Westinghouse Strikers Are Holding the Line

By Mose Peterson

SHARON, PA., Dec. 12 — The giant transformer plant here in this small industrial town is one of the hottest spots in the bitter nation-wide Westinghouse strike. The 6,000member Local 617 of the Inter-O-

national Union of Electrical is weakest in a generally antiworkers is locked in a struggle union city.

workers is locked in a struggle for existence with Westinghouse —a struggle which is becoming of crucial importance for all or-ganized labor in this heavy-in-dustry district. It appears that the capitalist groups owning Westinghouse have decided to be a first attempt was a fizzle from the corpora-Westinghouse have decided to be a first attempt was a first attempt first attempt

The workers at this Westing- ment flopped. The corporation intensified its house plant produce the largest industrial electrical transformers in the world as well as counts beginning to function as openly beginning to function beginning between the second state less thousands of small ones. The capitalist institutions blatantly history of the past few years serving the interests of Big has been one of continuous strug- Business. By the end of this gle in this local-first between week, the company had received the I.U.E. and the now inde- an anti-picketing injunction from pendent United Electrical Work-ers (U.E.), and lately against pany attempted to play its the ever-increasing speed-up

James B. Carey, Pres. of IUE, ers, priests and bishops announthe union sabotaged the battle against the speed-up by signing a five-year agreement with Gen-eral Electric. No doubt they this Local 617 tagend the parts of Nov. 31, local 601 at East Pittsburgh, has of displeasure. forced the union leadership to fight. By now it is probable that and announced their holy eleceven James Carey will admit tion was delayed. Presumably that this is a class struggle-not they are trying now to figure out class peace.

NEW COMPANY ATTACK

of words was sharply transform- eting the corporation has steped into the organization of a ped up its efforts at bribery and strikebreaking began at Colum- announcements are made every bus, Ohio, where the local union

Cites Smith Act Trial of 1940 The following letter was sent trump card—a group of preachby Farrell Dobbs, National Secand the other national leaders of ced they were going to hold a retary of the Socialist Workers the union sabotaged the battle non-partisan "holy election" to Party, to the editor of the

would like to do the same at Westinghouse but a militant re-volt of the rank and file. spearvolt of the rank and file, spear-headed by the 12,000-member steelworkers gave a growl There it is stated that the Smith Act was "never tried in the courts The clergy hurriedly retreated until 1949."

TRIAL IN 1941 I can testify that this is incor-

rect because, along with 17 leadsome way to more safely mediers of the Socialist Workers ate the class struggle from the Party and the CIO Truckdrivers heavenly ramparts.

After the first six weeks of the strike, the company's battle Rodgers' injunction limiting pick-Union, I stood trial in a Minneapolis courtroom under the Smith Act and was sentenced on Dec. 8, 1941. On Dec. 31, 1943 "back to work" movement. The coercion. Radio and television after the Supreme Court refused

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to hear an appeal, the 18 of us began serving our sentences in federal prison.

This was the first use of the Smith Act, the passage of which in 1940 had been opposed by the AFL, CIO and all civil liberties organizations. A large committee of liberals and labor figures,

headed by the late Prof. John Dewey, was formed to aid the defense in this first Smith Act trial. Many unions also supported the fight. That the number wasn't larger was in part due to the SCANDALOUS SHORTAGE OF SCHOOLS

machinations and open opposition



Negro Newspapers Demand:

The Overcrowded Schoolroom

Dr. Theodore Howard Urges One Million to March on Washington

By John Thayer

A demand by the country's largest Negro newspaper for federal troops to end the white-supremacist reign of terror in Mississippi, and a simultaneous call by Mississippifs foremost Negro leader D

for a March on Washington - Washington in protest to the these two events mark a leap deaf ear that you and the Adforward in the campaign for ef- ministration have turned to the fective action against the lynch- violence in Mississippi against terror in the South.

These developments can also and labor leaders have refrained said in part: from raising demands that seriously put their "liberal friends" the reign of terorr which is Consequently the "expedient"

demands that were raised were limited and impotent. They were filed in the wastebaskets by the top Republican and Democratic the Dixiecrat politicians.

PITTSBURGH COURIER The demand for sending fed- laws apply themselves to Negro eral troops to Mississippi imme- citizens!

diately was launched in the Dec. 10 Pittsburgh Courier. Long one President, we request that you of the most influential Negro declare a state of chaos in Misnewspapers in the U.S., the sissippi!

Negroes."

The outspoken open letter of mark a sharp turn on the polit- the Pittsburgh Courier, which cal front. Up till now Negro supported Eisenhower in 1952,

"The state is Mississippi and in the big parties on the spot. sweeping this section of our nation needs immediate attention! "It has been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that these Negro citizens have no protection under the law of the state leaders who are busy wooing in which they live. State, city and county officials, sworn to uphold the law, have made a mockery of those laws, when the

"Because this is a fact, Mr.

Courier, with numerous regional "We further request that you editions, has a large national send United States soldiers into circulation. All its editions of Mississippi to protect the civil Dec. 10 bore the huge headline: rights of a million Negro citi-U.S. TROOPS TO zens of that state, who constitute panels. The 16 chairmen of these figures were made available on MISSISSIPPI!" Then followed 49% of the state's population,"



First Time in U.S. History

First Negro labor leaders to win official posts in an American labor federation were named among 27 vice presidents of the AFL-CIO. They are Pres. A. Philip Randolph (left) of the Bro. of Sleeping Car Porters, and Pres. Willard S. Townsend of the Transport Service Employes.

Big Business Alarmed By AFL-CIO Merger

By Art Sharon

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 - The spokesmen of America's billionaire monopolists used the convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, which opened here last

there wasn't even one labor

party resolution introduced; not

a single spokesman for the la-

Wednesday, a day before the close of the AFL-CIO merger is that the labor movement has has already designated myself da barrage against the danger on and tricked by the capitalist of the united labor movement parties for many decades and 1956 presidential campaign, the forming its own independent still the Meanys keep warning. party and "directing the des- "Watch out! You'll go too far yet!" tinies of the nation."

The labor officials replied Why the hue and cry about the threat of a labor party? Unsisted that all they wanted was like practically every major a "live and let live" pact with anion convention in the past, the industrialists.

"SO MUCH IN COMMON"

At a highly-publicized lunch- bor party took the floor at the eon meeting with NAM execu- merger convention. It is perfecttive committee chairman, Charles ly clear that the labor officials R. Sligh, George Meany, AFL- are more deeply involved in the CIO president, called the con- coalition with the liberal Demoflict between the unions and the crats than ever before. corporations "silly" because "we The great majority of rankhave so much in common." Wal- and-file unionists are still under ter Reuther, now head of the in- the illusion that they can addustrial department of the unit- vance their class interests ed labor federation, denied the through support of the Demounion would raise a huge strike cratic party in the elections. fund or call general strikes. The capitalist press sensation. party? ally reported a remark by Meany, during his conversation NAM FEARS THE FUTURE with Sligh. "If the NAM phil- The debate about the labor and management are aware of osophy to disenfranchise the party "danger" is only an echo and intent upon seeing that these unions is to prevail, then the of the impact the unification of human elements [obsolete workanswer is clear," said Meany. the labor movement has made ers] are not disregarded." "If we can't act as unions to on the consciousness of the defend our rights, then there is country. Despite the disclaimers party."

Top labor officials have made bureaucracy of the union move- ties. such "threats" before. The fact

the Communist Party to al By Harry Ring effonts to aid the defense in the

Minneapolis Labor Trial. it, the widespread demand for I should like to point out that federal funds for public educaboth I and my organization tion broke through at the fanstrongly advocate the defense of tastically rigged White House all those prosecuted under the Conference on Education held in Smith Act, including Communist Washington Nov. 28 to Dec. 1. Party defendants, because we be-Although voting was not perlieve that the primary task facing mitted, the official conference American workers today is the report concedes that the delegates defense of political freedom right favored increased federal school here at home. aid "by a ratio of more than two In addition to the prison sen-

to one." ences served, I and the others

The fact of the scandalous state convicted in 1941 under the Smith of American public schools is no Act continue to suffer the loss longer debated. Its present conof our civil rights. This caused dition is universally described as the paradoxical situation in 1948 one of "crisis." The White House and 1952 of my running for Presiconference, initiated by Eisendent on the Socialist Workers hower and subsidized by Con-Party ticket and yet being unable gress to the tune of \$900,000, to cast a ballot in the elections. was designed to conceal the To my knowledge this situation. refusal of the government to has but one parallel in American come to grips with the problem history: in 1920 Eugene V. Debs and also to placate mass innan for President on the Socialist dignation about the situation. ticket though he had been convicted under the Sedition Act.

FRUSTRATION Since the National Committee

of the Socialist Workers Party The conference itself was a real Hollywood spectacular, with the teacher shortage - the stulconvention, to open a propagan- been systematically trampled up- and Myra Tanner Weiss as the 1,800 delegates attending from tifying atmosphere of intellectual for weapons of war. Put that party's banner-bearers for the the 48 states. But it was so set up as to prevent anything positive was of course not open for discussituation will be repeated unless from emerging. The delegates the campaign for restoration of were shunted off into 160 sepa-

the civil rights of the 1941 Smith Act victims is successful in the panels then met in 16 more panels and a half million grade and high other socially necessary tasks as meantime.

views expressed in the previous Despite all efforts to prevent

sessions then split into two the shocking extent of the use the editors' open letter to Presigroups to draw up reports about of unsafe and unsamitary old dent Eisenhower. the reports. Finally the chairmen | buildings throughout the nation. of these two groups drew up the

final report purporting to represent the views of the 1,800 delegates! This incredible procedure was designated as one of budged toward even the promise "distillation."

