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Senate Passes Eisenhower's Mideast Plan

By George Lavan

MARCH 6 — By 72 to 19 the Senate last night voted Eisenhower a blank check for war in the Middle East. Since the House of Representatives had earlier passed a

similar resolution, all that re-O-mains is the formality of mak-doesn't quite exist, against threat that shows no immediate ing the wording of the two versigns of materializing. ..." sions identical and the Eisen-Against whom then would U.S. hower Doctrine becomes law.

troops be used? U.S. imperial-Truman plunged the U.S. into ism will use them against the the Korean War without even same people the French and Britconsulting Congress which, acish did-the Arab people who are cording to the Constitution, alone has the power to declare war. trying to throw off imperialism. These are the "aggressors" the The Eisenhower Doctrine gives Eisenhower Doctrine aims at. Congress war-making power in The danger is that their "aggresadvance to the president for use sion" may take the form of na- tenced three university students in the Mideast whenever he tionalizing their own oil resources chooses and for as long as he and other natural wealth. For to 60 days in jail and \$500 fines wishes. some months, the Administration for violating the city's new bus-

That the American people oppose this blank check for war was indicated by the unprecedentedly heavy mail opposing the bill received by members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. It ran "eight or nine to one" against the Eisenhower Doctrine.

Yet the Big Business Congress is so pro-war that an amendment introduced by Senator Morse (D-Ore.), requiring the president to get Congressional consent before ordering troops

into combat, was overwhelmingly rejected.

The danger of Soviet aggression is the official justification for the surrender of Congress' war-making power to Eisenhower. But this is merely eyewash to get the bill passed-on the theory that the American, press and public can be duped with anything if it is labelled anti-Communist. As Rowland Evans Washington correspondent of the conservative N.Y. Herald-Tribune (Feb. 17) wrote:

"A blanket of military protection is about to descend over many nations in the Middle East against a danger of Communist aggression that, in the words of Admiral Arthur W. Radford [Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff], is neither imminent nor, at the

present time, foreseeable. . . The

'Right to Scab' Law Adopted In Industrial State of Indiana

Captured Algerian Freedom Fighters

Pictured above are six Algerian fighters for independence from French imperialism after their arrest along with 14 others on Feb. 22. The raid came after weeks of systematic terrorization of the city of Algiers by French police. (See editorial on French Premier Mollet's visit to U.S., page 3.)



Bv Myra Tanner Weiss | Morton Sobell whose freedom was | off." The U.S. Attorney should Work for Nothing Bill."

ing. The court has not yet

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Appeals in New York City today heard the arguments of Morton Sobell's lawyers for a new hear-ing The court has a set and the source of the government's con-duct of its case was actually at issue in today's proceedings. This was actually at This was actually at the source of the government's con-duct of its case was actually at issue in today's proceedings. This was actually at the source of the government's con-duct of its case was actually at issue in today's proceedings. This was actually at the source of the government's con-duct of its case was actually at issue in today's proceedings. The source of the government's con-duct of its case was actually at issue in today's proceedings.

Governor Refuses to Veto Bill as 10,000 Unionists **Demonstrate at Capitol**

By Harry Ring

Ten thousand rank-and-file Indiana unionists massed inside the state capitol in Indianapolis March 2 in an unsuccessful, last-minute effort to block passage of a state "right-to-work" law. With the 9-

announcement by Gov. Harold graver significance in that it Hadley of his flat refusal to veto springs from a stepped-up nationthe union-busting statute, Indiana wide campaign for the extension became the first major industrial of the reactionary "right-to-scab" state to outlaw the union shop. laws. Strong pressure is now be-Passage of the measure came in ing built up to ram a similar measure through the Delaware the union-baiting atmosphere legislature. Union officials have currently sparked by the Conexpressed concern about the gressional probe ostensibly aimed possibility of the spread of simat labor "racketeering."

The mass demonstration was ilar anti-labor legislation to Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampcalled by the leadership of the AFL after the state Senate had shire and Maryland.

adopted the measure by a vote of 27 to 23. The House passed the bill last week by a vote of 54 to 22. Leaders of the CIO did not join in the call for the mass demonstration which aimed at forcing a veto of the bill by the governor. However it is reported that many CIO unionists joined the demonstration.

