President Uses Racist Formula To Fight Rider

Bv Herman Chauka

FEB. 1 — At his Jan. 25 press conference, President Eisenhower threw the weight of his office behind the formula that school desegregation must be achieved **Reversed by Court** "gradually." This is the argu-D

ment used by the white suprem- plementation, and referred in acy defenders throughout the back to the district courts, so South to defeat integration. Eisthat it should be gradual," he enhower lined up with the ra- told the press. The President cists in opposition to an anti- thus made common cause with segregation amendment proposed all Jim Crow apologists who proby Rep. Adam Clayton Powell claim the need for the South (D-N.Y.) to the school construc- to work the race problem out tion bill. The rider would bar federal aid to states maintaining if it should take a few hundred segregated schools. years.

GRADUALISM

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DEMOCRATS' POSITION

When a similar amendment Appeasement of Dixiecrats on was offered last year to the mil- the desegregation issue is not itary reserve bill, Eisenhower confined to Eisenhower and his opposed it on the pretext that it party. Northern liberal Demowas "extraneous" and that it crats and their supporters in the would defeat the "urgently need- union officialdom are attempting ed" measure. He was more bra- to alibi their shameful failure to zen about his opposition to the support the Powell amendment anti-Jim Crow school rider. School with these two arguments: (1) building, he piously declared, the time-worn "lesser evil" plea, must begin "now," but the Su- that the amendment might depreme Court anti-segregation feat passage of the school aid decision "must be implemented bill; (2) the rider is really ungradually." necessary since the government

In its original decision in May already has power to bar aid to 1954 the high court flatly declar- states that defy the Supreme ed Jim Crow schools to be un- Court ruling.

The struggle to abolish Jim constitutional. In its implementing decision the following May, Crow is one of the most crucial the court made a major conces- issues confronting the labor sion to the white supremacists movement today. The Powell by refusing to set an early dead- amendment offers the one imline for compliance. Instead, it mediate opportunity in Congress passed the buck to the federal to deliver a stinging blow to the district judges - who in the racists. To pass up the chance South are under immediate pres- to strike such a blow on any acsure of the racists - and charg- count - and especially for the ed them with seeing to it that mangy school aid bill presented the ruling was enforced "with by the Administration - is a deliberate speed" (a purposely cruel betrayal of the Negro vague phrase). people.

Eisenhower has now interpre-ted the ruling for the district mothers and children picket the judges. "The Supreme Court . . . Jim Crow school every morning, provided, and specifically provided, there be a gradual im-(Continued on page 2)



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"Inform or Go

To Jail" Cases

Inform-or-go-to-jail rulings

were set back last week by

U.S. Appeals Court reversals

of two witch-hunt contempt

convictions. The New Orleans

court ruled an unfair trial in

the March 1955 conviction of

Harvey Matusow, confessed

paid FBI informer who was jailed, not for lying, but for

refusing to reiterate his lies

in the second trial of one of

the victims of his previous

false testimony. The Washing-

ton court ruled that the Velde

committee had asked non-

pertinent questions of UAW

organizer, John T. Watkins,

when he testified without in-

voking the Fifth Amendment.

He refused to testify about

past associates, was fined \$500

and given a one-year sus-

pended prison sentence in May

1955. The Watkins case ruling

brought screams of protest

from Sen. McCarthy who said

that the judges who wrote it

should be hauled up before a

Senate committee for

questioning.

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Scab's Car Wrecked

An American flag, planted by Westinghouse strikers, waves triumphantly atop wreck of overturned car which scabs attempted to drive through the picketlines at Columbus, Ohio. Columbus was the scene of the Jan, 3 savage police attack on picketline resulting in the killing of Troy Tadlock, a young striker.



The racist terror campaign against the Negro people in the South goes hand in hand with a bloody attack on all attempts. to unionize this open-shop territory. The shooting of strikers and the lynching, bombing and beating of Negroes demonstrates the violent lengths to which the racists will go to preserve the open-shop, Jim Crow tradition of the South. It has netted the Southern capitalists billions of

dollars in super-profits. The two-pronged assault can be driven back and defeated only by the combined efforts of the Negro and white workers backed by the resources of the entire labor movement throughout the country. In the heart of the Southern Jim Crow

ment. As of last reports, Brownell's of- company to have unreserved fice still had taken no action.

unionists were struck by bullets, and it bodies made to date have been declared war against the unions as well They maintain that this province SEEKS TEST OF BLACKLIST as the Negro people.

The parallel is exact. Negroes are shot for demanding their civil rights in the dustries busily introducing auto-South. All who attempt to organize unions mation or on the verge of doing are submitted to the same terror. Clearly, so this issue is of paramount inthe victory against this open-shop Jim Westinghouse is getting wide fighting through all the lovalty Crow terror will be won when the powerful labor movement of the North and against the AFL-CIO Interna-west moves in on the South with all its tional Union of Electrical Work-tional Union of Electrical Work-tional Union of Electrical Work-back, and get a constitutional test right to hold them without being strength, cutting across all boss-construc-ers and the independent United of the Attorney General's list."

Kutcher Carries Fight for His Job To White House Westinghouse Strike Needs All-Out Help By Art Sharon Mass Rally to Support Legless Vet Scheduled In New York, Feb. 17

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 - The Westinghouse strike has entered its sixteenth week with no sign of a break on either side. This giant corporation has set its course toward a humiliating dereinstate him. feat for the electrical workers Kutcher's letter to Eisenhower unions. Big Business generally views this as an extremely im- charged from the army after portant probing operation against losing his legs in the Italian camthe newly-merged labor movement. Standing as the first line after being equipped with artifiof defense are 55,000 Westing- cial limbs he secured a file clerk's house workers who have with- job with the VA. In 1948 he was stood everything this corporation has thrown at them and bership in the Socialist Workers have become all the more mili-Party which had been arbitrarily tant and determined. designated by the U.S. Attorney

The principle issue of the General as "subversive." "Now, I belonged to the Sostrike is the demand of the cialist Workers Party before I right to speed-up and rationwas drafted, during my army service, and I still belong to it. to the October attack on a Packinghouse gard to its effect upon the I am a socialist and proud of it," workers' meeting in Florida in which 12 the letter declares. "I intend to workers' meeting in Florida in which 12 posals for impartial fact-finding keep on belonging to the Socialist Workers Party as long as becomes quite clear that the racists have turned down by the corporation. I think it is in the right."

of free enterprise cannot be Pointing out that he had not been accused of "disloyalty" while

To other mass production inin the army or employed by the VA until the listing or the SWP by the Attorney General, Kutcher told the President that "for cooperation and aid in its war hearing boards and federal courts American tradition of political

By Harry Ring

JAN. 30 — In a stepped-up drive to win back his Veterans Administration job, legless veteran James Kutcher on Jan. 26 appealed directly to President. Eisenhower to order the VA to D-

ATTENTION recalls that he was honorably dis-CHICAGO paign of World War II. Then READERS **Kutcher Protest Meeting** fired solely for his avowed memhear:

Kenneth Douty Ill. Dir. of ACLU and **James Kutcher**

. Hamilton Hotel

(Madison and Dearborn) Feb. 10, 8:00 P. M.

Meeting sponsored by leading Chicago citizens including: Saul Alinsky, Joseph Brumberg, Jim Cunningham, Rev. Joseph M. Evans, Kermit Eby, Maynard Krueger, Edward Marciniak and many others.

fighting through all the loyalty that you will agree that the persecuted as disloyal and a

Add these recent shootings of strikers alize its production without re-

compromised.

Why Eisenhower Said "No" to 20-Year Pact

By Myra Tanner Weiss

President Eisenhower received a letter from Soviet Premier Bulganin, Jan. 25, proposing a 20-year treaty of "friendship and cooperation." Four days later the American people were informed of its

ultimate agony of atomic war."

Even the Wall Street Journal

which isn't overly concerned with

anyone except its own Big Busi-

ness clientele, expressed a wistful

sadness at U.S. propaganda dif-

- because of radiation, these

says "No." (How could Dulles

contents and at the same time told that the U.S. answer was "no." Eisenhower, as President, has the power to make treaties only with the consent of the Senate. Presumably he doesn't have to get that consent to reject a treaty offer.

ficulties: "Though President Eis-Even if Eisenhower had con- enhower's reply to Premier Bulsulted with the legislative branch | ganin's proposal for a twentyof office, the answer would have year U.S.-Soviet non-aggression been the same, for the Senate is pact was admirable in tone and just as upset by Soviet peace content, the exchange does illusoffers as the Administration. But trate a diplomatic dilemma the if the American people had been United States not infrequently consulted - fairly and directly - finds itself in." What is this diplomatic dilemthe answer might well have been

different. For the overwhelming | ma? The Soviet Union proposes majority of the people in this a ban on nuclear weapons. The country do not want war. Their U.S. says "No." The Soviet Union opinions may be heavily in- proposes a ban on nuclear tests fluenced by a monopolized Big Business press. Still, the average | tests can never be kept secret. We agree. Do you?"

THE DIPLOMATIC DILEMMA

play his "brink" game, brandish-ing the H-bomb, if the U.S. were The capitalist press informed publicly committed not to be the us that everyone, everywhere, first?) was satisfied with Eisenhower's This dilemma is not an accident. reply. But there was a note of The Soviet Union has no monopoly regret at the difficulty the U.S. on clever diplomats, who, with has in meeting this new peace superior skill, can put the Washoffensive of the Soviet Union. ington experts on the spot time

The liberal N. Y. Post, Jan. 30, after time. editorially moaned about the The dilemma arises out of the simple fact - buried under a press handling of the Eisenhower reply. It quoted one headline that mountain of cold-war propaganda - that the Soviet government "Ike Answers Bulgy's Peace-Pact Bid: NO!" The Post genuinely wants peace with the U.S. This was not true of Gereditor writes that what matters is how such a headline "looks many in World War I or World when reproduced in Europe and War II. Germany had a capitalist Asia, where most of humanity is economy. As a capitalist nation groping for a sign that our (Continued on page 3)

dictatorship — in Columbus, Miss. -Ed Blair, assistant organizing director of the AFL-CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, was shot in the back, Jan. 16, while assisting the International Union of Electrical Workers in the organization of a picket line. Workers streamed to the Doctor's Hospital in Columbus to supply the constant blood transfusions that were required in Blair's battle for life.