WAR BUDGET BILLIONS COULD END

The labor delegates present branded it a "stacked" and "stalling" device. A proposal from the floor for a resolutions committee and the right to vote on the

available for loans to the states final report was vetoed by conwhere "need" is proven and credit ference chairman N. H. McElroy, is good. His filmed speech to the president of the Proctor Gamble conference indicated little likelicompany.

hood of a substantially better But the school situation is so bad that some of the facts had to proposal this year. emerge. It was officially reported The daily increasing crisis of that there is a shortage of 225,the public schools is nation wide and can be resolved only on a 000 qualified elementary and high school teachers. Teachers today are on the lowest pay rung of that basis it is possible to sweep the professional ladder with but aside the stock argument raised I beg of you to act before it is declares that Melton had no in every locality and state as to too late. 1.1% of women teachers earning \$6,000 a year or more. One of where the necessary funds can be found. The federal government is blooded Americans to march on the main factors contributing to spending over \$37 billion a year

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building space occupied.

NOT EVEN A PROMISE

Although elections are coming,

President Eisenhower could not be

of adequate federal school aid. It

is conservatively estimated that

\$30 billion are needed just to

alleviate overcrowding. Last year

Edsenhower recommended to Con-

gress that \$7 billion be made

No

"SEND

General Brownell:

night, Nov. 25.

fear induced by the witch hunt --money to use for constructive work. It could tear down the overcrowded firetrap schools, provide

A state by state tally indicated an adequate force of decently paid rate panels. The chairmen of these that there are now almost two- teachers and pay for a host of to present their versions of the school students in excess of the well.

ANOTHER MISS. KILLING

The open letter then recites The call for a March on Washington was raised by Dr. Theo- the long list of murders and dore R. M. Howard, leader of lynchings recently committed the all-Negro town of Mound with impunity by Mississippi Bayou, Mississippi. Dr. Howard white supremacists. [Since then is one of the most militant of a new victim, Clinton Melton, Deep South Negro leaders and father of five, has been brutally played a prominent role in the killed by Elmer Kimbell, a friend vain effort to get justice in the of the Till lyncher J. W. Milam. Emmett Till lynching trial. He Melton made the mistake of filling sent the following strongly- up the racist's gas tank instead of worded telegram to Attorney putting in only \$2.00 worth. Kimbell thereupon shot the Ne-"Another defenseless Negro, gro gas-station attendant to whose only crime was wanting death. Sheriff Strider, who preto be a first-class citizen in Bel- | tended at the Till trial that the zoni, Miss., U.S.A., by the name body pulled from the river wasof Gus Courts, was shot Friday n't that of Emmett Till, is busy looking "for the Negro's gun." "Are you going to sit there This is a bare-faced attempt to and see us all killed, one by one, establish the slaying as a case national level. Approached on and not use the power of your of self-defense, although the office to do one thing about it? white owner of the gas station gun.]

"I am asking 1,000,000 red-The Pittsburgh Courier's open (Continued on page 4)

No Prosperity for Them



Robert White, unemployed West Virginia coal miner, arrives San Francisco with his wife and five children after hitchhiking 2,400 miles. The White's car broke down in St. Louis and they thumbed the rest of the way. The United Mine Workers Union reports 155,000 miners unemployed in the anthratice and bituminous coal industries.

issued a report, Dec. 11, in which

element" with varying degrees of had an annual income of less than

complete leave of any sense of Concretely now, just how are

Let's remember that rising in automation? The capitalist is | With a socialist planned econproductivity under capitalism omy this would be so. But the results in depressions. During the ob when he obtains a machine Subcommittee is not advocating depression of the 1930's capitalthat will cost him less. That is all. a socialist reorganization of ism wouldn't provide more than a And as for organized labor - society. How is this choice to be miserable dole for the "surplus the union bureaucrats support the offered to the workers under workers" - and even that had to

be fought for. Automation has made a begin-The "nothing-can-be-done" policy of the Subcommittee is based ning already. Productivity has inright to automate his factory and creased in the last ten years by on the claim that the capitalist at least 25%. What happened? system somehow, through some Another Congressional subcommysterious "adjustments" -will overcome the consequences of its anarchistic organization. But that isn't what happens.

The Subcommittee would be just as honest if it announced to buy minimum necessities at that the whole problem of automation would be solved by an in-

This is capitalism at its best. vasion of angels loaded down with realism, said that as a result of "Free enterprise" is healthiest the good things of life and conwhen profits are high and the bilcerned only to give them away would have a choice "between lionaires have been breaking all as fast as possible.

How about the 'Human Eleme

sion.

labor and management going to ladded leisure and added products records in net profits.

"free enterprise" system. That capitalism? means they accept the fact that the boss has the power and the ire workers he doesn't want. Thus both the officials of organized labor and management, mittee headed by Senator Sparkalong with the capitalist poli- man (D-Ala.) reported that one ticians, will "regard" the "human family in every five in the U.S.

sympathy but can and will do \$2 000 in 1954 - too little money nothing. Then the Subcommittee, taking present inflationary prices.

automation, ultimately, persons

By Shirley Clark "regard" the "human elements" and comforts." The Senate - House Economic Subcommittee that has been congoing to fire the worker from his ducting hearings on automation

it predicted that many people would suffer hardships as automation advances to a level that 'may well surpass the limits of

modern imagination." The Subcommittee had nothing

Whenever capitalist politicians confront economic and social

pite the whole capitalist-minded they resort to the vague stupidi-

no answer but to start a labor of Meany and Reuther, and des- problems that they cannot solve

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Why then the debate on a labor to propose in the way of legislative action, however. It is satisfied that "both organized labor

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THE BIRTH OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS by Robert Allen Rutland. Published by The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, Price: \$5.00.

The author's intention, as explained in the preface, is to "aid Americans in understanding the background of their Bill of Rights . . . that they will thus regard more dearly the hard-earned rights be-

queathed to them by the Revo- a curb on the "excesses" of lutionary generation." This aim political repression.

is commendable and perhaps his-torians will be glad to have the Rutland believes he is defendmaterial that is presented on the subject, gathered together in one ing the Bill of Rights. Yet he grants the witch-hunters their volume.

But the value of the work "Various external pressures and stops there. The author claims the changing character of the message," meaning, I presume, that he is not arguing for a cause but just meaning for a that he is not arguing for a cans since the Revolution to intervention. In their editorial tiently to uncivilized terrorism, historical facts as they exist. modify the eighteenth-century This pretense of impartiality conception of the rights which

which is supposed to give the the citizen possesses as inherent study the character of objectiv- natural rights. Perhaps individity is a habit with liberal capitalist historians. But it doesn't dary concern, subordinate to change the fact that the author is not impartial. He writes a

"Safety of the nation" has book "with a message" that would sell the revolutionary gen- always been the argument for eration short and weaken the tyranny. The revolutionary genfighting capacity of the current eration rightly contended that movement for political freedom. The full bias of the author is modern witch-hunters have not not to be found in fiat or such won't if they can. By improving invented a single new argument disclosed in the final chapter, titled "Since 1791." Here the in defense of political persecu-

author recounts briefly the tion. struggle for civil liberties up to the present.

It would appear from Rutland's book that "progress" in the development of individual freedom consists in the job of GOING DOWN HILL?

Rutland evaluates this history preserving the victory won by in the light of a prediction by the revolutionists nearly two Thomas Jefferson who said dur- centuries ago. But Rutland doesing the Revolutionary War, "The n't even demand this much "prospirit of the times may alter, gress" unequivocally from his will alter . . . [and thus] the contemporaries.

our rulers are honest, and our- concept of individual freedom fore it begins to happen. We complain when we propose, by mobilizing the people in ac- intervene if there is a mass

pie has so far vinuicated the social and economic functions. through compulsion, through able to get away with murder that they are and will be angry sures if it is forced to take any, eration. To be sure, there were for the free development of cap- coercion. fewer public men inclined to italism.

of the Bill of Rights after working class has fought for tom of society to rely for the human beings? World War II, and none made the positive concept of society's prevention of murder simply on a clarion plea for freedom of responsibility for the economic changing the hearts of men. So- cialists are not the only ones reasonable request. 801 . . " rise of the CIO in the Thirties, murder, and harsh penalties also calling for federal intervent. of mass action mass meetings all on the power that can be quota. (It is now 2 AM.) I wanted and demonstrations and marches brought to bear by both sides in to get this off to you tonight so expression as Jefferson did in security of the people. With the ciety also provides laws against calling for that. The NAACP is 1801 . . .

public men" spoken out for individual to a living. Rights" but with a unanimous capitalist found his tyrannical cidence of murder. All this is a the U.S. Attorney General urg-

The following is another excerpt from a speech by George Breitman Oct. 7 at the Detroit Socialist Forum. We previously published a part of this speech (Oct. 17 Militant) dealing with how a Workers and Farmers Government in the U.S. would handle the Mississippi racist terror. In the portion of his speech now published Breitman discusses the demand for federal intervention in Mississippi with troops. Other sections of the speech dealt with: Why Emmett Till was lynched; was there a fair trial of the lynchers as the capitalist press and the Daily Worker claimed? and, the do-nothing policy of the labor officials. - Ed.

wide to find a crasser example By George Breitman The capitalist press in New of the philosophy of "gradual York, Chicago and Detroit as reform." Civilize human beings, well as the Mississippi Delta, is one by one, they say-and meanopposed to federal intervention in Mississippi. The Detroit News has explicitly condemned federal content with the claim that this on the Till trial verdict they is the "surer process." Even the White Citizens Council could en "Nothing in our reading of

said:

the trial verdict suggests that dorse such a program. But how do you civilize huthe state's prosecutor was anything less than competent, in- man beings, be it one by one or telligent, forthright and wholehearted in pleading for convic- sermons on the Golden Rule? tion. If anything less than jus- There's no shortage of preachtice was done by the verdict, the ers or Bibles in the South. By dereliction was not the state's getting them to read editorials but lay in the hearts of the from the Detroit News? Many gestures of vengeance as the the school system? They threat suggested occupation of Missis- en to lynch anybody that tries

suggested occupation of missis-sippi by the federal military. It lies in the longer and harder but Exactly what is the News' magic intervention. This is obviously a infinitely surer process of civiliz- formula for civilizing human being human beings, one by one." ings, and how does it propose to You'll have to look far and put it into effect in Mississippi?

