# Washington Rally For Civil Rights Lacks Build Up

#### By L. P. Wheeler

**River Rouge – Center of Ford Empire** Despite the universally acknowledged desire for action on civil rights — apparent in the mass outpouring for NAACP and union protest meetings — the NAACP and union leadership have proposed D

people for enactment of civil no real program of action. Walter Reuther, president of rights legislation." Very good. But in the meantime

the OIO and the UAW, announced some weeks ago plans for a mass the leadership of the NAACP has demonstration in Washington said nothing about this 'mobilizawhen Congress reconvenes early tion.' If a mass pressure movenext year to demand civil rights ment is to be organized - and legislation and action by the fed- nothing short of that will make eral government.

This proposal was repeated in lawmakers - the job of building a statement made by Reuther, it up must begin now. Nov. 11. Referring to the refusal of the Mississippi grand jury to even indict Milam and Bryant for kidnaping, Reuther said, "It again underlines the need for federal legislation to stop violations of civil rights and to end killings caused by race prejudice. The UAW-CIO will continue to press for such legislation. The union is working with the NAACP and other organizations who are planning a nationwide 'civil rights mobilization' to be convened in

Washington early next year. "We are doing this," Reuther said, "So that our members and taining a coalition with the Democrats. Many times in the millions of other Americans will past they have swallowed the be able to express to the Congress treachery of capitalist politicians. of the United States the over-Are they now planning, together whelming desire of the American



EISENHOWER'S reception of Carlos Castillo Armas, dictator of Guatemala, was the first

with some Northern liberal Democrats, a face-saving maneuver for the new session of Congress? A election of "good" Democrats in 1956?

the necessary impression on the

The need for such a mobiliza-

tion cannot be questioned. The

Democratic liberals are making

it clear that they intend to do

The most disquieting develop-

ment is the silence with which

the Negro and labor leaders have

greeted the blunt statements of the

Democrats that they will preserve

their unity with the Dixiecrats by

shelving all civil rights and labor

We must face the fact that the

abor officials are bent on main-

nothing about civil rights.

legislation.

WHAT KIND OF RALLY If so, the Washington mobilization Reuther is speaking of will be a hoax. We have seen enough

of these in the past. What is needed now is a mass turnout, a truly representative delegation from the unions at the plant level and from the local branches o the NAACP.

from Detroit, for example, would cops. The boy was shot in add real weight and significance to a mobilization in Washington. And more than a few thousand would be ready to respond to a responsible call from the official relanizations of labor and the

Vegro people. A giganitic Rally in Washington can mark a new stage in the independent political struggle of the American working class. It could be the beginning of a na-

tionwide mobilization of labor's accorded to a representative of | ranks in fighting alliance with all another country after the Presi- those who suffer discrimination

independent Labor party.

By Antonio Torres and Tom Denver On the night of Sept. 15, George Martinez, a 16-yearold Puerto Rican youth was killed in East Harlem by one of New York's trigger-happy

the back after he and five other youths fled when approached by detective Philip Dennehy. Dennehy fired once in the air and then shot to kill.

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According to the Sept. 16 New York Times, "a woman whose name was withheld had alleged that he (George) had attacked her." The same report stated that the boy was also "wanted for questioning about other rape

None of the capitalist papers seriously questioned the possibil-

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Aerial view shows part of giant River Rouge plant, which in turn, is only a small part of the world-wide Ford Empire. With the sale of Ford stock, the last giant industrial enterprise with an independent status will move into the hands of financial monopolists. (See story page 2)

### the new session of Congress A maneuver which will cost the liberals nothing but give the labor officials a formula to call for the election of "groud" Demogratic in Slay Puerto Rican Youth

cases.

"There are incidents of unwarranted rough treatment which publicans in many small farm while effective in the minds of communities. In nearby Ken police officers, often are a viola- tucky also the farm vote for the tion of justice and make the Democrats ran unusually strong. police enemies in the eyes of FARMERS' DISCONTENT

many East Harlem youth." The case of Eneris Santa and Victor Caban, both 17, is a graphic example of what they icy has appeared at recent midare referring to.

As reported in the Jan. 31 Militant, these two Puerto Ri- Demands for the removal of Seccan youths were accosted by a retary of Agriculture Benson drunken woman who insisted were applauded by the crowds that they accompany her into a of farmers packing these hearings. secluded area in Central Park. the woman claimed that the boys had tried to rape her.

### **ELECTIONS SHOW TREND** STILL FOR DEMOCRATS By Farrell Dobbs National Secretary Socialist Workers Party

The November 8 elections continued the three-year d toward a Democratic comeback from the defeat intrend toward a Democratic comeback from the defeat inflicted by Eisenhower in 1952. New Democratic gains were

tests, primarily in industrial shift in middle-class sentiment areas where the labor vote pro- may also be involved. vided the margin of victory. Highlighting the Democratic closest legislative race since tion today, Adlai Stevenson conadvance was a state-wide sweep 1937 despite the traditionally of 73 out of 104 city adminis- strong position of the Republitrations in Indiana, a state that can machine in non-presidential had gone solidly Republican in years. The Democrats failed in temptuously ignoring the mass the 1952 presidential elections. their attempt to gain ground in protests over the Till lynching Several major cities, including the lower house but they did and the demands of the Negro Indianapolis, went to the Democrats. Some Indiana communities state Senate. Growing Demoroted Democratic for the first cratic strength in normally Re- civil rights.

Added significance was given

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ocratic victories over the Re-

**Take Legal Action** For Civil Rights west hearings conducted by the

By Henry Gitano Eight army privates, stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, threatened with undesirable discharges

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# High Democrats Plot Civil Rights Sell Out in '56 Stevenson

scored in a series of local con-

ime in years. o the Indiana elections by Dem- these counties.

> (Continued on page 2) Fort Dix Soldiers

Related evidence of farmer discontent with Republican pol-

Senate Agriculture Committee.

These signs of unrest among for political views and/or associa-When discovered there by police the farmers reflect their grow- tions prior to their army inducing concern over the steady de- tion, have filed a suit against cline in farm income. Still it their commanding general. This They were arrested on the should be noted that shifts in test case seeks to have the fedframed-up charges of attempted rural political sentiment appear eral court affirm that the rape at the point of a knife to remain regional in character. Universal Military Training Act while under the influence of Farmers in upstate New York of 1950 expressly forbids disnarcotics. After spending five showed continued support to the charges not in accordance with

Silent on By Murry Weiss NOV. 15 - In announcing Heavy Democratic opposition his candidacy for the Demoin New Jersey brought the cratic presidential nomina-

tinued his policy of courting the Southern racists while concapture three new seats in the people and unions for action on

In the coming year we will publican counties can be attributed to new industrialization in hear much about Stevenson's friendship for labor and the Ne-Republican hopes of a come

gro people. But despite worldwide shock over the bestial lynching of 14-year-old Emmett Till in Mississippi and the subsequent whitewash of his kidnap-killers, Stevenson hasn't uttered one single word against these atroci-

Stevenson is the champion of "united" Democratic party. In





dent's heart attack. This demonstration was designed to bolster the Wall Street puppet's hated, anti-democratic regime.

### Labor Strikes Against **New Argentine Junta**

#### By Carl Goodman

NOV. 16 - The general strike called last night by the leaders of the Argentine General Confederation of Labor (CGT) was "slow getting started but apparently gaining momentum" in its second .

day, according to today's United threats that strike leaders would be arrested and sentenced up to Press dispatch.

At this writing, it is 100% three years in prison; posting effective in the industrial cities tanks and truckloads of soldiers of La Plata, Avallanedo, and and sailors at striking factories; Rosario. It embraces the follow- arrests numbering in the huning industries in these cities: dreds; threats of wholesale dismeat-packing, glassworks, rubber missal against workers on strike; tire, soap works, textile plants, violence against strike militants. breweries and metal works. In The CGT's newspapers, La Prensa Santa Fe striking drivers aban- and El Lider have also been doned street cars and buses in seized by the government for "fiery" pronouncements. the streets. The immediate strike issues

However, important sections of the CGT - which claims six mil- center around actions taken lion workers - have not joined previously by the government the strike. These include long- against Peronist union leaders. But a more basic issue is the shoremen, transport and white collar workers in Buenos Aires. nounced by Lonardi, clearly aimed And only 5% of the strategic at undermining the workers' cacy-the skirts of General Morailroad workers have quit work.

living standards. The strike represents a showdown between the CGT and the regime, Peron sought to advance pinnings of the world's largest new government of Gen. Pedro E. the interests of a section of the industrial corporation. What the Arumburu, who replaced Gen. Argentine capitalists at the ex- public sees, however, is not one Lonardi by means of a military pense of the landowning interests coup on Nov. 13.

and foreign concerns, he also octopus tentacles of Big Busi-The new military junta accused granted significant concessions the Lonardi regime of not being vigorous against the Peronists in to the working class in order to bins of dozens of enterprises. win a mass base for his regime. labor and in the government. But these benefits were already During the two months he was in power Lonardi moved cauti- being eroded in the last two years of Peron's rule. And now all secously in his dealings with the tions of the exploiters - U.S. CGT, making concessions to the owned concerns included - seek organization at the same time that he sought to split it by setting up rival leaders in a num- out of the hides of the working lass. ber of unions.

#### A UNION-BUSTER'S GOVT.

economic and political crisis is The Arumburu regime, touted the continued existence of the in the U.S. Big Business press as | CGT, which survives the downpaving the way for "democratic fall of Peron intact," The Militant government" (the same claim was stated on Oct. 10. What is at over his lines? made for the overthrown Lonardi stake now in Argentina is whether regime) has decided to try to the ruling classes can stabilize a smash the most militant sections regime on the backs of the work- business, it merely purchased posing of them on the market. ers; or whether the working class bus lines. The corporation has GM representatives answered of the CGT.

"The key to the Argentine

Among the brutally repressive measures taken by the "demo-conquest of power by victory over business and may eventually ing out that the company had try. Three representatives of the cratic" regime are the following: the Arumburu junta.

and oppression to take the high ity that George was an innocent victim. Didn't he run when he road of political struggle for their own aims and with their own saw a cop?