The same week a striker was shot in Chapman, Alabama. The city judge, also on the company's payroll, jailed the strikers without bail while deputy sheriffs escorted scabs through the picket line. With the city authorities openly functioning as agents of the company, the union appealed to the federal Justice Department for intervention. civilization may be spared the

Gordon Knapp was seriously wounded by strikebreakers hired by tugboat owner J. W. Banta of Plaquemine, Louisiana. Three unions involved in the strike, the Masters, Mates and Pilots, the Marine Engineers and the National Maritime Union, tried unsuccessfully to extradict the Banta thug suspected of shooting Knapp to Illinois. These unions, too, took their case to the federal Justice Depart-

ted color lines. The organizing drive must be complete. GOV'T. HELP

It must include all workers on a com- Although the corporation has pletely integrated basis. It must mobilize been virtually eliminated from the white and Negro workers together in self-defense against the anti-union, racist formers. From this unifed neuron of the forces. From this unified power of the ket through the cooperation of majority of Southern workers, the terror- competitors who are taking ists will recoil in fear. They will no longer Westinghouse contracts on a dare to open fire on either Negroes or friendly "help out" basis. The strikers. The offensive of the racists will most important group of West-inghouse customers, the big statements and to protect and the racialist all veterans in their rights as be crushed.

The union movement, like the Negro Westinghouse of full sympathy people, finds that the federal government and cooperation. The governturns a deaf ear to those who are fighting ment has come to the aid of westinghouse with new orders to liberate the South from decades of backwardness. A march on Washington Militant. It also did its bit by to demand federal protection for the vic- sending the Justice Department tims of dictatorship would serve as a into action against the UE by powerful pressure to break down official citing it under the Humphreyindifference and federal collusion with Butler Communist Control Act the racists.

forces of the labor movement and the the official labor movement. Negro people. This cannot wait. If the While money is being raised, movement must be thrown into the battle. | what is needed.

utility corporations have assured being active in the Socialist Workers Party (which I never denied) and the fact that I wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper defending civil liberties for as was reported in the Jan. 23 the Communists (to whom I am opposed politically).' "The VA committee," he continued. "decided not to take my pension away and I consider that personal vindication against the

Slowly, but very slowly, the But the surest way to smash the Jim critical nature of this strike is well as a refutation of the monstrous charge that holding so-Crow, anti-union terror is to unify the penetrating the consciousness of cialist beliefs is treason." Since the VA has restored his pension, Kutcher asserted, it is open shop is to be defeated in the South, if segregation is to be ended once and for to the aid of the Westinghouse "I don't expect you to approve

all, the resources of the entire labor strikers. And this is exactly of my political beliefs," Kutcher told the President, "but I hope

for this:

Describing the public VA hear- traitor and being kicked out of ing where he won a reversal last my job." month of that body's decision to

lies of the faceless informers as

RIGHTS OF ALL VETERANS cut off his disability pension. Kutcher said that at the hear-Because Eisenhower coming, "I was charged by faceless

manded the troops in the last informers with 'giving aid and war, Kutcher expressed the hope comfort to the enemy,' and that he would feel "a particular rendering assistance to the duty to protect all disabled vetenemy.' At the hearing it turned erans, no matter what their pollitout that the charges were based ical beliefs, from being deprived on outright lies attributing to of their pensions and to protect statements plus such charges as citizens."

> "Because the Veterans Adninistration is directly under the Executive branch of the governnent," Kutcher concluded, "I am vniting to you in the hope that you will look into my case and order me restored to my job."

> Additional support to Kutther's fight came with a declaration, Jan. 20 by Warren K. Billings, defendant in the famous Mooney-Billings case. Hailing the victory in the pension case, Billings said, "Kutcher's fight is not over. He is still without his clerk's job from which he has been fired because he is a member of the Socialist Workers Party. Though it sometimes takes a long time in a seemingly endless fight, as I

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The Role of the Negroes in American History

By Daniel Roberts mass demonstrations against the the Third American Revolution cent schools for their children. dominated government, though working class throughout the from either war or the conques | Union suggests agreement that an extremely oppressed section | A Negro fugitive slave, Crispus of the world, would probably find each nation promise not to be the of the U. S. population. The Attucks, a lieutenant of Samuel

> The Personal History 1774. Of a Negro

CIO Militant (See Page Two) cipate themselves from chattel all walks of American life.

Because revolutions are made have won the war. It was their advancement of the country was rebel states. at stake, the Negroes participa-

are the inspiring struggles wag- ed the abolition of slavery movement over to championing to find it enforced by more de-The Negro people are again on West. the march for equality. Since the

no difficulty in saying - "O.K. first to use the bomb. The U.S. Negroes fought first to eman- Adams - was the first man to onset of World War II, there die for American independence has been a steady migration of Ever since the March on during the Boston Massacre of

in the Union armies. President in industry. The Negro popula-

In the great upsurge of the erable to them. ted in the battle on the side of CIO in the 1930's and 1940's progress, pressing simultaneous- which clearly showed the revo- themselves checked and blocked Jim Crow barriers, since it placly for their own liberation. | lutionary potential of the U.S. in getting jobs, in upgrading, in ed the law on their side. By their participation in the working class in a prologue to obtaining decent housing and de- However, the Big Business that can be utilized against the

NEGRO GAINS Negroes from the misery of Washington Movement in 1941, Second American Revolution), North and West. They are leav- ment, on corporations and on the

from the plantations and fought condition of life by taking jobs rights. their effort the North could not become urban in its majority. | these were the Supreme Court New aspirations and hopes decisions in 1954 and 1955 deby the oppressed, the Negroes participation and pressure that have taken root in the minds of claring unconstitutional segrehave been in the vanguard of led Lincoln to issue the Emanci- hundreds of thousands of Ne- gation in the public school sysevery revolutionary struggle in pation Proclamation on Jan. 1, groes. As a result all manifes- tem and in public parks and the U.S. Every time that the 1863 abolishing slavery in the tations of segregation and dis- playgrounds. The set of decicrimination have become intol- sions gave the Negro masses en- the low wage structure of South-

couragement and confidence in Even in boom time, they find their struggle to wipe out all

This is Negro History week. British from 1765 to 1776 and - Negro militants wrote some They escape from the openly forced to make the legal con- whole country. What is being celebrated by the in the American Independence of the most heroic pages. In turn proclaimed segregation and dis- cession, has no intention of en-(3) To preserve the rule of Negro community and its allies War until 1783, Negroes achiev- their participation won the labor crimination of the South only forcing it. It permits racists in the Dixiecrats. Disenfranchisethe South to defy the rulings ment of Negroes - and to a American who makes no profit The U.S. says "No." The Soviet ed during the last 200 years by throughout all Northern states. the demand for Negro equality. vious means in the North and with impunity and to organize large extent poor whites also a savage terror campaign against has provided Big Business with the Negroes to preserve the ha- a corps of Congressmen (about ted Jim Crow system. 25% of Congress) who never The issue of civil rights in the have to face genuine elections. South has become the focal point These Southern Democrats have Southern tenant farms to the the Negro people have applied of U.S. politics today. Though therefore been the most reliable During the Civil War (the urban centers of the South, steady pressure on the govern- the Jim Crow system originated instruments for Big Business primarily as a means of enforcdomination over the legislative

200,000 Negro slaves ran away ing, intent on bettering their unions to obtain their civil ing tenant farm exploitation, and branch of the Federal Governthis is losing its overriding im- ment. Inside the Democratic They have forced many con- portance in the Southern econ- party the Dixiecrats operate as slavery, then to win equality in Lincoln declared that without tion - even in the South - has cessions. The most important of omy, Big Business is fighting a brake upon reform demagogy desperately to maintain estab- used to win the support of the lished racial patterns. labor movement.

In none of the functions it There are three main reasons serves, is Big Business willing to abandon or weaken the South-(1) To prevent the unionizaern segregation system. On the tion of the South and maintain other hand, the Negro people have become ever more deterern industry and agriculture. (2) To keep the South as the mined that this hateful institution - standing in the way of breeding ground of racist concepts and of semi-fascist cadres their progress as well as that

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THE MILITANT

Monday, February 6, 1956

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK -The Personal History of a Negro CIO Militant

By Elizabeth Stephens

"I started working for Bethlehem in Lackawanna when I was 20 years old," Henry Moore, a Negro steel worker said to me the other day. "That was in 1919. And I started in as a scab."

He saw the amazement on my strike lasted three-and-a-half face and said, "Oh don't get me months, and when it was lost, wrong. I didn't know I was a nearly all the Negroes that had scab. I didn't even know what a been shipped up from the South scab was. All I knew was they were fired. For some reason, promised to give me three times maybe because he was so husky as much money for laboring in and could stand up to the heat the Lackawanna Steel plant as of the blast furnace, they kept I'd been getting in a textile Moore on.

"When the white men came

panies cut wages 20%. Still, it

was a lot better than the South,

and we wouldn't go back for

mill in Georgia. My wife had back to work," Moore recalled, just had a baby, and \$30 a week sounded fine to us."

wouldn't work alongside of me. Henry Moore was one of tens 'Scab' didn't sound any worse of thousands of Negroes who mito me then than the names the grated North after World War I Southerners called me, and of and found jobs in basic industry. course I was used to being Jim Until the 1930's they remained Crowed. walled off from their fellow "I tried to get all my brothers

white workers by seemingly insurmountable prejudice bred by the open shop conditions. Then came the great union battles of the CIO in 1935-37, 1941 and the strikes that followed World War II. These epic battles engendered a class solidarity that cut across all racial dividing lines and united Negro and white. It was the prime factor in the CIO's successes.

Steel boomed in the 1920's like STRIKE OF 1919 BROKEN everything else. The coke ovens Moore's story is the account and blast furnaces operated day of how some of the best Negro and night, and Moore and his militants arrived at union 30nbrothers often worked double sciousness.

"I was one of a whole train load that went off to the North down payment on a house. in 1919," Moore continued. "It "We figured things were pretty was a long trip. But when we good. We used to say, 'A black got to Lackawanna we never man can get along all right if ideas topsy-turvy," said Moore. it. We could see right in front there." even stopped at a railroad sta- he stays in his own back yard, "Not only mine but millions of of us, every day, how the Comtion. The train kept right on and keeps out of the white man's going into the plant over the way.' Of course, we knew we that the depression hit the Ne- white to drive wages down fur- 1941, which finally forced Beth- people in the U.S. begins with the anti-segregation movement history, is also described, with a company tracks. There were big worked harder than them, for groes hardest of all, that we ther." crowds of white men outside the less pay, and we knew Jim Crow were the first laid off and the plant gates, and they roared in wasn't only in the South. But last to get relief, that our pay in Detroit, so he never experi- ers of America. However, it anger when the train took us we believed our pastor when he was cut to 35c an hour, that enced directly the most brutal wasn't until the great, victori-"We worked day and night wait for God to bring us justice plant gate to get two hours' the awakening class conscious. Negroes of Bethlehem emerged through. We didn't know why.

anything."

in the steel plant and slept there, some day."

too. It was us that broke the 1919 Steel Strike — and we THEN CAME DEPRESSION didn't even know what we were The years of prosperity were doing. Not then, and not for a soon over. The Great Depression long time afterwards." The was a tidal wave that rolled



SLAVE MUTINY. The Revolt on the Schooner Amistad. By William A. Owens, New York: John Day Co., 312 pp., \$4.00. (Feb. Book-a-Month price \$1.00 plus \$.15 charge for mailing.)