How to "Civilize" the Lynchers

Now we socialists also want to | ing process works in Wayne civilize human beings - but we County, Mich., why should it be

right on a legal basis is while still. Today a new and higher sand years, or even 25 years, be- Miss.? Why then does the News way to fight for it effectively is by the Jim Crow system, will it want it to start now. And our through federal intervention with tion-in action that goes beyond struggle and mass pressure for serves united. From the conclu-sion of this war we shall be going down hill." Rutland replies, "The plain demand that man should not be good sense of the American peo- interfered with in his political, education, example and so on. It man beings there by showing want federal intervention, and it will try to duck and to take also takes place through laws, them that they will no longer be that they want it badly, and only half-way and partial mea-

speak out for strict observance In the twentieth century the civilized. But it's not the cus- spect the rights of their fellow

Federal intervention - we sothe year. Not only have "fewer sions established the right of the forces in the person of police- Arthur Johnson of the Detroit men whose presence is supposed NAACP said about "telegrams

With union organization the to discourage or reduce the in- and letters to the President and voice the ruling parties, Demo- economic power curbed. The work- well-known part of the civiliz- ing federal intervention." But in voice the ruing parties, Demo- economic power curbed, the work- wen-known part of the civinz- ing rederat intervention. But in crats and Republicans, have bent er began to realize a measure of ing process in Michigan too — at least two respects the NAACP effort to destroy the in- freedom on the job where he and we haven't heard the News proposal on federal intervention spends most of his waking hours. complaining about it or demand- is deficient, and must be altered. issippi implies



EMIL MAZEY Sec -Treas of the United Auto Workers, proposed at the AFL-CIO merger convention, that the U.S. Congress "give serious consideration to Federal legislation that would place the State of Mississippi under a Congressional trusteeship until the Bill of Rights, the rights of all the citizens of that state, are assured and guaranteed."

the NAACP leaders with the Department of Justice, and it's big demand, and obviously the made clear by the long list of government will not do it if it hundreds of unpunished lynchcan get out of it. Sending a ings, shootings and beatings that delegation to Washington to have taken place in the South meet with an assistant Attorney since the end of World War II, General is all right for the rec- under both Democratic and Re-

publican administrations. ord, but it achieves nothing. But will the government. To ask for federal intervention is not enough; you must whose record shows that it is not don't want to wait another thou- different in Tallahatchie County, also fight for it. And the only at all concerned or displeased

duty of the NAACP to speak this kind of language itself.

quarely. Will the federal gov-

step in and do something to stop

the terror in Mississippi? We

can start the answer by saying

one thing for sure-it positively

won't unless there is a mass de-

federal intervention.

mand and a mass struggle for

If left to its own, this capit-

list government will never in-

tervene in Mississippi in any ef-

clear by the Sept. 7 meeting of

fective manner. That was made behind schedule.

writes:

for here."

time. As a matter of fact, we

have had a couple of increases in

it possible to go over our quota.

At least this is what we're trying

Buffalo is 4% ahead of schedule

and that they will surely be pun- with anyone who stands in the but the final answer will depend Murder, as you know, is un- ished severely if they don't re- way of their getting it - in a on the relation of forces, on the airmail letter for the Twin Cities word, that they are fighting mad outcome of the struggle between and ready to act on their own if those who want Jim Crow terthe government refuses their rorism ended and those who want or are willing to see it

This means the organization continued. It will depend above \$133 on our Publication Fund -bringing out on the streets political question.

We Must Form a Labor Party

Federal intervention in Miss-| and economic power away from list rulers, in-

nd	Fund	Scorebo	£ 14.	
	City	Quota	Paid	Percent
	Milwaukee	\$ 250	\$ 199	80
ISS.	Detroit	825	520	63
	Buffalo	1,760	1,048	60
	Twin Cities	1,320	704	53
5.8 ¹	New York	3,520	1,736	49
millions of people expressing	Seattle	200	93	47
their indignation and demands.	Chicago	1,760	793	45
The Negro people of this and	Philadelphia	· 440	200	45
other cities have already shown	Los Angeles	3 300	1,337	41
in the last weeks their readiness	Newark	200	81	41
and eagerness to do something,	St. Louis	85	35	41
to fight. Instead of being calmed	Cleveland	350	140	40
and told to wait indefinitely,	Youngstown	250 .	100	40
while the Department of Justice	Boston	500	132	26
makes up its mind what argu-	Oakland	300	72	24
ments it will use to justify non-	Allentown	85	20	23
intervention, the mass of the	San Francisco	800	117	15
people should be encouraged to	Pittsburgh	100	10	10
show their will and their temper	Akron	140	0	0
in militant acts. That's the only kind of language the govern-	General		10	
ment and the ruling class un-	Total through Dec. 13	\$16,185	\$7,347	45
derstand anyhow. And it's the	10.0 g 22 12		i a triga jitij	and the second second

One other question has to be faced SOCIALIST FUND DRIVE squarely. Will the federal gov-ernment intervene, will it really sten in and do something to stop

By Reba Aubrey

The \$16,185 Socialist Publication and Press Fund has now passed the half-way mark. A total of \$7,347 has been paid through Nov. 13 by supporters of the fund. This is 45% of the goal to be reached

by Jan. 31. We slipped a little delphia will reach its goal by Jan. during the week and are now 11% 31 in spite of the fact that some of the fund supporters there "have been hit by the Westing-Milwaukee with 80% of its quota has held first place in the house strike."

Los Angeles sent in \$439 which campaign almost from the start. pushed them from 27 to 41% of A check for \$183 moved Detroit their \$3,300 goal. into second place with 63% of its

\$825 quota. Janet McGreager St. Louis increased its total by \$15 and "hopes to have more on "We are quite sure to have the full amount in and on the fund soon."

A payment of \$50 on Boston's quota came with this note from some pledges and this may make F. Franklin: "Enclosed is some more of that 'stuff.' We hope to accelerate our pace and quantity in the latter part of the month and catch up percentagewise in January."

with 60% of its \$1,760 quota. Bill Morgan mailed in \$17.25 In line with the campaign for Oakland: "It is the proceeds slogan - IN FULL AND ON from our Debs Memorial Dinner. TIME - those cities lagging wish I had more to send but behind are striving to bring themthis is it for now. We will get in selves on schedule. For instance, under the wire, but most likely Fannie Carter sent the following along toward the end.'

"We are behind; maybe we can catch up soon," says T. Wilson scoreboard: "We have just comfor Cleveland. "We shall try pleted a very successful social as harder." a result of which we are sending

Allentown explains: "We haven't done too well yet with the fund, but I'm sure we'll be able to make a much better showing board; it is quite maddening to shortly."

Pittsburgh pulled out of the be just one day late. We are zero column with its initial paydoing all we can to keep in pace." Hildegarde Swabeck hopes that ment of \$10.

Chicago will "get caught up by Appreciation of the determinathe next scoreboard. But Christ- tion shown by all fund supporters mas is just around the corner and can best be expressed by pointing that takes the extra cash out of out that completion all the pockets around here. Any- cialist Publication and Press Fund how, we'll sure get there well IN FULL AND ON TIME assures carrying out our plan for a broad under the wire!' publications program of socialist Pearl Spangler likewise expresses confidence that Phila- literature.

everv dividual freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Not a single leading figure of the two capitalist parties has issued a "clarion call" for the political freedom of Marxists.

Hundreds of American citizens have been put in jail for their political yiews starting with 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party back in 1944. Thousands have been persecuted for their ideas, spied upon, submitted to "cruel and unusual punishment" without "due process" of a trial by a jury of peers, and deprived of their right to earn a living. Millions, as a consequence, have been politically intimidated into a state of abject conformism.

The witch-hunters have been forced to retreat recently. Still no one among the ruling parties has proposed to restore the Bill of Rights. The liberals in the government have asked only for



tionary organizers, extend the solved. concept of individual freedom to

include freedom from poverty and capitalist exploitation. The Marxists look forward to a far

more democratic form of government where all the people will rule directly through their mass organizations. Such democracy opens the perspective of a just as they were needed in the socialist society.

tinuing in power individual free- and unspecified. The advantage pleted." dom can only decline, for this of what we propose is that it is class has outlived its social use- | clear, it is plain, it is unmistakfulness. In its effort to main- able, and therefore it has the tain its rule, the capitalist class ability to arouse and encourage must destroy civil liberties. Its and inspire a fighting mass perspective is ultimately the fas- movement; and the disadvantage

of the NAACP proposal is that cist dictatorship. It is the historic mission of it is vague, it is ambiguous, it the working class not only to is subject to different interpre- have had the various complaints preserve the freedom won by tations and therefore runs the our forefathers but to extend risk of not making a real imthat freedom to economic life as pact on the thinking of the milwell as political. The Rutlands lions of people in this country

cannot see this for they are who have been asking what they not a part of the modern revolu- can do about the Till case.

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But if this is how the civiliz- tervention.

The Washington Runaround

We say federal intervention | Lamar Smith "are under inveswith troops will be necessary, days of Reconstruction. The of the evidence and the law

With the capitalist class con- NAACP leaves its demand vague when the investigation is com-

As for the Till case, he told them, the Department had looked into it and reached the conclusion that it was not a federal case but one within the jurisdiction of the state of Mississippi

He said they're "concerned with the situation" and their agents under investigation since the killing of Rev. Lee last May, but

Not long ago, on Sept. 7, about a week after Emmett Till's body was taken from the Tallahatchie River, a top NAACP delegation met in Washington with Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III and urged the government "to delay no longer in calling a halt to the jungle under investigation.

fury unloosed in Mississippi." They asked for "affirmative action," but what kind of affirmative action was not clear. And on kidnaping cases. But the kid- calculations of profit and plots a new party representing their in response they got a run- naping of Emmett Till is dif- for power in Wall Street, to asaround

Bureaucrat Olney told them agents evidently can't be spared lions of people in Chicago, Harthat the matters relating to de- from their witch hunt against nial of the vote in Mississippi radicals to intervene in this kid- that the final word in the story and the killings of Lee and nap case.

