal American geants probably don't seem anxious or insecure but psychologists tell us that a was to suppress the class tough exterior may cover up weakness and struggle in politics by forcing SPECTER OF UNITY fear. So the next time you face a nasty one trumped-up issue into the sergeant, just remember that he's scared, stage and giving it a political monopoly. too.

In the 1890's in the South, the In any case you can begin to see how ruling class saw that the way to difficult it is for military authorities to save its rule was to "unite" all handle all these different problems and the whites of the South against what a strain it must be for the Lieu- the Negroes. It was not an easy task but propaganda, lynchings, tenants, Colonels, Commanders, Generals, accusations that the Populists etc. After this surprising disclosure about stood for "negro domination" the mental instability of Sergeants, I am had their effect. As the Populists beginning to wonder if the rest of the oflost ground and the poor whites began to lose hope in a Populist ficers are normal. It may be that they, too, victory and a new society, the are anxious and insecure and I can sudvacuum left began to fill with denly visualize psychiatric wards with beds | racism and frustration.

full of all the top brass. I suppose I am POPULISTS CAPITULATE oversimplifying military problems, but I In state after state, as the can't think of anything that would contribute more to the security of this country and defense of the real interests of deprived of the vote and total accept 'voluntary' segregation, American working people.

Notes from the News

MARRIED WOMEN SHOULD WORK because capable individuals feel frustrated when they cannot put their knowledge to work. This was the conclusion of Florence Kluckhorn of Harvard who was the principal speaker at the fourth annual family-life conference at Keuka College. She also claimed that this sense of frustration, along with the aftermath of "starry-eyed romance" creates a major cause of instability in many marriages. Society she added, should prefer a happy mother who is home half the time to an unhappy one who is there all day.

SMITH ACT VICTIM Jacob Mindel's plea for a parole was turned down by the Federal Parole. Board on Sept. 26. Mindel, 74-years-old, is suffering from a heart condition. His daughter believes he cannot survive his prison term. Many pleas for his release have been made, including one from Bertrand Russell, the noted British philosopher. * * *

A TOAST TO FRANCO was proposed by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, the ace Catholic propagandist for the "free world." He said, "I ask you to drink to our friend, the leader of Spain who, from deep and intimate personal experience, I believe to be not only the most unselfish but one of the greatest, if not the greatest, heads of state in the world, with the exception of our own President." The occasion was a dinner organized by the American Friends of Spain.

ECONOMIC TERRORISTS. The National Assoeiation for the Advancement of Colored People has called on a number of national corporations to investigate reports that their distributors and

then their opponents wouldn't franchise holders in parts of the South are parbe able to shout "Negro domticipating in the economic squeeze on Negroes ination" at them. who have spoken out for school desegregation. They mistakenly thought that Many Southern NAACP branches complain that the race issue would disappear their worker members are being fired, storefrom politics and then, unharkeepers are denied delivery of orders and conrassed by this problem, they sumers are refused credit. Conporations named could organize the poor whites in the complaints include: Standard Oil, Armfor the overthrow of the politistrong Rubber and Tire, Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, cal rule of the plantation owners, Royal Crown Cola, the Southern distributor of bankers and merchants. Curtis Candy, and numerous others.

ssue never disappeared from built his following among poor * * * Southern politics. The Bourbons whites by raising some class is-DR. BARROWS DUNHAM, former professor raised it at every election. Dem- sues - pensions and highways of philosophy at Temple University, in Philaagogues saw its effectiveness (important in giving poor farmdelphia, was acquitted in Federal District Court of charges of contempt of Congress. When he and raised it constantly. Finally ers access to markets). In fightthe former Populist leaders tried ing the plantation owners and was called before the House Un-American Activito outdo their opponents by businessmen he has adopted the ties Committee in February, 1953, he gave his name and address but refused to answer any using it. Many who had once other questions, invoking the Fifth Amendment. defended Negroes with their lives their districts and registering The Committee recommended contempt charges, and elected them to high office a limited number of Negro voters and shortly thereafter Professor Dunham was in the Populist Party became as a threat. fired by the University.

