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Montgomery Freedom Fighters Appeal For Station Wagons to Build Car Pool

Cars Will Be Picked Up Anywhere in U.S.

What are the different ways in which you can help the magnificent bus protest movement of the Negro people of Montgomery, Alabama?

The following answers are from Farrell Dobbs, special correspondent for the Militant, who just returned from Montgomery where he covered the 9

bus protest trial. Dobbs, twice Raise money among your presidential candidate of the So- friends, shopmates and others cialist Workers Party, is about Get your union local, or any orto tour a number of Northern ganization to which you or a industrial cities where he will friend belongs, to vote a conaddress meetings called to raise tribution for the MIA! If you funds to be sent to the Mont- have a car in good running congomery Improvement Association. dition that you are thinking of

The SWP leader, who studied trading in, give it instead to the the situation closely and talked MIA and go a little further into to many MIA leaders and rank debt. You know you're not going and file members, emphasizes that to get rich anyhow, so help onc moral support for the protest is of the best causes in America not enough. All unionists and op- in its hour of need. Get the workponents of Jim Crow must per- ers in your department or plant sonally take it upon themselves to chip in and buy a station to get material aid rolling toward wagon in good condition (or a station-wagon type car - something Montgomery.

The MIA, whose efficiently or- with large seating capacity) for ganized carpool furnishes free the heroic but footsore people of daily transportation to 50,000, is Montgomery. spending over \$3,500 weekly for Union locals or groups per-

should send delegations to Mont-

gomery with the cars for

presentation ceremonies. If that

is not possible the MIA will send

pick up a station wagon. There

gas, oil, tires, repairs, traffic forming such acts of solidarity fines imposed by a vengeful police force, etc. There are also heavy legal expenses involved in the trials and the necessary appeals. Finally, the cars of the car pool a driver anywhere in the U.S. to are wearing out through constant

are hundreds of ways of raising You can help by sending money money and station wagons for the wagons - to the Montgomery Im- MIA - dances, dinners, house provement Association, 647 Clin- parties, raffles, meetings, etc ton St., Montgomery 8, Alabama. Which are you planning on?

White-Supremacist Manifesto



Dear Sir:

Responsibility for the infamous "raid" on the Daily Worker and headquarters of the Communist Party throughout the country rests squarely upon your administration and on yourself as executive head of the government. No honest person with a spark of intelligence will be taken in by the spurious pretext that the arbitrary seizure was engineered for the purpose of satisfying a government claim of unpaid taxes. The action taken stands in violent contrast to the usual procedure in delinquent ax cases and can only be construed and understood as political in intent; that is, to throttle the voice of a political opponent.

The timing of the foray on the Daily Worker to coincide with the lunch period, the attempt to refuse readmittance to employes of the paper returning from their lunch, the insistence on rapid eviction of the news paper staff, all testify to a calculated plan to prevent publication of the paper.

The totalitarian trend has already proceeded too far in that direction. I need only recount here the recent attempts made to circumscribe, limit and curb the elementary right of the organized labor movement to participate in political affairs. The government's indictment of the United Automobile Workers Union for sponsoring a TV series in Michigan urging the election of Democratic Senator McNamara is a case in point.

If the precedent of a Treasury Department raid on the Daily Worker and Communist Party headquarters is permitted to stand, what is there to prevent the T-men from swooping down on a union in the midst of a strike, padlocking union headquarters, impounding union funds and other assets, and crippling the union - all under the pretext of failure to pay taxes or some similar flimsy excuse?

Of a piece with the methods employed by your administration to silence political opponents is the trans- the 1956 presidential campaign

The method is the same — the difference is in degree!

because it speaks for a small persecuted political group.

only makes the savage blow against civil liberties more

dismiss, forthwith, the person or persons responsible.

Farrell Dobbs

Very Sincerely yours,

National Secretary and Presidentia



Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., convicted leader of the Montgomery, Ala. protest movement against segregation on the buses, is shown with his wife outside the courthouse in Montgomery where he was ordered to pay \$1,000 fine and costs or serve 386 days at hard labor. Immediately appealing the case Rev. King said the protest action would be continued "no matter how many times they put me on trial and convict me."



in Pennsylvania.

| state's election law, the Social- | inee, made her first public ad- | to get action has taken hold. By Carol Lynn March 27 — Preparations for ist Workers Party will appear dress of the 1956 campaign at as the Militant Workers Party Harvard University under aus-

Court Battle Reveals Turbulent Movement That is Shaking South

By Farrell Dobbs

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 22 - This city tonight saw the climax of four turbulent days that shook the South. A vast, militant throng of Negro freedom fighters jammed the Holt Street Church to demonstrate their solidarity behind Rev. M. L. King, a leader of the Montgomery Improvement Asso-D

ciation just convicted in circuit nesses and Negro spectators wore court of "conspiring to hinder" small white paper crosses bearing the words, "Flather forgive them." the local bus operations. The witnesses poured out the

Responding to a thunderous ovation the 27 - year - old Negro grievances and demands from the pastor vowed to continue his lead-Jim Crow waiting room of the ing role "no matter how many South and told the world they times they convict me." From the don't want to wait any longer for throats of the assembled thou- justice and equality. Wave after sands welled emotion - charged wave of solidarity with the witpledges to hold firm ranks in their protest refusal to ride the city's the spectators packing the court Jim Crow buses.

The protest action, now in its 17th week, was described as "95 percent effective" in the testimony of the bus company manager during the four-day trial. Why it is effective was clearly explained by a parade of 34 defense witnesses who took the stand to relate their experiences on the buses. Most of the defense wit-

effective way we have to pro-

mote the struggle for civil rights.

shameful record of both Repub-

He appealed to class conscious

workers fed up with the two

capitalist parties to campaign for

lican and Democratic Party.

repress themselves. Outbursts of assent, expressions of indignation. flashes of humor kept breaking through. As the Montgomery Advertiser described it, "The atmosphere is unique in a unique case involving a unique set of harges.' I have seen nothing like the rank and file outpouring of

nesses surged fourth from among

"Even though you feel that

way," the judge told them, "you

will have to be quiet in the court-

room." Yet they couldn't wholly

grievances here since my days in the rising union movement of the Thirties. Now as then, a deep well of resentment has been tapped. A burning desire to seek redress has arisen. A growing determination

One woman began to tell her story before the lawyers could



Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) confers with colleagues from the South after he had read a manifesto on Senate floor pledging a "lawful" battle to upset the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against public school segregation. The manifesto was signed by 19 Southern senators and 77 representatives. In group above (left to right) are: Sen. Richard Russell, (D-Ga.); Sen, George; and Sen, Sam Ervin (D-N.C.)

Kutcher Speaks to 30 **Union Locals in Detroit**

James Kutcher, the legless veteran who is fighting to regain his job as a clerk in the Veterans Administration from which he was fired as one of the first victims of the witch hunt, has just com-

tour of the Detroit labor movement. Kutcher arrived in Detroit after the Wayne County CIO donation to the committee. Council, which has supported his case since it began eight years ago, voted at a general membership meeting to continue its moral support and urged affiliated locals to grant the legless veteran the floor at their meetings.

Since then many Detroit unionists have listened to Kutcher tell about the fight to win back his pension, his job and the right has backed down from its origto continue living in a low-cost federal housing project. Kutcher Wellman repay \$9,500 that he appeared before thirty union had received before his pension meetings. At each he was was stopped. It has also reingreeted with expressions of solstated the family allotment of idarity. Union locals passed reso-\$51.18 a month to Wellman's lutions urging that the Veterans wife and two children. Wellman Administration restore him to was disabled by a heart wound his job and that the Federal in the Battle of the Bulge. Pub-Housing Authority drop the lic opinion has forced the VAwitch-hunt procedure under which is supposed to protect vetwhich Kutcher and his aged parerans!-to backtrack a bit in its ents are faced with eviction. shameless action. It is now nec-Many locals voted donations to the Kutcher Civil Rights Comthe VA-as it did in the case of mittee, which from the earliest Kutcher, a Socialist Workers accepting "automatically and unstages of the case has under-Party member — to restore the taken to raise the funds neces- pensions both of Wellman and sary for the heavy legal ex- Robert Thompson.

pleted a successful three-week penses and to acquaint the American public with the issues in his case. Some meetings took up collections on the spot for Guý Nunn, the UAW news commentator, recorded an interview with Kutcher for broadcast on his program which reaches UAW and other workers as they drive to the job.

In an important development in the case of Saul Wellman,

theoretician, historian and scidisabled veteran deprived of his pension because of his Communist Party membership, the VA and then we'll have all the aninal outrageous demand that

heinous.

line is not meeting with much favor. A letter by a reader of the Daily Worker published in the March 23 issue, complains that Foster "seems to be sug-

gesting that American Marxists should not themselves attempt to re-evaluation the Stalin era but

pounces gleefully upon each suc- etc. ceeding revelation to serve its should leave this to the Rus-The method consists of drawessary that public protest force sians." The writer of the letter protests against the practice of leaders of the American CP achievements. By comparing the critically the views of Soviet the "facts" were in, they cannot ledger with the minus signs on the necessary manner, even analysis has met the acid test leaders-who are, after all," he and they dare not. Their own the other, you get, in the words though the aggression of Hitler of Marxist science - the test of gates because they criticized him. adds, "not without responsibility ranks, fed for years on the myth of Foster, a "more balanced pic- Germany was forseeable." Al- historical confirmation.