Will Federal Govt. Send Troops?

cured only by a fundamental re-The trouble with the NAACP, the legal technicalities and go organization of our economic obviously, is that it is not ask- to the heart of the matter, interstructure and our social relaing enough. It is asking the gov- vention with U.S. troops. The ernment to intervene on the raising of this demand will pro- tions, a reorganization that can basis of the so-called federal duce a tide of enthusiasm and be achieved only through a civil rights laws, which the gov- militancy among the American radical political change. The ernment practically never in- people, inspire them and give only sure and complete way to vokes or enforces. That plays in- them a goal worth fighting for. avenge Emmett Till is by desto the hands of the ones who It could clarify things and bring troving the conditions and abolare giving us a runaround. In- them to a head. That's why we ishing the institutions that made stead of confining the demand say the demand for federal in- such an atrocity possible in the to these civil rights laws, which tervention should be clarified, first place.

are so limited that the most expanded and concretized. That means you, and the rest anyone punished by them could The second fault with the of the American people, have to get is a year in prison anyhow, NAACP demand is the method make up your minds and take the NAACP should sweep aside they are using to obtain federal your stand—you've got to de-

ing that the Michigan anti-mur- One concerns the nature of the you're serious about it and carry cluding the rulers of the South, REVOLUTIONISTS OF TODAY der laws be repealed or that the federal intervention required; the the fight for it through to the and putting it in the hands of Socialists, the modern revolu- Detroit homicide squad be dis- other concerns the methods em- end. It implies political action, the working people and their ployed for securing federal in- for one thing, and it implies allies among the working farmpolitical action of a different ers and the Negro people. kind than has been practiced by Anybody who wants to fight the labor and Negro movements for the end of Jim Crow, any up to now. It implies political body who takes up the struggle action independent of the two for federal intervention in Mismajor parties which are tied in- sissippi and carries it through to tigation" and the Department of dissolubly to Jim Crow and the the end, will find in the course Justice "will determine what ac- capitalist system that breeds of the struggle that only such

tion can be taken on the basis Jim Crow and profits from it. a break with the parties of Big If you're consistent, it means Business and Jim Crow reaction, 15 minutes asking workers to force Westinghouse to settle. breaking with the two old par- only the formation of a Labor ties and forming a new party, Party and the fight for the es- ten dollar cash advance at the here in this highly organized a Labor Party, that will unite tablishment of a workers and end of each day is offered as and heavily working class disthe labor, farmer and Negro farmers government can actual- well as time-and-a-half for Sat- trict would have far-reaching movements, run its own candi- ly assure consistent and effective urday and double time on Sun- and damaging effect. All out aid dates for office all over the federal intervention and success- day. Plant foremen are calling -all out support must be given country and seek to elect them ful measures to smash the Jim all workers by phone and visit- the Westinghouse strikers. It is with the aim of taking political Crow system.

The Cause and Cure of Jim Crow

I want to conclude now by clare war against white suprem saying this: It's not enough to acy in all its forms, manifestawould be taken until all the facts be indignant at the killing of tions and guises; you've got to were in and the powers under Emmett Till, it's necessary also declare war against all who supthe civil rights laws were fitted to understand it, its cause and port, defend or apologize for back at the Westinghouse Shar- men and women in Sharon Local to the facts uncovered. As I said its place in the total picture of Jim Crow — and above all its on plant. -a runaround. The same kind American life. If you probe it, political supporters, defenders of runaround the NAACP has you find that the story of Em- and apologists, that is, the two gotten in all such cases, includ- mett Till has its roots in the capitalist parties whose hands ing the lynch-murders of NAACP past; that it began to unfold are stained with the blood of leader Harry T. Moore and his long before he was born, when thousands of Emmett Tills. wife Harriet in Florida almost a struggle was taking place in It means fighting these en-4 years ago-which is also still this country over the kind of emies, not temporizing or compromising or collaborating with social system that was to replace We used to be told that kid- chalted slavery in the South: that them in any way. It means naping was a federal offense, it is linked to devious schemes building a new leadership in the and the FBI usually moves in and ambitions in Washington, to labor and Negro movements, and common interests. This is not an easy road, but it is the only one ferent somehow, and the FBI pirations for equality by milthat can lead us to a world of brotherhood, freedom and equal-

ity.

lem, Detroit and Atlanta; and of Emmett Till has still not been spoken. Emmett Till's death reveals a

mortal sickness in American society, a sickness that can be

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Desegregation! Labor's Stake In the Fight For Negro Equality By Jean Simon 10c.

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Westinghouse

ditional workers would probably (Continued from page 1)

come in any gate, any time. A On the other hand, a defeat ing them at their homes. Fore- one of the most important union men are also becoming more ar- struggles of recent years.

rogant in wheeling their cars through the picket line.

STILL A FLOP

Despite all this activity the the workers have identical intercorporation has managed to get ests has been assiduously promot-

meeting the company attack? fought back with great skill and in the middle of it. They know Nearly 100,000 steelworkers are and a potential killer.

in this district. All that is necessary is to arouse them. There are hopeful signs that the corporation's plan to lynch the local at Sharon is beginning to do this. It has alarmed the steel union leaders and enraged some of the rank and file. Financial contributions are increasing. James P. Griffin, Steelworkers District Director and President of the Ohio State CIO, has called on all local unions to support

the Westinghouse strike.

THE NEXT STEP

Militant unionists here feel where they have lured some 500 that what is now needed is a out of 5,000 back to work. Lomass meeting or a series of cals in Mansfield and Lima. mass meetings in Warren, Shar- Ohio, are firm with only a handon, Newcastle and Youngstown ful at work. The UE local in carrying the clear implication Philadelphia is solid as well as that the giant district steelmills the IUE locals at Newark, N.J., will be shut down in a general and Buffalo, N.Y. So far the strike unless the bribery, coer- corporation has not dared to atcion and violence at Westing- tempt union busting at the giant house comes to a halt. Such a 601 local in East Pittsburgh. demonstration, coupled with the This is where the revolt against wakening of thousands of ad- the speed-up started.

but slightly over 100 workers ed around here. But the 6,000 Now how are the workers quite rapidly these past few weeks. They know there is a So far the union here has class struggle and they are right

CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS

The official line of the AFL-

CIO leadership that the boss and

courage. But the time is now at their jobs and their future are hand when the IUE strikers at stake. They have seen the law must have substantial reinforce- and the church line up with the ments if they are to win. These company and they are learning reinforcements are all here. that the boss is a hated enemy

> Many of these strikers are young men experiencing their first sharp battle with the boss and they are fighting mad. The extremely rapid transformation of these workers into a class conscious and united fighting force is a clear demonstration of the rapid development the working class in the whole country will take under similar conditions.

Nationally, Westinghouse has attacked the weakest locals first.

They led off at Columbus, Ohio,

and the second second



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Our Program on Civil Rights

The demand of leading Negro newspapers that the federal government send troops to Mississippi and Dr. Theodore Howard's resounding call for a March on Washington (see story page one) marks a new stage in the movement to put a stop to racist terror in the South. The Militant is proud that it consistently proposed these measures to the movement aroused by the Till lynching atrocity.

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During the great wave of meetings that swept the country following the whitewash verdict of the Till lynchers, many demands and proposals were voiced. But a thought-out and effective demand was lacking. The anti-Jim Crow forces suffered from a lack of a coherent program and a unified battle plan.

In the light of the notable progress that is being made to effectively mobilize the vast sentiment for action against the white supremacist rulers of Mississippi, we feel it would be useful to restate our threepoint program to smash Jim Crow terrorism.

(1) Demand that the Government send troops to Mississippi to protect the one million Negro people living there from the white supremacist reign of terror. Keep the troops there until all the people, including the 49% who are now disenfranchised, can freely elect their own government and end the Jim Crow dictatorship. (2) Urge the newly-merged labor movement to launch a militant crusade to unionize the South. Such a drive would

bring to the South a powerful ally of the embattled Negro people who are now, according to all reports, taking active widespread violence of the racists.

Union militants, trained and hardened in picket-line battles against the open-shop interests, would provide much needed reenforcement to the organized defense efforts of the Southern Negroes. The unionization of the South would in addition strike at the very roots of Jim Crow: the low-wage, open-shop, industrial and agricultural Southern system.

(3) Organize a March on Washington to confront the next session of Congress in January with a gigantic mobilization of tims. delegates from every local union and Negro | however," the report said, "were organization in the U.S. with the demand not subjected to brainwashing." for immediate federal intervention in This intensive police treatment Mississippi and the passage of civil rights was reserved for whom "germ-warlegislation.

The Auto and Packinghouse Workers tracted. unions have announced that a Union-NAACP Washington mobilization is planned in January. However, there is no sign that top union or NAACP officials are and end the torture only by doing anything to make such a mobiliza- signing the demanded confestion more than the usual routine lobbying sions effort which has failed so miserably in the past.

The recent statement by Dr. Theodore R. M. Howard, courageous Mississippi Negro leader, calling on "one million redblooded Americans" to March on Washington to demand civil rights, should give a powerful impetus to the mass movement behind this project.

The need of the hour is serious, practical preparations for the Washington mobilization. Through a giant nation-wide demonstration the whole civil rights movement can focus its great power and achieve significant results.

Wilson's Advisory Committee on Prisoners of War made its report, the "brainwashing" charge that the American press had been screaming about for several measures to defend themselves from the years blew up. The report showed that the major cause of violations of the military code by U.S. POWs in Korea was lack of conviction (the report says "knowledge") about the "American Way" and lack of belief in U.S. war aims.

"Brainwashing," on closer examination turns out to be but a variety of the third degree, with the usual tortures and threats that the police of the U.S. as well as of every other country, including the Stalinist GPU. have long used on helpless vic-"Most of the prisoners," was reserved for the unfortunfare confessions" were to be ex-

The number was considerably less than the yearly number of Negroes in the U.S. who get the made-in-the-U.S.A. brainwashing the three-year emergency 9,802

"DEMOCRATIC" STYLE

But in Kenya the British imperialists are trying "brainwashing" on a large scale. Not, of course, the brutal variety that only those on the other side use but, rather as John Hughes, Christian Science Monitor cor- native victims of the Mau Mau. respondent in Kenya, puts it, a fairly democratic form of brainwashing.'