Here is a book more exciting than any of the romantic it is important to keep fighting. gible for pension. historical novels of derring-do that are so popular today. And what could be more appropriate for the celebration chared, "and I urge everyone to self and his aged parents from tion of his job with the VA will towards a police state — the un-

Negro-White Working Class Solidarity Forged in Struggle



"Here they come!" Negro and white workers pour out of Chevrolet Gear and Axle, Detroit's largest GM plant at 11 AM, Nov. 21, 1945, to begin the famous post-war GM strike. Members of UAW-CIO in 102 plants throughout the country hit the bricks 225,000 strong for 113 days in the biggest industrial strike in U.S. history. Their solidarity broke the war-time wage freeze, won the biggest wage increase to that date, and smashed all hopes of Big Business to bust unions by pitting veterans against unions or white against Negro.

over the whole American conti- gates. It made us realize some- ron," he said, "and how Negroes scabs cowering inside the plant shifts three or four days a week. nent, engulfing the working thing so big had happened it were joining the CIO by the was a Negro. We took the most tween the South's use then and They saved money and put a class and at the same time up- even cut through the color line. thousands because it did not dangerous posts and the longest now of Congress, state legisla- protect its wages and working "It was only in those years discriminate. I heard from rela- picket shifts. And we knew that tures, the courts and-force and rooting old traditions and acwe got to hate the Company tives in the South that they the best white union men were violence. customed ways of thought.

"The 1930's turned all my more than the white workers in were even joining secretly down proud of us too. We had over-There are also important simcome their prejudices and won ilarities between the tasks of

their misery.

Then he participated in the their confidence." he anti-slavery movement of peoples'. I don't have to tell you pany pitted colored against short but hard-fought strike in The modern history of Negro the pre-Civil War period and of the role of Negroes in American lehem Steel to sign a contract the birth of the CIO. Today Ne- today. A major one is winning Moore didn't happen to live with the CIO United Steelwork- gro organizations such as the the active support of the labor NAACP, struggling for civil movement. If this was important rights, look to the labor move- for the abolition of slavery, then, in the struggle to wipe out sement as their most dependable gregation today, it is decisive.

Bernard Mandel's Labor: Free ity and the working class strug- and Slave examines the relationgle for socialism are inseparably ship between the anti-slavery velopment to their slowness in joined. The connecting link is struggle and the labor movesupplied by the hundreds of ment. For this reason, the book, thousands of Negro industrial while not primarily "Negro His-

couldn't help seeing a lot of cial angle — all these he knew can't wait for justice, you got are flesh of the flesh of the ities and thinking of Labor rath-white people on the bread lines about only from reading: "I to fight for it. I was proud of union movement and who at the er than those of the Negro peoand in the relief offices, and also read about the sit-down my race, because in the 1946 same time stand in the vanguard waiting with us at the plant strikes in Detroit, Flint and Ak- strike not one of the miserable of the battle for civil rights.



(Continued from page 1) know from personal experience, government," and thereby ineli- big stumbling block in the path of A favorable decision by the court

"I believe Kutcher's fight is

they are employes of "a foreign project, Kutcher has thrown a Washington on or around Feb. 10. government efforts to extend the would have a crippling effect on its future advancement. The demns nor condones. He explains In his thus far successful court witch hunt literally into the home. one of the witch hunters' most everyone's fight," Billings de fight to prevent eviction of him- Kutcher's demand for restora- powerful weapons in their drive

History of Labor And Anti-Slavery By Jean Simon

LABOR: FREE AND SLAVE. By Bernard Mandel. Associated Authors, N. Y., 1955, 256 pp., \$3.00.

Negro History Week, 1956, finds the Southern ruling class engaged in an organized campaign against workers' rights and Negro equality comparable only to the death agony struggle it waged a hun-D

dred years ago to preserve chat- work for the advancement of labor, which then included four tel slavery. million ex-slaves." DIVIDE AND RULE

Much of the strategy and tac- CLASS FORCES

With remarkable objectivity, tics the Dixiecrats employ in Mandel vividly reproduces the their fight to preserve segregation-the chief bulwark against clash of class forces in struggle the threat that a united working over slavery. Scrupulously, he class would present to their rule analyzes the contradictions within both the pro- and anti-slavery -is very similar to that used by the slavocracy in the period camps, neither glorifying nor leading up to the Civil War. vilifying.

He describes in detail the Then it was "divide and rule" in order to exploit chattel slaves. backwardness of the working Today, it is "divide and rule" in class, the slowness with which order to super-exploit those wage it came to realize its interest in slaves with the lowest living the abolition of slavery, the restandards in the country and actionary role of some of its lakeep them from climbing out of bor fakers, its tendency to strike hack at the slaves and free Ne-

There are parallels, too, be- groes instead of at the slaveholders and the slave system to conditions.

But the class consciousness of the workers, about which most bourgeois historians are as silent or dishonest as they are about wealth of documentary evidence. Mandel is therefore able to explain a highly contradictory feature of the labor movement prior to and during the Civil War. He shows how the very class consciousness of the workers contributed at that stage of its derecognizing that the slavery issue had to be settled before they could advance the struggle

With the same scientific objectivity, he describes the conflictfor the Negro movement today. ing class during the Civil War, which he correctly calls the Sec-

ond American Revolution. He The special subject of his analyzes the draft riots, in which study, the author states, is "the workers attacked Negroes and laboring class, whose interests Republican leaders, wrecked redemanded, the abolition of slavcruiting offices, and even burned ery and the overthrow of the down a Negro orphan asylum. slave power as a condition for But here, too, he neither congrowth of a vigorous labor move- the grievances the workers had ment in the North was impeded against the way the war was beby the restrictions placed on in- ing conducted, against the dis-

the awakening class conscious- Negroes of Bethlehem emerged ally. work or none at all, and that ness of both white and Negro not only as the most loyal The Negro struggle for equalmost of us lost our homes to the workers. The Ku Klux Klan and union men, but as daring and Black Legion terror of 1935 and tireless leaders in the battle. the first months we 1936, the anti-Negro riots of "I learned more in that seven thought the depression was a 1943, the insidious campaign of weeks of strike than in all the special tribulation just for the Henry Ford to block the CIO years that went before," Moore Negroes. But after a while we in 1941 by playing up the ra- told me. "I learned that you workers who, like Henry Moore, tory"- it deals with the activ- against wage slavery.

of Negro history week than this true story?

For the fact is that the story to New London and the story beliefs and to regain his job." of the steady resistance of the

began to come out. The schooner NEW YORK RALLY Sparking a national campaign

could speak the Meudi language. liberties.

years the Africans were kept, the by the VA gives added strength

Abolitionists set up a school and to the demand for reinstatement

In the jail, where for several

taught the freedom - seekers

The case finally reached the

U.S. Supreme Court. There

Cinque and his companions were

defended by former president

John Quincy Adams. The tide of

opinion in America, quickened by

Cinque's heroic bearing in court,

forced a decision freeing the

If your criteria for a good book

are that it is both entertaining

want to miss Slave Mutiny. -

Africans. Later they were re

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Negro people to enslavement has was from Cuba. Its cargo was a been covered up so well - in shipment of slaves newly arrived from Africa. They had managed to mobilize additional public supslavery days by the slave owners, to escape from their chains, over- port for this major civil liberties and affterwards by blased hispower the slave ship's crew and case, the Kutcher Civil Rights torians - that today we have Committee is organizing a rally only an incomplete, fragmentary take over the vessel. Some of history of slave revolts. And what the crew had escaped, others had in New York to demand restoration of the legless veteran's job. information we do have comes been killed in the fighting. Two Sharing the speakers' platform not from the insurrectionary had been splared on condition with Kutcher will be James slaves but from the slaveowners' they navigate the vessel to Africa. Wechsler, editor of the N.Y. Post count records, newspapers, cor-By day they had navigated Elast, respondence, etc. These are, of but at night, taking advantage of course, the most biased sources the Africans' lack of knowledge possible. Yet they were the of celestial navigation, they had keepers of historical records and tacked North. This, with the aid of storms, brought the ship off Kenneth M. Birkhead, National scholars today must try to cull fact and truth from the hatred Long Island. and prejudice with which these CINQUE records are saturated.

SLAVES TELL STORY

The story of the revolt on the African known to history as Amistad is an exception. For here Cinque. He was the bold and wise is a case in which the slaves were leader who for two months mainable to tell their own story. Their tained discipline, in the crew, story and that of their alleged taught the African crew to sail owners and the greedy and prothe ship and numerous times slavery U.S. Navy officers, who thwarted tricks of the white wanted the slaves declared salcaptives to sail the ship into a vage so they could be sold, had to stand the test of court pro-Cinque's delivery to one of the cedure and cross-extamination. The Abolitionists worked hard at digging up collateral informa- constant search for a way to ing, which will be held at the miles. The Administration has but the local District Attorney tion and an Irish member of the commission set up by Britain to the whole story of the nightimare suppress the slave trade added middle passage on a slaver is more pertinent information. recounted. How did all this come to be

The story is briefly this. In 1839 a mysterious schooner with known? American authorities imodd rigging hovered off the Long mediately threw the Africans, Island coast. Its Negro crew tried children and all, into prison on rights for over seven years, and to bargain with passing ships and with Long Island farmers for Abolitionists sprang to their de- support to him, has struck effecfood and fresh water. The ship fense. A professor of languages at tive blows against the govern-Yale found a Negro sailor who ment-sponsored attack on civil was eventually captured by an

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support the struggle of this leg- their home in a federal housing be argued in the Circuit Court in constitutional "subversive list." American Navy vessel and taken less veteran to maintain his

Union, and Kutcher as speakers.

that Kutcher has waged for his

The restoration of his pension

of the disability pension of the

Communist Party disabled vet-

Thompson. Their pensions were

to the point of demanding repay-

. Eisenhower's Racist Formula

(Continued from page 1) eccive instruction from private of the United States" and dom- Crow was that of six Negroes tutors. To them this is a lesser inate both major parties. The in Greensboro, N. C. On Jan. evil by far than to submit further to segregation. The shabby opportunism of the Congressional groups." iberals is in sharp contrast to this principled and militant con-

duct of the Hillsboro Negro which fought energetically for Kutcher's pension, Morris Jushefamilies. Even if the fight for the witz, secretary-treasurer of the Powell amendment did mean de- their terror against them contin-