Lewin, a Westinghouse striker and well-known in the Philadel-their fight. phia area for his union activities, is a veteran socialist campaign-

ter concludes, "It seems all too for an explanation. Unless an this may be accepted procedure Hitler's impending attack Stalin clear that there has been a good acceptable explanation is forth- for the bookkeeping of a petty refused to believe. When the American Communist Party, has deal too much at 'leaving it to coming Foster's vaunted "Marx- shopkeeper it can hardly be dig- blow fell it caught the Soviet ist science" would be exposed nified by the name of Marxism. people by surprise. The Red for what it is: a readiness to For with each revelation from Army reeled back with frightful accept "automatically and un- the Kremlin the signs become losses. A large part of the coun-The leaders of the American critically" the views of those scrambled, with minus replacing try was occupied and devastated. who shared responsibility for plus, with startling rapidity. Latest figures estimate Soviet

'MILITARY GENIUS''

Foster, of course, has an ex-For example, the legend of Stalin's military genius and averted the destruction of the leadership in the war against by his cohorts. The composite Hitlerism. In Foster's balance victory. sheet, this myth appeared as a the capitalist encirclement of

Since the publication of his tiously. The tempo and scope of the Soviet Union, the threat of plus sign, on the very day that balance sheet, Foster has rethe world press disclosed that mained silent. Those members Khrushchev in a secret report and supporters of the Communto the 20th Congress flayed ist Party who are seriously Stalin's 1937 frame-up purge of searching for an explanation of but Stalin went too far. On the the Red Army General Staff the events now transpiring in headed by Marshall Mikhail N. the Soviet Union will derive lit-Tukhachevsky. This crime be- tle satisfaction from the rationheaded the Red Army on the eve | alizations of their leaders. What of the war and emboldened Ger- is required is a thorough-going man imperialism in its preparapolitical analysis of the origin, tion for attack upon the Soviet nature and development of Stal-Union.

inism and the Stalin cult from Subsequently, Walter Ulbricht, the very beginning. Such a Marxown reactionary aims. While the ing a balance of errors and head of the East German CP, ist explanation can be found lashed Stalin for his failure "to only in the writings of Leon would prefer to wait until all plus signs on one side of the prepare the country for war in Trotsky and his disciples whose

nices of the Social Democratic ask her any questions. Another, Forum. Over 175 students heard when asked if she had had any Mrs. Weiss speak on the rela- unpleasant experiences on the triansportation system, began her the political problems of the answer, "In 1919 ... " The judge ruled testimony could go back no more than ten years.

Irritated by objections from the prosecutor, a witness turned to him and said, "I'll tell you how I feel if you'll just let me talk." A typical bit of testimony went like this: the working people is the most

Q. How long have you lived in Montgomery?

A. I've lived here since I'm large enough to know myself. Q. Have you had any ex-

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On Stalin Cult In the USSR

By Daniel Roberts

The campaign against the talin cult is being stepped up throughout the Soviet Union. Reports of the 20th Congress of the Communist Party last month where the cult was denounced are being made at meetings of factory workers, collective farms, Young Communist League units. etc. Top Kremlin officials such as Mikoyan and Pervukhin adcasualties at forty million. Only dressed meetings at huge plants the most heroic resistance of the in Moscow attended by 50,000 Russian workers and peasants workers each. Such a personal appearance at factories by top Soviet state and guaranteed the party leaders is a rare event.

> These attacks on Stalin as a personal dictator made at public sessions of the 20th Congress are being reported throughout the Soviet Union. To these are added the contents of a speech made by Khnushchev at a secret session of the Congress. According to versions in the N.Y. Times and N.Y. Herald Tribune, it made the public attacks look like 'milk and water."

Khrushchev denounced Stalin for the following crimes:

(1) Wholesale slaughter of Communist party members, including a charge that following one CPSU Congress, Stalin liquidated three-fourths of the dele-(Continued on page 3)

Foster's Phony Balance Sheet on for Stalin's errors." And, the let- of Stalin's infallibility, clamor ture of the role of Stalin." While though informed in advance of

imperialist attack, the bitter war

etc., justified the imposition of

stringent "security measures,"

Stalin's crimes."

By Tom Kerry William Z. Foster, head of the called upon CP members and the Russians' already.'

supporters to curb their impa-THE DILEMMA

tience for an explanation of the 20th Congress assault on the CP are caught on the horns of a "Stalin cult." Wait, says Foster dilemma. Since the 20th Congress opened fire on the "Stalin -touted on his recent 75th birthcult" it has made front page planation. With slight variations day as an outstanding Marxist copy for newspapers throughout and amplifications it is repeated

the country. Motivated by interentist — until Moscow completes nal necessity the bureaucrats in can be summarized as follows: its re-evaluation of the Stalin era the Kremlin are proceeding cautheir anti-Stalin campaign is de-

termined by the response of the for survival against Hitlerism, But the be-patient-and-wait Soviet masses and the degree of pressure exerted upon the Kremants.

lin by the mounting discontent of the Soviet workers and peas-

other hand, to Stalin's credit, they assert, is his leadership in the war against Hitler, the in-Thus, the nature and extent of Stalin's crimes are permitted to dustrialization of the Soviet Untrickle through only in piece- ion, its growth and expansion, meal fashion. The capitalist press the building of socialism, etc.,

There he was interviewed by the Our spokesmen will utilize the Advertiser, the city's leading public platform to expose the daily and appeared on two radio ed by nearly 20,000 voters. Toprograms giving vigorous supgether with the slate of presi- port to the freedom fight being dential electors, it nominated waged by Montgomery's 50,000 Negroes. Dobbs is now launching

paign activity," Sharon said. On March 14. Myra Tanner Weiss, the SWP National Com-"We have the program. We have Candidate, Socialist Workers Party er. Because of provisions in the mittee's vice-presidential nom- the will. Nothing can stop us.'

nominating petitions for the party's national and state slates. They designated Farrell Dobbs DOBRS IN MONTGOMERY South who are defying the U.S. Supreme Court's school for President and Myra Tanner Weiss for Vice-President of the SWP National Committee's pres-United States. The candidates idential nominee, covered the have now been officially certi- trial of the bus segregation pro-

fied for the ballot in both states. test leaders in Montgomery, Ala. The nominating petition presented in Pennsylvania was sign-

As president of the United States you cannot disclaim responsibility for the action. If it was taken without your knowledge or consent the very least you can do is to

The New Jersey nominating from Mississippi, James O. Eastland, against a more moved into high gear last week petition was signed by 1,200 formidable critic - the New York Times. Under guise as party organizations in Penntion of Marxist philosophy to voters. It designated presidential electors and also nominated sylvania and New Jersey filed world today. Daniel Roberts for Congress from the 12th District, Roberts At a meeting of a campaign is Newark chairman of the SWP. staff made up of volunteer

workers, National Campaign Chairman Arthur Sharon stated: Meanwhile, Farrell Dobbs, the 'Putting the SWP on the ballot and bringing its program before

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Lost in Minnesota By George Lavan

The smashing victory of Senator Estes Kefauver in the Minnesota presidential primary has brought dismay to leaders of both the Republican and Democratic parties. The top summit of the Repub-

lican Party learned from the gram of straddling every issue in Minnesota vote that Eisenhower's much-touted personal popularity was insufficient to stem a mass movement of small farmers infuriated by their economic plight, from the Republican to the Democratic column. Such a shift throughout the farm belt could cost the election in November.

DEMOCRATS UNHAPPY TOO

Yet this prospect, which normally should cause jubilation in the Democratic high command, is completely overshadowed by the fact that the Minnesota primary demonstrated that its most likely candidate. Adlai Stevenson, the one who can best hold together the discontent with the economic unholy alliance of Southern white supremacists, big city machines and labor, has little real popularity with the mass of the people. Kefauver has dealt Stevenson a stunning blow that may kill his chances for the nomination.

Why should farmers be in such a fury over economic conditions? Isn't there a boom on? Aren't food prices still high? The fact depression in the midst of what is advertised by the Eisenhower Administration as the country's greatest prosperity. Fann famlies' average income from all sources (some members of famillies work full or part time in industry) has dropped over 20% since 1947. Food prices remain high despite the drop in farm prices but this is because the food processing companies monopolistically keep up the prices to consumers and pocket the greater profit spread.

Farmer dissatisfaction with the decline of their income during the Republican regime impelled the switch to the Democrats. That most who crossed over, as well as those who regularly support the Democrats, voted for Kefauver rather than Stevenson is explained by Kefauver's bigger promises. His main plank was 100% parity for farmers whose income was less than \$7000 a year. That includes all the small and a section of the middle farmers. He also denounced Wall Street.

The popular repudiation of Stevenson was not limited to farmers. Despite the blacking of the liberal Senator Humphrey, the political discontent because the Democratiic - Farmer - Labor machine and the labor bureaucracy, the anti-Stevenson trend was in 1939 when its leaders hitched strong in the big cities. Kefauver it to the Democratic garbage

the name of "moderation." Moreover, pro-civil rights sections of the labor ranks and the Negro people, almost solidly, are disgusted by his sellout to the Southern white supremacisits. Newspaper reports attributing Minnesota farmers' and workers' lack of appreciation for Stevenson's "brilliance and wit" to their

version of the fact that the work ers can recognize double-talk when they hear it. Kefauver's good fortune was that he chanced to be used by protest. Minnesota farmers, workers and Negro people as a vehicle for

situation, the cowardly "moderation" program of the Democratic leadership and machine - politics manipulation by discredited liberals like Senator Humphrey. Despite Kefauver's apparent popularity, political observers almost unanimously give him

little chance of winning the Democratic nomination. This is because primaries are "eyewash' food prices still high? The fact because primaries are "eyewash" Four Abuse larly small farmers - have been ago. The real powers controlling undergoing for some years now a the two parties and their conventions are not the voters but the agents and allies of Big Business None of these presidentmakers are for Kefauver. The Southern Democratic leaders consider the Tennesse Senator a turncoat for the limited extent he has gone on the civil rights issue. Kefauver's mild acceptance of the Supreme Court decision results from the fact that, unable to rise quickly in the Southern machine, he made a demagogue bid for Northern labor and Negro support. Yet even this weak stand

looks good compared to Stevenson's pro-Southern position. The Northern big city machines have nourished a hatred of Kefauver ever since he made a national reputation for himself at their expense by his televised probe of crime and corruption. Kefauver will in any case build up a force for himself at the convention. While it may not be able to nominate him, he will be able to trade it off in some deal assuring him of profitable results for all his handshaking and babykissing.