One of the bloodiest and most with the propaganda that the barbaric massacres in history is Kenya people had organized to taking place in Kenya - and, contrary to the picture painted minded European settlers started by the U.S. press, the savagery ized" British imperialists and not by the Kikuyu people, who, ather, are the victims.



THE MILITANT

"Democratic" Brainwashing in Kenya

of the white "Mau Mau victims" were ordinary murders by other Kenya whites, who are notoriously heavy and violent drinkers and jealous husbands. But it all conveniently swelled the figure to the "massacre" of the white settlers to the imposing total of 32 in three years.

MASS SLAUGHTER

The whole campaign was aimed at smashing the Kikuyu people, the largest and most advanced tribe in Kenya. Even the name Mau Mau, which the Kikuyu people had never heard of, was invented by the white newspapers of Kenya who also started the fake cry that there was a plot to kill all whites. The political organization of the Kikuyu, the Kenya Africa Union was outlawed and its leaders, including Jomo Kenyatta, jailed. Then a campaign of extermination was begun by the settlers. Villages were burned; men, women and children murdered; the remainder fled to the forests, formed guerrilla bands and began to fight back. Then, of

course, the settlers could point "proof" of the existence of the Mau Mau.

So scandalous did the situation Mau Mau were killed as against ecome that early this year the 32 white civilians. Official fig-British had to transfer a "strong" ures are usually lying figures. general to the command in Kenya The number of Kikuyu killed by - not because of the Mau Mau, but to keep the white settlers the British, who are using the most modern weapons including bombing planes, is probably blood, they were becoming so much too low. To it should be impractical that the possibility added thousands lynched by the existed of their killing off the whole Kikuyu population. The white settlers or killed by the imperialists and then listed as British Colonial Office was against this, because then who

would be left to do the work of probably doctored in the other the colony at starvation wages? direction. Hoaxing world opinion Certainly not the "ladies and centlemen" of the colony.

"CONFESSIONS" massacre the whites, the fascist-

fierce campaign against the s being committed by the "civil- Kikuyu people, which in turn the settlers whose motto is "kill provoked reprisals. But into the figures of whites gram for some 70,000 Kikuyus

JOMO KENYATTA

killed, the British lumped deaths rounded up alive. The Christian British figures released at the of white storekeepers killed in Science Monitor correspondent end of October showed that in hold-ups, etc. Probably several described its workings at a con-



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version



One of many barbed-wire cages in which 70,000 people of the Kikuyu tribe of Kenya are herded by the British. These concentration camps are designed to crush all African aspirations to independence and a decent future. Kenya's population is one-tenth as large as Britain. But the prison population is ten times larger.

centration camp named Tebere. | Christianity is taught, but the in hand. Drunk on their orgy of Thousands of prisoners are be- "right" kind. Though most Kihind barbed wire. They shout kuyu were Christians before, greetings to the concentration they had a "wrong" camp commandant whenever he which didn't teach that it was enters the enclosure. After the sinful to ask for the land and day's hard labor, "confession" for self-government. After his glowing description,

sessions are held. "When one man, segregated the American correspondent alfrom the more vicious Mau Mau lows a doubt to creep into his leaders, confesses others soon article. He writes: "And at Tebere any police-court reporter follow. Their confessions incriminate more and more," writes who has heard a witness stumble the American visitor. in court for dates and figures Therefore the British have in-In addition to being taught would hold suspect some parrotfashion testimonies in which how to confess, the prisoners

stituted-much to the disgust of are propagandized on govern-'em all"-a "rehabilitation" proment, history, etc. This, no doubt consists of descriptions of how fine British colonial government is, and how the Kikuyu

Definition from the imperialist dictionary: Brainwashing - brutal method of extorting false have no historic right to the restricted "white highlands" of confessions, when employed by Kenya, which historically and the "Communists"; a form of ethically belong to the European rehabilitation and means of getsettlers, who use only a fraction ting true confessions when pracof it but keep it from the land- ticed by the imperialist "free hungry Kenyans. In addition, world."

so glibly

dates, times, and figures of four

and five years ago were given



IN TUNISIA, after six months | its program for the Jewish com-India, Burma and Afghanistan sity. "Some of the girls wept years. The Soviet government has of "home rule" granted by the munities that their members has met with cries of anguish openly. The boys showed their also offered to construct a techand rage from U.S. Big Business enthusiasm with clenched fists." nical institute at Rangoon as a French, there has been "no magic | should have all political and solution for the tin-can villages, civic rights, including the right The anti-imperialist speeches of gift to the people of Burma. poverty and unemployment which to vote, to stand as candidates the Soviet officials everywhere gave the Tunisian revolution a **REFUSED U.S. "AID"** for Moroccan assemblies and enmet with complete popular agree-Acceptance of the gift is large share of its momentum," ter all Moroccan state services. reports Barrett McGurn in the These presumably are to be defurther gall to the U.S. State De-Dec. 10 N.Y. Herald Tribune. nied the French. In a written partment. Fearing military com-There are still 400,000 to 700,000 press interview reported in the mitments it might be called on to memployed out of a popula-Dec. 11 N.Y. Times. Allal el make, the Burmese government has consistently refused to accept tion of 3,500,000. French imper-Fassi, leader of the Istiglal party ialism still holds all the comand member of the cabinet stat-'free'' technical and economic aid manding positions in the ecoed that the Army of Liberation from the U.S. Actually, American economic and technical aid would continue its operations nomy. "Veterans of the Tunisian rebel force who fought the against the French until Moroc-(the so-called Point Four Program) is an adjunct of Wash- French in hills and countryside co attained full independence. talking the kind of language that ngton's subsidies to its military of this country until a year ago He also called on the Spanish met during the last week to la- government to give prompt recallies. ognition to Moroccan indepen-Thus according to the Dec. 4 ment their economic conditions N. Y. Times "\$500,000,000 of this and, in some cases, to threaten dence and expressed the hope a return to .rebel action," says Spain would give up Spanish year's non-military program is devoted to propping up the econ- McGurn. A majority of Tuni- Morocco to speed territorial in-The tremendous outpouring for omies of South Korea and For- sians still back the moderate na- tegration. In an obvious bid for Khrushchev and Bulganin is not mosa so that they can carry their tionalists led by Habib Bour- U.S. support, el Fassi declared a tribute to their personal enormous military burdens." Total guiba, whose program is con- that an independent Morocco popularity. These two Soviet would line up with the West in U.S. foreign "aid" appropriation tinued negotiations with France. bureaucrats were unknown to the to all Asia — military and But a substantial minority-es- the cold war. However, at the public until after Stalin's death. economic combined - stands at pecially among the unemployed, Istiqlal conference, a number of They were greeted by the Asian 1.3 billion for 1955. The share for former resistance fighters and delegates asked that the whole masses as symbols of the Soviet India - a non-ally - is a paltry Moslem religious groups have topic of U.S. air bases in Morocstate. "There is a psychological rallied around Sallah ben Yous- co should be reconsidered, be-\$40 million. affinity between this country and The national independence sef, former secretary of the cause the U.S. had not supportmovement in Asia and Africa is Neo-Destour party, who was ex- ed the Moroccan cause in the rising and as it does, the crisis pelled by the moderate faction UN. of U.S. imperialism grows deeper. last month. On Nov. 18, ben THE EGYPTIAN GOVERN-At the present stage the inde-Youssef addressed a mass meetpendence movement is led by the ing of 15,000 in the Tunis Sta-MENT has called off its anti-French crusade over the air-Asian and African capitalist dium calling for renewed strugclasses, who struggle only for gle against the French. Hassan waves and in Cairo newspapers the kind of reforms within the im-Bakhouri, Egyptian representafollowing resumption by the perialist structure that will allow tive at the Neo-Destour confer- French Government of arms peasants and students of South ence, also spoke at the mass them room for limited growth. shipments to Egypt. According Nor do the Kremlin bureaucrats rally, praising ben Youssef. to O.M. Marashian in the Dec. wish to destroy the imperialist 9 Christian Science Monitor, management of the economy, and system. They want only to break MOROCCO'S new cabinet as-Egyptian authorities have also down Wall Street's military sumed its functions on Dec. 7. withdrawn support from "exalliances that ring the Soviet Its 21 members include nine reptremist nationalists" in Tunisia bloc. In exchange, they have resentatives of Istiglal, six of and Morocco in favor of the repeatedly offered the U.S. Big the Democratic Independence moderates who want negotiaparty, four independent nation- tions with France for "reforms" Business government a status quo deal at the expense of the workalists, including Si Bekkai, the short of full-fledged indepenists and shut out foreign imperial. ing class movement in the West new premier, and one represen- dence. This move followed recent ism, which had economically sub- and independence movement in tative of the Jewish community. conversations between Egyptian the colonies. There are no spokesmen for the Premier Nasser and French But so desperate is Wall Street 'traditionalists"-i.e. the pashas Ambassador de Chayla. French to bring the whole world under who collaborated with the imperialism hopes in this way its unchallenged sway that the French. The cabinet represents to obtain a base of support maneuvers of the colonial bourthe Moroccan capitalist and midamong Arabs in North Africa. geoisie and the Kremlin represent dle classes and includes seven In addition to shipping \$50 milintolerable fetters on its plans. lawyers, two engineers, two lion worth of arms, the French shopkeepers, three journalists, promised the Egyptian govern-And worse is yet to come for the one teacher, one alem, two civil ment to again become a top world conquerors in the United servants. The average age is 40. buyer of Egyptian cotton. States. At its recently concluded con-The workers and peasants in IN MONTREAL, 2,500 stuference, Istiqlal-leading nation-Goa — the "affinity" of the South the colonial lands - unlike the alist party-demanded full indedents demonstrated before City Asian masses is for the principal target of imperialism's war-Nehru's and Khrushchev's - play pendence for Morocco "within Hall on Dec. 10 over increase of the anti-imperialist game for and without," territorial unity bus fares. They carried placards keeps. When they place revolu-On Dec. 8, the Soviet Union and (Morocco is divided into French, reading "Inflation, Damnation" tionary parties at their head, Spanish and International zones) and "Lower Fares. Mr. Mavor." and a constitutional monarchy. They were joined by scores of Africa and Latin America the It proposed that French residents other indignant citizens. In the servers . . . are agreed that it industrial plants, undertake major kind of lasting victory over im- in Morocco have only the right course of pitched battle against would be a mistake to under- inrigation projects and prepare an perialism scored by the Russian of all other non-Moroccans. the police, 172 streetcars and 62 estimate the impact that the agricultural development pro- workers and peasants in 1917. Istiglal, however, emphasized in buses were reduced to junk,

Support the Westinghouse Strike?