New York City CIO, Council and ues to build up daily. feat of the school construction bill — and that is by no means Executive Director of the Amer-TERROR NOT GRADUAL

necessarily so - such a defeat ican Veterans Committee. The would really be the lesser evil meeting will be held Feb. 17, The mutiny had been planned 8 P. M., at the Community Church, to conceding an inch to the and carried out by a young main auditorium, 45 E. 35th St., Southern Bourbons, their lily-(between Park and Madison Ave.) white institutions and their savage reign of terror against the Kutcher will arrive for the neeting after a trip to Chicago Negro people.

where he will address a similar A FALSE ARGUMENT

meeting, Feb. 10, sponsored by a The claim that the govern- Ranger captain, two white men large group of leading Chicago ment already has the power to have signed statements that they labor and liberal representatives. Among the sponsors are author bar aid to Jim Crow schools, fired shots at the children durtrap. The book begins with Saul Alinsky, Prof. Kermit Eby, which has been put forward by ing what was described as a Joseph Brumberg, Maynard some spokesmen of the AFL- "playful night of gunfire." huge slave depoits on the West Krueger, Jim Cunningham and CIO misses the point of the African coast. It describes his Rev. Joseph M. Evans. The meet- Powell amendment by a million steps taken against the killers, escape, his defiance. Moreover, Hamilton Hotel, Madison and the power but refuses to use it is hard on the heels of a weekly Dearborn, at 8 P. M., will feature -that is the heart of the matter. newspaper, the Texas Observer, According to the Jan. 29 N. Y. because it "tried to create the gressman. Kenneth Dou'ty, Illinois Director

of the American Civil Liberties Times, Under-Secretary of insinuation that a racial issue Health, Education and Welfare was at stake and that lives of The splendid, principled fight Harold Hunt declared that the Negroes were in jeopardy." The Administration would not bar D. A. has threatened to haul the such funds from specific states editor before a Grand Jury. Accharges of murder and mutiny. the encouraging growth of public or school districts unless the cording to him, the killing was a courts had first ruled against "case of two irresponsible boys them. Comptroller General Camp- attempting to have some fun bell said he would not withhold by scaring Negroes."

funds unless Congress so or- If they judge by the record, dered. The Powell Amendment the "playful" gunmen need not would compel these officials to greatly worry over their fate. In Mississippi, the confessed act. Walter Reuther has declared murderers of Emmett Till are now that the United Auto Workers negotiating for royalties on a erans, Saul Wellman and Robert supports the Powell amendment. prospective film about their foul But Reuther is so tied up with deed. In Virginia, Ira Hinton, a revoked by the VA on the same the Democratic politicians that white storekeeper, while drunk illegal basis as Kutcher's. The he was unable in his statement killed 23-year-old Howard Brompolitical persecution of Wellman to indicate any effective means ly with three bullets in the and Thompson has been carried to assure passage of the amend- back because Bromly, a Negro, had allegedly put his arm around ment. The more the Republicans and Hinton's brother and called him

ment of pension money already received. The Social Security Ad-Northern Democrats woo the "son." Last month a jury of Hinton's ministration has joined in the Dixiecrats, the more arrogant

attack by halting the old-age pen- do the racists become. While peers swapped jokes with the sion of Communist Party Chair- grasping the offered concessions, killer's family during a 21-minand instructive - then you won't man William Z. Foster and other Senator Eastland declaimed over ute "trial" and then set him CP leaders on the frame-up a national TV hookup on Jan. 29 scot free.

charge that as party functionaries | that "left-wing pressure groups | The only conviction reported

| are in control of the government | recently in a case involving Jim Supreme Court, he added, has 30 they were fined \$15 and costs been "indoctrinated and brain- for "trespassing" on a city washed," by these "left-wing owned golf course. (Last fall, segregation on public golf cours-

But the race haters are not es was declared unconstitutional confining themselves to verbal by the Supreme Court - imattacks. Their abrogation of the plementation to be made "with rights of the Negro people and deliberate speed."

While Eisenhower has been proclaiming the need for a 'gradual "approach to Jim Crow, Major General E. M. Caffey,

On Oct. 22 a Negro youth, 16 Judge Advocate General of the classes, can be effected.' U.S. Army, was telling the years old, was murdered in Austin, Texas, and his 13 and 15-Georgia House of Representayear-old sisters were wounded a speech upholding white suwhen bullets from a speeding car ripped into the hall where premacy delivered by his good they were dancing and drinking friend, Rep. J. J. Flint of sodas. According to a Texas Georgia. Caffey told the Georgia racists, "If I were going to make a speech I would hope to make play a decisive independent role one like that."

After his comment was picked up by the press, the Pentagon ence on the course of events, was explained, were merely "praise of the speech-making ability" of

dustrial progress by the slave criminatory features of the system: the formation of a unitwhich made it a "rich man's battle and a poor man's war," and ed national movement was virtually impossible while the against the breaking of strikes Southern workers were few in through use of Negro labor, antinumber and unable to organize strike laws and troops. effectively: and the 'labor ques-

tion' could never be resolved so DESPITE PREJUDICE

But the big lesson emerging long as the nation was torn by from the whole story of the inthe slavery controversy and part of the republic was deformed by terrelationship between the workan antiquated social system. ing class and the anti-slavery "Furthermore, the advancemovement is that, despite the ment of labor was jeopardized prejudices and shortsightedness by the slaveholders' attack on of the white workers, they were civil liberties and the threat to driven by their class interests to side with the Negro movement extend slavery to the territories. It was plain to many that 'Amer- against their common enemies in

ican slavery . . . must be uprootthe decisive struggles. ed and overthrown before that The book is of value to the elevation sought by the laboring labor movement in helping to dispel the obscurity and myths "The majority of the workers, about its history. For labor, too, however, probably did not attain it has important lessons for totives how much he appreciated such a clear understanding of day. In this reviewer's opinion, the issue at least until the time the most important of these are: of the Civil War. Still in its in- (1) the necessity for ending fancy and tied to the leading political collaboration with lastrings of the middle class, the bor's class enemy in order to end labor movement was unable to wage slavery and (2) the urgent need to unite Negro and white in the political life of the nation. labor in a militant struggle But it did exercise some influagainst segregation so as to build a strong, independent work-There has been no report of complained that Caffey had been getting a good education in the ing class movement capable of misinterpreted. His remarks, it process, and emerging from the reconstructing society along so-Civil War in a better position to cialist lines.

ability" of the Georgia Con- gressman. SEATTLE Sunday Afternoon SOCIALIST SCHOOL 2:00 — 5:00 P. M. Offering two courses: I. The A-B-C's of Socialism II. The Real History of the American Revolution FEBRUARY 12 Course I, Lecture 3: The STATE: ITS ORIGIN AND NATURE Instructor: Leon Shaw	Detroit Fri. Night Socialist Forum Celebration of Negro History Week Fri., Feb. 10, at 8 P. M. • Speakers: Rev. Charles A. Hill Minister, Hartford Ave. Baptist Church Arthur L. Johnson Executive Secretary, Detroit NIAACP Arthur Fox Secretary, Detroit Kutcher Civil Rights Committee • At 3000 Grand River, Rm. 207 Donation 25c. Free for Unemployed	IN CELEBRATION of NEGRO HISTORY WEEK • LOS ANGELES Friday Night Forum Will Present • Feb. 10: Counter Revolu- tion in the South Speaker: Clyde Turner
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Another Leak in the Dike

British Prime Minister Eden is in Washington for consultations with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles. Eden has explained the purpose of his visit as seeking the coordination of the strategy of the two countries in the face of a complex world situation. The U.S. and Britain are the two most stable capitalist countries in the world. The crisis-ridden French government, unable to produce a prime minister in time, has been frozen out of the talks.

The range of topics scheduled for discussion spans the globe. The political and military dikes the imperialists have so painstakingly erected to stem the tide of national and social revolution are being breached in many places. However, it is clear that uppermost in the minds of the British visitors is the new leak that has been sprung in the Middle East.

It is here that the conflict between British and American oil interests have given the Arab masses an opportunity to advance their national independence movement by playing the main contending imperialist powers in the area off against each other. Economic and military aid offered by the Soviet government recently. strengthens the Arab nationalists further. Eden wants coordination of the strategy of imperialism against the Arab revolution.

N. Y. Times correspondent Drew Middleton, writing, Jan. 29, from aboard the Queen Elizabeth, and clearly expressing the sentiments of the British diplomats en route to the U.S., says, "When Sir Anthony and President Eisenhower survey the world horizon, the queer state of affairs in Saudi Arabia, rich in American oil production, and the Buraimi oasis where British oil operations are starting,

Truman's

In the second installment series of his Memoirs now being published by the N.Y. Times, ex-President Truman relates in detail how at the end of World War II, the U.S. government sought to prevent the Chinese people from achieving a government of their own choice.

The Truman Administration wanted China as a Wall Street colony. Chiang Kaishek was its agent. But, as Truman admits, this representative of the landlords, bankers and U.S. imperialists "did not command the respect and support of the Chinese people." In fact he was hated by

will be the point of greatest difficulty. It is there that the British want a settlerank-and-file trade union workment..."

U.S. oil interests in the Middle East have taken advantage of the anti-British feeling among the Arab masses there to gain immediate economic advantages over their main competitor in the field.

The revolutionary tide invariably finds the weak spots in the world imperialist system and breaks through. The Second World War gave millions of Asians the opportunity to fight for their liberation from all imperialist domination. Nationalist movements took advantage of arms and money supplied to them by either side of the contending camps of colonial rulers that have become famous as cenand then used these to fight for their independence. It is clear that the Arab world is following the same strategy in this respect.

It is no longer possible to separate one imperialist power as "good" and another as "bad" in the eyes of the rising Arab masses. Popular movements in this area, regardless of the initial issues, are rapidly broadening out to threaten all imperialist intruders. Thus, demonstrations staged in December and January against the Britishsubsidized Jordan government in opposition to the Baghdad Pact, wound up with attacks on all imperialist embassies including that of the U.S. Ever new social it is capable of in the face of a layers are being awakened to political life and drawn into the struggle.

In the course of this struggle the working masses will find the feudal and tribal structures they are saddled with in many areas as obstacles in their road and will archaic institutions.