Unable to give an organizational form to their economic and once independent Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota was betrayed

Why Stevenson ... Four Days That Shook the South (Continued from page 1) the point where they signalled against the anti-boycott law | enough and to pay for their meals | protest action. Usually they find | If these expenses are to be met

periences where you have been mistreated?

A. All I know about is being mistreated. Evidence piled up showing that

own individual protests long before the mass protest action got under way. An elderly woman quit riding the buses in 1945 after she was put off for refusing to stoop

because they have nothing I of seeing a tired, elderly working

other women had been arrested She said she had never in her life for refusing to give up their seats pnior to the arrest of Mrs. Rosa with some standing while there Parks on the same charge. Her arrest had precipitated the mass section.

Numerous instances were re-How the Negro people of Montgomery reached the boiling point was put plainly and simply by one were told when they started down witness. "I was ordered to get the aisle toward the Jim Crow up and give my seat to a white section, "Get out and go to the man," she said. "I got off and back door." It was said that the walked. The farther I walked the bus often pulled out after they madder I got. So I just kept on had paid their fare but before walking."

Case after case was cited where In protesting such abuses they buses refused to stop for Negroes pointed out that "money doesn't to get on, or carried them past know white from colored."

Deep resentment was expressed | instance, it was said, a woman standing with a child in her arms because full-grown persons are called "boy" or "girl," never "Mister" or "Miss." Resentment was thrown down when the bus suddenly lurched.

Almost any selection of quesgrew to bitter anger when they tions and answers on cross-exvoiced their feelings about being called "nigger" or "shine" or "black ape" or "black cow." missions of "conspiracy" tended A woman testified that her blind busband, a disabled veteran, example taken from the testihad the door slammed on his foot,

Q. Why did you quit riding a bus. A man told a story of humiliation, anguish and sufferthe buses?

A. When anything happened ing involving his pregnant wife. She was near her time and they were on their way to the doctor to me. to seek relief from the considerable pain she was having bethe buses?

A. We quit riding Dec. 5 because of some unusual condition. The wife was ordered to give up her seat to a white passenger. court.

Who is "we?" "She looked to me, her husband Q. A. The 50,000 Negroes of

there was nothing I could do." Montgomery. Q. What did Rev. King say at the mass meetings you attended? A. Let us pray. Q. What did he say that you should do?

Try Being Colored

The feeling among the Negro | he contended that the issue be people of the city seemed to have fore the count was the charge of been pretty well summed up to a violating the anti-boycott law, of group of reporters by Mr. E. D. | "conspiring to hinder a lawful | He alleged non man wagon. Minnesota voters are now "little group of 15 or 16 men' official and a central leader of the limited to a protest vote for Kewho were "seeking power within their own race . . . saw a chance workers, farmers and minority "White people tell us not to get to get it." peoples, not only in Minnesota but so wrought up," he said. "I say He charged that "hysteria had to them: Put some shoe polish on been built at mass meetings;" your face and hands, go out onto that the Montgomery Improvethe streets of Montgomery for an ment Association had "spent over hour, and then come back and tell \$30.000 to do nothing but keep us not to get wrought up." a boycott going;" that a "car pool As the final witness for the had been formed to provide free defense, Rev. King summarized transportation;" and that these the demands of the protest moveacts were aimed at the bus comment. They are, he said: courteous pany against which there was "no treatment on the buses: seating evidence of doing business in an on a first come, first served basis unlawfull manner." with no reserved seats; and the Counsel for the defense replied that the state had failed to prove need more Milit- Elaine Newby who sold 60-her lines running into predominantly any violation of the law and that Negro neighborhoods. When asked no criminal conspiracy had been who formulated these demands, shown. The state, they contended, he replied, "Four thousand people had proved only that many people in a meeting at the Hope Street have stayed off the buses. It had Baptist Church.' been proven by the defense, they

beyond they had to take another against the union movement as

bus back and pay an extra fare. against the Negro people. Some told of being refused Funds are needed for a separate transfers. A woman said she was many Negroes had begun their made to stand by the fare box all the way downtown, waiting for her change. A man told of being put off the bus for not having the

right change. A woman testified that she was passed up by four buses. When, white man. the fifth bus finally picked her up she sat in the next to last seat but was nevertheless ordered to firm yield her place to a white passenger. Another witness told woman made to stand beside an

empty seat reserved for whites. sacrifices. seen a bus full of white people were empty seats in the Negro

lated where Negroes getting aboard buses at the front door they could reach the rear door.

amination will show how attempts to entrap witnesses into adto backfire. Here is a composite injuring him, while alighting from mony:

to others I felt it also happened Q. When did you quit riding

cause Rosa Parks was tried in

for protection." he said. "but

A witness told of hearing a mother ordered to hush her crying baby or she would be put off the bus. Repeated cases were cited where mothers with babes in their arms had to stand over empty A. Fight for things that are seats reserved for whites. In one night.

to get off, sometimes so far which is just as deadly a weapon and other things they cannot do another job after a period of time. without. Yet even those modest But in no case must they be needs add up when forces are allowed to go hungry while they required to transport some 50,000 are searching.

legal action begun in the Federal people. Courts attacking the Alabama Friendly merchants shave the segregation laws as unconstituprices of things bought from them tional. And is also required for by the movement, but there are the appeal of the conviction of limits beyond which they cannot Mrs. Rosa Parks for refusing to go without falling into bankget up and give her seat to a ruptcy. So considerable money is

Meantime the Negro people of repairs and similar expenses. Montgomery have stated their Since the people ride free, there is no revenue to help defray these resolve to continue the protest action. That means the costs. Unusually close police supercar pool must be kept rolling. Toward that end members of the vision has resulted in about 30

movement are making great.

patchers and volunteer drivers for These must be paid. there are heavy legal expenses People have been fired from the car pool give their time withfor briefs, filing fees, court costs

A key need of the protest movement is for station wagons. These

are urgently required to help regularize and stabilize the operation of the car pool so the move-

power until the battle is won. needed for gasoline, tires, car "If you learn of anyone who can donate us a station wagon." a protest leader told me, "please tell them that we will be happy to send somebody after it, no matter where it may be."

traffic tickets during the past fortnight involving fines running

Office workers, telephone disas high as \$14 in individual cases. alone in operation. On top of that

out pay, asking no more than their jobs for joining in the bus and similar items.

FARRELL DOBBS

MYRA TANNER WEISS

covery of scientific truth. As a

matter of fact 'social science'

taught in the colleges doesn't

ally scientific laws will be dis-

help must be received from all possible quarters and above all from the union movement. If the Negro people are to win their

democratic rights, if the firm alliance of the unions and the Negro movement so imperative for the unionization of the South is to be forged, then the freedom ment can maintain its staying fighters of Montgomery must be supported to the hilt and all the

way to their final victory. Nobody must be made to walk in Montgomery in order to stand by his principles. To prevent that added hardship to an already suffering people, the car pool must According to official reports, it not be permitted to lack in takes an iron minimum of around financial sinews for its operation. \$3,500 a week to keep the car pool Send your contributions to the: Montgomery Improvement Association, 647 Clinton St., Mont-

gomery 8, Alabama.

the tactical wisdom of its leaders.

negotiator for the truck drivers"

in the great organizing strikes

of 1934 in Minnesota, ("American

er), played a leading role in the

drive to organize the over-the-

road drivers throughout the mid-

West between 1937 and 1939. As

General Organizer for the Team-

sters International in those years

he had considerable experience

wilth organizing problems, includ-

ing states like Arkansas, Okla-

"It was in the spring of 1939,"

Dobbs related, "during a drivers'

night to complete equality. On

struggles. Without this prin-

cipled stand the South will remain

"In the spirit generated by the

noma, Texas, etc.

Dobbs, who was called the "ace

Dobbs Back from Montgomery; Opens Northern Tour in Detroit

Farrell Dobbs returned, March | took place between the socialist | broadcasts over Montgomery's | Association. As one of those who 25, from a five-day visit to Mont- leader and a local citizen: "When gomery, Ala., where he reported asked by another person if he was for the Militant on the trial of sympathetic to the South's posithe leaders of the Montgomery tion in its racial problem, Dobbs gomery Improvement Association with the capacity of this new

Improvement Association, indicted by the local authorities because of their protest struggle against Jim Crow buses. He immediately began plans for a tour of Northern cities to mobilize aid for the 50,000 Negroes in Montgomery who are engaged in the fight for their elementary democratic rights. His first stop will be in Detroit, Mich., where a meeting is being organized, April 6, to hear his report on the Montgomery struggle. The first meeting will be held at 3000 Grand River, Room 207.