The chips are down at Westinghouse! This giant corporation is bringing weapons from the dark recesses of its strikebreaking arsenal — weapons not seen in a major strike since the 1930's. One has only to read our front-page story from Sharon, Pa., to see the old Mohawk Valley Formula in use again.

The Wall Street Journal gloatingly prints the box score of Westinghouse's two-week old back-to-work movement at seven plants singled out for maximum treatment at this stage of the strike. But the picket lines at all plants - 30 organized by IUE and 10 others by UE - are holding heroically.

the AFL-CIO has to make a more-thanusual effort. Money, picket reinforcements, moral and publicity support, and, where needed, general work stoppages by all union workers is called for.

All mass production workers should engage in solidarity actions with the Westinghouse strike for it is literally their cause. The big issues of the strike are speed-up and five-year contracts. All mass production workers have suffered from, or are in danger of, both.

If the speed-up artists win over the Westinghouse workers then the pattern is that much more firmly fixed in all U.S. spokesmen. "At the moment, the industry.

Khrushchev, Bulganin Get Huge Asia Welcome

By Daniel Roberts Russians have made on the coun- | gram. In payment, Burma is to DEC. 14 — The current visit of try." He reports further the deliver all the rice she can now reception for Bulganin and ship from her large surplus and Bulganin and Khrushchev to Khrushchev at Rangoon Univer- the balance in kind over several

The figure of 32 whites is

The workers are scorning the back-towork bribes of the company. They aren't taken in by offers of advance pay and "Christmas pay." The company, whose religion is sweating profits from the workers' hides, have mobilized a committee of clergymen to champion the back-to-work campaign. The workers have called this committee what it is - a bunch of strikebreakers and company tools.

But the Westinghouse strikers have been out over two months now and they need help. They are facing more than the usual strike situation --- the story from Sharon, Pa., shows how the steel corporations are collaborating with Westinghouse - and

Several weeks ago the Civil Service Commission revealed that its witch-hunting department maintained a card-index file of two million allegedly "subversive" Americans. But this is merely the file for the use of government agencies in hiring and keeping the federal employment payroll "pure." The anti-labor corporations are building up their own "subversive" lists and this is one field where private enterprise may outstrip the government. Encouraged by the government-sponsored witch hunt the bosses are finding the "industrial security" racket a perfect device for weakening unions, abrogating contract provisions, and weeding out "troublemakers," which in front office lingo means militant unionists.

The National Industrial Conference Board, a labor-hating agency of Big Business, explained to its members the security-racket pay-off as follows:

"But even if you don't have a trained saboteur in hire, industrial security can pay off in peacetime. It can help you rid your plant of agitators who create labor unrest, who promote excessive grievances, slowdowns, and strikes and encourage workers' antipathy toward management.'

An article entitled "A Trap For Labor" in the Dec. 3 Nation details the varied ways in which the employers are using the so-called industrial security program against labor. First, an employer with any kind of a defense contract gets his entire plant classified as restricted. This necessitates security clearances for practically every worker. Moreover, the boss now has a chance to sit in judgment on all his

Big Business thinks the unions have become soft. They believe the labor-lovescapital lullaby sung so long by the union bureaucrats has lulled the ranks to sleep. Their test-run in union-busting at the Perfect Circle plants has persuaded them other unions can be smashed.

But Perfect Circle opened the eyes of a lot of workers. Moreover, the Westinghouse strikers are demonstrating that any softness induced by their "labor-statesmen" leaders is quickly shed. But they can't do the job all alone.

The chips are down at Westinghouse! What are you doing to help the embattled strikers? What is your union local doing?

The Factory Witch Hunt

employes' "loyalty" by confidentially communicating to the local boards (set up by the brass hats) any facts, half-facts. rumors or outright lies, which to his mind indicates a worker's presence in the factory might not be "clearly consistent with the interest of national defense."

Suing City Hall is simple compared to the task faced by the worker who tries to fight back once the boss has begun to give him the security "treatment." In the eastern region alone there are more than 1,100 cases piled up. Accusers are never seen, nor cross-examined by the worker or his attorney. The criteria of the government witch hunt prevails. Cases usually take from six months to a year.

Employers, the NLRB and arbitrators are extending the witch-hunt precedents set by the industrial security racket to industries which have not the remotest connection with "defense." "Loyalty" firings in violation of union contracts in the newspaper and entertainment industries show how far afield it has spread.

The union officials, to their everlasting shame and disgrace, participated in the factory witch hunt from the very beginning. They have fingered militant unionists and conveniently disposed of opposition groups by working with the FBI and management. Now the fire has spread. The security of the unions as such is threatened. Words of alarm have been uttered by Reuther and other officials. Good! But let's tear down the witch hunt | turnout, Robert Alden reports in from top to bottom. Let's understand once and for all that collusion with the witch hunters is the worst form of scabbery.

world is shaped less to American liking than at any time in years." declared the Dec. 2 U.S. News and World Report, Both the N. Y. Times and N. Y. Herald Tribune announce that the cold war is on again because of the Soviet officials' anti-imperialist speeches and their offer of economic aid to India, Burma and Afghanistan.

While the Soviet leaders were appealing in their speeches to the profound desire for peace among the Asian masses, Secretary of State Dulles rattled the saber in speech on Dec. 8 designed to

counter the Khrushchev-Bulganin tour. He boasted of the U.S.-

ment. "The demonstration in Jaipur where 200,000 people greeted them at the airport was proof," says the Dec. 9 N.Y. Fimes, "that the embarrassment felt in high Indian official circles over the tough anti-Western speeches the Soviet leaders have been making was not shared by the crowd. The Russians have been

making plans.

makes a hit in Asia — antiolonialism and peace.' TRIBUTE TO SOVIET WORKERS

sponsored system of military alliances directed against the Soviet bloc and revived the threat of "massive retaliation." He said its use would be "selective and adapted to the occasion" - in effect, a threat of Korea-like against new "police actions" olonial revolutions.

DULLES' GOA STAND

That this bellicose stand was meant as a warning not only to the Soviet Union but also to the Asian countries playing host to Khrushchev and Bulganin is indicated by Dulles' move prior to the speech. On Dec. 2, he issued a joint statement with the Poruguese Foreign Minister Cunho upholding by inference Portugal's hold on Goa, a colony carved out of Indian territory and held by force. Dulles' stand placed the weight of the U.S. government souarely behind Portugal's violation of Indian territorial integrity in retaliation for India's assertion of independence in dealing with the Soviet Government.

What incenses and dismays the Wall Street spokesmen is above all the tumulituois greeting the Indian and Burmese masses have accorded Khrushchev and Bulmanin everywhere on the tour. For instance in Calcutta, two million people turned out to welcome the Soviet officials. "Oldtime residents of Calcutta," reports A. M. Rosenthal in the Nov. 30 N. Y. Times, "said they had never seen anything like it. not for Mohandas Gandhi or Prime Minister Jawa harlal Nehru nor for Indian independence day."

Although in Burma there was no duplication of the Calcutta the Dec. 8 N. Y. Times that "ob-

the Soviet Union," says the N.Y. Times Calculta correspondent. "As far as millions of Indians are concerned Russia is an example of an underdeveloped country that has succeeded in becoming a big and important power." The "psychological affinity" doesn't stop there. The workers,

Asia greeted not only the achievements made by the Soviet Union despite bureaucratic misthe Kremlin tyranny, but the event which made these achievements possible: the October 1917 revolution. In that overturn, the Russian workers and peasants kicked out landlords and capital-

jugated Czarist Russia. Since then imperialism has been seeking to overthrow the socialized property relations established by the Russian Revolution. The U.S. government is currently building military alliances to accomplish this purpose. But because of the growing enmity to greedy and arrogant would-be U.S. imperialism - made keener by the Dulles-Cunho statement on

Burma concluded an economic agreement, whereby the Soviet they will repeat throughout Asia, government will furnish Burma

The Negro Struggle By Jean Blake

Revolt on Southern Campus

It is significant that the most militant demonstrations of both workers and students in 1955 took place in the South.

Earlier this year Southern telephone and railroad strikers inspired workers throughout the land by the solidarity, ingenuity and fighting spirit they exhibited. This month the students on four Georgia campuses showed the Southern white ruling class that it has the youth, as well as the workers, to contend with.

Georgia Governor Marvin Griffin started something Dec. 2 when he called on the State Board of Regents to stop Georgia Tech's football team from playing Pittsburgh in the Sugar Bowl game in New Orleans Jan. 2. He started something he couldn't finish.

That night 2,500 Georgia Tech students demonstrated their protest against the racist attempt to bar intercollegiate games with non-segregated teams and audiences. The youths made headlines throughout the nation by their ridicule of the Governor. their contempt for the South's traditions (putting a can on the head of Confederate General John Gordon), and their refreshing disregard for local and state police and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

They dispersed only after being assured intervention on their behalf by a member of the state legislature, and when students arrested by the police were released.

On Dec. 5 the State Board of Regents met and issued a compromise decision. They voted to permit Georgia Tech to keep its contract to play Jan. 2, but adopted a policy that would bar such games in the future. Two hours later students on two other campuses demonstrated their opposition to this ruling by again burning the Governor in effigy. In Athens 500 University of Georgia students demonstrated, and at Emory University, a Methodist supported institution without a football team, 500 students carried out a similar action.