The truth is that the Puerto

Rican people, particularly the youth, live in terror of the po- witnesses who say that one delice who resort to the most fective hit George on the head

fenseless, before taking him to It was this fact, combined with the wanton killing of Martinez, which led to a wave of indignation in the Puerto Rican boy's life. communities and resulted in an

investigation by the East Harlem Christian Action Committee of the Pentecostal Church.

**REPORTS LIED** 

#### organization revealed that "Al- the same night as the alleged reports of the incident declared in front of here. My brother that George had been identified saw the accident. It made him

By Myra Tanner

of lifting-with the utmost deli-

pair of over-stuffed legs, but the

ness reaching out into the profit

"And when General Motors

the country.

One of the first witnesses to comer?"

by the victims as one of their sick, so he stayed in all night." assailants, we have learned that In its statement to the press, the victims have declared that The EHCAC reported that

testify, Nov. 8, was Theodore T. The tyranny of GM over the

poration that is "entirely too that they were being ruined by

months in prison waiting for a trial, subsequent evidence proved backs to the Democrats in sev-George was in no way involved in the attack."

conclusively that the two boys eral county elections. were innocent.

It also reported that there are

a firehouse. There is no report of any medical treatment which might possibly have saved the

the alleged rape, George was "LA JARA"

GEORGE MARTINEZ

The boy's family has insistent- admit that these statements re- cal control in a clean sweep of all were given the choice of accepting cratic party which discreetly ly claimed that on the night of vealed "deep rooted prejudice." contests. Only minor city posts undesirable discharges, refuting It is not surprising that New elections. convalescing from a surgical op-

eration on his feet. In addition York's cops or "La Jara" are so On Nov. 4, this community his sister pointed out that on free with their guns and clubs CHANGE IN SUBURBS

In the city's suburbs the in the minority communities though the original newspaper rape "a little boy was run over when they are emboldened by the Democrats cut into the usually the draftees started action against the strategy summed up by vicious prejudices of their su- strong Republican pluralities. A Lieut. Gen. Thomas W. Herren, Democratic national chairman, probable cause of this trend is First Army Commander, charging Paul M. Butler. Speaking in After issuing their public the steady migration of betterviolations of their constitutional statement, which clearly reveals paid New York workers into the guarantees, and asserting their (Continued on page 2) suburban communities. Some

right either to remain in the

Billion Dollars Make a to WO

periors.

Answering G.M.'s apologists, sive cars. But Rear Admiral Nov. 9, that GM got its "head Quinn argued, "The statement Frederick J. Bell, executive vice start" in diesel locomotive pro-(D-Wyo.) with his Senate Anti- has been made that there is no president of the National Deal- duction during World War II trust subcommittee is currently such thing as an entrenched and ers Association, replied, "We when Roosevelt's War Produc- Defense Committee. A rally in "austerity" program first an- engaged in the teasing business unassailable position in the auto- have yet to find a dealer who tion Board gave it exclusive mobile business. Neither is there would dare to do it." production rights.

O'Mahoney summed up this 22, at 8:30 P.M. Professor Mark tors to give the public a glimpse or two or three interests own terms to dealers and it uses that conquest by saying, "It is ob- de Wolfe Howe of Harvard Law GM is in a position to dictate When in the first years of his of the modestly-concealed underducers of diesel locomotives are to employ the best stables and of sharpened competition, the losing ground and that General jockeys, enter more horses in dealers are forced into an overthe race and finally have their extension of credit that now Motors each year is acquiring a own people represented among threatens to engulf thousands larger share of the market." If the full story of the power the judges, the results are prac- with financial ruin. of GM and a few other big cortically inevitable. What chance

porations and banks were told, honorable discharge should be is there, honestly, for any new- GM'S SYMPATHETIC HEART it would be clear that they run While GM rakes in the world's the U.S. government like a comrecord profit of over a billion pany front office. This economic tyranny is the substance of the and beliefs of a large and Quinn, former vice president of auto dealers was aired in the dollars for 1955, GM spokesmen, General Electric. He blasted Gen- investigation. Thousands of auto H. M. Hogan, suggested that the "free enterprise" system for eral Motors as a "monster" cor- dealers complained to Congress new car dealer live off his "fat." "All you've got to do, said which the American people are to satisfy their respective claims big" for the economic safety of the auto barons. Professor Don- Hogan, "is ask them (the deal- expected to give their labor, their taxes and their lives.

business of the country. What clause in the dealer's contract decided to get 95% of the bus financially responsible for disworkout they've been getting.

Republicans by helping deal set- the quality of service rendered. The eight, who were inducted in 1954, are Theodore Bernstein. Industrial cities in upstate Stanley Hauser, Bertram Lessuck, Following their release New New York showed an opposite David Lubell, Jonathan Lubell, York City District Attorney Ho- trend, giving the Democrats a Bernard Radoff, Samuel Suckow, gan tried to whitewash the nine-to-four edge over the Re- and Rudolph Thomas. They were brutal methods in the minority with his pistol, despite the fact frame-up by referring to the publicans in capturing city ad-that he was wounded and de-that he was wounded and de-that he was before taking him to woman and the "suspicious and The Liberal Party of New York ship, associations, kinship, readindecent" appearance of the boys. also gained new strength in ing habits, signing of petitions Even the liberal N. Y. Post, these industrial centers. writing of letters to Congress-

which regarded Hogan as a fine Within New York City the men and participation in strikes District Attorney, was forced to Democrats retained firm politi- during their civilian lives. They plain words that means a Demowere involved in these off-year the charges by letter, or request- terests of the Southern plantation ing hearings before a Field Board of Inquiry.

hearing, but prior to the hearing,

for their army service.

soldiers points out that to allow

the armed forces "to investigate

political and personal activities

DEFENSE RALLY

Armed Forces or to honorable believe it will become a matter discharges since all eight inductees have "excellent" ratings

> The Democratic chiefs in the Senate adopted the same policy for the next session of Congress when they decided to "avoid. if possible, such issues as compulsory civil rights bills - for federal sanctions against racial discrimination and so on - and repeal or basic alteration of the Taft-Hartley Labor Act." (N. Y. Times, Oct. 27.)

Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D-N. Y.) said, "Liberal Senators of my own party have been strongly and evaluate one's prior civilian inclined this year to avoid a bitter civil rights fight and a consequent split in Democratic

Lehman says he deplores this policy. But this representative of the Northern bankers is an old silence and conformity around the hand at covering the tracks of the Democrats with a few liberal phrases. Basically he serves the party that unites the Southern ing on a matter of principle, that and Northern capitalists in a "gentlemen's agreement" not to disturb each other's "way of life" even if it involves a few flog-

Thus the stage is set for an instructive lesson in the need for Labor party among the majority of workers. Negro and through an undesirable discharge. white, who support the policy of They are demanding an "Honor- the labor officials in the hopeless sursuit of political gains through able Discharge for Honorable the capitalist two-party system.

# ald A. Moore of Michigan State ers) how much they've made in



STEVENSON

avoids offending the vested inand factory system - with its open shop, cheap labor, Jim Crow After making a demand for a and lynch law.

Stevenson is only carrying out North Carolina, Nov. 11. Butler said the issue of segregation "is not a national issue. . . I don't of contention at the (Democratic) national convention.

The eight draftees are backed by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee and the Servicemen's Carnegie Recital Hall, Tues., Nov. The suit filed by the eight

Commenting on this decision,

in determining whether an withheld, is to place the armed party ranks." forces in the position of an LESSON IN POLITICS onnipotent censor of the actions



Service."

The Fort Dix eight are fight. each man must be judged for his discharge status on the record he has made while in the army. They are opposing the army's attempt | gings and lynchings. to strangle thought by punishing soldiers for having ideas not approved by the army brass with the threat of lifetime blacklisting

Quinn declared, "It did not University described the posi- the last five years and find out take the corporation long to ac- tion of the dealer as that of "a if they're crying poverty with a

quire 76% of the locomotive vassal of the manufacturer." A ham under their arm." This is a foretaste of what railroad president would dare to compels him to "represent the GM's attitude will be when it say 'no' to the largest shipper manufacturer." This clause is starts laying off its production used to force unwanted cars on workers. Only GM workers the dealers who then become couldn't accumulate much "fat" on the production line with the

GM's economic tyranny is not can open up the road to its own entered the large gas engine the dealer's complaints by point- limited to the automobile indus-

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#### THE MILITANT

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### What's Happening Bankers Open up Ford On the Waterfront By James O'Hara

By Sam Marcy The announcement that Ford By Sam Marcy

company's stock is a singularly significant event. It means -

A minor storm has been kicked up by the forced resignation of Lt. General Hays as New York's representative on the Bi-State Waterfront Commission. General Hays had been appointed to his

Governor Harriman has re- influencing Harriman, is the fact since it was first set up.

post by ex-Governor Dewey. so, not the least of the factors jugation as yet. But it does moved him and it is widely in- that he has begun the race for degree." In the jargon of the terpreted as a concession to the the Democratic presidential nom- Wall Street financiers, "first deindependent International Long- ination. Now as every school- gree" refers to that phase or shoremen's Association which child knows Harriman must period when the bankers already has bitterly fought this body above all seek to show that he have laid the foundation for is a "friend of labor." And even control of the company by float-The Republicans charge that if his ward-heeling pilot Car- ing its first substantial stock or

Harriman has taken this action mine DeSapio had to draw a bond issue. at the behest of Carmine De- diagram of elementary political Sapio, Tammany leader who is arithmetic for the millionaire in the newspapers. Almost all of beholden to some ILA leaders. Governor they were only both them carry stories to the effect Harriman's supporters answer conforming to the tried and that Ford stock sale is calcuthat General Hays ran the water- | tested practices and traditions of | lated to "broaden the ownership" front commission without much American capitalist polities. regard for the human element involved. This can be called the in the work of the Bi-State that Ford, out of the goodness understatement of the year. There is no gainsaying the very militant and courageous linquishing the exclusive control

measure of truth contained in political demonstration of the his family has held in the inboth statements. The develop- rank-and-file dockers against the terests of "democratizing" his ments on the docks involve the commission last September has firm.