"The fight for civil rights in this country has entered the stage of mass action where it belongs,' Dobbs said. "The heroic struggle of 50,000 Negro people in Montgomery must be given every aid and assistance by the labor movement nationally. Our task, we who live in the North and West, is to mobilize the united support of the entire labor movement. its active aid. This is our struggle

- this is our protest." While in Montgomery Dobbs attended the four-day trial of stand a problem existed, he could Rev. King. On the first day of not sympathize with it because it the trial he was interviewed by was 'wrong for a person to keep Joe Azbell, City Editor of the his foot on another person's head Montgomery Advertiser. Azbell,

in a democracy and prevent that person from achieving his demoin addition to giving a personal and political account of Farrell cratic rights." Dobbs, quoited an exchange that

station WMGY, Dobbs appealed organized the Minnesota labor to the labor movement of movement in the great upsunge of Alabama to support the Mont- the Thirties, Dobbs was struck in its fight against the antimass movement for struggle and

boycott law. "This law," Dobbs pointed out to the radio audience, "was enacted in 1921 in an effort to

prevent unionization of the coal miners in this area. On frequent | City" by Charles Rumford Walkoccasions the Alabama State Federation of Labor, AFL, has gone on record against the law as unconstitutional. Now, in applying this law against the Negro protest movement, the authorities are shanpening it for future use against the unions - just as the campaign to organize the South approaches. "For their own self-protection,"

Dobbs insisted, "the unions of Montgomery and Alabama and strike in Dallas, Texas, that I throughout the country should learned to the hilt what a decisive have their best lawyers right there role the Negroes can play in the labor movement when unions orin the courtroom at the defense ganize on a completely integrated table ready to help the Negro defense lawyers fight off these basis with full recognition of the attacks." such a basis labor can win its In his radio interviews Dobbs

also explained the SWP's fight for a Labor Party in the United said that while he could under-States as a means of giving political expression to the struggle of both Negro and white

workers. JIOV91 L

A NEW UPSURGE Dobbs was especially impressed

protest movement in Montgomery lies the weapon that will organize the South. The labor movementmust link itself to this fight for

an open-shop territory.

only by this means can the Jim with the quality of the leadership Crow, anti-union forces of the When interviewed on radio of the Montgomery Improvement South be beaten."

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carried the working-class districts of St. Paul and in Minneapolis trailed Stevenson only by slim fauver. An independent party of bus protest movement. margins.

JUST PLAIN DOUBLE-TALK nationally, is the only answer to The vote is overwhelming proof the question of how to do somethat as of now the workers are thing effective about the situauninspired by Stevenson's pro- tion.



An important sign of the times | we sold 325 papers. The stars at is the letter just received from that sale were Nate Weiss. 70 Dick Clark who writes: "We sold, Howard Barlow, 68, and employment of Negro drivers on



ants here in St. first sales experience." Louis. even Both San Francisco and Seattle though we orderreport excellent sales with the ed an increase issues covering the Montgomery only two weeks boycott, and the Twin Cities reago. So please ports via Winifred Nelson: "A increase our bun-

total of 76 papers and 40 Desegdle again." regation pamphlets at the John Tabor re-NAACP meeting, to trade unionports enthusiasists and in neighborhood work. tically from New These sales were carried out by York: "Right af-

twelve salespeople.' ter the Montgomery racists ruled John Collins writes from De-Rev. Martin Luther King guilty, troit: "Eight Militant salesmen he came up to Brooklyn to speak sold 130 copies of the March 12 to a meeting of about 3,000 people. We sold nearly 800 Militants issue at four meeting places. Special mention should be made -that is, to one out of almost every three attending the meetof the fact that Ed Hamilton, Dotty Lessing and Bob Ford ing. Of the 26 people taking part sold 47 copies of this issue at in the sale, the high scorers were Priscilla Friend who sold 173 the Ford Local 600 Frame & Cold Header Unit meeting held papers, Ann Mann with a sale of 98, and John Adams who sold March 17. This meeting was at-60. Bob Devon and Tom Welch tended by 200 union members and heard Rosa Parks of Montwere tied with 42 Militants each. gomery, Ala., speak. They took The response to our salespeople and to the Militant was a warm up a collection of \$600 for the Montgomery protest movement. and friendly one, especially as this issue has the big headline On March 18 six of us sold 66 Militants at two large churches on the Montgomery fight being on the west side."

unshaken, over Farrell Dobbs From Chicago: "In the past eye-witness account of the trial. Grey's cartoon got some good month 488 Militants and 177 comments, like: "Look how pamphlets on Desegregation easily this powerful giant is were sold by 18 people. The bigbreaking through to freedom gest single sale was 108 papers from his bonds.' by John and Judy Wayne at an

About 400 copies were distrib- El station. We had a very frienduted to, a meeting of the Com- ly reception on the corner of a munist Party on the 20th Con- busy shopping district where pronounced Rev. King guilty. The penalty of six months imprisongress with this same issue which John and Judy sold 62 papers. state had elected to try him first ment and \$1,000 fine. Instead he carries James P. Cannon's speech Kent Darrow, Ed Larsen and when the defense invoked its imposed a fine of \$500 or 140 days on the death of the Stalin cult. John Travis sold 52 papers to a legal night to demand a separate at hard labor, plus count costs. About 100 copies of a previous | meeting featuring Dr. Howard, issue was distributed to another and 45 were sold at the Packmeeting on the Soviet Congress inghouse union mass meeting for held in the Jefferson School. At Dr. Howard by six sales people. in Rev. King's case which will an earlier protest meeting in Here we sold 50 of the Desegre-Brooklyn a couple of weeks ago gation pamphlets." U.S. Supreme Court.

The prosecutor conceded in his said, that people had done so befinal argument that "mistreat- cause they were tired of being ment had probably occurred" but mistreated.

Three Out of 50,000

To the state's claim that Ne- | held. The movement, it was said, groes had been intimidated out of began with a mass meeting after Mrs. Parks' arrest where demands riding buses, the defense answered concerning the bus situation were that in the whole city of Montdrawn up and Rev. King elected gomery only three people had spokesman for the movement. been found to testify in support | With the homes of Rev. King and of the charge. Of these, it was Mr. Nixon bombed, defense pointed out, the testimony of one counsel said, it had been proven person was ordered thrown out by the evidence that the protest by the judge. In the case of the leaders "called for non-violence," remaining two people, one had telling people to "seek flair treatbeen shown to be a courthouse ment" and to "let their conscience employe and the other a maid in be their guide."

the service of Mayor Gayle's The defense charged that the mother-in-law. The mayor had arrests and the trial violated their testifed during the trial that he constitutional right to equal joined the White Citizens Council, protection before the law, denied an anti-Negro and pro-segrega- them freedom of speech and assembly, and stripped them of tion organization, last January.

No one person started the their right to petition for redress protest movement, the defense of their grievances.

Resolved to Continue

Stating that Rev. King "did try Immediately upon the close of the summary arguments by the to keep down violence," the judge lawyers, Judge Eugene Carter did not invoke the maximum trial for each of the 90 defend- Rev. King was released on \$1,000 ants. The remaining 89 cases have bond.

been continued pending an appeal

The Harvard Social Democratic

Forum sponsored a lecture on Dialectical Materialism, March 14, by Myra Tanner Weiss, the 1952 vice-presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party. Marxist philosophy proved to be a very attractive subject to Harvard students. The forum was attended by 178 students, the largest turnout that the forum had experienced in a number of years. The lecture was widely adver-

tised with printed posters which made it clear that the subject would be handled by a Marxist The lecture was also announced in some of the classes at Harvard, as well as in the Crimson, the Harvard student paper. The speech was recorded by the Harward radio station for later broadcasting.

At the conclusion of the lecture dozens of questions from the students indicated their desire to learn more about the scientific method of Marxism. When the meeting was finally compelled to adjourn, the discussion was continued with a

claim to have established itself as a science. Some professors smaller group at the nearby apartment of one of the students until 4 A.M. in the morning. Others work on gathering data, edge that there is no more imexpressing the view that eventu- portant task than the one of

Mrs. Weiss began her presentation by taking note of the fact

A SPECIAL TARGET

that the term "dialectical mater-"However, Marx long ago discovered the laws of capitalist deavor cannot be put to the conialism" which at one time was development," Mrs. Weiss con-tinued, "laws as valid and dem-social problems are solved." rarely even heard of by college students, is today encountered

quite frequently, even in the onstrable as in chemistry, physics or biology. The validity of daily press. As the methodology scientific law is proven when it of Marxism it is a special target for attacks by pro-capitalist enables the scientist to accur-writers. "But the fact that the ately predict. Marxism has met term is frequently encountered this test.

covered.

"A century ago Marx's analytoday doesn't mean that it is understood any better," Mrs. sis led him to the conclusion that Weiss said capitalism would be replaced

After outlining the origins and with a socialist organization of development of the logic of production, a planned economy. Marxism, Mrs. Weiss took up The working class would bring the question of the existence of this new social order into existobjective law in social develop- ence, Marx said. At that time ment. "No ruling class in history the capitalists scoffed at the ever wanted or needed a scien- | idea that the workers could take tific analysis of society," she power and organize production pointed out. "Rulers only require on a planned basis. Only anarchy justification for their rule. The would result from such an atcapitalists are no exception. They tempt, they claimed. But in 1917 want the academic institutions the workers took power in Rus-

New financial burdens are now imposed upon the bus protest to defend capitalism. This is the sia. They organized a planned most likely go all the way to the movement in carrying to the motive of social studies in the economy that made out of Rushigher courts the legal battle universities today, not the dis- sia the second largest industrial

Mvra Weiss Speaks at Harvard

history.

power in the world in a matter

of a few decades." Marx's theory even provided the basis for the analysis of the degeneration of the Soviet Union, the emergence of a bureaucratic

of its internal structure. Its

views are already verified in

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resolving the social contradic

tions of man. The progress made

in other fields of scientific en-

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of the dialectic, the nature of change, through the evolution of capitalist economy and political life. She showed how capitalist democracy, only one stage in the long struggle of man for freecaste, the speaker explained. dom, came into existence, its Since 1917 it is no longer necespresent contradictions and its sary to verify Marxist theory exclusively by the consistency future prospects.