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Jamming the corridors of the apitol, the demonstrators chanted slogans and carried banners and placards. Among the signs were: "Hoosiers want union life lines, not state bread lines;' "Thanks for legalized slavery;" and "I am against the Right to

In voting for the Indiana law, members of the legislature said that they were motivated by the recent incident in a Princeton, Ind. Machinists strike where an infant was wounded by gunfire allegedly aimed at her father who was scabbing in the strike. The real setting for their action was pegged by A. H. Raskin, labor editor of the New York Times, in a March 4 article which describes the Indiana action as part of a nation-wide campaign "to outlaw the union shop by state action." Passage of the Indiana bill, Raskin says, "is spurring farm

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CONGRESSIONAL PROBE

tensive action.'

and employer groups to more in-

"Their hopes of fresh breakthroughs, he continues, "are built partly on their first success in an industrial state and partly on the belief that the Senate investiga-



picture Egypt and Syria as "Com-

munist-dominated or infiltrated."

The 19 Senators voting against

the Eisenhower Doctrine were

mostly Southern Democrats who

SENATOR HUMPHREY (D-Minn.) was one of the liberals

penditure of \$200 million also recent editorial to attend mass authorized by the bill. Voting meetings of the Inter Civic Counwith them were three isolationcil (organized to direct the bus ists and three liberal Democrats. boycott) and to help in the struggle for equal rights. In Miami, Fla., Ashton Jones a 61-year old white man who expressed his opposition to white supremacists, was jailed after being carried bodily by cops from a White Citizens Council meet-

and the Big Business press has seat assignment ordinance under

been engaged in a campaign to which drivers tell passengers

objected not to the expenditure all white Florida State Universi-

of the lives of GIs but to ex- ty newspaper urged students in a

ing. The Amsterdam News (March 2) revealed that a flaming cross was burned at the Camp Lejeune, N.C., U.S. Marine Base on Feb. 16 and was followed by a riot.



Gus Courts who was shot in Belzoni, Miss., after having led a campaign to register Negro only 8,000 Negroes are now on

voters described the Dixie reign of terror before a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee: "We had to flee in the night. We are the American refugees from the terror of the South, all because we wanted to vote." Courts who now lives in Chicago, noted that

beat her again.

Tallahassee

Students Get

Prison Term

By Henry Gitano

Tallahassee's white - suprema-

cist "justice" on March 4, sen-

-two Negroes and one white-

where to sit. Attempting through

intimidation to smash the soli-

darity of Negro and white stu-

dents, the court meted out the

maximum penalty. Tallahasses's

paradox of a blanket military who voted for Eisenhower's guaranty against a danger that plan.

Philadelphia, L. A., N. Y. **Symposiums Announced**

Continuing interest in discussion of the prospects for socialist regroupment is expressed in the growing num- Jackson, Miss., told of Southern ber of symposiums throughout the country which are Gestapo methods. She testified providing a platform for the ex-

change of viewpoints of the dif- ISL and SP, the meeting will be fering radical tendencies. This held at Channing Hall, 2936 W. month at least four such sym- 8th Street at 7:45 P.M. posiums will be held in New In Philadelphia, on March 15 York, Los Angeles and Philadel- at 8 P.M., the platform will be shared by J. A. Davidson of the boycotting Mardi Gras festiviphia.

Compass Club is sponsoring a Joseph Roberts, Chairman of the tion, and will utilize the funds cution in Sobell's original trial in ico." discussion on "Socialism and Civil Eastern Pennsylvania District of to further integration on Loui- 1951 "knowingly" and "wilfully" Liberties," to be held Sunday the Communist Party; Tom Ker- siana's buses and in its schools. evening, March 10, 8 P.M. at Sun-rise Manor, 1638 Pitkin Ave., ty; and the revolutionary paci- that we are satisfied," said Ray-presed evidence and made "mis-Gerson, Chairman of the Civil sion on "What's Ahead for the gro leader. Liberties Committee of the Com- American Left" will be held at munist Party and former City the New Century club, 124 So. Editor of the Daily Worker; Far- 12th Street.

rell Dobbs, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party; and Tyrell Wilson, Sr., a veteran socialist, long active in the battle for civil liberties and civil rights. Two symposioums are being held in Los Angeles:

A March 29 discussion on the question "Is There a Future for American Socialism?" will hear Vincent Hallinan, 1952 Presidential Candidate of the Progressive Party; Dorothy Healy, Los Angeles County Chairman of the Communist Party; William F. Warde, Los Angeles Chairman, Socialist Workers Party; Bert Cochran, editor of the American Socialist; and Carl Marzanni, writer and lecturer. The meeting will begin at 8 P.M. at the Embassy Auditorium, 847 So. Grand. On March 13 in Los Angeles,

there will be an exchange of views on the issue "What is the Meaning of Socialist Regroupment?" The speakers include Arne Swabeck, a leading spokesman for the Socialist Workers Party; Max Schachtman, National Chairman of the Independent Socialist League and Harry Siitonen of the Los Angeles Socialist sion of his party's civil liber-Party. Sponsored by the SWP, ties.