Memoirs

As for large-scale use of U.S. troops to impose Chiang's rule on the Chinese that reached the stage of immasses, "the American people would never perialist development later than stand for such an undertaking," Truman the others its survival depended confesses. So that recourse was out. on its capacity to conquer world

He then sent Gen. Marshall to China to prevail on Chiang to make "peace" with It, too, arrived late as an imthe Stalinist leaders and form a coalition government with them. Truman makes clear this was a sheer tactical device to gain time until Chiang was strong enough does not depend on conquering again to mount an offensive. "It seemed markets. The workers revolution then it was the only practicable course."

When Chiang reopened civil war despite Marshall's advice, Truman promptly "fur- in the Soviet Union ceased to be hower said that "it is deeds and

By John Black Monday, February 6, 1956 The conservative trade union bureaucrats of the West German labor movement have been forced to take brutal measures in an attempt to stem the growing discontent and fighting spirit of the

> The Jan. 17 N.Y. Times reports: "The Building Workers Union closed down nine Communist controlled locals in the Ruhr today. The action, carried out with military precision, inaugurated a national move by the West German trade union movement, a prime target of Communist infiltrators."

The list of locals closed by the national union officials reads like a roll call of the important industrial centers of the Ruhr area. Among them are Essen, Duesseldorf, Duisburg, Muenchen-Gladbach — names of cities ters of the most revolutionary struggles of the German workers in the pre-Hitler days.

The Ruhr district of the Building Workers Union has over 50,000 workers. The elected district executive committee has been dissolved. Nine of the 18 locals were closed, 15 of the 25 paid union officials were dismissed. Technical and youth organizations were also closed. The

National Executive is discussing further expulsions. The trade union leadership is

> democracy, is the only reaction the West German working class

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The Soviet Union is funda-

mentally different. Its survival

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against the masters of industry This, in spite of the pressure

for a battle manifested by the industrial working class in many ways and regardless of the most favorable economic conditions. In these circumstances the West German working class is motivated economic aid program beginning to search for a new leadership. The revival of the influence of the Stalinist KPD as an economic inducement to (Communist Party of Germany) in the shops, shipyards and against the diplomatic recognimines is an expression of this

THE NEED FOR STRUGGLE An unprecedented boom for troubled and scared. This kind West German capitalism is cre- against any country entering inof action, a violation of the ating very favorable conditions most elementary trade union for a vigorous struggle on the East Germany (N.Y. Times, economic front. The Organiza-Dec. 13).

tion for European Economic Cotive body for handling the dis- market. As an example we can shall Plan, estimates that in the crease of Volkswagen (automo-

this period that it is neither country in Europe outside the tries are prospering. For ex- same reason, even at the height sweep them into the same dustbin as the capable nor willing to lead any Soviet bloc. Industrial produc- ample, the Opel Corporation, a of the present boom some unweek: The Wave of Chinese workers and peasants swept their kind of fight along class lines tion was 17% higher than in the General Motors affiliate, an- employment prevails. Thus in Strikes" in West Germany.-Ed.1

did not expect this outcome can get many ad vantages - such as free reign with speed-up and five-year conof statesmen, be they capitalists tracts, not to mention acceptance or Kremlin bureaucrats. History of the idea that the capitalist has has its own objective laws. The a right to make billions in profit

class struggle decides big social questions not political regimes which are merely one of the ing less than China as its own instruments in that struggle. In a revolutionary epoch such as the one in which we live, the people intervene into the affairs of the world and make their own history. of 1917 brought a planned econ- DEEDS NOT WORDS

omy into existence. Production In his reply to Bulganin Eisen-

corresponding period in 1954. nounced a phenomenal 116% December 1955 almost half a The output in agriculture rose profit in the middle of 1955.

The Jan. 6 issue of the West RISE IN LIVING COSTS In the face of this vigorous German Handelsblatt (Commerce paper) carries an estimate by economic upsurge the workers the Bank of German States that have shown their determination the rise in West German export to gain concessions from the trade was percentage-wise fast- trusts now, while the boom is er than in any country of the still on. They have been spurred capitalist world. The share of on by the increasing rise in the West Germany alone in the cost of living. The issue of the willing shoulders of the German world export trade is now equal Handelsblatt already cited carto the pre-war share of the ries a report on the price situaunified German Reich in its tion for 1955. The Adenauer sented his budget to the Bunde-"best" years, that is, under the forced and artificial "export or die" program of Hitler's Germany.

German capitalists have regained their markets in the Midlle East. South and East Asia. German engineering concerns play a significant role in the attempted industrialization programs of those areas.

THE MILITANT

on are rising fastest. The extent of West Germany's The German capitalist ecoresurgence on the world market nomy is monopolized to an excan be gauged by the announceceptionally high degree. Dr. Vikment of Adenauer's government that it is preparing a politically of the German Trade Union Fed- repeatedly manifested sharp opfor underdeveloped and neutralousted from his position by the ist countries. This is described conservative leaders of the Fed- will have to carry the burden eration), in a report to the 1955 support its world campaign National Convention of the Trade Union Federation in Frankfurt, tion of the East German Repubestimated that three fourths of lic by these "uncommitted" countries. Coupled with these sold at monopoly-dictated prices. promises are threats of diplomatic and economic reprisals to diplomatic relations with

Such a firm grip on the economy makes it easy for the capitalists to plunder the consumer at will. dustrial machinery during West Germany's industries duction of the latest and most ground swell of radicalization in operation, Europe's administra- have even invaded the American advanced technological equip- German economic competition

ment. This and the skill of Germovement during the last six tribution of aid under the Mar- cite the more than tenfold in- man craftsmen make for a high skids from under Adenauer and of the strong trade union move- first half of 1955 industrial pro- bile) exports to the U.S. in the many's re-penetration of the ment in the West German Re- duction rose at a faster rate in years from 1953 to 1955. On the world market has in part been afford to pay its total armament public is demonstrating during West Germany than in any home market, too, these indus- made possible by this. For the

million unemployed were added to the ranks of the destitute. Over a million West German workers are now out in the streets and definitely not in on the boom.

NEW WAR BURDEN

An additional economic burden is about to be loaded on the unproletariat. Dr. Schaeffer, West German Finance Minister pre-Government boasts that prices stag, Dec. 8, 1955. The total eshave remained stable. But a timated outlay for 1956 of almost close look at the figures gives eight billion dollars includes the lie to this claim. From No- a two billion dollar item for vember 1954 to November 1955, the establishment of West Gerindustrial products went up many's new army. Adenauer's 2.3%. Agricultural prices shot contribution to the North Atlanup 6.1% in the same period. tic Treaty Organization is to Cloth prices rose sharply too. consist of half a million soldiers. The very things that the work- This is an army five times the ers spend most of their wages size permitted to Germany after World War I. The standing army and the expenses involved in maintaining this parasitic body were never sanctioned by the tor Agartz educational director workers. The working class has eration, (he has since been position to rearmament. Nonetheless, it is the workers who

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of the army. Adenauer and Schaeffer had let it be known that any budgetary deficit arising from the reall West German products are armament would be underwritten by the United States. This story helped Adenauer push his bill through the Bundestag. All illusions on this score were The destruction of German in- rudely shattered at the December, 1955, meeting of the North World War II led to the intro- Atlantic Council in Paris. The U.S. representatives, viewing with some alarm, pulled the productivity per worker. Ger- Schaeffer when they pointed out that West Germany "could well bill.'

[First of a series of two. Next

Peace Pact Rejected (Continued from page 1)

and did not want it. But history does not conform to the wilshes out of the workers' labor.

But the bosses are willing to play around with union bureaucrats only as long as they are forced to deal with the unions As soon as they feel they can crush the labor movement, the relation ceases to be so friendly. Ultimately the capitalists want

to destroy the unions and restore the dictatorial power they once had in the open shop.



THE CRISIS IN INDIA | ing him off to jail. The students prought to world attention by had turned their celebration of ecent nation-wide class battles the 103rd anniversary of the will be met by Nehru's govern- birth of Jose Marti, island pament with even more brazen triot, into a militant demonstragerrymandering than that which tion of opposition to the dictaprecipitated the general strikes torial Batista government. The n Bombay, Calcutta, and elsecops sailed into the students with where. "The solution that high clubs and guns. officials . . . favor is to break

up the states (political units MEXICAN STUDENTS have based on common language) forced withdrawal of six Ameriand form large zonal states . . . This radical step would throw can technicians who had been sent to a local agricultural colseveral language groups togethlege as part of the U.S.

them

Nevertheless, every move Truman made was designed to preserve the power of the dictator. When the war ended, he says, "we ... had to take the unusual step of using the enemy [the defeated Japanese troops] as a garrison until we could airlift

Chinese troops to South China and send Marines to guard the sea ports."

Why the "unusual step"? Against whom were Japanese troops to be used? The answer is: against the Chinese people, themselves, who had fought heroically against Japanese imperialism since 1937 and who were now pressing forward to rid the country of all foreign domination.

"Class Peace" The Mirage of

David J. McDonald, president of the Steelworkers Union, has been an ardent advocate of the "Geneva Spirit" in laborcapital relations. He won laurels in this field by his notorious January, 1954, armin-arm tour of the steel plants with former U.S. Steel president Benjamin F. Fairless. The union official and the steel baron paraded their good fellowship while the company opened one of its most savage attacks on union working conditions and security in a year when mass unemployment ravaged the steel industry.

Now this crusader for class peace, who has sent down a ruling that "in America there is no class struggle," has just extended another olive branch to Big Business. Speaking to a conference of the American Management Association, he militantly attacked any notion that a battle was shaping up in the coming steel negotiations. "We neither contemplate nor anticipate 'war,' 'a big battle,' or a 'strike,' and I pray and hope the feeling is mutual," he pleaded.

"To emphasize his appeal for amity he castigated any notion of a Labor Party "now or ever." Organized labor, he asserted, in its new merged form believed the country's needs could best be served "in the framework of our existing two parties."

Coming at the end of steel's best profit year, McDonald's case for repealing the law of the class struggle seems to be well founded. After all, 1955 was the year when some of the biggest corporations decided to postpone any major showdown with

nished him equipment, money and a waterlift to Manchuria."

Chiang had to flee to Formosa with the aid of the U.S. fleet. But despite the dictator's complete discreditment, Truman continued to recognize the Chiang regime as the legal Chinese government and con- this caste really wants peace with tinued to ply it with military aid. That is the capitalist world. It believes still the government's policy today under in coexistence with the West. It has hoped to buy that peace with the Republicans.

It is high time that the U.S. government abandon its plans to transform China into a Wall Street colony. Recognize the real Chinese government in Peking! Cease aid to Chiang! Withdraw the Seventh Fleet

half decades. from the Formosa Straits!

the unions for the sake of profiting from the boom, and the labor officials strained every effort to curb militancy and strikes. Yet what was the record in this year of "class peace"?