Mrs. Weiss explained the laws

The lecture was received with warm applause. A number of students congratulated the speaker on her effective presentation of Marxist views.



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A Blow at Faceless Informers

Last October the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco handed down a decision (Parker v. Lester) declaring the witch hunt on the waterfront — the Coast Guard's screening of thousands of merchant seamen and other maritime workers out of their jobs — to be unconstitutional. This decision contained a strongly worded denunciation of the government's use of "derogatory" political information supplied by a stable of paid informers, vengeful individuals, pathological liars and mere gossips. It said a worker in private industry was entitled to due process of law including the right to confront and crossexamine witnesses against him.

The government announced it would appeal the decision but when the time limit for filing a brief with the Supreme Court was about to run out it asked for a twomonth extension. Now that two-month extension has expired without the Department of Justice attorneys filing. Consequently the decision of the Appeals Court in San Francisco stands.

Why did the government back down on the appeal to the Supreme Court? Why does it thus allow one of the most devastating legal denunciations of the witch hunt to stand by default? The answer is that the government didn't have a legal leg to stand on. It feared that a Supreme Court verdict upholding the lower court would make even more authoritative the condemnation of its

French Stalinists Betray Algeria

The Communist Party leaders in the Soviet Union and the rest of the world claim to be genuine defenders of the revolutionary struggle of colonial peoples for national independence. They again made a big pitch along these lines at the recently held 20th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party.

On March 13, the CP deputies in the French National Assembly gave the lie to this claim by voting for "Socialist" Premier Mollet's program for further repressive measures in Algeria. Over 300,000 French troops — including three NATO divisions - seek to crush the Algerian revolution for national independence.

There are nine million Arabs and Berbers living in Algeria making up the Algerian people. One million French settlers and huge Paris banks exploit and oppress the Algerians and strip the country's wealth. It is to end this tyranny that system of paid informers, secret unsworn "testimony," and refusal to let a defendant know the evidence and witnesses against him.

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Moreover, the Department of Justice and Coast Guard have been feverishly The capitalist world market has working up a new set of "port security" regulations by which they hope to get withdrawal of China, Yugoslavia around the Court of Appeals decision and and Eastern. Europe in addition salvage most of the waterfront witch-hunt the United States has unchalprocedure. The new setup will probably take several years of legal testing. In the meantime the maritime witch-hunters will try to continue depriving of their livelihoods merchant seamen, longshoremen and bases, if only a little. others alleged to hold "verboten" political beliefs.

The decision of the Appeals Court in San Francisco declared unconstitutional the extension of the faceless informer modern industry, raised on the system from federal employment to ruins of World War II, is fast system from federal employment to private industry. This is an important step in preventing the whole country from being inundated by trial by secret denunciation. It has already spread to defense ship in the export of autos, industries and under the name of defense. anti-labor employers have been getting sweeping security classifications for whole factories only a small part of whose Senate - House subcommittee on production is composed of arms orders.

This unconstitutional undermining of are plants in Western Europe justice and the right to a fair trial must not only be stopped from spreading, it try." British scientists and enmust be destroyed at its very source. The source is the witch hunt of workers in a par with this country although federal employment.

Also at the 20th Congress, the Stalinist fill the needs of the European leaders offered a "peaceful coexistence" pact to U.S. imperialism. Again, by voting industry. American-owned Ford fight, the French Stalinist tops put the "peaceful coexistence" program into action. They achieved a pact of sorts with U.S. imperialism, when on March 20, U.S. Ambassador to France Dillon declared order. that Washington, too, endorsed Mollet's criminal course in Algeria. The next day to it. Wall Street and the Kremlin thus joined hands against the Algerian liberation struggle.

The 20th Congress is supposed to have broken with Stalinism, but the decisions that flow from it follow right in Stalin's pattern. In 1937, the French Stalinist leaders were members of the government that voted to suppress Algerian nationalist organizations. They then belonged to a French Popular Front alliance promoted by

The International Automation Race Is On

By Robert Chester

Sharpening competition for the world market is the logical outgrowth of capitalist industrial expansion. The driving necessity to find larger outlets for their products led to the economic and political clashes between the major powers that resulted in two World Wars.

The present international scene exhibits a relation of forces different from previous decades. been greatly restricted by the to the Soviet Union. Even though lenged supremacy in the capitalist sector, the struggle for solvency by Great Britain, France and West Germany forces them to try to broaden their own

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COMPETITION GROWS

Competition between these countries is growing. West Germany, with its highest level of overtaking Great Britain. In the third quarter of 1955 it surpassed British production of steel. It is challenging British leadermachinery and other products. International competition in automation follows a similar pattern. It was reported to the

market . . . IBM has achieved one hand, the officials in Wash- acted the recession of 1949 with capitalist politicians who bring mass production in Europe by ington strive to keep the Soviet the huge expenditures for the us to the "brink of war" only Union and its allies economically Korean war. The spending pro- to draw back in fear have found, linking factories in France, Germany, Italy, Scotland and Hol- isolated, on the other hand they grams after the Korean war land into a productions network. find it necessary to bolster the helped reduce the recession of They have been progressively economy at home. Military spend-1954. However the mounting nataking over IBM's world market ing consumes over two-thirds of tional debt sustained a steady in the last two and one-half the national budget. If this were inflationary pressure that kept

years, formerly supplied by the cut to any great extent the economy would go into crisis immed-U.S. . . . The European plants are producing models of the 'elec- lately. tronic brain' the following way. ONLY MILITARY PLANS

The plant at Milan supplies the It is only in preparing for war feed units, while IBM Deutschthat capitalism exhibits a capaland supplies the counters, the city for planning. The programs calculating parts, while the French company supplies the of atomic energy, rocket development etc., are carried through power units." The units can be without any concern for "market assembled in any country as the

lemand requires. at a regulated and planned sched-The greatest race, however, is ule. This contrast between planbetween the U.S. and the Soviet ning for war and planlessness Union. While Soviet automation has lagged behind this country for peace is one of the most striking contradictions of capt shows potentialities for rapid italism.

acceleration in this field. American engineers have reported that the new huge Soviet computer

they saw equals the best in this country. Nevin L. Bean, an engineer of the Ford Motor Company, praised an automatic ball bearing factory in the Soviet Union by commenting, "I have never seen a better example of automation in my life."

Russian engineers and scientists have been judged highly competent by their American counterparts. What has disturbed American officials more than

the Economic Report that there anything else is the way that the Soviet Union has outnaced "more highly automatic than anythis country in its training of thing we have got in this counscientists, engineers and technicians. At the Washington heargineers have made advances on ings it was reported that Soviet engineers are being graduated at British industry has lagged in

twice the rate, and technicians its introduction of automation. at thirty times the rate in this British firms, however, are country. This can only forecast now expanding production of a phenomenal increase in their automatic control mechanisms to industrial expansion.

The most intense race of al market and to compete with the is in the military field. Electron-German automatic machine tool ic controls and computers have moved to the fore as primary against the Algerian people's freedom and General Motors plants in components of the new weapons England and Germany are plan- of war. The speed of supersonic ning to introduce automated jet engines and rockets are far lines. The Daimler-Benz plant too great for manual control, near Stuttgart is already using Only automatic controls will do. automated equipment of a high Automatic tracking and firing devices require controls of the A striking example of Amerimost advanced design — far in

can international dominance was advance of those in industrial described in the Nov. 29, 1955 use. Industrial advance therefore President Eisenhower added his blessing Wall Street Journal: "Interna- lags behind military advances. tional Business Machines Corp. Planning for war has become



Corliss Lamont, a founder of New York. The ECLIC had therethe ECLIC and sponsor of the upon offered Dr. DuBoi's its plat- race problem was at bottom an of Rights Fund, which gives form for the speech he had in- economic problem. Unwittingly financial support to civil liberties tended to deliver. Chairman Walsh then added: cases, described the "paradoxical" "Dr. DuBois is one of those who situation in which the governnent, both under Eilsenhower and Truman, has been the greatest law-breaker while those persecuted have been the upholders of the Constitution. He called all neapolis Trotskyists he helped victorious struggle for economic subsequent witch-hunt laws, the monistrous offspring of the Smith Act.

is using its subsidiaries to ex- a necessary component of the grams, the artificial stimulant to portions - a test of whether ploit the European and World American economy. While on the the lagging economy, counter civilization can even survive. The and can find, no other answer. All the magnificent achievements of mankind are now per-

verted for destruction, not progress. "Modern bourgeois [capitalist] society with its relations undermining the workers' standard of living. of production. of exchange and Thus the steady growth in of property, a society that has

productivity of American indusconjured up such a gigantic try has brought the country to means of production and exa new impasse. It cannot reduce change, is like the sorcerer, who debts and the inflationary pres- is no longer able to control the

sure without cutting war expen- powers of the nether world whom ditures. But if it does it perils he has called up by his spells the economy. Productivity has . . . the history of industry and commerce is but the history of reached the point where industry conditions." Goals are achieved can produce both weapons and the revolt of modern productive consumer goods and still have a forces against modern conditions labor surplus. With a slight eco- of production. . .