lives of 25,000 men and many not failed to have its effect more are closely affected. Har- upon New York's capitalist leadriman would be something short ers. The daily press has been as people and a sign of great proof a Democratic party politician one voice in its denunciation of gress. Actually there is not a if in a period preceding a very the ILA and in its warm sup-grain of truth in all this. important election he should ig- port of the odious commission. nore the aroused sentiments and Mere mention of the longshorefeelings of an important part of men's political strike brings on the New York labor movement. apoplexy among the editorial

Governor Harriman upon tak- writers. Waterfront Commission. During mission in its war against the GM in the auto industry, fall where securities (stocks and there were approximately 9,500 Directors of the Ford Motor pamphlet by Jean Simon, titled, soon." the militant challenge to that ILA has reached a stalemate prey to a group of bankers even bonds) are exchanged for money separate security issues (i.e. is- Company. body expressed in the eight-day, forged by the solidarity and if they be the most powerful and vice versa. Thus Ford or sues of stocks and bonds) which

mass strike last September he spirit of the rank-and-file long- ones? went all out in his support of shoremen. Harriman, who back-the Commission. He could feel ed up the Commission to the ment by Ford that it wants to be stock or bond purchasers ex-the commission. He could feel ed up the Commission to the ment by Ford that it wants to be stock or bond purchasers ex-big investment banking houses. obtained is kept on deposit in Top honors in the colleparticularly righteous and polit- hilt in its attempt to break the sell stock to the broad public cept through the channels of the big investment banking houses. obtained is kept on deposit in ically safe since the ILA was ILA, can now say that arbi-means that it wants to give out money market or capital market. And what they didn't want for banks "suggested" by the under-of the fund to date go to Mil-from a friend toward the Fund declared outlaw by the officials trary military formulas are no hundreds of thousands of shares of the main bodies of the Amer- answer. But before he would say of stock in exchange for that, it was necessary that there ready cash. In plain language, ican labor movement.

Nevertheless, the powerful and be a completely paralyzing strike. the transaction means: "I, Henry why the banks should dominate "industry." overwhelming demonstration of hostility toward the Commission jubilant over these developments which says 'ownership of one in the fact that the money marand would like to interpret them share of common stock in the ket is no longer a free, competiby the ranks of the dockers made its deep impression. Also, as a great victory. They would Ford Motor Company which will tive market where buyer and since the ILA seems to have have no quarrel with the water- entitle you to a share in the seller meet on more or less compelled at the behest of some consolidated its control on the front commission if a way was future profits produced by the equal terms as in the days of of the smaller investment bankdocks the AFL teamsters have found to include the apparatus Ford workers' and you give me old when capitalism was still ers to initiate a suit against come to a working agreement of the ILA in official recognition \$60 in cash for it." which is really a peace treaty. add their weight to keep the public, therefore, means raising in finance as well as in industry. that it had indicted the 17 inwith them in an assistance pact and status. Then they too would This has removed the teamsters dock workers "properly discipas an active enemy of the ILA lined."

on the docks. That leaves the But the new wind that has other key AFL force, the AFL been blowing on the waterfront shares of stock and in exchange most powerful banking combines. States. seamen's union isolated and in- on the East Coast can very easily upset "the best laid plans of effective. Finally, and if we may say mice and men.'

will launch a public sale of the among other things-that the last great independent industrial empire has fallen prey to the

great Wall Street banks. True, it does not mean complete submean subjugation in the "first

But this is not what we read of the company, to let the mass-A chance is surely underway es "get a cut in the profits," and Waterfront Commission. The of his heart, is deliberately re-

> Therefore, the story goes, the sale of stock is a break for the What has the one thing got to the most powerful of the sevendo with the other?

HOW THEY DID IT

"CLUB 17"

The ILA leaders are naturally Ford II give you a certificate Ford. The key to the answer lies

Any large scale corporation

progressive and competition in-

In Ford's case the corporation highly monopolized field, a field conspiracy to monopolize the sewill issue about seven million controlled by the largest and curities market of the United domination of the banks over in-

therefore the company expects to \$500 million.

maintain his competitive position Doesn't this sound kind of and to divide among themselves capital . . . A financial oligarchy, against GM which six months strange?

CHICAGO, Nov. 11 — The first | Chicago youth, in Mississippi was |

at that federal housing project.

Police Commissioner O'Connor

has agreed to open the streets in

the Trumbull Park area to the

Negro families. The agreement

was reached during a meeting be-

tween Willoughby Abner, Chair-

man of the Executive committee

of the NIAACP, and O'Connor.

held at the suggestion of Mayor

something about it.

Daley.

A start and a start a st

Election Trend against GM which six months ago raised about \$325 million by just such a stock sale. That's the real reason for the stock sale or research specialist in finan- the defendant banking firms." tutions of contemporary bouron for si likely to and not the phoney ones given cial affairs, you're Farmers show concern ever their be acquainted with this term. years during which time the -such is the most striking manin the papers. Now the next question is, if "Club 17" is a Wall Street term government handed in 24 thick ifestation of this monopoly." Ford wants to raise a half a for the 17 biggest investment volumes of proof of the con-The Ford Motor Company, was billion dollars in the sale of banking houses in the country spiracy, but the case, like most for many years, the outstanding stock, what has this got to do and the term "Corner" is used anti-monopoly cases was finally exception to this rule. The cawith the Ford Company becom- to describe the firm of J. P. dismissed. (Judge Medina, the pitulation of Ford to the bankers ing "subjugated by the banks?" Morgan and Company, which is chief witch-hunt jurist in Amer- shows that finance capital can-

#### **Caught the Fever**

proposed stock sale, he also announced the next day that he had designated seven investment banking houses to "manage the stock sale" for him. These are the seven: Blyth & Co., Inc., First Boston Corp., Goldman, Sachs & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane, White, Weld & Co.

All except Merrill Lynch were named in the government's indictment and are among the biggest and most powerful of the seventeen. It is to be noted that first on the list, Blyth & Co., Inc. is a stooge for the Morgans. Now if the function of these

ica, was the judge who tried the

When Ford announced his

seven was only to manage the sale of Ford's stock and merely take their cut of the profits it wouldn't spell out domination of the Ford Company. But they also underwrite the issue, which means they take financial responsibility for it.

HOW BANKS MOVE IN

Therein lies the root of the financial subordination of the

Ford Company to the bankers. In addition, the Ford Company is obligated to take "financial Ford or any other industrial- managers." Ford also has to pledged.

that wants to sell stocks or ist in America who wishes to "open the books" to them and This quick action by the We have full confidence that our But how is it possible for the bonds on a mass scale involving sell stocks or bonds involving sooner or later, particularly, if groups backing the Publication quota will be fulfilled and on bankers to subjugate the mighty millions cannot sell its securities substantial sums of money can-Ford? How can a multi-billion except through the so-called not do it except through "Club required, a director from one of made possible the initial piece Dunne expresses the determina-There is, nevertheless, wide- dollar, world-wide industrial com- capital market — that is the 17" or with their permission. In the above named investment of literature. We are proud to tion of all those cities which are policies and practices of the spread realization that the Com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the Com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second only to money market — the market — the market and practices of the spread realization that the com- bine like Ford, second on the spread realization the

> any other industrialist cannot amounted to about \$65 billion. out a lot of trouble went to the follows; that the corporation in 63% of its \$250 quota. But work.

But this still does not answer rest of the investment banking return for the deposits is "free" to obtain short-term loans for New York also share in that current purposes. Thus the finan- honor with 31% or better, which cial tie-up between the industrial means that these cities are on combine and the banker is such schedule or ahead of schedule. Federal government was finally that the industrialist cannot but V. R. Dunne of Minneapolis become subordinated to the will underscores the need for "reg-

of the banker. The Ford stock deal is a "Club 17." Finally in 1947 the striking confirmation of the Len-The selling of stock to the stead of monopoly was the rule Federal government announced inst theory of modern capital- brings the total to \$291 or 22%. ist Publication and Press Fund, cash on a gigantic, mass scale. Today, the money market is a vestment banking concerns for Monopoly, Lenin taught, has we hope to remedy that soon. 3, N.Y. among its basic features the

dustry. "Monopoly" he said, "has In order for Ford to float his Paragraph 44 of the govern- sprung from the banks. The obtain in cash between \$400 and stock he had to spend quite a ment's complaint charged that banks have developed from mo-\$500 million. Ford needs this cash badly to headquarters at the "Corner." pete among themselves . . . . to the monopolists of finance on a mutually satisfactory basis, which throws a close net of re-

Paid Percent City Quota Milwaukee 250 \$ 157 47 Seattle 200 93 825 288 34 Detroit 580 33 1,760 Buffalo 31 24 23 22 1,078 3,520 New York Los Angeles 3,300 778 200 46 Newark 291Twin Cities 1,320 20 Youngstown 250 50176031618 Chicago Philadelphia 67 15 440 15 800 117 San Francisco 13 85 11 Allentown 300  $\frac{30}{15}$ 10 Oakland 350 Cleveland 140Akron 0 Boston 500Pittsburgh 1000 85 St. Louis 10 General -----Total through Nov. 15 \$16,185 \$3,927 24

**Fund Scoreboard** 

### SOCIALIST PUBLICATION AND PRESS FUND GROWS

#### By Reba Aubrey

The \$16,185 Socialist Publication and Press Fund is now in its fifth week with eleven more to go. Supporters advice" from the "investment of the Fund have collected \$3,927 - 24% of the total

'Desegregation, Labor's Stake

Readers of the Militant are Part of the agreement be- in the Fight for Negro Equal- doing what they can to help tween the underwriters and the ity," is now ready for distribu- realize the publications program. Well, let's see. The announce- reach the broad mass of would- The great bulk of this amount corporation is usually a secret tion by Pioneer Publishers. The For instance, Janet McGreager of Detroit reports that their Top honors in the collection weekly payment "contains \$5 themselves or couldn't take with- writers. From this the next step waukee for having completed to help us continue our good Seattle, Detroit, Buffalo and

R.F.S. of Oakland writes: "Here is a \$10 contribution to the education fund. I wish I could give more but finances will not permit. I will give more in the not too distant future."

ularity of the remittances." He To help in the realization of says: "This is the fifth payment | this publications program, send on the Twin Cities quota," which your contribution to: The Socialism (ie. monopoly capitalism). He adds: "Not quite par. But 116 University Place, New York



Helen Baker informs us that As the subscription campaign nears its close, indications from in Seattle "Ann Dorsey, Leon various parts of the country are Shaw, Frank Powers and I went

that it is becom- out last Sunday. Between us we ing increasingly sold 23 Militants, a copy of the easier to sell FI and got the promise of a subs and single sub. Charles Forest has his six copies of the Mil- readers to whom he brings the itant. Typical of paper. They have been reading these reports is it for a year, and complain bitthe one from St. terly if for some reason he is Louis. Richard unable to get the Militant to Clausen writes: them. Frank and I visited new "please increase doors mainly, and both of us our bundle order. had the experience of selling Militants are mostly to women. Frank visited



to workers during last spring's negotiations with the company when the union rejected Ford's employe-stock plan and demanded instead a guaranteed annual wage. After announcement that Ford was putting stock on market Stellato requested that company reopen its offer.

teen.