"Wildcat" strikes against speed-up could not brook even the most erupted in auto and other industries. The South saw a series of hard-fought strikes in telephone, railroad, sugar, textile and hotel industries. The UAW Perfect Circle European states. Although he strike in Newcastle, Indiana, came face to confiscated as war booty the face with the national guard and martial property of the Nazis and their law used to open the plant to scabs.

Westinghouse workers have walked the to 1948. He pitted the weight of picket lines in one of the longest and bitterest strikes in recent history. New York and New Jersey longshoremen conducted a political strike against government invasion of the rights of their union. The independent United Electrical Workers, while engaged in the Westinghouse strike, came under government attack hybrid social set-up was highly under cover of the Humphrey-Butler Com- unstable. Capitalist economy canmunist Control Act. And the Kohler strike not flourish where the capitalists entered its 20th month as the year ended.

This was "class peace" in a boom year ernment. when the biggest corporations deliberately restrained their union-busting strategy. What will it be in a year when Big Business feels the pinch of an economic slump? McDonald's formula against a Labor in the Buffer states. Either these Party is the same as his labor-management countries would be abandoned to peace formula. Class collaboration on the economic and political fronts go hand in dictatorships and used as armed hand. Neither formula can serve the labor bases for an imperialist thrust at/ movement the moment the basic reality of the Soviet Union, or they would the class struggle in American society dispels the mirage of class peace.

dependent on profit. Soviet econnot words alone which count." I omy won't collapse without a war might appear that he has come over to the Marxist view which

process.

Bulganin speaks in the interests always scoffed at the much-touted of the privileged bureaucratic idea that the UN charter and caste in the Soviet Union just as treaties between nations, mere Eisenhower speaks in the inwords, would guarantee peace to terests of the capitalist class. But war-weary world. But the Marxists, who always look for the basic economic conflicts in society, never denied the importance of "words" either.

its betravals of the revolutionary The UN charter, in the hypostruggles of the workers in the ritical words of diplomatic lan capitalist world for two-and-aruage, was an expression of the elations that existed among the

tictorious nations in World War CHINA AND EAST EUROPE II. Since then new relations The Kremlin didn't want the developed and were expressed in Chinese revolution. The Stalinists special treaties contracted outside did everything in their power to of the formalities of the UN. make a deal with the U.S. and its Thus NATO, the West European puppet Chiang Kai-shek. They alliance, was brought into exagreed to leave the capitalist

stence. Then SEATO for South system in China intact and even East Asia and the Baghdad Pact to protect U.S. capital invested in the Middle East. there. But Chinese capitalism was

too weak. Chiang was long actheir own way the new relations bureaucratic suppressions of policustomed to dictatorial rule. His among nations. German militar- tical freedom and despite the regime, bankrupt and degenerate ism was revived. The Japanese parasitic privileges of the milwere re-armed. Chiang Kai-shek modest reforms on which a was laden down with weapons of measured also in terms of security anitalist popular front could rest war with which to harass from unemployment and th Stalin thought he could coexis! Chinese commerce in the Formosa lowering of living costs. with capitalism in the East Straits and keep alive the per-

mainland. The U.S. acquired a world-wide string of air bases For example, Standard Oil of that forms a ring around the ist property relations from 1944 Soviet borders.

A non-aggression pact with the the Red Army against the in Soviet Union would run directly surgent people of East Europe counter to this basic task of U.S. and foisted on their backs capital mperialism of arming the capital

ist mations for World War III -This bureaucratic experiment over the objections of most of with coexistence was short lived - but not because Stalin's over the people.

tures to the capitalist world wer NATURE OF BUREAUCRATS insincere. In the first place, thi The Wall Street government in double the contracted price for Washingtion, of course, is not adverse to dealing with the N. J. Standard Oil's \$717 million Kremlin bureaucrats. They have do not control the armed forces n the past and they will in the and law-making powers of gov future. They will negotiate every orbit.

last drop of counter-revolutionary And secondly, the cold way advantage they can gain from caught up with this direct attempt Stalinist betrayals of the workat coexistence. The U.S. drive ng class. for World War III could not leave

The problem is much the same unresolved the question of power as the one Big Business confronts at home with the organized labor foreign investments in 1954. movement. The labor bureaucrats and this doesn't include profits capitalism, in which case they are always hoping to get a nego- | realized in overseas sales. But not would be crushed under military tiated class peace. Struggle stirs up the rank and file and endan- labor of the workers in the Soviet gers the privileged positions of Union and now China. the union officials. Taking adbe assimilated by the Soviet vantage of the fear to struggle on

social structure. Stalin and his imperialist allies

Fundamentally, foreign policy is a continuation of domestic policy. The irreconcilable nature of the conflict with the Soviet Union arises not in the antiagonism of Big Business and the Kremlin, a derivative conflict, but out of the growth of the world revolution.

A SOLUTION SEEN

The dynamic economic system of the Soviet Union, despite the hureaucraitic degeneration of the workers state, stands as a beacon of hope to a world that is struggling to extricate itself from imperialist-imposed backwardness and misery.

The socialist solution to the problems of the working class and the colonial people is no longer an abstraction. It can be

measured in terms of tons of stee and coal, barrels of oil. electrical THE GOVERNMENT OF energy — and even atomic These treaties expressed in energy. With all the Stalinist been imprisoned earlier in the month after the Ibanez governlionaire bureaucrats, it can be ment had declared a state of siege to avert a threatened gen-

eral strike. Prat was among several hundred labor leaders In addition, the colonial people journalists and politicians who spective of the invasion of the of the world see a vast area had been jailed. He published a where foreign capital is excluded. newspaper which was occasionally critical of the government. New Jersey has no "exploitation rights" in the Soviet orbit. It can

quarrel with England over the oil in the Middle East. It can extract exclusive rights to the reserves of many Latin American rescue the leader of the Havana countries. Together with other University student federation from a police car that was haul-J.S. oil companies, it can even defraud the U.S. government as

it did during World War II when capitalism is being concentrated it forced the government to pay in its ruling center. In gathering the wealth of the world and its Saudi Arabian oil. But none of control into its own hands, the capitalist class of America has profit last year came out of the allso gathered the internal conresources and labor of the Soviet tradictions of a dying economic vstem.

This crisis will put the Amer-General Motors can make profits from the labor of auto can workers in the front ranks of the world revolution. That will vorkers in Germany, France and England as well as the United mark the end of the capitalist

States. Altogether Big Business vstem took a \$21/2 billion profit out of

likewise be eliminated. It will be reckoned in history as a terrible and costly price that the workers one cent of this came from the paid for the long isolation of the first workers' state. The Eisen-The world revolution will not stop at the borders of the United

the part of bureaucrats, Big States. The crisis of world efforts to survive.

er and force them to concentrate on mutual problems and ambitions . . It would also strengthen the Congress [Nehru's capitalist party which] . . . has large majorities in the big states, and putting two or three of these majorities together would make sure that the new zonal states would always be under Congress rule" (N. Y. Times Jan. 29). All observers agree that the workers of India,

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Four "educational assistance program. The students called a strike when the technicians arrived last October. After the strike ended the technicians were still unable to enter the campus but remained in Mexico. Finally on Jan. 28 the Mexican government requested their withdrawal from the country and that the entire "educational assistance" program be abandoned.

to whom the right to a government which speaks their own CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S comlanguage is a life or death pomando forces raided three small litical question, will offer stiff Chinese islands, Jan. 28, about resistance to Nehru's move. 30 miles south of Matsu Island Meanwhile the Naga area of the off the coast of Fukien Provstate of Assam was sealed off ince. Chiang's information ser-

as a "disturbed area" this week. vice said they captured prisoners Naga tribesmen are demanding and "booty." a country of their own.

JAPAN still gets radioactive snowfall. The island of Matsuva CHILE announced, Jan. 28. that on the southwest coast of Honit had released former Finance shu suffered a three-day fall of Minister Jorge Prat who had radioactive snow beginning Jan. 28.

Negro History

must be destroyed root and branch. Jim Crow must go!

The conflict centering over the non-enforcement of Supreme TEN CUBAN STUDENTS Court rulings and the defense were arrested, Jan. 28, when of Southern Negroes from racist they and others attempted to terror is shaking the whole political structure of the country. Ever since the brutal Till murder last Fall, the Negro masses in Northern, Western and Southern cities have placed strong pressure on their own leaders as well as union officials for action against the white supremacists. This demand challenges in effect the alliance these leaders have made with liberal Democrats, whose record shows one capitulation after another to the Dixiecrats. Heightened struggle against the Jim Crow system hastens a political realignment in the country whose main fea-The Stalinist bureaucracy will ture will inevitably be the crea-

tion of a Labor Party. The Negro militants will unquestionably stand in the front ranks in campaigning for such a party, forcing the party at the hower-Bulganin exchange will be same time to take an uncomprorecorded as the futile maneuver- mising stand against segregation ing of tyrants in their last and to mobilize the whole working class for action to abolish it.

(Continued from page 1) of the entire working class -



The Negro Struggle By Jean Blake

Youth Want Jobs (111)

The "Don't Buy Where You Can't Work" campaigns of the Thirties and early Forties were marked by a relatively high degree of success because they correctly estimated the relationship of forces in particular local communities, then used the correct tactics for the situation — the picket line and boycott.

But the aims of these campaigns were, of necessity, limited to ending job discrimination in Northern urban communities (where organized labor had won the right to picket) and in areas where Negroes were in a majority. This meant, in the main, compelling small retail stores to hire Negro clerks. The same tactics were used to win jobs for Negroes in chain stores, in some bakery, milk and other delivery services doing business in colored communities, and even some public utilities and small plants located in or near the ghetto.

It is clear from the history of the "Don't Buy Where You Can't Work" campaigns that they worked under special conditions, and could possibly be useful again, but only under similar conditions.

There is a big difference in the situation facing Negro youth seeking jobs today. Negro workers, taking advantage of the changed relationship of forces on a national scale when war production needs increased the demand for labor, broke through the Iron Curtain that limited them to jobs in Negro areas or services. Again it was mass pressure that won gains. The March on Washington Movement, with its threat — no idle one — that hundreds of thousands would demonstrate, won an executive order requiring nondiscriminatory hiring in defense plants.

At the same time, industrial unions, par-

ticularly of the CIO, which had been able to organize on a mass scale only by admitting Negroes to full membership, received a big influx of colored members. Thus, the picture for youth seeking jobs VOLUME XX

By William Bundy

er 1,900 Chrysler workers in De-

troit this week bringing the re-

Three and American Motors

since mid-December to 28,800.

Company spokesmen say pro-

dealer stocks in line with cur-

are definitely ahead.

worker.