So wrote Karl Marx and Frednomic decline unemployment will erick Engels in their famous The final, desperate alterna-Communist Manifesto of 1848. tive for capitalism is H-bomb Their dramatic words carry even

Carnegie Hall Rally Hits Smith Act Persecutions

reach critical proportions.

By John Thayer

Government war-spending pro-

NEW YORK, March 29 - Some 000 New Yorkers last night applauded speakers who called for an end to Smith Act prosecutions and repeal of the odious law. This important rally, called specifically to protest the Smith Act, was sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. never, never, never."

For the event, the ECLC had prepared a special pamphlet meeting, one from the Catholic entitled, "The Smith Act - Its Worker protested the padlocking Origin, Use and Poison." A secof the Daily Workr as a violation tion of it recounts the first use of fredom of the press and of the Smith Act in 1941 in the Minneapolis Labor Trial of 18 paper been unable to publish, The leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and union officials.

offered its limited flacilities. It is of interest that the meet-Another, from I. F. Stone, an ing's chairman, J. Raymond Walsh, referred to the Minneapolis Smith Act trial and the denounced the government's padfact that the Communist Party, locking of the Daily Worker on a now the victim of the same tax pretext. Stone's message drew thought-control law, at that time laughter from the audience when applauded its use against the he suggested that perhaps soon Trotskyists, their political op-"Stalin's mummy" dragged out of its mausoleum ponents. and sent to Attorney General Walsh opened the meeting by

Brownell for enshrinement in the leclaring that it had been called Department of Justice. because of the exceedingly critical In introducing the final speaker, emergency existing in the U.S. the distinguished historian, Dr. He then described the witch-hunt W. E. B. DuBois, the chairman atmosphere and traced its legal told how the Negro scholar had basis in major part to the Smith recently been denied the right to Act. He called the Supreme Court deliver a scheduled lecture in rulling upholding that law "a long Lewittown, a huge, lily-white, step in the destruction of the suburban development outside of First Amendment."

liberties is turning? Well I don't | Committee which raised funds know, but judging by the events for their defense. No summer of the past few days, if the tide soldier he in this war!" The was turning, it has turned right audience gave Dr. DuBois a standback again. ing ovation. In closing he asserted: "We DuBois compared the civil liber-

ties situation prevailing in this move ahead firm in the flaith that the cause of freedom and civil country to the days of the Spanish liberites can never permanently Inquisition. He stated that the be beaten in the United States fight of the Negro people for their civil rights is inextricably Among messages read to the bound up with the fate of liberty

in America. He said that the Southern ruling class is being told not to be alarmed or to act rashly bedeclared that had the Communist | cause the North has no intention of enforcing the school desegrega-Catholic Worker would have gladly ton ruling. In a masterful histonical sketch, this dean of American historians, showed how official of the ECLC and pub- Northern capital since 1876 had lisher of I. F. Stone's Weekly, made peace with the Southern rulling class at the expense of Negro rights. The South was given the right to evade the law in return for promising not to touch Northern industry's pocket would be book by repudiation of the national debt or tariff revision. Northern capital is again telling the Southern propertied classes:

'We still stand willing to let you evade the law as long as you do not touch our money. Referring to the heroic bus protest movement in Montgomery,

DuBois emphasized the significance of the Negro people there choosing this type of action. "Led by clear thinking," he said "they have discovered that their

war of the most awesome pro- greater truth today.

the Algerian people fights for its independence. But the CP voted to keep it in bondage.

At the recent 20th Congress of the CPSU the Stalinist chiefs proposed Popular Front alliances to Social Democrats and sections of the capitalist class. This part of the Congress program was lived up to fully by the French CP leaders. Their vote for Mollet's program of Algerian repression was the Popular Front in action. It confirms the denunciation of such classcollaborationist alliances made by revolutionary socialists. It is living proof of their contention that the Popular Front is a betrayal of the interests of the working people and service to imperialism.

Stalin and coordinated with his "peace pact" with French imperialism.

In 1945 — when Stalin and U.S. imperialism were united in the Yalta pact the French CP leaders sanctioned the horrible butchery of the Algerian independence struggle in which 40,000 freedom fighters were massacred.

Communist Party workers who take the struggle against the Stalin cult seriously must demand of their leaders: Break with the foul Stalinist policy of Popular Fronts and class-collaborationist deals with imperialism! Return to the Leninist policy of giving unconditional support to any colonial people fighting for national independence!



Children of Nicosia, trouble center of Cyprus, watch British soldier standing guard near barbed wire barricade set up to seal off a block in the city. Despite recently stepped-up British repression Cypriotes are fighting militantly for their freedom from imperialist oppression and the right to become a part of Greece.

the Smith Act whether they be Trotskyists, Socialists. Communists, or even fascists."

Referring to the seizure and adlocking the night before of the Dailly Worker, Lamonit commented: "People often say to me, don't you think the tide in civil

they have discovered Karl Marx. He predicted: "This protest beginning on buses will rise and recognized the profile of the spread to other areas. You can-Smith Act from the first moment not stop it." He alo foretold the it was put on the statute books. coming together of while and Ne-When it was applied to the Min- gro labor in the South in a form the Civil Rights Defense and social emancipation.

"The ECLC," said Lamont, "will defend anybody prosecuted under the Smith Act whether they be **Bus Protest Leader**

By Joseph Grandy PHILADELPHIA, March 25 - gomery got sick and tired and fed The mighty groundswell surging up and decided to do something." through the mass of the Negro people was given voice today in Philadelphia by Dr. Solomon S. Seay dean of the militant section of the Montgomery, Ala., Negro ministers.

ance, until "the people of Mont-He related how he had met an old grandmother walking to a visit five miles away in her bedroom slippers. She told him, "I'm walking now, so that my grandchildren will have a better day.'

A movement has developed in The Militant was warmly rethe Negro churches here to aid ceived at the meeting. Dr. Seay the Montgomery fighters for had bitter words for distortions equality. Today's meeting at the appearing in the capitalist press. AME Zion church was for the but when approached by a reprepurpose of uniting these forces. The principal speaker, Dr. Seay, sentative of The Militant calling attention to William Bundy's article on the bus protest, his area, not only shook all present face lit up. He eagerly asked for gave evidence that the mass a copy of The Militant. (Bundy wrote on-the-scene accounts of the Montgomery struggle in the forcing new concepts into the March 12, 19 and 26 issues of The Militant.) Many times he excoriated the

Today's meeting at the AME Uncle Tom preachers, who, as he put it, "in exchange for second Zion church, attended by 500 peohand clothes," served as stooges ple, is one of a series organized Walter Ulbricht, East German for white supremacists, acting to by the Montgomery Relief Socie-Stalinist chief, who has been in stulitify the bursting indignation ty. Over \$1,000 in cash was conof the Negro masses at their tributed. The audience raised it for those who "have the courage Jim Crow status. He related the equal to their words and resoluterrible difficulties and dangers tion." The next meeting will be to those who, like himself, had held April 1/2 at 3800 Germanyears. He warned that those who town Ave.

undertiook that fight have to be **To Subscribe**

essary.

Furthermore, he pointed out

that the Monitgomery struggle

was not a spionitaneous outburst

and not to expect similar fights

unless dangerous and hard work

in preparation had preceded it.

"Montgomery, a hot bed of social

unrest, is an eruption of mass

discontent." He related many in-

cidents that had occurred over the

years in Montgomery - of the

insults and brutality, and the

courageous work to rouse resist-

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Attacks on Stalin Cult Mounting in

(Continued from page 1) "He kept us all in terror," Khrushchev is quoted.

of the Red Army and placing the of the personality] led to some- nov was purged because he re- welcomes the repudiation of the persecuted Georgian Bolsheviks Soviet Union in mortal peril. thing of which even our republic fused to subscribe to Stalin's Stalin cult and participates in its fiercely, displaying towards his "treason" case against Marshal fancied himself as leader, glori-Tukhachevsky and other high- fied his personality in every way, denied Trotsky's role as the or- the limited propaganda materials with Great Russian chauvinism ranking Red Army men, leading surrounded himself with toadies to their execution, had been fab- and acted lawlessly and arbitrar- ascribed the function to himself. March 19 N.Y. Times, "the party rication; that 5,000 army officers | ily." Another machinist, Muralhad been killed in the purge; and iyev, broke in angrily to declare: that the executions brought the "And he destroyed old revolu- frame-up character of the Mos-Soviet Union to the brink of dis- tionaries, honorable Bolsheviks aster when Germany attacked in who fought for Soviet power in official, the deputy director of the 1941, because the Red Army was Azerbaijan." almost overwhelmed.

Churchill in June 1941 that Hit- monstrous Stalinist dictatorship ler was about to attack. This, was justified to them as abso-Khrushchev charged, led to catastrophic losses for the Soviet | Soviet Union and assure its ecopopulation (40 million according nomic growth. Gritting their to one estimate).