BANKERS ON TRIAL

It is no wonder then that the

(Continued from page 1)

falling income. City dwellers back in Philadelphia were crushwant better housing. Lack of ed by a three-to-two Democratic federal intervention against the mayoralty victory. The Demolynchings in Mississippi alienates crats took the whole city coun-Negro support from the Repubcil. except for one seat. Signifilicans. cantly, the defeated Republican

Due to the absence of a Labor mayoralty candidate had been Party the Democrats become the endorsed by Eisenhower himself.

In Connecticut the Democrats won an unprecedented victory at New Haven, electing a complete slate by a huge majority. They scored an upset in the Water-bury mayoralty race and won in three other industrial towns. political beneficiaries of the mass Democrats back into full nation-

#### CLUES TO SENTIMENT

To block the labor-Democratic significant change in the Trum- sufficient to get action that could of racist violence. A beginning Clues to popular sentiment on policy questions appeared in the coalition the Republicans must bull Park situation occurred force city officials to act. Until has been made thanks to the New York referendum balloting. have more than a strong presi- shortly after the NAACP-union mass action was organized the militant action of the Negro com-In a revolt against high taxes dential ticket. They need con- sponsored picket demonstration at terror continued unabated for munity in alliance with sections voters throughout the state re- tinued grounds to masquerade City Hall, Oct. 25, protesting the more than two years. jected three-to-two a proposed as a "peace" party and they violence against Negro tenants highway bond issue requiring a need a relatively stable economic hike in gasoline taxes. Buffalo situation. A single adverse event and demanding Mayor Daley do voters spiked a move to increase can shift the political balance against them. the city sales tax.

al power.

At the same time the New SWP CAMPAIGN

York voters granted new appro-Further experience with the priations for state subsidy of Democrats in power will teach low-rent housing. Upstate op- the working people they cannot position to the proposal was solve their problems through a overcome by a two-to-one supcapitalist party. But for the porting vote in New York City. present they will act according A second proposal for state loans to their existing illusions. This to private firms building middleleaves the class-conscious workincome housing got less metroers with the central tasks of expolitan support and the upstate plaining the anti-labor nature of the Democratic Party and of was announced. Abner presented opposition defeated it.

From the overall election re- upholding within the labor movesults signs of growing mass dis- ment the principle that class he thinks should be opened. The content with Republican rule lines must not be crossed in list was not made public. can be seen. People want relief politics.

from high taxes and they re-New opportunities to meet Negro tenants and their visitors main worried about the economic these tasks will be found in the will no longer have to enter and presidential campaign of the So- leave the project in police squad dangers implicit in the 1953-54 slump. Workers instinctively fear cialist Workers Party. The SWP cars and paddy wagons. They will the open party of Big Business. ticket will serve as a rallying be able to walk down a street,

bor. The general party campaign LOS ANGELES **Friday Night Forum** class truth. Fri., Nov. 25 — Capitalism and NEW YORK Crime. Speaker: Della Rossa Christmas Bazaar Fri., Dec. 2 — Murder in Mississippi. Saturday, Dec. 10, 12 noon on Jewelry — Clothing Speaker: Erroll Banks Accessories Food and Refreshments **BARGAINS GALORE!** 1702 E. 4th St., 8:15 P. M. Donation 35c. 116 University Place

not afford to tolerate the existence of such exceptions.

Ford's surrender to the bankers is intimately connected with the ferocious competition in the auto industry, with the sharpening of antagonisms within the financial oligarchy and with extraordinary measures taken by each of the industrial and finan-

from the inevitable economic in its arrival.

In the summer of 1954 Howard alert watchfulness must be main-Mayhew, Organizer of the Chi- tained to make certain that the next installment.—Ed.)

of the labor movement. But an (First of a series. Watch for

one of my regular customers." subscriptions from Los Angeles,

cial governing cliques of Amer-

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much easier to sell now. I sold one old-time reader who wants eighteen in less than two hours. the paper delivered so that he I was careful to save a copy for can discuss ideas with us."

"Enclosed are seven more Carl Feggans sends in five subs as well as a sub to the FI . . Of our increased bundle of asks us to "raise the bundle to 50 Militants, forty have already two of our stands as they have been sold," writes Detroit's John ica to "safeguard" themselves been selling out," then adds: Collins. "Bea Allen, Tom John-"This is just a P.S. to tell you son and Dot Lessing sold 15 pacatastrophe which, to the sur- of a small bit of 'sabotage' pers and one FI at an ACLU prise of all of them, is so tardy done to us. A new salesman, meeting last Thursday, Eleanor George Meyer, took a Saturday Beekman and Tom sold some at sale and by mistake took our a Ford union meeting, and Tom whole bundle of Militants. Rose and Eddie Hamilton sold 15 at Bailey, the regular saleswoman, two Negro churches."

did not realize this until the Twin Cities reports through money was counted. We had to its agent, Winifred Nelson: "This call off the sales for the rest of week's score is eight subs and the week. Rose and George sold 38 singles. The sub work was 54 papers in a little over two done by Bill Carter, Larry Anhours. So once again will you drews, Helen Sherman, Charles please raise our bundle?" Haddon, C. R. Hedlund and V. R. Dunne. Alice Nelson reports that her readers, to whom she sells each week, await her com-Detroit Fri. Night Socialist Forum

ing anxiously. They are very much interested indeed in the Militant. Helen continues her neighborhood work each week also.«On her route this week she sold nine papers and has the possibility of another new sub. Larry sold nine at the Minneapolis Labor Temple and Jack Barry and I sold a few to our friends . . . Best of all, one of our newly acquired newsstands in St. Paul sold three Militants. We now place 26 newspapers a week at seven newsstands in the Twin Cities."



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#### union leaders and the leaders of the NAACP do not feel free to the Democratic mayor and his ... Cops Kill Youth Democratic party. How can they point out that the mayor is an enemy of the people and then the innocence of George Marti-

lice violence.

The process of opening the same bunch in November?" streets will be a gradual one. it

ACTION URGED

O'Connor with a list of the streets

If successfully carried out. the protest demonstration. Just as a of an alleged crime can a cop strike shows the boss what the shoot a citizen? The reason workers want, so a demonstration given for this question was the will show the mayor what the frequent occurrence of such cases people want. The demonstration as the killing of George Marpoint for all who want to fight enter stores and visit neighbors will show the mayor that the peo- tinez.

for an independent party of la- without fear of losing life or limb. O'Connor agreed to a meeting will furnish an excellent medium with Abner and the Negro can be replaced."

to tell millions of workers the tenants in Trumbull Park, aimed toward developing a cooperative the power of the Negro people to the near future. plan and understanding in the act against the racist mob. opening of the area. "Thousands of people can be could decide would be the for-

It is significant that after two mobilized at City Hall by the mation of neighborhood or block years of violence and terror at NAACP and the unions. The committees to more effectively Trumbull Park, the city officials streets can be filled with people. investigate and take action on did not move until the NAACP, The mayor will understand," he future cases of police brutality supported by labor, civic and explained. church organizations, mobilized a More than a year passed before

mass demonstration of 1200 peo-Howard Mayhew was proved cor- lem feel that the labor moveple at City Hall, demanding that | rect. It took that long before the | ment of New York should throw Negro people, their patience ex- its full support behind any acthe officials do something. hausted, could overcome the tion undertaken by the Puerto The lesson is clear. The mass indignation against racism that inaction that resulted from the Rican community to defend its was aroused by the brutal murder alliance of the Negro leaders and rights and to put an end to poof Emmett Louis Till, 14-year-old the Democrats.

cago branch of the Socialist Work- fight is carried through to comers Panty, pointed out in a series plete victory. There must be no of articles in the Militant on the rest from vigilance until Trum-Trumbull Park terror (later pub- | bull Park is liberated from every lished in a pamphlet) that "The last trace of terror.

Trumbull Park is not vet free

(Continued from page 1) ask the people to vote for this nez, the EHCAC has turned all its evidence over to the District Attorney's office. It also organized a meeting of leaders of In order to end the terror the Puerto Rican community Mayhew declared, "The time has which demanded to know from come for the unions and the Police Commissioner Kennedy at NAACP to organize a mass what point in the investigation

ple think he's falling down on the | The EHCAC is presently enjob. It will remind him that he gaged in mobilizing the Puerto Rican community for a mass Mayhew did not underestimate protest meeting to be held in One of the things this meeting

and murder.

America's Road

Many workers in East Har-





#### **Even Paper Promises are Dangerous**

For nine years the United Nations' Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee has been working on an international bill of rights. Last week the project was indefinitely shelved.