WORKERS' REACTIONS

people affected by the cuts:

Heads NAM

JAN. 31 — Layoffs hit anoth-

today is quite different. Not that there are unlimited jobs available: On the contrary the predominant picture in industry is still one of discrimination in hiring and up-grading. Moreover, automation, increased productivity, scientific discoveries and technical progress only mean more profits, not more jobs, so long as they are limited by the organization of production for profit rather than to satisfy the needs of man.

Negro youth today have two main alternatives before them: They can seek Motors, 800. a business or professional career, generally within the confines of the segregated colored community — if they can afford it. Or, they can seek jobs in industry.

For the mass of Negro youth, the latter is the only realistic perspective. And it is down to 610,000 cars for this plan to "prevent" unemployment not a gloomy one. It means opportunities month, 11% below last January, to carry on the struggle against job dis- record high of close to 800,000 crimination and for equal opportunities cars. Even if sales stay at the within industry, within and through the high, year-end level of about 525, unions. It means "doing missionary work" among white workers, educating them, combatting the propaganda of those who profit by keeping workers divided in order to pit white against Negro.

A conscious working class perspective for Negro youth today means opportunities to participate in building and leading the organizations of the class that will be the decisive force in reconstructing society and in ending the class, race, sex and age limitations on the freedom and progress of mankind.

[Last of a series of three.]

Auto Layoffs Increase; Bus Boycott So Does Boom Ballyhoo Leader's Home

THE MILITANT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1956

Workers in industries indi-ectly connected with auto are lso losing their jobs. Unem-get worse. It always does when rectly connected with auto are shorter hours, and speed-up will also losing their jobs. Unem- get worse. It always does when ployment in Detroit alone has the boss can point to the long ported nation-wide total of auto increased by 20,000 since mid- increased of auto ported nation-wide total of auto 1955 according to the official office, and say: "If you don't increased by 20,000 since mid- lines in front of the employment want to move faster, there are figures, always low estimates.

The guaranteed annual wage plenty outside who do." The score by corporation so far plan (actually supplementary unis: Chrysler, 19,500; Ford, 4,- employment pay) does not go weeks before it's over," says a 600; GM, 3,900; and American into effect until next summer. Detroit banker worried about Even then, most of the workers first hit by layoffs will not have credit delinquencies in the Jan. 30 Wall Street Journal. He duction is being cut "to bring enough credit accumulated to qualify for much help. In any means, of course, adjust to get-

ting by on 30-hours' pay. rent market demand," but so far case, tens of thousands of auto the production cuts have failed workers will be in the street be-The demand for a 30-hour to reduce the stocks. Output is fore Reuther's highly touted veek at 40-hours pay is now pushed to the fore. The UAW will even go into effect. is already on record for 30-for-

but dealer's stocks remain at a BIG BUSINESS BALLYHOO

Big Business also tells us it has plans to prevent unemployment. Billions in excess profits 000 monthly (few experts are are to be invested in "improvethat optimistic), more layoffs ments and expansion." This will continue the boom, they say, and save the country from recession or worse. It doesn't look like "It looks like another 1954 or worse," said one Detroit auto there is much more than ballyhoo in these promises. In the Overtime which had become amount to only about two-thirds egular for many auto workers has been virtually eliminated. of what the government is The Jan. 30 Wall Street Journal spending on war production. The reports reactions of a number of only sections of the nation's economy which will experience "prosperity" in 1956 will be cle in this month's American Top weekly pay of a Ford cool shop employe was \$135 last those connected with this war magazine. The AFL-CIO conyear. Now he's getting \$80. He spending. The Jan. 20 U.S. News vention is on record for it. had big buying plans before the and World Report, a businesscutback. "Of course everything men's magazine, admits "A dip in output of homes, appliances will have to wait now." he said. "Our essentials will come first and autos will produce a drag even if it means repossession of on the general economy" this some of the things I bought," year. In the second place much of

says a Flint Chevrolet worker whose take-home pay is down the investments for "improveto \$55 from an overtime top of \$100 last year. The proprietor of a snack shop plants, to increase productivity

near a Detroit plant said: "The with a reduced work force. fellow who used to drop in for a sandwich and coffee, now just takes coffee.'

increased in 1955, but not nearly so much as production did. At best the capital expansion will provide jobs temporarily for those who build the new installations.

Even in the short run they foul names in endeavoring to get Negro population of the city. will not provide more jobs for employes to speed up operations." The boycott of Jim Crow buses auto workers. In the same Jan. Instead of reprimanding the has remained 100% effective Councils urging whites to ride 17 speech where GM president supervisors, the company fired since it began seven weeks ago. the buses more often, and a 50%

By Fred Talbott

JAN. 31 — The home of Rev. Martin Luther King, leader of the Montgomery, Ala., boycott against Jim "These auto fellows may have Crow buses, was bombed last night while his wife and to adjust themselves to 30-hour their seven-week-old daughter

were in the house. A hole was vehicles, let them ride city bus-

blown in the concrete porch of the house, but miraculously, no one was injured. According to the N. Y. Post, the buses "are fighting to de-

Negroes who had gathered out-

40. Local unions representing FEB. 2 — As we go to press millions of workers throughout there is news from Montgomery, the country, including powerful Ala, that the home of a second Ford local 600 have been chamleader of the bus boycott was pioning the demand for years. bombed last night. E. D. Nixon, The controversy over whether 30former State NAACP President for-40 should have been the mawas on his job as a Pullman car jor contract demand for 1955 porter when a bomb exploded in will now be viewed in a new front of his house. His wife, Mary light. If 1956 will be "another Nixon, 49, was home at the time. 1954 or worse" many auto work- "I didn't hear the car from which ers will feel that it would be the bomb was thrown because of first place those investments mighty handy to have a 30-for- the TV. But I certainly heard the 40 clause in the current contract. explosion. It shook the whole Walter Reuther, chief oppohouse," she said, "In five minutes nent of raising the 30-for-40 as there were hundreds of people a contract issue in 1955, emoutside. They calmed down when phasized the demand in an artithey learned no one was hurt." Negro policemen were sent to the scene, but other Negroes insisted on standing guard. "They Of course, the support "Labor are madder than ever," Mrs. Statesmen" give is mere talk, Nixon said. "Whoever is responbut for the militants in the sible for these bombings isn't UAW 30-for-40 has always been going to end the boycott that way. groes who are boycotting the a fighting slogan which the eco- We're all in this to the end."

nomic facts of life now pose for action.

to protest the firing of two Negro

workers in a speed-up dispute.

side the house, "Don't get your weapons." Mayor Gayle and Chief of Police Sellers rushed to the scene. Sellers hastily promised the crowd, "I will do the guilty parties to prison." Gayle told the Negroes that the "entire white community is for law and order and none of

us condones or believes in these sort of acts." It was quite a change of tune

for both officials who a week The firings followed protests by ago announced a "get tough" UAW local 230 that supervisors policy in an attempt to break "bad called a group of employes the inspiring solidarity of the

ments and expansion" will ac tually be spent to automate plants, to increase productivity Chrysler Strikers **Protest Firing** General Motors reported that it paid out in wages \$104 mil **Of Two Negroes** lion less in 1954 than in 1953. At the same time production rose slightly. It is true that Four thousand auto workers the number of workers in auto walked off their jobs at the Los Angeles Chrysler plant, Jan. 17,

The Mayor's policy statement

said that Negro servants and other workers who refuse to ride Rev. King told a group of 300 stroy our social fabric just as much as the Negro radicals who are leading them." (These "radical" leaders are reported in

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the Jan. 8 N. Y. Times as being "virtually all the city's Negro ministers.")

Police Chief Sellers, a member of the notorious White Citizen's Council, has instructed police to "break up" Negro groups "loitering" in lily white neighborhoods. "We do not intend to allow them [Negro servants awaiting rides in vehicles other than buses] to become nuisances in white sections," he said.

Revealing the effect the boy cott has had on the life of the city the mayor said: "The Negroes are laughing at white people behind their backs - the white people who haul the maids and cooks to and from work. They think it's very funny and amusing that whites who are opposed to the Negro boycott will act as chauffeurs to Nebuses."

BOYCOTTERS' DEMANDS

The boycott was voted last Dec. 5 by 5.000 people at a mass meeting called to protest the fining of Mrs. Rosa Parks, a seamstress, for refusing to give everything in my power to bring up her seat when ordered to do so by a white bus driver. The next morning Negro patronage of the bus line fell off by almost 100%.

The boycotters are demanding "first come first serve" seating rule, more courteous treatment of Negro riders, and employment of Negro drivers in Negro areas. The bus company claims that it cannot agree to these demands without violating the state's Jim Crow laws.

Ads by the White Citizens

fare increase have failed to make

up for the 75% drop in the

and private cars stop on corners

Montgomery Negroes have

"The Woman in the Gray Flannel Suit"

Sloan Wilson is the author of This college president worked | mind. For instance, most husa best-selling novel, "The Man out an interesting theory. He bands would be delighted if their in the Gray Flannel Suit." I thinks leadership in many large wives did a little less screening haven't read it but a review in organizations requires so much of their social engagements. Not the N. Y. Times describes it as energy that only compulsive many women work at an "adbook with a "happy ending" workers - i.e. neurotics - are ministrative level"-the average about a man who manages to capable of large-scale success. ncome of women workers is make money and stay honest, That's the reason there are so still about \$1400 a year. While

many wars. Compulsive workers too. it's true that ten million married In a recent issue of the N.Y. are seething with hatreds and women are working, most of Times Magazine, the same authare more likely to fight than the them are married to men who or writes about "The Woman in ordinary people they lead. (Es- make less than \$5,000 - often a the Gray Flannel Suit." He read pecially when it's the ordinary good deal less. The management a couple of articles, one warning people who do the actual fight- of their personal finances recareer women against ulcers, the | ing!) quires more knowledge of how to other outlining opportunities for

The college president believes dodge bill collectors than it does





women at the administrative that without an unusually warm, of investments and accounting. level," and he got worried. He dedicated wife, most successful When the husband makes more men would not have children and than \$10,000, there's about one checked government publications to find out how many married there would be no reproduction chance in ten that his wife holds women were working, and he is of the great. Now there's one of down a job, compared with one now thoroughly alarmed and the best arguments I've heard in three at the lower income predicts that one day women yet for the career wife. We level (I read those government will be dashing off to work might eliminate these compul- bulletins, too). So most successwhile men "loll around the sive neurotics, whose aggressions ful men are still able to buy a house in kimonos." Or both of are encouraged by our present wife and get full value.

them will dash off and a great society and who play such a In case things reach a point 12-handed machine will mind the destructive role. (Mr. Dulles, for where there are no longer any children. Maybe they will take instance.) turns on careers - the husband can have his on Mondays, Wed- THE GOOD OLD DAYS nesdays and Fridays, and the Mr. Sloan makes some interwife will get the rest of the esting comments of his own. In Wilson himself. Facetiously, he week. His final suggestion is for other societies, he says, a man spoke of a 12-handed machine, men to become more motherly as could have a lot of wives - the taking turns at careers and men women become more fatherly.