At Mercer University, a Baptist institution at Macon, a similar protest against state intervention in athletics along white supremacist lines was held.

On Dec. 7, in the fifth student demonstration in the state, 1500 University of Georgia men hung an effigy of Dean of Men William Tate for disciplining students who participated in a "sympathy" rally Dec. 5. Police used tear gas against the youths and state highway patrolmen arrested two students.

These student actions are only the beginning. In Florida a group of University of Miami students posted placards on school bulletin boards Dec. 5 urging students to sign petitions asking admission of Negroes. How many similar movements are afoot in colleges throughout the South is not known.

And it is not only in the South that students are beginning to intervene in the fight against Jim Crow. In Los Angeles last June students and faculty protested, then boycotted commencement exercises because Gov. Shivers of Texas, an outspoken foe of integration, gave the major address.

last week protested an invitation by the Yale Law School Conservative Society to Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook to discuss "The Southern View of Segregation" at a public meeting. Students demanded that the subject be thrown open to free discussion "so that both sides of the question" might be heard.

Northern liberals in the past have wept crocodile tears over the plight of Negroes in the South, and have condemned proin the South, and have condemned pro-

But signs of deep stirrings among the demonstrations this year are another White Citizens Councils whose stissippi "until the Bill of Rights, matter. The danger that labor and the membership includes "businessyouth in the North might follow such ex- men, bankers, plantation owners, amples worries some of the editors and politicians. In a Dec. 4 editorial the Cleve- Dixiecrat politicians supporting ers, who so far have been more toss NAACP and labor demands land Plain Dealer observed: "College students, no matter how worthy their cause, gain nothing by violent demonstrations.'

Georgia Tech will play Pitt at the Sugar Bowl Jan. 2.

Got Any Pennies? By Reba Aubrey

"There's plenty of pennies - we estimate that 20,000,000,000 are in circulation. It's just a question of where they are." This is the problem, strangely enough, that is puzzling the Treasury's Bureau of the Mint today.

For three months the mints in Philadelphia and Denver have been coining nothing but pennies — 6,000,000 of them a day. Both mints are on a double shift of eight hours each. But still the pinch is

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Storm Center

a subbuts in revol

Storm center of Georgia student demonstrations, Negro

fullback Bobby Grier (center) is shown with University of

Pittsburgh teammates, reading reports of Gov. Marvin Griffin's

threat to block the Sugar Bowl game with Georgia Tech.

At New Haven, Conn., six Yale societies

vocative actions like that of Gov. Griffin.

But the Plain Dealer notwithstanding,

that their state refuses to give them, anything can happen.

more than a few people I know jangle "We know, Mr. President, that pennies in their jeans. Not because they Negroes are getting tired of bewouldn't rather listen to the music of ing pushed around. They're lawbigger coins. As a matter of fact, it is abiding citizens, but they're preparing to protect themselves." rather disconcerting to delve into a

purseful of change only to come up with HOW TO STOP TERROR a couple of dimes and a handful of pennies.

jority.

America?

The importance of the demand Today the penny is an important item for federal troops is that it goes in getting along in this world. For in- to the very heart of the probstance, you must have pennies to pay lem. Other proposals - praiseworthy in themselves - made by sales taxes. If you don't have them to start Negro and labor leaders missed

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L.A. Fire Commissioners **Quake at Chief's Defiance**

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10-Fire | subordination, he dismissed from | groes from following fire Chief John H. Alderson, in the the service on the trumped-up to fires. I think it would be a most insolent act of his insolent grounds of "insubordination" a disgraceful thing to have a riot stations on Central Avenue, ferred to "white" stations. thereby wiping out all traces of integration in the department.

echind this action." Proving once again by his boldness that he is the undisputed they decided to confer with the boss and that he will tolerate city attorney to see what steps no interference in running the Fire Department, the arrogant chief snapped his fingers at the collicy laid down by his superiors and at their explicit order to nitegraite the department. KENWORTHY VICTIMIZED

On the very day that Alderson carried out this gross act of in-

(Continued from page 1) [mobile Workers, speaking on the | the South? This is where Dr. answer.

MARCH ON WASHINGTON

The politicians of both Big Central Avenue, Alderson in-Business parties were able to action, could not be ignored.

The Negro people and the labor movement have the millions who want to do something ef-

correct demand — in this case the reign of terror in Missisfederal military intervention in sippi. Here is the opportunity to Mississippi-it is another thing make that power and that deto get it. How can it be achieved termination felt. Every Negro when the Republican administra- organization and every union local should begin preparations tion and the Democratic leaders have ignored lesser demands for for a March on Washington to FBI investigations of the Till demand the sending of troops to



career, this week rudely informed white fireman, Keith Kenworthy, |- an obscene affair - created the Board of Fire Commissioners who was "guilty" of refusing to around the Fire Department." Asked if he would inform the that he had transferred five Ne- insult and humiliate Negroes who gro firemen back to the all-Negro for a brief period were transpolice of any evidence he had of niot conditions created around any engine houses, he replied: In the face of Alderson's 'No. I'm not apt to turn this defiance, the Fire Commissioners, "That's all there is to it, my as in the past, appeared paralyzmatter over to the Police Defriends," he stated defiantly. "I ed. Instead of suspending him on antment." The firing of Kenworthy for ook this action and I stand the spot for disobedience, they willful disobedience" followed a tried to reason with him and show

kangaroo court hearing before a the error of his ways. In addition, three-man Board of Rights, made up of Alderson's henchmen.

Kenworthy was first suspended can be taken to put integration last May after he had wellcomed into operation. Some weeks ago, when the coma Negro fireman to the station where he was acting capitain. missioners made a mild gesture toward reproving the chief and Given a six month's suspension, ndicated disapproval of the cruel he returned to duty three weeks treatment accorded two Negroes ago, but was permitted to remain on the job for only a few hours. y white firemen, Alderson The trial board refused to allow threatened to resign. The comhim to bring in any evidence missioners hastened to assure him they had no desire for him to regarding the race issue though withdraw. Alderson, however, that was the sole basis of the without giving any formal notice disciplinary action taken against to the commissioners, called a him. press conference and informed

CHIEF "I-AM-THE-LAW" reporters he planned to retire

By his latest actions Chief about Jan. 1, but he has since 'I-Am-The-Law" Alderson has hedged on that statement and it again shown that as long as he is still remains to be seen whether in office Negro firemen will be he will in fact pull out. As the pretext for transferring confined to Jim Crow stations and

will be deprived of their rights the five Negro firemen back to within the department.

A demonstration of the feelings vented a threat of a race riolt, though there hasn't been a hint of the Negro community regarding Alderson and his policies is of any demonstration of any kind long past due. The NAACP has much less a riot.

"We have avoided a very the responsibility of calling for such a demonstration, and asking serious situation," he declared, the support of the labor move-"not within the department but ment, to let the city fathers know outside the department. . . We that the people of this city are not about to permit a riot demand the firing of Alderson and to occur. . . We are not going to



(Continued from page 1) ment, the coalescence of 45 million workers in the AFL-CIO, plus the two million in unaffiliated unions, must inevitably re- policies a large-scale sult in the formation of a labor power in the United States.

make inroads into the organized section of American industry. But the caliber of organizers crusading, militant and the Southern drive requires are not favored in party and the emergence of la- the union movement today. More bor as a challenger for political often than not the militant unionist who could give a good In reply to the NAM's charge account of himself on the picket that labor sought to "direct the line, lead a strike, and carry out ergy and determination, is being hounded and silenced by the bureaucrats. has the power to rally behind it MEANY'S CREDENTIALS Meany summed up the caliber of the union leader that is today glorified by the bureaucrats in his conversation with Sligh: "I never went on strike in my lacking. And the class struggle life," he boasted, "never ordered anyone else to run a strike in my life, never had anything to further unfoldment also produce do with a picket line. I have no experience with that type of power." Meany won't be much good in the South with that kind of experience. What is needed are Negro and white working men and women who will fearlessly join with the kind of native militants who revealed themselves in the recent Southern telephone and railroad strikes, to organize a great economic, social and political revolution and crack the power of the Bourbons. That's what the organization of the South means, and only people who have that understanding will be able to carry it through. The AFL-CIO is destined to write a glorious page in American history. It will be the arena for the emergence of a new generation of class-conscious left wingers who will indeed lead the working class and America to its socialist future.

letter places the blame for the civil rights resolution urged a Howard's proposal for a giant workers, as in the big strikes and student lynch-terror squarely on the federal "trusteeship" over Mis- March on Washington gives the the rights of all citizens of that state, are assured and guaranteed." This is a hopeful indicastate and county officials." Then

tion that some of the labor leadit names the names of the big this 1955-model KKK and asks: interested in playing footsie for action on the Till case in "Are these purveyors of hate, with top Democratic politicians the wastebasket because they from Mississippi's hell-hole big- than in fighting the lynch ter- felt that nothing more would ger than the U.S. government? ror, will now demand effective follow such demands. A march Can they defy the laws of the action against the Mississippi of one million people, demanding white supremacists. land and the moral conscience of

lynching and other outrages in Mississippi.



The Memphis World, a lead- The mere threat of such a March The letter closes on a warning ing Negro paper in the South, on Washington, raised by A. note: "Unless Mississippi Ne- on Dec. 2 concluded an editorial Philip Randolph in 1941, scared have a fire station guarded by full integration in the Fire Degroes feel that their government on Mississippi with the state- the Roosevelt administration in- police to prevent carloads of Ne- partment now. will give them the protection ment: "If need be, the armed to ordering a federal FEPC.

on. Where are all those pennies going

Money circles, pondering this important and perplexing question, dismiss the hypothesis that they are being hoarded. They also dismiss the possibility that some users of refined copper are melting them down. Copper might be scarce but not that scarce. You can buy scrap copper at 40 to $40\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound. A pound of pennies would cost \$1.50.

Besides if you're caught melting them down you get five years in prison or a \$1,200 fine or both.

Money circles seem baffled by the mystery, but I think I can give them a clue.

I don't want to mention any names, but

with, you pay anyway and end up with pennies as part of your change.