According to Wayne Phillips, reporting from the UN, "The project has been foundering this year, weighted down by the determination of some nations to make it a vehicle for winning the independence of non-self-governing territories.

"This attempt took the form of writing into the covenants the right of all peoples and nations to self-determination — to determine for themselves their political, economic, social and cultural status."

Evidently, Wayne Phillips considers it scandalous that "some nations" (namely, the Asian and African bloc) should believe that the concrete right of nations to self-determination belongs in an international bill of rights, which is supposed to merely set forth democratic principles in the abstract.

This is also the way the representatives of the U.S. government viewed the proposal, for they voted against its inclusion. They thereby trampled on the very principles laid down in the American Declaration of Independence in 1776.

The revolutionists who embarked on an independence war against British imperial tyranny justified their action to the world in the following way:

"Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends [namely, life. liberty and the pursuit of happiness, last Tuesday. Final returns were it is the right of the people to alter or to 870,755 votes for and 1,458,483 gates pledged additional support abolish it, and to institute new govern- against the measure. ment, laving its foundations on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

What was it, we should like to know, thinking. that Samuel Adams, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and other leaders of the American Revolution of 1776 were asserting if not the right of all nations to selfdetermination?

But the U.S. government — doing the bidding of Big Business - is now itself busily engaged in oppressing and exploiting peoples.

In the formal sense of the word, it owns no colonies, but the Asian and African nations also want to outlaw diplomatic subjugation, rule through puppets and economic domination.

Wall Street's government does plenty of that, and wants nothing to interfere the one-party press was obviouswith its imperialist activities.

But it is not in the interests of the U.S. working people to deny other nations the right so powerfully asserted by this country in 1776. A socialist government in the U.S. would unconditionally aid every other people to "institute . . . government ... as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

### Mathematical Formula for Democracy

William Stratton, Republican governor of Illinois, has asked the Justice Department to investigate the Till case. He wrote to the Department: "Emmett Till, a citizen of Illinois, was abducted and brutally murdered. It now appears that those responsible for this tragic crime are not being brought to justice... I feel it is my duty to respectfully request the U.S. government . . . to investigate the violation of rights of this Illinois citizen in another state.'

A fine letter, Governor Stratton. But perhaps you should have underscored your concluding words, "in another state." How about your own state? You certainly have not taken action to halt the wholesale violation of the rights of the Negro people in Illinois.

Why was Emmett Till in Mississippi in the first place? His mother, like many other Negro parents living in Northern cities, sent him there to escape a miserable summer in the jampacked, Jim Crow ghetto of Chicago. What did you ever do, Governor, to help tear down that ghetto? What have you done to provide adequate vacation facilities for all the young Emmett Till's in your spacious state? Can you explain why Emmett Till's mother was compelled to send him to the land of lynch law just to get him off the sweltering pavements for a couple of months? Such hypocritical "concern" about the violation of young Till's rights in Mississippi is an insult to the Negro people -coming as it does from the Governor of the state that has won international notoriety for its own "little Mississippi" - Trumbull Park.

Negro families in Chicago have fought for their right to live in the Trumbull Park federal housing project in the face of a must be escorted to and from work each day in squad cars. They have been bombed, shot at, stoned and beaten by racist mobs

been trampled upon. Governor Stratton, what has either the Democratic administration of Chicago or Democratic administration of Chicago or your own administration done to put down this mob violation of the rights of citizens The Essence of "Geneva this mob violation of the rights of citizens in your state?

This kind of "concern" for democracy "in another state" is expressed by the politicians of both Big Business parties. Their interest in democracy can be boiled down to a mathematical formula: It is in direct proportion to the distance from home. The further from home the violaSkirmish; Girds for Battles Ahead By Jean Simon tory at the cost of continued or with the Ohio Information Com CLEVELAND, Nov. 14-Ohio additional misery of unemployed mittlee (OIC) which paid for workers, but we stand ready for huge ads against the unemploylabor lost a political battle in future engagements as we have ment compensation bill. The the state-wide vote on its proexecutive board of the Ohio begun our next as of today." posed law to liberalize the un-Underscoring the spirit of Conference of Branches of the employment compensation law National Association for the Adtheir statement, the CIUC dele-

to strikers at local plants of the Westinghouse Electric Corp., the bill. But the view of all the bosses Cleveland Worsted Mills . Co., and the daily press that serves and the General Electric Co. them that the vote was a "smashing victory for organized CAMPAIGN OF LIES

employer groups" is just wishful The high-priced propaganda

in future battles.

Council said:

paign ....

CIO STATEMENT

workers did not vote for the campaign of lies, misrepresenmeasure. While the only county The campaign for the bill, the tation and slander by the organcontaining a major industrial first to be fought on class lines, ized capitalists undoubtedly play- city which gave a majority for revealed that a substantial basis ed the major role in defeating the bill was Mahoning (Youngsfor an independent labor party the bill. Hundreds of ads in town), careful analysis of the already exists in this industrial every paper in the state except vote in Cleveland, Toledo, Cinstate, and that with a clearcut the labor press, on radio and cinnati, Columbus and other inprogram of united action on television, drummed away at dustrial areas may confirm the both the economic and political three main lies: The law would estimate that it was the rural fronts victories could be assured make Ohio a "loafers' paradise" and suburban vote that providat the expense of "good worked county majorities against it. ers." Increased compensation for However, there is no question unemployed would mean increas- about the fact that a large num-In a post-election statement, ed taxes and higher prices for ber of workers were confused,

the Cleveland Industrial Union consumers. The CIO would run and that this was due not only the state. to the campaign of the bosses. "The coalition of the business The resulting vote showed but to the class-collaborationist interest with its vast financial enough rural and middle-class political line of the labor leaderresources plus the influence of elements were frightened into ship. Workers were told not to voting against the measure, and believe the lies of the capitalist enough workers confused into politicians on the proposed bill, ly the major factor in confounding and confusing the votvoting against their own class although they have been told to ers of this state by untruths, interests to defeat the bill. support many of them for elec-The Wall Street Journal rec- tion in the past and, presummisrepresentations and, in some

instances, complete falsehoods ognized this in part. In its Nov. ably, in the future. during the course of the cam-10 editorial citing the failure of Evidence of the confusion organized labor to achieve its created was apparent in the immediate political objective last election of several so-called

(tween the antagonistic social Soviet Union and partnership with

"We are proud of the efforts Tuesday and in the anti-Taft exerted by our unions and our "pro-labor" mayors in cities friends. We know our campaign campaign in 1950, the paper like Akron and Columbus. was waged based on truth and commented: The confusion was not all on

"On both occasions it is quite one side, however. The propaon fact. We refrained from malicious guttersnipe politics apparent that great numbers of ganda against increased compenand some of the other evil tech- union members did not vote as sation for unemployed was so efthe leaders wanted them to vote. fective that it boomeranged, to niques used by the business-Instead, they made up their the chagrin of the organized industry coalition.

minds and voted as individuals. capitalists. Constitutional amend-"We have lost battles for decency on this question in the Not only that, but on Tuesday ments to provide increased comreign of terror. They are unable to walk halls of the Legislature, in the they voted against a proposition pensation for judges and adminthe streets in or near their homes. They bargaining of contracts, and here which might have profited them istrative officials, which the OIC in the ballot box . . . Though personally.' backed, were also defeated by we lose other battles we shall The segregated Negro comthe voters. munities of the state were no never concede defeat.

**Spirit" Remains Intact** 

The Big Four Conference of systems. Under these conditions, the U.S. government in maintain-

AFFECTS UNION CONTRACTS "To the Ohio 'Mis-Informa- exception to the general picture organized by real-estate sharks and boss tion Committee' (Chamber of of class line-ups plus a certain An important aspect of the politicians. For two nightmarish years the Commerce and Manufacturers degree of confusion. Practically defeat of the unemployment rights of these courageous people have Association front organization): every Negro weekly but the compensation law, although it Glory if you can in your vic- Columbus Ohio Sentinel lined up did not play a major part in the

### THE MILITANT

Solar Energy Used



Dr. and Mrs. William A. Rhodes of Phoenix, Ariz., demonstrate an engine that converts the sun's rays into mechanical energy at the Solar Engineering Exhibit. The engine has only one moving part — a column of fluid.

debates during the campaign, has about 12% of Ford's emwas the set-back to putting into ployes and about 17% of the effect the supplementary unem-GM total.

ployment benefits provisions of Now the UAW is faced with the Ford and General Motors the task of winning compliance union contracts. from more states with smaller

Under the contracts signed percentages of the workers involved, and against the opposilast June. states with a total of more than two-thirds of each tion of employer groups in those firm's UAW-CIO members must states, encouraged by the defeat permit an unemployed worker to of the measure in Ohio.

receive full state unemployment The International Union of benefits at the same time he is Electrical Workers, CIO, was drawing layoff pay from the even harder hit than the UAW company. by the defeat of the Ohio un-

The proposed Ohio bill would employment compensation prohave done that, among other posal, since about 25,000, or things, and would have given nearly 85% of the 30,000 GM the UAW the number of states workers represented by IUE are complying necessary to put the located in Ohio, and they are company payment plan into ef- covered by a similar company fect June 1, 1956, since Ohio unemployment pay clause.