MONEY IN MARRIAGE

"career tals" is reducing the tion. He obviously thinks that womone wife permitted Western man en belong at home, but is emto just a fraction, and it's time care for children while both barrassed to find himself deto rebel. fending such an "old-fashioned" point of view. So he admits that he feels for the career girls he school workers. They can create some working women are justihas known. They may wear gray a happy environment for chilfied. Some don't want to get marflannel suits, even carry a brief- dren to play and grow, and in ried and others haven't been asked. Some find that they have to take jobs to keep the family together, and he admits no one can blame them.

case) - but the unmarried ones perience of a teacher. What really disturbs him are live in lonely walk-up apartnot exceptional cases of this type but a prevailing attitude that a woman ought to do something more than devote herself whole-heartedly to helping a huswhere a girl sneaked into the date dishwashers and floor polband and children. He thinks the office to work late at night ishers. work of a good wife is made to appear "drab" and argues that simply because she had nothing else to do. (If he will put me in it could be deeply satisfying for it consists of a lot more than touch with the girl, I have a both the man and his wife. scrubbing and vacuum cleaning. number of suggestions as to Women will not only have a The wife of a successful man what she could do with her time. chance to get out in the worldlearns more about investments, Evidently girls in gray flannel, but men, who complain they are accounting and upper bracket like their male counterparts, confined in an office and shop, public relations than most womhave few interests outside of having no time for anything but en in offices. He winds up with themselves.) an eloquent sales talk: "There's The married career women in half. They'll have time to go money in marriage, girls! The retirement benefits and oppor- that he knows are not much bet- fishing and take the kids to a tunities for travel are often ex- ter off. Mothers are semi-fulfill- ball game, they may even screen ed, husbands are harried and their own social engagements. cellent."

"hard lines of discontent set in." In one sense, men will become One reason he's so strongly in he calls "executive wives," is be- be he should check up on the more time to spend with their cause male executives are be- jobless wives of rich men. I've children and get to know them condemning the weakness and dence and particularly to the orcoming more and more helpless heard that time drags for them, better. They will help in the no time for anything but work, idle hours with pursuits like them. He tells about a friend, president bridge, alcohol and sex.) of a small college, whose capable wilderment.

women willing to make a full time occupation of helping be-

The twelve hands that will

As for taking turns at careers,

work, can cut their working day

wildered executives, there are Cola G. Parker of Neenah, other solutions suggested by Mr. Wis., shown at Natl. Assn. of more successful the man, the becoming more "motherly." But more wiver he had. Now all this he's looking in the right direc-

Manufacturers convention last Dec. In his keynote speech to the Big Business gathering he attacked the newly-merged AFL-CIO as a "sinister force."

Harlow H. Curtice made his the two Negro body-shop workhighly publicized announcement ers, Adolph A. Caldwell and about spending one billion dol- Edward Herron. The company lars for "expansion" he esti- covered up by charging the two mated a drop in auto production men with "using obscene lanthis year of 18% under 1955. guage" and "hitting the foreman." The union termed the walkoult, Now that the cuts have come we can be sure that the least which took place at 11:30 A.M., efficient units will be stopped "unanthorized" but placed the first, and that those requiring blame on the company.

The defense of the two Negro the least manpower per unit of workers by the entire memberproduction will be kept operating. In other words, all other ship, acting without official backing, marks a high point in interthings being equal, the cuts in racial working - class solidarity working force will be even Until the end of World War II greater than the cuts in produc-

tion. LONG LINES AT GATE

Everything indicates that ceeded in breaking down the lily- for jitney licenses were turned after the explosion, the Negro many thousands of auto workers white hiring policies after a long down with the statement, "If community's solidarity is not to will be out of work this year, struggle.

MAYOR GETS HIGHHANDED Infuriated by the complete bus company's total business. failure of his City Commission to talk the leaders of the Negro shown resourcefulness and courcommunity out of supporting the age in helping each other stick boycott, Mayor Gayle announced it out against Jim Crow. Cars on Jan. 24 that the City Council are pooled. Negro cab companies was through "pussyfooting take riders for a dime a head, around" with the boycotters.

Two days later, Rev. Martin to pick up people who are wait-Luther King was hauled off to ing for transportation - but jail, fingerprinted and charged | not for buses. The "get tough" with speeding (driving 30 m.p.h. moves by the racist city adminin a 25 m.p.h. zone) after he istration have failed to break up stopped to give a ride to several this determined solidarily. Negroes were virtually excluded Negroes who needed transporta- Judging from the way in from auto plants in Los Angeles.

Looming large in the delibera-

tions of the bosses of the Tory

The present steps of the Tory

tion because of their refusal to which Negroes immediately ral-Militant UAW members suc- ride buses. Requests by Negroes lied to the aid of Rev. King

Negroes want to ride public be broken by terrorism, either.

Report from England on Tory Strategy parents are at work, are those He goes on to tell how sorry of trained, intelligent nursery

By John White

INFLATION CAUSES UNREST

case and look glamourous in the some ways will do better than street-(Depends on your taste- the average mother who lacks I can't see anything glamorous both the facilities of a nursery about gray flannel and a brief- school and the training and exthe Conservative party with a problems of British capitalism nomic ills of capitalism must be Mr. Wilson must have heard leading article headed: "Waiting have been mounting.

ments and their social life con- about the machines that are sists mostly of going to the available for other household for the smack of firm governmovies with girls like them- tasks. He knows the kind of ment.' selves. He knows of one case people who own the most up-to-

- it declared, "Conservatives around the country, Ministers | tional independence.

and backbenchers are unenraptured with their leaders." On the same page, an editorial past four years recent official figures show that the cost of the British government and top entitled, "A time for action," made acid comments. "In the first seven months of its life," it concluded, "the Government has businessmen or the middle class posed: Is the time ripe for an lost both prestige and decisive-

with fixed incomes the same all-out battle with the workers? government were certainly taken super-profits reaped by Big Business and the banks. The rank and file of the Con-During the next week, the cor- servative party blame the in-

respondence columns of the flationary rise on the wage inmembers endorsing its criticisms, class, to its power and confi-

vacillation of Eden and his Gov- ganized strength with which it policy — particularly against in- standards.

This is a perspective that flation. Mr. Wilson concludes that means greater freedom for men "Why wasn't Winston Church- government" means primarily for he hoped there would be a "betwife screens his social engage- women should leave the ulcers as well as women, and I don't ill 20 years younger," sighed one these people resolute resistance ter spirit" as a result of the inments, keeps track of personal to men. I don't know if this is know why men should object to correspondent, expressing the to the wage claims being pre- crease, which was granted with- tighter between itself, the Govfinances, runs his house and chivalry, or if there is some a shorter working day, less fi- yearning of the middle class for sented from all sections of in- out any struggle. takes care of the children. If his kind of prestige involved in get- nancial responsibility, more lei- a "strong man" who would act dustry.

ness.'

wife decided to have a career of ting ulcers. Obviously, the prob- sure and more fun. I can foresee ruthlessly in the "interests of BIG BUSINESS STRATEGY her own, the man would suc- lems he raises have very little a day when no one gets ulcers the nation." However, these frustrated mid- Within a few days, the press problems. cumb from confusion and be- general application. Few men re- and even the compulsive neurotic The retired service officer, the quire the kind of wife he has in will learn how to enjoy his life. small businessmen, the small dle class elements do not control was announcing that the three Meanwhile, the "Eden Must

Irentiers (those who receive fixed | the policy of the Tory govern-1 million engineering industry ; Go" campaign in the Conserva-LONDON, Jan. 26-At the incomes from land, stocks, bonds ment or its choice of leader. workers were likely to receive a tive party has been stifled at beginning of this month, the etc.) and others from the British That is determined in Big Busi- similar increase. Reports follow- birth. But the frustration and Daily Telegraph, arch-Tory pa- middle class who form the base ness circles. Big Business, of ed that concessions to the miners disgruntlement among sections per, lifted the lid off a smolder- of the Conservative party have course, fully realizes that any were also being discussed. ing discontent in the ranks of been increasingly uneasy as the real measures to ease the eco-BAITING THE HOOK

The policy revealed could be directed against the working summed up by the paradox that They are angry and frustrated class. The ruling circles also at the weakness of British im- have an absolute realization of the British government was pre-Sharply attacking the Tory perialism in the face of the col- the need of a "firm government" pared to buy a wage freeze in Prime Minister — Anthony Eden onial revolution, and the failure to impose the "necessary sacri- the immediate future by grantto crush the struggles for na- fices"-cuts in government ex- ing a wage increase now, and penditures on housing subsidies avoiding an immediate all-out Above all, they are alarmed and social services and above all showdown with the working class.

at the constant inflation-in the a curb on wage increases. But in all discussions among

living has risen 20%. Inflation business circles who determine Party would be the role of the has not brought to the small policy, the salient question is right wing trade union officials

For that is what resistance to in full consultation with these the wage demands means. And trade union leaders. After the

Big Business has decided that sharp working class reaction to

the time is not yet ripe. They the Tory Budget (reported in my

have reached agreement on the Nov. 7 article in the Militant) Telegraph were filled with the creases of the workers. They are immediate policy to be carried these leaders have expressed a favor of women becoming what (To round out this picture, may- more "motherly." They will have letters from Conservative party bitterly hostile to the working through under Eden's leadership. need for immediate concessions The pattern of their strategy in order to aid them in the inbecame clear on Jan. 19 when a ternal union struggle to line the wage increase of 7% was an- workers organizations behind a

in their personal lives and have and they are likely to fill the concrete tasks of caring for ernment and their lack of a firm fights to maintain its living nounced on the nationalized policy of wage freeze, rationalirailways. Sir Brian Robertson, zation in industry and the elimination of "restrictive practices." "A strong policy from the chief of British Railways, said Big Business has faced realities. It has bound the links ernment and the trade union By its increase to railwaymen leaders. With the wage increases the Government was clearly set- it is buying time in which it ting the policy for all industry. hopes this alliance can solve its

of the Tory rank and file remain. No solution, however temporary,

has been found for them. It is from this layer of the middle class that a fascist demagogue could readily find a hearing.

CLEVELAND

Negro History Week Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8 P. M. Speaker:

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