Only isolated reactions of the CP leaders tell the workers what close associates of Lenin "con-Soviet working class to the junk- they knew to be true all the fessed" to the crime and iming of Stalin have been reported time - namely, that the night-plicated Trotsky. Then they were in the capitalist press. The for- marish tyranny brought the have no contact with the workdestruction. To try to lessen the anger ers. Yet the workers are precisely the ones whom the buas economic concessions.

the anti-Stalin measures as well lin has released from prison a ascribed to Trotsky and others Stalinism root and branch is set nance is tied to the over-all strugnumber of the former leading but to unknown "enemies of the The March 27 N.Y. Times re- Bolsheviks purged by Stalin or people." This rips to shreds the ports an account in the Baku vindicated their name, where "confessions" in the Moscow

the "cult of the personality." machine operator is reported to rection. According to Leon Trot- defendants were not guilty. (2) Undermining the strength have interjected. "This [the cult sky's biography of Stalin, Bub-

Revolution. In this version Stalin feelings for Stalin's heirs. "With brutality traditionally associated ganizer of the overturn and at their command," reports the Meanwhile, the Soviet govern- workers [at factory and other ment itself implicitly exposed the cow Trials. On March 27, a Soviet

The anger of the workers is mond of the N. Y. Times that (3) Ignoring advice from understandable. For years the "it was not known yet who was lutely necessary to defend the

responsible" for Kirov's assasappointee, was chief of the Lenintime.) But in the Moscow Trials in's crimes. The question also teeth, they submitted. Now the Zinoviev, Kamenev and other rivets attention on their present deeds and prompts a demand for

effective measures which would shot. The "confessions" supplied of the bureaucratic caste. Through eign correspondents in Russia workers' state to the verge of the only "evidence" for acts of this mechanism of accepting the tred of an oppressed nationality the Nazis during the Stalin-Hit-'terrorism," "sabotage" and "es- liquidation of the Stalin cult but for the present bureaucracy. The pionage" they and Trottsky had surrounding Stalin's heirs with struggle of oppressed national

crimes?

meetings] were unable to an-

reaucracy seeks to appease with of old revolutionaries, the Krem- death is no longer officially cal revolution that will wipe out against Great Russian domiin motion.

have there been reported pro-Worker, newspaper of the Azer- they had been liquidated. The Trials and the treason charge Stalin expressions among the baijan Communist Party, of a latest Old Bolshevik to be freed levelled against its victims. It masses. This was in Georgia in plained bitterly of their treatmeeting called of oil workers, from prison is Andrei Bubnov, confirms the 1938 verdict of the the Caucasus. The N. Y. Times ment by the central Government cial Democrats and a section of who heard a spokesman denounce member of the party's Central International Commission of In- and other capitalist newspapers since the arrest of Beria, also a the capitalist class.

| Committee in 1917 and an active | quiry, headed by Prof. John | ascribe this to a special fond- | Georgian, three years ago. "We "Quite right!" F. Guseinov, a participant in the October insur- Dewey that Trotsky and the other ness for Stalin, a Georgian, are being treated worse than the among the Georgian people. The Jews under Stalin," some Geor-Although the working class truth is, however, that Stalin gians said.

Attacks on the Stalin cult and vows to establish "collective lead-Khrushchev charged that the 1937 was an example. Bagirov also falsified version of the Russian destruction, it has no tender countrymen the arrogance and ership" are now being made by top leaders in all the East Eu- a native of the Montgomery ropean Stalinist parties. In East under the Czar. It was Stalin's Germany a congress of the So- | with his electric presentation, but high-handed conduct in Georgia cialist Unity Party is restoring in 1922 that provided the occaformer leaders of the party to militancy of the Negroes was sion for Lenin's breaking all pergrace who had been removed for swer such questions as: What sonal relations with Stalin. Len-"softness" to the workers in the consciousness of the Negro clergy. were the present leaders of the in was preparing to expose Stalcourse of the June 1953 general strike. However, thousands of

of bureaucratic tendencies, when and concentration camps. he suffered a new stroke from Georgia that the triumph of

It is likely, however, that pro-

over frame-ups and liquidations allegedly committed. Now Kirov's the deepest mistrust, the politi- groupings in the Soviet Union

chiefs - at the head of the In only one part of Russia against the bureaucratic regime. personality." They are tying re-

German workers. These included liquidation of prominent German fought back through the long CP leaders who fled to the Sov-Stalin demonstrations reported iet Union to escape Hitler's terreally wipe out the dictatorship in Georgia after the 20th Con- ror, and turning over German prepared to give their life if Trotskyists and CP dissidents to ler pact. French and Italian Stalinist

> neuvers to effect a Popular Front alliance in each country with So-

Communist party doing during in's acts at a party Congress as strikers still languish in prisons the van of the attack on the

gress, served to express the ha-

largest Communist parties outside the Soviet bloc - have now gle of the Soviet working class also attacked the "cult of the

pudilation of Stalin to their ma-

According to the March 18 N.Y. Times, Georgians have com-

Kinov Museum, told Jack Ray- the years of Stalin's misrule and a flagrant example of the growth This question over which party leaders choke is an expression which he never recovered. (See sination in 1934. (Kirov, a Stallin of non-confidence in the present Leon Trotsky's, Stallin: An Ap-Stalinist rulers, whom the work- praisal of the Man and his In- Stalin cult, has remained silent grad section of the party at the ers correctly associate with Stal- fluence pp 357-364.) It was in about Stalin's crimes against the Stalinism first took place.

The Negro Struggle

Lucy, We Salute Thee!

(The passionate solidarity felt by the people of Asia for the Negro struggle in America i vividly illustrated by the following poem which appeared in Samasamajist, published in Ceylon. Samasamajist is one of the newspapers of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party, a Trotskyist organization and the leading working-class party of Ceylon. It has elected a strong bloc to Ceylon's parliament and the mayor of Colombo, the capital, is a member of the LSSP. - Ed.)

Easter Monday, 1916

By John Black

Fight on brave heart altho' the tempests roar,

Your cause will be espoused from shore to shore.

You symbolize the trials of your kin.

Whose crime is in the pigment of your skin.

Time was when haughty whites bestrode the earth.

And sacked and plundered what was ours by birth;

For them the power, the sceptre and the throne.

For us the right to suffer and to mourn.

Ah yes! to mourn a parent or a child, A wife, a brother or a sister mild, Whose precious lives were sacrificed to

make

The filthy lucre for their masters' sake.

No power can now resist the rising tide Of truth and justice that is on the side

Great social earthquakes are often

preceded by smaller tremors. In 1916, one

year before the Russian workers overthrew

the Czar, the workers of oppressed Ireland

struck a heroic blow at their British na-

tional oppressors in the midst of the first

imperialist war in the historic Easter

Europe the labor bureaucracy of the

Second International hastened to jump on

the war chariots of their respective im-

perialist governments. James Connolly,

Irish Marxist, labor organizer and inspirer

of the Irish Socialist movement stood with

the handful of steadfast internationalists,

Lenin, Trotsky, Liebknecht and Luxemburg

to characterize the slaughter as being "a

war of nation against nation in the interest

of royal freebooters and cosmopolitan

The war put the blight of class col-

laboration on the Socialist parties of

Europe. But the workers of Dublin, tem-

pered in the bloody strike struggles of

1913 set themselves the task of striking a

blow against their English overlords and

for the world workingclass. Connolly

wrote: "Starting thus, Ireland may vet

set the torch to a European conflagration

that will not burn out until the last throne

and the last capitalist bond and debenture

thieves, ... a thing accursed."

When the imperialist war engulfed

Rebellion. They proclaimed a Republic.

Of coloured millions who have broken free Of bonds that held us in our slavery.

From proud resurgent China's martial strand

To reawakened India's hallowed land, From Indonesia on to Afric's coasts Will rise the tidal wave of coloured hosts.

So fearless and with courage face the mob Of savage beasts who will your freedom rob.

From stones and missiles, Lucy, do not flinch.

We will avenge you, — you, they dare not lynch.

Yet should you fall a martyr, in your pain Know that your blood has not been shed in vain:

You'll symbolize the triumph of your race O'er men whose hearts are blacker than vour face.

preparation for an uprising.

Mervyn Casie Chetty

Local Still Out By Tom Denver NEW YORK, March 29 - Yes

UE Signs Up;

Lester, Pa.

VOLUME XX

terday the independent United Electrical Workers announced that they had reached agreement with the Westinghouse Corp. on a contract essentially the same as the one agreed to by the Interna-

tional Union of Electrical Workers (AFL-CIO) last week. One difference is that so far no UE workers have been victimized because of strike activity. It will be recalled that the IUE settlement

submitted to arbitration the cases of 36 workers fired by Westinghouse for their militant activity

What was the Citizen's Army which spearheaded the Easter Rebellion in 1916? During the strikes of 1913, which tied up the city of Dublin, Larkin and Connolly, leaders of the Transport Workers Union organized a Defense Guard of union men to provide protection against the bloody

assaults of the police. As the struggle deepened, Larkin addressed a mass meeting of the striking workers from the windows of Liberty Hall, headquarters of the Union. He told them that the struggle against the powerful forces arrayed against them, demanded courageous action, training and discipline in self defense against the class

enemy. It was at this public meeting that the Irish Citizen's Army was born and a few days later the capitalists of Ireland and the British rulers saw the first public parade of the workers' army in their dark green uniforms and slouch hats. Arms were acquired and training was given by professional military men who volunteered their services to the labor movement.

It was at the head of this army of labor that three years later Connolly and his ately distorting the issues in the brave associates fought their unforgettable strike. Radio and TV time purbattle. The Easter Rebellion, though snewed forth drowned in blood, inspired the Irish since the strike began. masses to begin preparation for the great The federal government bolstered Westinghouse's "morale" rising which won Irish independence. by awarding it government con-British imperialism showed that it undertracts worth more than \$11,000,stood the importance of Connolly even in 000. The U.S. Navy brass also ofdefeat when it carried the twice-wounded fered "aid and comfort" to Westman to the execution ground to be shot in inghouse by granting it contracts in excess of \$22,000,000. the company of 14 of his fellow rebels. When we add to this a scurrilous red-baiting attack by the federal government directed **BOOK BARGAINS**

Ireland's opportunity but it was Connolly nghouse at Lester, Pa. and his Citizen's Army that pushed the There the Westinghouse Corporation is trying to jam a 20% pay slash down the throats of the 6,000 members of local 107 who

> refused to operate the plant under a supplementary agreement while a new contract was being negotilated and forced the workers ut on the street.