World Events

TYPICAL SOVIET WAGES | racial relations "under review" AND PRICES in Moscow and for another year. Negroes are nine other Soviet cities during strictly segregated and discrim-September and October this year inated against as well as fiercely were cited in the Nov. 8 N.Y. repressed by the Union's gov-Fimes. The following are sample ernment. The population includes nonthly wages at the reported 2,600,000 whites and 8,000,000 nofficial rate of eight rubles to Negroes. Sympathizing with the he U.S. dollar: sweeper in a walkout, the N.Y. Times, voice factory, \$56; waitress, \$63-\$75; of U.S. Big Business warned school teacher, \$69; beginning that "many persons" in this doctor, \$81; semi-skilled factory country would not like it if "the worker. \$88-\$100; experienced Negro population of the State engineer, \$150-\$250; director of of Mississippi . . . conceived large factory, \$500-\$625. Fac- themselves to be ill-treated and tory directors and engineers, be- carried their case to the United sides enjoying such privileges Nations Assembly." as a rent-free apartment and military services against the Ger- use of a car may also receive IN BRAZIL, the Army headed substantial bonuses if their facby Gen. Lott. Minister of War. tory overfulfills its quota. The took over control of the governfollowing are sample prices: ment on Nov. 11. The move was described as a "counter-coup" designed to head off a military grouping backed by the U.S. State Department which wants to prevent President-elect Kubman's shirt, \$9.75-\$30.63; womitschek and Vice-President-elect And the Kremlin, no matter an's shoes, \$69-\$97; four-tube Goulart from taking office on Jan. 31, Kubitschek and Goulart. \$175-\$213: 10-inch TV set. \$338: head the movement formerly led vacuum cleaner, \$51-\$81; small by Vargas. It includes the Brachild's bicycle, \$19; automatic zilian unions and had the backwashing machine, \$256. Figures ing of the Communist Party in

## **Ohio Labor Loses First Political**

the other hand, supported the

A complete breakdown of the

vote figures is not yet available,

so it is too soon to conclude

that a majority of the industrial

For two years a small band of heroic

Bernard De Voto, who died Nov. 13 at

the age of 58, was not a revolutionist

although for a time in his youth he inclined

toward socialism. In fact in the middle of

the great depression of the 1930's he was

considered conservative enough to take the

Easy Chair of Harper's magazine, a post

he held for 20 years. Primarily a profes-

sional writer, he sought and gained fame

in the literary world as an essayist, his-

Conservative though he was, however,

In the October 1949 issue of Harper's

magazine he told off the government for

using stool pigeons and relying on unsup-

ported testimony to convict victims. He

assailed the FBI secret files as "a hash

of gossip, rumor, slander, backbiting,

malice and drunken inventions which,

when it makes the headlines, shatters the

reputations of innocent and harmless peo-

ple and of people who our laws say are

innocent until someone proves them guilty

in court. .'. We know that the thing stinks

to high heaven, that it is an avalanching

De Voto stated his position: "I like a

country where it's nobody's damned busi-

ness what magazines anyone reads, what

he thinks, whom he has cocktails with. I

like a country where we do not have to

stuff the chimney against listening ears

and where what we say does not go into

the FBI files along with a note from S-17

that I may have another wife in California.

I like a country where no college-trained

De Voto did not like snoopers. Especially

torian and caustic critic.

government snoopers.

danger to our society."

When Bernard De

At the same time a good clue to the Foreign Minister Molotov for meaning of this "concern" for democracy filatly rejecting the proposals of

cern," and vice-versa.

in distant places is to be found in the actual deeds of these democratic crusaders unity, disarmament and Easton their home grounds.

Witness the pious declarations of the administration in Washington about free the ablest journalists in Wall elections in Germany. The worthlessness Street's stable correctly indicates of these declarations become clear when we recall that Washington has not lifted a Geneva is very much with us, finger to get free elections in Mississippi, as much today as before Molotov where the Negroes, who constitute half made his statements..." the population of the state, haven't been able to vote since the days of reconstruction.

What is the real ingredient of the "Geneva spirit"? According

Voto Spoke Out flatfeet collect memoranda about us and ask judicial protection for them, a country where when someone makes statements about us to officials he can be held to account. We had that kind of country only

a little while back and I'm for getting it back. It was a lot less scared than the one of suspicion was the one reprewe've got now."

De Voto warned that "A single decade has come close to making us a nation of common informers."

it?" De Voto gave public notice to the WALL STREET'S AIMS

government snoopers: "From now on any representative of the destroy the non-capitalist propgovernment, properly identified, can count erty relations of the workers' states in the Soviet Union, China on a drink and perhaps informed talk about and Eastern Europe. U.S. Big the Red (but non-Communist) Sox at my Business seeks to return this vast house. But if he wants information from area of the world with its 900 me about anyone whomsoever, no soap. If million inhabitants to the frameit is my duty as a citizen to tell what I work of capitalist exploitation. know about someone, I will perform that U.S. capitalism force it on the The inherent tendencies within duty under subpoena, in open court, before | road of attempted world conquest is posted in the court-house square: I will needs the markets, labor force world in order to keep amassing government investigator." profits - and stave off repres-

The obituaries we have read in the capitalist press about De Voto omit mentioning this incident in the noted writer's previously explained, U.S. im-

life. But it seems to us one of the finest perialism has been stalemated on things he did and one of the finest things the world arena by the upsurge of he ever wrote.

He spoke out and spoke out vigorously when most public figures thought it safer to hold their tongues about the government witch hunt or to join it themselves. If De Voto is remembered for nothing else, he should be remembered for that.

foreign ministers is being freely adventised in the U.S. press as a follow decided to slow down the pace of their wor drive and with a the V.S. press as a of their war drive and failure, leading to the destruction tion of democracy the greater their "con- of the "spirit of Geneva." The longer range preparations. blame for this is placed on Soviet the U.S., British and French foreign ministers relating to German

world and the development of super death-dealing weapons. West trade and cultural contacts. Yet as Walter Lippmann, one of Soviet bloc — remained the same. itself. But the tempo has been changed.

In addition, Wall Street decided in the Nov. 15 N. Y. Herald to take advantage of the relaxa-Tribune, "the real spirit of tion of cold-war tensions for propaganda purposes. The U.S. government, because

of its military alliances and the "police-action" in Korea, had be-

to Lippmann the smiles exchanged between Eisenhower and Bulganin at Geneva last July States, too, there has been growsignified nothing more than that ing fear over threats of "prevenboth "had to purge themselves tive war" hurled at one time by publicly of all suspicion that they Big Business spokesmen.

"PEACE" DEMAGOGY

The U.S. warmakers decided now to engage in "peace" gestures in an attempt to erase their

That was all that the U.S. gov-

Geneva

famous "Geneva spirit." At the Asian and African leaders do not ters conference, Dulles felt free against the Kremlin. This natu-Molotov.

other lands. They fear these revo-

the Soviet working class to over-But, as The Millitant has cially its victory in China. The of the bureaucratic caste.

rapid recovery of the Soviet eco-"peaceful coexistence" - namely, of class forces on the world arena party. nomy from destruction incurred during World War II - climaxed a full-fledged deal with imperial- from speeding the drive to war by the production and stockpilling ism on the order of the Yalta The result is a "Geneva spirit" of H-bombs and other nuclear agreement during World War II. that represents nothing but a weapons - also served to They want an end to military temporary stalemate in an epoch tions when the UN decided to redress the balance of power be- alliances directed against the of wars and revolutions.

They changed nothing basic in man and Japanese rivals of Anglothe program. The core of U.S. American imperialism. They also foreign policy continues to be the aided in sidetracking the workbuilding of military alliances ers' strong revolutionary aspira- pound of rye bread, \$.07; pound encompassing the whole capitalist tions in Europe. But at this of wheat bread, \$.10; pound of juncture, they have nothing to pork meat, \$1.01-\$1.21; pound of give that imperialism wants ex- bacon, \$1.66; pound of margar-The target of attack — the cept the Soviet social system ine, \$.86; pound of apples, \$.31;

could purchase a deal

how ready it is to sell out the radio, \$23; seven-inch TV set. working class movement in other countries, will not hand over slices of territory under its control, let alone liquidate the economic foundations of the Soviet for rents are not cited. bureaucracy.

It is true that U.S. diplomacy come tabled in the eyes of a great part of the world as the is suffering serious reverses with instigator of war. In the United the growth of "neutralism" among the Bandung bloc of Asian and African nations. This movement reflects the pressure of the workers and peasants in these semi-colonial countries for comolete national independence, including an end to economic sub-

jection by imperialism. Several Bandung nations (India, to gain from a public punging reputation as a fomentor of war Egypt, Syria, Burma) are maneuvering with the Kremlin, and in order to screen their real intentions. Last July at Geneva, which is now proferring military

President Eisenhower beamed his and economic aid. (For instance, "peace" smile to the world. And an offer to build a dam in Egypt Soviet Premier Bulganin pro- and a steel mill in India.) But the workers and peasants claimed the smile to be genuine.

are not as yet directly involved in ernment expected out of the struggle in these countries. The Conference and the neutralist moves of the present

current Big Four foreign minis- ungently threaten the economic positions of imperialism. What to press a propaganda offensive they do immediately is to endanger the U.S. government's system | made no bid to include the Comrally met with sharp retorts from of anti-Soviet military alliances. munist Party, which polled 21.2%

Similarly, responsible policy of the country's vote in last The Stalinist bureaucraits who makers in the U.S., such as April's election. The Stalinists have joined on two recent occanule the Soviet bloc are eager George F. Kennan, supposed to collaborate with imperialism author of the cold-war policy, are sions with the right-wing capitto prevent socialist revolutions in now expressing fears that West alist bloc of Premier Faure to Germany will pull out of the vote for elections to be held that person and his attorney. This notice and domination. Big Business tions, even though the world NATO alliance. They fear that, next month instead of in the victory of socialism alone can under pressure of the German Spring as advocated by Mendesnot discuss anyone in private with any and raw materials of the entire disarm imperialism and bring people, the West German gov- France. The Stalinists also voted about a lasting peace. But the ernment will undertake direct with Faure to defeat electoral reforms proposed by Mendesvictory of the revolution in other negotiations for German re-France, which might lower the countries would also encourage unification with the Kremlin. Obviously, the State Departamount of deputies the CP throw the Kremlin oligarchs and ment can't call on the Kremlin would obtain. Seemingly, the CP establish a regime of socialist for aid in maintaining capitalist is pressuring Mendes-France for democracy that would abolish the unity against the Soviet bloc but a Popular Front agreement that the colonial revolution - espe- economically privileged position must cope with "neutralism" as would include the CP as well as best it can. At the same time it the SP under the hegemony of What the Stalinists want is is still prevented by the relation his wing of the Radical Socialist

> SOUTH AFRICAN delegates walked out of the United Nakeep the Union of South Africa's

other Algerian Arab leaders.