ulist leaders decided that if they

stopped defending Negro rights

inscrupulous white - supremacy * * *

propagandists. Ever since then any move- support that he is building his PROTESTS against the loyalty questionnaire ment of the poor white farmers political career on he avoids race imposed by the New York State Insurance Dept. or the white workers in the baiting. "When politicians start on all insurance agents applying for a license South toward a class struggle hollering 'Whip the N . . . r,' resulted in a discontinuance of the practice. Lefpolicy has been immediately Folsom told Bigart, "then you fert Holz, State Insurance Superintendent, had smothered with an officially- know damn well they are trying required all applicants to swear that they did not sponsored blanket of racist agi- to cover up dirty tracks." An belong to any organization on the Attorney Genopportunist capitalist politician, eral's subversive list. When the American Jewish ation. This strategy is now being not a crusader, Folsom is against Congress and the CIO Insurance Workers objected employed to the maximum in the school desegregation in Alabama, and the American Civil Liberties Union prepared to investigate, Holz discontinued the practice South. The militancy of the Ne- but says little on the subject. gro people, the movement of When the white-supremacist leg-"pending further study."

The technique is simple. It and to drive off the political scene all opponents.

The Dixiecrat movement, the

"right-to-work" laws. KKKs and Citizens Councils, the Folsom's significance lies in terror in Mississippi is all part his successful use of class issues. of the campaign to suppress the This demonstration of the suemerging class struggle in the perior attraction of class issues South which raises the specter over racism for poor whites in the Deep South is of great sympof an alliance of the Negroes and poor whites against the Bourbons. tomatic importance. This strategy has succeeded There are other encouraging a procession that took a halfto a certain extent already. signs. In some parts of the Most of the liberals have run South Negroes have partially like rabbits at the first shouts won the right to vote and have of "N....r lover," and "Negro

made local alliances with labor domination." Homer Bigart gives to elect Negro and labor reprea typical example in his recent sentatives to city office. Unions, series on the South when he though for the most part timid. writes: "To the dismay of sup-

have opposed the racist agitation tened intently to the description porters who thought him 'liberal' on the school issue. Recent of NAACP branch work in the ing, providing many of the anon the issue, North Carolina's strikes have seen Negro and South given by the Southern ruling class decisively defeated Governor Luther B. Hodges in a white unity grow and break Jim Crow barriers and segregation Hurley. the Populists, the Negroes were speech Aug. 8, urged Negroes to laws. Voices like that of The

segregation, as we know it to- coupling this completely unreal-Southerner, a religious pro-labor day, was put onto the Southern istic plea with a warning that newspaper in north Georgia, are statute books. With their Negro the state might be forced to speaking out for equality. allies disenfranchised and racism abandon the public school sys-Most inspiring is the example rampant, the short-sighted Pop- tem unless the Negroes waived of the CIO Packinghouse Worktheir constitutional rights." ers which has led several mil-Not a single important Southitant strikes in the Deep South ern liberal has come out for Proudly interracial from its

rank and file to its top leaderschool desegregation. They have become silent or assure the ship, this union held a conferwhite supremacists that they ence in Atlanta and demanded are not for it. federal seizure and integration Does opposing the white suof Southern schools that would

premacists' really mean political not desegregate. death in the South as the liber-It is notable that this union als believe? In Alabama. Gov. sent an interracial delegation of



process) to observe the whitewash trial of Emmett Till's lynchers in Sumner, Mississippi.

TWIN CITY tactic of sending registrars into Labor Forum

What Would Debs Say Keen enough to realize that About the Labor Movement racism is poison to the class Today?

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finance racists all the time. Tindley Temple Methodist That's how they keep poor white Church to demonstrate their rewas given. Mrs. Hurley voiced folks under subjection - with sentment and indignation in no criticism of either capitalist that one issue." Significantly he Philadelphia's first meeting on has denounced the anti-labor the case. The audience was composed

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party, Republican or Democrat, nor did she mention them by name.

The only other political note mainly of working-class Negroes with a sprinkling of middle-class of the meeting was a resolution whites. It took the occasion to addressed to the Department of show how it felt by a magnifi-Justice requesting an investigacent response to the appeal for tion of the recent whitewash funds. The whole audience, from trial of Till's lynchers.

the balcony on through formed Appallingly apparent was the lack of any support to the meeting by organized labor even hour to pass the collection table with their donations. Quite a though the large national organizations of the unions have gone few stopped to sign NAACP on record on the Till case. No They were moved by the plain, one on the platform represented

simple words of Emmett Till's organized labor. uncle, Moses Wright. They lis-About 300 copies of the Militant were sold outside the meetswers the audience sought.



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