Since then local 107 has been standing firm in the face of a vigorous union - busting attempt v Westinghouse. Following are some of the veapons used in this attempt:

arrest of 26 strike leaders. In a

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THE MILITANT

MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1956

Westinghouse Corp. Settles

One of the longest and most bitterly fought strikes in the history of the country ends as Westinghouse workers return to work after 156 days. Al Thomas, a picket captain is seen entering the same gate at the Pittsburgh plant where formerly he carried on picket duty.

Buffalo Strikers Pose Questions to Officials

BUFFALO, March 25 - Out of 40 locals represented have been manning the picket line on the Westinghouse Conference Board two locals voted against the settlement: Buffalo, N.Y. and Bloomfield, N.J. The vote of the Buffalo delegation

wasn't without significance. This his fear of the militancy of the local has great weight in the Inrank and file.

ternational Union on the basis of Weirzbec called a membership its militant tradition. In 1951, it neeting only after the Conference engaged in a 13-week magnificent Board voted for the settlement. struggle against the Corporation Then it was safe to call one. No and won most of its demands. In actual vote could be taken at the this year's strike the workers meeting on the contract because kept the plant shut as tight as a a two-third vote of the Conference drum. High pressure efforts of Board actually terminated the foremen and supervisors to drastrike and made the settlement goon some workers to scab proved binding on the membership. to be a complete flop. And this The clause in the IUE Constituin spite of hundreds if not thoution permitting the Conference

sands of phone calls to strikers Board to terminate a strike withand their wives. out membership approval is un-The militant elements in the democratic and has been opposed local which has about 4,000 workby the Buffalo local and many ers foresaw the coming developothers. At the membership meetments and passed a motion ining the local President was structing their delegates to vote bombarded with questions such as against the five-year contract 'Why didn't you call a meeting and a percentage increase. The during the strike?" and "What percentlage increase flavors the is the difference between the higher paid workers at the, exsettlement and the original pense of the lower paid groups proposal?"

of divide and conquer, delegates

at the IUE National Convention

made sure to pass resolutions for

across - the - hoard increases and

against the percentage method.

which are the overwhelming majority of the workers. It also sows THE WORST FEATURE division and discord among the workers.

In the mind of many of the members the worst feature of the To fight this company method ettlement was the disposition of

the cases of the 36 workers

originally discharged. The settle-

ment provided that each local

would take care of its own. This

Sharon, Pa. Strikers Force Company to Back **Down on Suspensions**

NUMBER 14

By J. Wilson

age under which the workers would receive at least a five-YOUNGSTOWN, March 23 cent-an-hour raise each year, and that the raises would be about 3% per year. As for the disposition of the

fired 93 workers, management when it agreed to end the strike agreed to take back 57 immediately and wanted to have the remaining 36 cases of fired workers processed through grievance procedure with arbitration. The union insisted that they should not be discharged so they

Because the strikers refused were suspended indefinitely. At to return to work even though the Sharon plant even these indefinite suspensions were reducthe picket lines were removed. ed. the local union was able to

force management to modify the A BITTER WAR

company's "disciplinary" action The strike from the beginning to the extent that eight of the became a bitter war of attrition. nine involved will carry suspen-The company, one of the first sions of from 30 days to one major companies to try it, startyear and one striker was fired ed a back-to-work movement in for alleged picket line violence. December, about two months af-The union still is not satisfied ter the strike began. The union, and will continue its fight to reon its side, received financial aid luce these penalties further. from the labor movement and This is the kind of militancy

the Corporation received the custhat was developed throughout tomary support from the governthe country in this union which ment and other corporations. conducted the longest strike in But the labor movement, because a major industry in the last 20 of its timid leadership, refused years. And it was because of to give more militant support this militancy that the union got that would have helped to shortas good a settlement as it did en the strike. The mere mention on all the issues that were in of a one-day sympathy strike by dispute. It was this kind of unthe rest of the CIO in Columbus ionism that forced the Conferterrorized the labor bureaucrats. ence Board and the leadership But it was just such action that of the union to reject the federal was necessary to aid the strike, mediators' proposals a few weeks Rather than do that, the leaders ago. It was this kind of solidarwere appealing to the capitalist ty that convinced Westinghouse politicians and to the stockholdthat it could not break the union ers, as if they would help to win the strike for them.

Past policies of the union of-The strike was caused over ficials also weakened the strike. wo issues. One was wages and The union leadership previously he other was the matter of time agreed to incentive plans - destudies. No other issues were vised for speed-up purposes. The union fought for higher incennegotiable according to the 1954 contract. But the company wish- tives and the hourly wage rate ed to take the union on and de- as a result remained relatively cided to break the 1954 contract. low. Now when the Corporation It insisted that the contract be wanted to remove many workers

reopened and made into a five- from the incentive plan, the year contract, claiming that it workers would have taken a to have this because its great cut in take-home pay competitor, General Electric, al-The union bureaucrats furthso had a five-year agreement. ermore helped the witch hunters On the matter of wages, the penetrate the union and split the company countered the 15 cent ranks. This crime against union demand of the union with a democracy and solidarity considpackage offer of 24 cents for erably weakened the fighting the next five years. On the mat- power of the union.

during the strike. The signing of a national agreement by UE however has not affected local 107 which is continuing its strike against West-

since Oct. 14 following a company lockout. Alt that time the company

When the company attempted to herd scabs through the picket lines with the aid of local cops the resultant violence led to the

strikebreaking decision, Judge Sweney sentenced them to an "indefinite" term. He said afterwards, "I'll have to see how they comport themselves in prison and how the rest of the union comports itself." The line in the capitalist press

vas that the strikers "deserved In addition the capitalist dailies

are carrying full-page ads deliberchased by the company has

n this strike.

inion.

THE TWO ISSUES

Local 617 of the IUE-CIO at the Sharon, Pa., Westinghouse plant refused to follow the decision of the union's Conference Board

of the electrical workers. The local refused to return to work because the nine strikers who had been given indefinite suspensions at the local plant weren't assured that they would be re-hired.

are shrivelled on the funeral pyre of the last war lord."

The greater part of the Irish nationalist leaders who had stood at the helm of the fight for independence buried the hatchet with the traditional enemy as soon as England found itself at war with its German competitor. There was a section that understood that England's difficulty was

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were convicted and sentenced to "indefinite terms," a mass meeting of more than 3,000 rank and file unionists heard representatives of 71 AFL-CIO unions in the area bitterly denounce Westinghouse and its supporters. What is more important the meeting pledged support to local 107 for the duration of the strike. This has been forthcoming in the form of aid on the picket line and financial contributions. Some locals have even "adopted" hardhit strikers' families. More of the same support is needed as long as 107 remains on strike. There is a grave danger

is comparable to letting each de-But somehow the top IUE bureaupartment in a plant decide for crats found a way to get around itself on a grievance. the resolution passed at the Con-To most workers in the Bufvention. It was, therefore, with falo plant, the Westinghouse good reason that the local in-Corporation appeared much structed their delegates on this weaker than the union. This was

issue as well as the five-year conmade plain to all by the eagerness of the supervisors and foremen to be super-friendly our first NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

day black to work. They greeted While the local conducted itself each with a handshake and a n a splendid manner throughout smile. The machines were spotless the strike and this made itself and in some cases were painted felt at the Conference Board and in three-tone colors. New equipduring negotiations with the comment was available and old equippany, the same thing can't be said ment was repaired. of the local officials, particularly Ted Weirzbec, the local president. During the course of the entire 156-day strike he refused ers by the supervisors, in-

to call a membership meeting of dividually or collectively. This the workers. In this way he stifled was due to the fact that militancy much of a concession since huge the initiative of the members and was very high. In general the corporations can lick the union gave a false impression that workers feel the union made hardly any struggle existed in gains and actually had the corthe key Buffalo area. The real poration beat. That more was not reason for Weirzbec's failure to won is the fault of weak leadercall a membership meeting was ship.

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The agreement compromised burgh plant alone there has been most of the differences. The so much automation installed company got its five-year con- that a worker has to have 13 tract with the modification that years seniority to even hold a in 1957 the contract can be re- | job in the plant. But the settleopened on non-economic issues, ment did not provide for full and in 1958, it can be reopened solution of the automation probfor supplemental wage payment lem. The fight for more incen-There was no cracking down or clauses similar to the GAW. On tive plans is in the opposite diwords of discipline to the work- a local level, the contract can rection. This brings on more

be reopened with the right to speed-up and not less. The call strike on wages. (This is not for a shorter working week with no loss in take-home pay would have been a more realistic anin these one-at-a-time fights.) swer to the automation problem. On the much disputed time-The Westinghouse workers study problem, the Corporation again demonstrated that these agreed that it would not put corporations cannot break the over 1,600 on production standpowerful labor movement in this ards, outside of Buffalo, whereas country without a terrific strugoriginally Westinghouse insisted gle; they have demonstrated that all of its 20,000 could be that even with a weak leaderso covered. In addition, the Corship they will not be defeated. poration agreed not to change But they have also demonstrated conditions of work as to stand- what a terrible price - five and ards and classifications, without a half months of strike to gain

the union having some voice. so little-the workers have to On wages, the union and the pay for the false and weak leadcompany agreed to a wage pack- ership of the labor movement.





that Westinghouse will follow up its failure to bust the national UE and IUE by attempting to smash local 107.

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