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the last elections.

\* \* : BEN BOULAID, chief of VENEZUELA IN 1955 is the the fellagha rebellion in the title for an entire section of the Aures Mountains of eastern Al-Nov. 14 N.Y. Herald Tribune. geria, escaped from prison at The country's economy is boom-Constantine on Nov. 11. Ten other nationalist leaders also ing. Oil and iron ore are its chief products. Investment by made good their escape. All U.S. capital is three billion doleleven had been sentenced to lars. Among facts not cited by death. An imposing committee the Herald Tribune are those of French revolutionary socialists, independent radicals and presented by Sidney Lenz in the Sept. 22 Labor's Daily. The dicliberals was formed last sumtator of Venezuela, Perez Jimmer to campaign against the execution of Ben Boulaid and inez, received only an estimated 13% of the vote in the election three years ago as against 85% for his two opposition groups. IN FRANCE, the main recent Jiminez then impounded the balpolitical development is the lots at gunpoint and declared drive of Mendes-France to himself elected. The military emerge at the head of a coali- junta dissolved the trade unions tion of the majority of the Raand replaced them with "socially dical Socialist party (corres- constructive" unions "that conponding roughly to the liberal centrated on hygiene, savings. Democrats in the U.S.) with the improved housing, social wel-Socialist party. However, he has fare, and everything under the

sun except wages and working

conditions."

#### might be toying with the idea of a thermonuclear war." The "Geneva spirit" is no more weighty than that. Actually, the side that had most

sented by Eisenhower. Ever since 1947, both Democratic and Republican Administrations

have been working overtime to line up the entire capitalist world

By Daniel Roberts

As to the question, "What to do about for a war against the Soviet bloc. The aim of the war is to

sion.

## The Negro Struggle By Jean Blake

#### Whose Government? — The Mississippi Experience

Capitalism has dropped its democratic mask in Mississippi. It is giving the American people a lesson in the "nature of the state." (We socialists use the scientific term "state" to mean government power in general.)

Thousands of American workers are now learning that the state, with all its "executive, legislative and judicial" trimmings, functions literally as the executive committee of the ruling class. That equal rights before the law, democratic rights and processes, and constitutional guarantees of civil liberties are for the capitalists a mythology that belongs to a bygone day.

In Mississippi, it is now crystal clear, the state is "a body of armed men" — with or without uniform — for the suppression of the masses and their democratic aspirations.

Negro Americans have long known these things about the state. They also know that as far as their struggle for equality, for democracy, for advancement and freedom is concerned, the main enemy is not in Korea, or in the Soviet Union, or even in South Africa, but at home.

But now a lot of white workers are learning from Mississippi. They are beginning to ask questions:

Why were American troops sent to "police" Korea and national guardsmen to break a strike in Indiana, but not a single soldier sent to protect lives in Mississippi? What are "constitutional guarantees" worth if the ruthless dictators of the most barbaric state in the Union can deny civil rights, terrorize, encourage and organize violence, protect murderers, and outlaw the struggle for Negro equality?

How can workers in more "enlightened" areas protect their hard-won right to organize, to maintain a decent standard of living, if Mississippi and other Southern states can offer the employers cheaper labor.

And to the more thoughtful workers -Negro and white — a more basic question CIO merger resolution. The next occurs: What can be done to destroy the gathering will adjourn and then presented in the name of the malignant power of the dictatorship in states like Mississippi?

Political reforms are not enough to stop within the next year. the white supremacists of the unregenerated South. Removing a red-necked tion that opened last Thursday, ship. sheriff in Sumner County, ousting a public official who refuses to recognize federal law over state law won't do it. The White Citizens Councils are making it clear that all the "leading citizens" are uniting to use

their real power, their economic power based on their ownership of the land and industry, together with armed force, to keep the workers modern slaves through control of their wages.

The only solution for the workers is a revolutionary one, the socialist answer. The workers on the land, in the factories, mines and mills must unite to remove the dictators from control of the means of making a living and producing the wealth that makes men free. They must abolish the profit system to destroy the power and privileges of the ruthless minority of capitalists who will stop at nothing - not even murder of children - to keep the overwhelming majority divided and powerless and themselves on top of society.

AFL convention in 1952 said, "I have talked about

the Taft-Hartley Act with both labor and industry

people. I know how the law might be used to

break unions. That must be changed. America

wants no law licensing union busting, and neither

do I." The President has taken no action to

change the T-H law. The AFL paper does not

mention the fact that the Democratic-controlled

Congress also did nothing about the T-H slave

labor law, and the Democratic Party high command has announced that it has no intention of

### Notes from the News

GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE WITH RELIGIOUS FREEDOM was charged by Jewish organizations in a 4,000 word statement that detailed "significant impairments" of religious freedom. The statement also deplored the action of the Senate Constitutional Rights Subcommittee in cancelling hearings on the status of religious freedom. Forty-three Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Jewish organizations were represented by a joint council in the action.

THE AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION was suspended by the AFL National Executive Council which recommended its expulsion by the next AFL convention. The move was an outgrowth of the strike by the International Association of Flight Engineers, AFL, against United Air Lines that began on Oct. 23. Members of the Air Line Pilots crossed the picket lines and operated the planes. Dave Beck, speaking for the AFL Council announced that the "ALPA indicated they had no intention of changing their policy in respect to the dispute.'

doing anything about it in the coming session. AN ARMY ATOMIC POWER PLANT is under contruction by Alco Products Inc. of Schenectady, N. Y. The plant will generate about 2,000 kilowatts of electricity, enough to operate an army post. Components of the unit can be airlifted to remote sites and operated for extended

periods without refueling.

\* \* \* PRISON HUNGER STRIKES as a desperate unemployment compensation ref- and fear. The path that labor to the many hands of the working form of protest are taking place more frequentely. United Press reported on Nov. 10, that 1198

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# Calif. CIO Votes AFL Unity

By S. Collins

in California adopted the AFL. color was stressed. the first state body of the new with the agreement reached by

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During the four-day conven- it were defeated by the leaderuneasiness was apparent about The crusading spirit of the the future of industrial union- early days of the CIO was gone. ism. This was evident in the There were no great messages, the floor, and corridor talk in and resounding deeds as in the

The Big-Hearted Rich

LONG BEACH, Calif., Nov. 6 guarantees of autonomy and par- were brought to heel and the member of the British parlia- leadership played footsie with -More than 600 delegates at ticularly of equality of all mem- Roosevelt administration felt ment who was a guest speaker the right wing while virulently the last convention of the CIO bers regardless of race, creed or forced to display a pro-labor at- and a most refreshing one, had opposing and slandering those titude.

The merger resolution was and AFL. All attempts to change

Circle strikes.

Roberts reminded the delegates

not isolated occurrences but vaster scale.

with serious problems confront- members of the city council 76 that it couldn't accomplish. labor legislation, and of these, factories and mills, and, after doing, for what it means is the gation, fair employment prac- affairs of government. tices and violence in the South.

calling for repeal of Taft-Hart- American labor leadership, and sessions of this convention. But ncreased unemployment benefits, ish brothers. anti-injunction laws and a great Despol, secretary-treasurer, had Stalinism. answers — of a kind. He assur-

the last election.

which the need for iron-clad days when the giant corporations George Darling, Labor Party control of the CIO, the Stahinist a different answer. Acceding to who fought to develop the gen-George B. Roberts, regional a request by Despol, with whom uine left-wing program and fordirector of the PAC, sounded he had been debating in private ces that the CIO needed to meet with the AFL to constitute executive board in accordance about the only militant note in the merit of labor politics in grow. The Stalinist miseducation the proceedings, aside from dele- Britain versus those in the USA, of the early CIO militants was abor organization, probably the national officers of the CIO gates Morrison and Simonson of he told the delegates that he the main factor in the decline the Packinghouse Workers in would merely give a factual re- of the CIO that made possible speaking on the resolution sup- port on the composition of the the subsequent triumph of the porting the Kohler and Perfect Labor Party and its accomplish- right wing.

ments. NEED MILITANT PROGRAM The Labor Party, which was of the sit-down strikes, the fights based primarily on the trade For the first time in 20 years, resolutions, amendments from no reports of heroic struggles against the terror and violence unions, in the short span of so far back that it's an effort of management and government about 40 years, he said, was now to recall those days when only agencies, the courage and deter- supported by a majority of the the AFL existed, there will mination of the hundreds of electorate, had held government again be only one major labor thousands of workers that creat- power twice, and had instituted organization. Potentially the ed the CIO. He warned that a sweeping program of labor, united organization represents Kohler and Perfect Circle were economic, and social legislation. the mightiest power that the He told about the many mu- working class has ever forged. could be expected to be the nicipal and regional governments With a militant program, based music of the future on a far in which the Labor Party still on independence from the capheld power. He gave the ex- italists, the capitalist state and

More than 90 resolutions dealt ample of Sheffield. Of a hundred political parties, there is nothing ing the labor movement, the belonged to the Labor Party, To infuse the AFL-CIO with conditions of the workers, anti- and most of them worked in the such a program will take some

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14 dealt specifically with segre- the day's work, administered the replacing of the present leadership with a new class-conscious Darling didn't agitate or in- one. One could become pessimis-Lofty state and federal legis- cite but merely in the telling tic about the prospects after lative programs were adopted exposed the bankruptcy of the sitting through the dispirited

ey, enactment of federal health made clear the need for the we must keep our eyes on the nsurance, public housing, anti- American labor movement to mighty unions in steel, auto, poll tax and anti-lynch laws, emulate the example of its Brit- rubber, all the basic industriesnow a reality and no longer the To a participant in the found- dream of the early American

nany other progressive demands, ing of the CIO in California, labor movement. One must real-But how are these political almost 20 years ago, this last ize that the climate that prodemands to be won? What can convention was marked by two duced the CIO will again be be done with the conservative outstanding realities: the decline seen, and in such a climate a AFL in this respect? John A. of the CIO, and the decline of new generation of militants, fusing with the cadre of left wing-

By manipulation of paper un- ers already at hand, will revive ed the delegates and reassured ions and through superior or the fighting spirit that built the the AFL that the CIO was not ganization, the Stalinists domin- CIO. This time, we may exit pledged to either of the major ated the CIO in California from pect they will carry out the parties. The state AFL support- its inception until 1949 when the great political tasks that face ed Gov. Knight, a Republican, in Stalinist-controlled unions were the American labor movement expelled. In its dozen years of today.