You need extra pennies for the 10-cent effective be done to stop the loaf of bread that is now 17 or 18 cents. Pennies for the 10-cent quart of milk that is now 22 to 24 cents. Pennies for carfare Congress to pass anti-lynching that's jumped from a nickel or a dime to and other civil rights laws, of 13, 17 or 21 cents. Pennies for parking the need for the FBI to investimeters. Pennies for vending machines. gate, etc. All this was true but the key point in Mississippi is Pennies for cigarettes. . . enforcement. There are laws

Multiply this list by forescore and some against murder and yet white - it will be obvious to you, if not to the supremacists there have immu-Treasury's Bureau of the Mint, where the nity from the law. There are pennies are going. Not far, that's for sure, laws and court decisions that but fast - in the torrent of coins needed Negroes have the right to vote to meet those odd amounts that have come yet Negroes are not allowed to vote in the Delta.

with the increased cost of living.

the heart of the question, which was: How can something effective be done to stop the F. I. Features 'Youth Mississippi terror? National leaders of the NAACP and the unions spoke of the need for Concrete to pass anti-lunching In Delinquent Society"

By Carl Goodman

ment in the U.S.

Readers of The Militant who have followed Joyce Cowley's articles on the problems of young people, will be delighted with the Fall 1955 issue of the Marxist quarterly, Fourth International, off the

press this week. Her analysis is Workers Party. In these letters presented there in the complete Cannon pursues one goal relentand unhurried manner permitted saw it, without malice or exby a full-length magazine ar- tenuation, in order that a 'new

ticle and unites all her shorter generation of militants may All the civil rights laws are Militant pieces into a finely needed and should be passed, but woven whole. "Youth in a Dethey will be flouted by the Mississippi authorities, as the present linguent Society," is its title. laws and constitutional rights of In her customary lively style credit for the "outstanding talthe Negro people are flouted. - now quietly ironic, now indig- ent. energy and driving will" What is needed is to enforce the nant-Joyce Cowley reviews all that made him a "trade-union civil rights of the Negro people

the standard explanations for organizer without a peer." But in Mississippi, including the the growth of juvenile crime in a few powerful sentences, right to vote, to punish swiftly from parental negligence to Cannon uncovers Foster's infirmall those who threaten, injure or lurid comic books. She shows ity of character, which led him lynch Negroes.

these to be either wholly false to sacrifice principle, pride and Federal troops sent to Mist or superficial and directs atten- self respect and caused his desissippi could take over all law tion to such basic causes as the generation into a time-server in enforcement and stay there until threat of war and the witch the Stalinist machine. Negro rights were fully estab- hunt. She cites a number of senumber of Negro sheriffs and own Marxist judgment. mayors in the Delta region where the terror is now the worst and where the Negro people are in an overwhelming ma-

7 and are still going on else- nation program. The result: un- John G. Wright. That Negro militants were think- of the whole system of medical practice in this country.

FOSTER'S CAREER

NAACP called for the sending the Chicago branch's proposal. munist Movement-Letters to a Origin of West Virginia, and view of the self-protection of At the AFL-CIO merger con- Historian by James P. Cannon, Ehrenburg's The Thaw. The the presently organized unions vention Emil Mazey, Secretary- a leader of the CP in the 1920's Fourth International sells for against the low wages and open-Treasurer of the United Auto- and founder of the Socialist 35 cents.

destinies of the nation," Meany replied, "No chance of that. We have no such power." Meany is dead wrong. Labor

the overwhelming majority of the American people and take the leadership of the United States into its own hands. Only a consciousness of that power is that produced the giant labor movement of today will in its

a new consciousness and a new leadership that will use that lessly: to tell the truth as he power to break the stranglehold of Big Business on the life of

America. Unfortunately the power of learn from the experiences of labor still remains potential, not the pioneer revolutionary moveactual. Big Business recoils with an apprehensive reflex at the Cannon gives Foster full specter of a labor party emerging from the united union federation. This is an anticipation. The present situation, however, was apparent at the merger convention last week when the Democratic contenders for presidential nomination, Stevenson and Harriman, were paraded

> and given huge ovations. ORGANIZING DRIVE

The Fall issue of Fourth In-A more immediate source of lished. This would undoubtedly rious sociological studies and ternational continues the publiconcern to the NAM can be result in the election of a large expert opinions to back up her cation of the work of G. V. found in the AFL-CIO conven-Plekhanov, the brilliant Russian tion decisions on the organiza-In The Polio Vaccine Scandal Marxist, on the philosophy of tion of the unorganized. The The Case for Socialized Medi- revolution. This is cast in the convention delegates listened cine, Theodore Edwards, a wel- form of a political biography of with great interest to the recome newcomer to the pages of the Russian literary critic, Bel- ports of the new director of or-

the F.I., launches a scathing in- inski. Plekhanov presents the ganization, John W. Livingston The demand for the sending dictment on the anarchy of pri- development of social thought and a speech by Walter Reuther. of federal troops to Mississippi vate medical practice in the from rationalism — the dominant The AFL-CIO is publicly pledged was first raised by Socialist United States. He presents a de- thinking of the French and to carry out a great organiza- Ohio. Labor's Daily reported Dec. Workers Party speakers at meet- tailed comparison of the profit- American revolutionaries at the tion drive. The duPont chemical 10 that Dave Beck. president of banners were: "World War II Objectors still being punished ten years after war's end" and after the freeing of 14-year-old handled in the U.S. under "free Hegelian idealism to Marxism of the South have been promi-local was free to do as it wished Emmett Till's lynchers showed enterprise" - defended by the through the ideological develop- nently mentioned as targets. The in the matter since each local has that lynch law was officially American Medical Association ment of the "genus-critic," as goal is set for doubling the AFLsanctioned in Mississippi. The and the Federal Government- he calls Belinski. The work is CIO membership to 30 million.

Thurgood Marshall, head of mand began in Detroit on Oct. ment took charge of the vacci- to the excellent translation by the NAACP legal department, told the convention, "Organized qualified success in Canada, a The book review section-al- labor must insist not only on orsordid mess in the U.S. Edwards | ways a popular feature of the ganization in the South but must then exposes the backwardness Fourth International - presents insist that it be done throughan account by George Lavan of out the South on a completely a new work on Marcus Garvey, integrated basis without any

the "Black Moses," which tells compromise in the slightest deof a period in Negro history tail to the segregation policies An appraisal of the career of known previously in the main prevailing in areas of the South." of federal troops to the lynch William Z. Foster is presented only by hearsay. Also reviews Such an organizing drive in state. The Illinois Conference of in a new installment of Early of von Solomon's Fragebogen, the South is imperatively nec-NAACP branches soon endorsed Years of the American Com- Killens' Youngblood, Woodward's essary, even from the point of

shop conditions that threaten to

The Teamsters Union is still crossing the picket lines of Westinghouse strikers in Columbus, "autonomy."

New York Have a Good Time! New Year's Eve at the **Militant Hall** 116 University Pl. Sat., Dec. 31, 9:30 P. M. . Dancing Refreshments Noisemakers Favors

Notes from the News public funds for the purpose of maintaining a THE SPECTER OF COMMUNISM is haunting

NAM president Cola G. Parker. In support of his contention that the U.S. is "well on the way to . . . a Communist state as blueprinted by Marx," he cited the existence of unions, social security, fair employment measures and the dollar-an-hour minimum wage.

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CORPORAL PUNISHMENT for school children was proposed to the New Jersey State legislature as a means of combating juvenile delinquency. The proposal was made by the state Bar Association at its midwinter conference on Dec. 10. The lawyers group said that the legal right to beat students will help teachers "guard their right to receive the respect due their profession.' * * *

CONCERN FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM in the U.S. was expressed by the American Jewish Committee in a resolution of Dec. 10 which condemned the "increasing pressures to introduce religious instruction and practices into the schools." The resolution scored the recent directive of the New York Superintendent of Schools instructing teachers to step up religious indoctrination. It also characterized the directive as an evasion and compromise of the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom and the separation of church and state.

* * AN UNDERGROUND PLANT is being considered by the American Machine and Foundry Co. A company spokesman says they are planning to build such a plant in Alabama for reasons of economy of construction as well as security against air attack.

I.F. STONE'S WEEKLY SUES EASTLAND COMMITTEE. After rejecting the request of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee for a subscription to his paper, I. F. Stone filed suit for an injunction against such expenditures. Stone will ask the court to rule that expenditure of

amendment. BUTCHERS BLAST ARMY STRIKEBREAK-ING. The continued purchase of meat by the U.S. Army from a San Antonio, Texas, provision house with full knowledge that its workers have been

on strike for ten months has been branded by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen as "strikebreaking." Labor's Daily reported Dec. 2 that the union demands of Army Secretary Brucker that he order an immediate stop to purchases from the firm until it "ceases its unionbusting activity." * * *

surveillance of the press is a violation of the first

PICKET WHITE HOUSE. A score of men and women representing the Amnesty Demonstration Committee picketed the White House Dec. 10 demanding that President Eisenhower grant "Christmas Amnesties" to conscientious objectors imprisoned during World War II. Among their "Amnesty granted in many lands. Why not us?"

AWARE, the McCarthyite outfit that has been sparking the blacklisting campaign in the SWP meetings, raising this de- and in Canada, where the govern- made available in English thanks theatrical industry, received a sharp setback in the executive board elections of the New Yorl where in the country. The Mililocal of the American Federation of Radio and tanit, in a front-page editorial Television Artists. A "middle-of-the-road" group which opposed AWARE's smear activities elected on Oct. 17 called for troops. 27 to the 35-member board. John Henry Falk, ing along the same lines was spokesman for the winning group, declared the first concern of a union official should be the emdemonstrated that same month when the Chicago branch of the ployment of his members, not blacklisting them.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS RESIDENTS are calling a "sink or swim" meeting of all citizens on Dec. 31 to focus attention to their plight. Over 30,000 families are receiving government surplus food in the 15 lower counties of southern Illinois. Thousands of coal miners and others are walking the streets looking for work.