#### **TILL RALLY INDICATES** Our Readers Take the Floor SENTIMENT FOR ACTION cautions Ohio's grafting and this country can be investigated greedy business men "this defeat and corrected by its own political

that seats well over 10,000.

the Negroes in the South.

was probably due to the double

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13 - Three thousand Ne-In order to transfer control of groes and trade unionists braved first heavy rain of the the government in this country year to attend an NAACP meeting protesting the brutal Some of the reasons for labor's In that one sentence, the from the few hands of the big Mississippi lynch-murder of Em-

worst. She wasn't scared, she The meeting here was held in said, but she wasn't unscared

Detroit truck driver Earl Valentine was rewarded with a fast "thanks" for returning a lost purse containing \$42,800. Immediately after he picked it up from the road a woman drove up, snatched it from him saying "You have my purse," thanked him and drove off.

PERFECT CIRCLE SCABS voted to decertify the United Auto Workers, CIO, as their bargaining agent by a two to one majority in a National Labor Relations Board election. Under the Taft-Hartley law scabs vote but strikers do not. The vote took place in the main Hagerstown, Ind., Plant and two plants in nearby Richmond on Nov. 10. The AFL News-Reporter bitterly recalls that President Eisenhower in his speech before the

prisoners in the London, Ohio, State Farm went on a sitdown strike over the issue of adequait payment for their work. At the end of the second day 233 gave in to the warden's "no work, no eat" ultimatum. However, 1,100 still held out. In Boston, Associated Press reported, 16 State Prison inmates went on a hunger strike for two days demanding that the Corrections Commissioner come to hear their complaints.

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defeat in the fight over the Ohio enemy has shown his weakness corporations who now control it, mett Till. erendum should be spelled out. If must follow is clearly marked class that should control it, it will the Cow Palace, an auditorium either. the lessons are learned, the union movement will forge ahead and the bosses will be forced to wipe | gave support to the workers' the gloating grin off their faces. demands. Both parties proved For a long time the union themselves to be parties of Big nto closer and more helpless collaboration with Big Business. Whooping it up for the Comarm in arm with management, purging the unions of radicals. breaking so-called wild cat defeat.

strikes, boosting incentive plans, refusing to fight the corporations' discrimination, supinely GM is Safe licking the boots of the Democratic Party and supplying it Editor: with funds - all this was the

A Lesson Must

**Be** Learned

Editor:

background to labor's electoral Investigated! Yes sir, according to big headlines in the Nov. 5 The union officials have work- issue of Labor (railroad union ed too long against labor's ranks paper). I will bet that General - and are therefore in fear of Motors will fairly shake in its the ranks. So they turned to the boots when it finds that out. And other classes with an appeal for who is going to investigate them? justice. They appealed to Big Why no less than the Senate monopoly committee. And what Business to play the game nice, is this committee figuring on appealed to small business to listen to the tinkle of the cash doing to General Motors and ing attracted more than 3.000 register that would come from other corporate giants? Why just higher unemployment compensa- listen; this committee might even tion pay; they appealed to the take this drastic action, accord-Democrats and Republicans. In ing to its chairman: "It will seek short they appealed to everybody | to find if new laws are needed to stabilize the relationship beexcept the people that needed such legislation most. The vote tween people as individuals and

indicates that their appeals fell the great corporations." Nothing less. However, speaking seriously on deaf ears. I don't imagine that the Senate Ohio Democrat Governor Lausche said the CIO was crazy committee itself knows what that and threw the weight of the State means. And in the final analysis Democratic machine against it is not intended to mean anylabor; small business followed the thing, and no one understands lead of Big Business which was this better than General Motors. It is too bad that the American too busy kicking labor in the teeth to listen to any "foolish" labor leaders do not tell the appeals for morality. In the mean- workers the truth about these time, the big capitalists ran their things, and explain to them that manure spreader all over the all governments are always constate of Ohio, hoping they have trolled by the ruling class, and fertilized the soil enough to that there are only two classes in sprout National Guard bayonets, contemporary society that can right to work" laws and maybe control any government, and these are the capitalist class and the a little fascist violence. working class. And these two And the workers - nobody appealed to their class instincts or classes cannot control any govsummoned them in a crusading ernment jointly because all maspirit to defeat the bosses. Yet in spite of that, 870,000 voted for classes run in opposite directions. bread and freedom. In the Steel Therefore, as long as we live in a class society, the entire govcenters of Youngstown, Warren, ernmental apparatus will be in and Niles, they gave the referendum a majority. Our haits go the hands of the class in power, and in this country at this time. off to them.

Taking comfort from the idea defeats than from its victories, ness like General Motors. we cannot be completely dis-Plain Dealer in the middle of its out the idea that General Motors gloating editorial, Nov. 10, or any other big corporation in

first be necessary for that class Neither of the two old parties to organize politically for that purpose with its own political party, platform and candidates on election day.

pureaucracy has been drifting Business. And the workers will Until this political transformation is made in this country, it is cisco Bay Area in not hearing remember this in the future. not only misleading but farcical Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of When the objective conditions change, the workers will not to tell the American workers that General Motors, or any other big to speak here on Oct. 14, but munity Chest, touring the plants show the same trust in the Democrats and Republicans that comporation, is going to be investigated, regulated or controlled the NAACP signed her to an they showed in the past. by an instrumentality over which exclusive contract. Then on Mon-M. Lake

- does not mean that the danger | agency.

of the CIO organizing a Labor

Party has passed."

day of this week the NAACP Youngstown, Ohio these same corporations have cancelled their contract with complete and undisputed control. Mrs. Bradley. C. R. Hedlund

Minneapolis, Minn.

General Motors Is Going to be Pittsburgh Till **Protest Meeting** Editor:

> I attended the NAACP Protest meeting here on the Till case. It strengthening the position of was a truly inspiring meeting.

> Held on Sunday afternoon, Oct MOSES WRIGHT SPEAKS 23, in the beautiful Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, the meet-The main speakers of the day were Mrs. Ruby Hurley and the Rev. Moses Wright, granduncle people, about one quarter white, of the murdered boy. Mr. Wright despite an almost complete conmoved from Mississippi immedspiracy of silence on the part of iately after the murder trial and the press.

> There were many city notables said he is not going back. on the platform, including Mayor "I got one letter threatening David L. Lawrence and District me if I testified," he said. "That Altorney James F. Malone. The was enough, I think. I got out latter presented his check for and I'm not going back." Despite \$500 to the collection. (It was just these efforts to intimidate him before elections.) The collection Wright did go back to Mississippi totalled more than \$4,000. to testify against the Till lynchers But the high point of the meet- at the grand jury hearing where ing, the reason for the packed the child murderers were let off hall, was not the city officials scott free - even on the kidnap and their crocodile tears for charge.

young Emmett Till, but a brave Mrs. Hurley, a Southern Repman from Mound Bayou, Miss., resentative of the NAACP, told averaging only \$1,440 in gross Dr. Theodore R. M. Howard. Dr. of the atmosphere in Mississippi Howard described with stark during the trial. "You can judge realism the kidnaping and brutal for yourself how things were murder of young Till. There were when I tell you that all the

few dry eyes in the hall as his newspapers that sent in reporters sent in former war corresstory progressed. Another high spot in the meet- pondents. And some of them ing, for me, came when the told me this was the toughest

motion was put to send the peti- assignment they had ever had," tion to Attorney General Brownell. she said. The NAACP knew in advance terial interests of these two I amended the motion to send the petition to every official in Washthat the jury was not going to ington, including Eisenhower. In convict the murderers she demotivating my amendment I clared. They knew because most spoke of the need for a united of the all-white, male jury was fight for Negro equality and also very old. "And if you think against segregation, a united that you are going to get justice that happens to be the capitalist labor and Negro fight. The from an all-white jury of Souththat labor learns more from its class, in other words, Big Busi- amendment passed unanimously ern old men you had better and after the meeting many, think again," Mrs. Hurley said. Therefore, just think how silly many people came to congratulate In telling of her experiences couraged. Even the Cleveland it is for a labor publication to put me on the speech and our position. during the trial she said that the cold, beady stares of the L. M. Pittsburgh, Pa. white townspeople were the

#### **READY FOR ACTION** The relatively small attendance

The only action taken at the meeting was to approve a resodisappointment suffered by the lution demanding that the next Negro people of the San Francongress pass federal laws guaranteeing civil rights. In practice this boils down to the usual Emmett Till. She was scheduled letter writing campaign to congressmen and senators. A sense was unable to attend because of the inadequacy of these proposals could be felt in the audience. There was little enthusiasm. Applause was vigorous whenever the speakers seemed to indicate effective mass action.

There is also the possibility The two meetings held in San that a statement made by Mrs. Francisco indicate that the Negro Ruby Hurley and Moses Wright people are ready for action. The might have cut into attendance. only thing that holds them back At a press conference yesterday is the lack of a program. One they said the Till case is closed thing is sure - the Negro peoand that now all the efforts of ple don't think the Till case is the NAACP should be aimed at closed. It may be closed as far as legal action that they can take is concerned but the Till case is burned into their consciousness and they will never write finis to it until they get, their full political, economic and civil rights.

#### Farmers Getting Less

Since the end of 1952 farm price support loans have risen by \$6,900 millions, or at the rate of about \$2,600 millions a year. Only 22 percent of the farms market more than \$5,000 worth of produce a year, yet they produce 73 percent of the national total, leaving 78 percent of the farmers producing

only 27 percent of the crops and receipts. These gross receipts include income the farmers receive from the price support program.