Defies Probers

Communist Party leader Eugene Dennis at a Feb. 25 hearing of the Senate Internal Security subcommittee which tried to compel him to give information about the recent CP convention. Dennis refused to answer and attacked the inva-

Mississippi registration rolls, "al-though there are 497,000 potenreached a decision on the motial colored voters" in the state. conviction in the "espionage" the government. In addition, U.S. Mr. Courts stated that they were "killing the colored people who trial of 1951 that resulted in the Attorney, Paul Williams, for the want to vote and be citizens." execution of Julius and Ethel Rev. W. D. Ridgeway of Hat-Rosenberg. tiesburg, Miss., told the commit-

The argument for Sobell was tee that only 25 Hattiesburg Nemade by his attorneys, Donner groes out of a population of 12,and Perlin, with the assistance of 958 "have been permitted to Dr. Luis Sanchez Ponton, former vote." Mrs. Beatrice Young from Minister of Education in Mexico

and a noted authority on inter national law. Dr. Sanchez Ponton how deputy sheriff A. L. Hopinformed the court of the nature kins showed up at her home while of Mexican law in relation to deshe was pregnant, hit her with a portation, and told of his own inblackjack, took her to jail and vestigation of evidence.

GOV'T ON TRIAL In New Orleans, Negroes are

Marshall Perlin, one of Sobell's In New York, the Brooklyn Independent Socialist League; ties as a protest against segrega- lawyers, charged that the prose-

"They [Sobell's lawyers] al used "perjured testimony," ways equate deportation and extradition," complained Williams. And he gave the literal transla-Brooklyn, Participants are Simon fist, Charles Walker. The discus- mond Floyd, a New Orleans Ne- representations" to the trial tion from the Latin of the word court. Thus, although it was "deport," i.e., to "carry from, or

Government 'Regulation' Aids Oil Corporations in Huge Price Steal

By Vincent Copeland

Prices of gasoline, fuel oil and other oil products have recently and supplies are at an all-time high. This apparent defiance of the economic law of gravity is Times.) only possible because of the tremendous influence of oil monop-

olies on the United States gov ernment. The Suez crisis is only the ex-

cuse for raising prices, not the to believe that there is an oil shortage, when in reality there is an immediate surplus. The government is well aware of this. the giant oil corporations]." But in spite of revelations by Sen. O'Mahoney (D - Wyo.), Chairman of the Senate anti-

Trust and Monopolies subcommittee, the government so far look for conspiracies in which the refuses to act.

\$100 MILLION GRAVY

operation in this matter that he ectoplasmic to display before the coolly predicted last month to a judges." (Empire of Oil, p. 127.) Congressional Committee that his The truth is that the laws conrisen again, while both profits company would make a neat ex- trolling production of crude oil, tra \$100 million this year as a -that is, how much oil is taken result of the "Suez-crisis" price from the ground-were passed increases (Feb. 21 New York at the behest of the big oil companies during the depression

J. H. Carmical, a financial when there was "too much" oil. writer for the New York Times These laws masquerade as conpoints out, Feb. 24, that-"Price- servation laws. But they are in fixing in the oil industry is made reality price-fixing laws.

Carmical mildly denies this, possible largely through the mareason. The public has been led chinery set up by the states and saying that "there are clauses to the Federal Government to con- the effect that production of oil trol crude oil production, rather and gas must not be limited for than through collusion [among] the purpose of stabilizing or fixing prices." But he continues somewhat innocently, "However, This situation caused Harvey O'Connor, an expert on the oil the question arises as to how the industry, recently to say, "Often production can be limited without the [Congressional] investigators influencing prices."

If the oil industry were namajor [oil companies] sit down tionalized under the control of together and arrive at a fixed the oil workers union, there

price formalized in a document would be no question that both N. J. Rathbone, president of which could be used in a court production and prices would be set Standard Oil of New Jersey, is so proceeding to end the monopoly. so as to benefit the majority of confident of the government's co- What they actually find is too the American people.

This was evident when one o the three appeals judges, Harold welfare or not lawfully there." tions. Sobell is now serving a 30- R. Medina, pointed out the seri- This would imply some legal conyear prison term in Alcatraz for ousness of the charges against sideration by the deporting government.

> The prosecution could have government, agreed that if there proved itself innocent of the "sewere perjury in the prosecution's rious charges" made by Sobell simply by obtaining evidence of the state. case, the decision of the lower legal action on the part of Mexi-

court should be reversed. co. Williams asserted to the Court Yet nowhere in Williams' an-

that "this was a legal deportaswering argument, did he deny tion." However, no such evidence any of the facts presented in the was introduced. On the entire Sobell brief that prove an abducrecord of the case the sole claim tion of Monton Sobell and his to "deportation" is based on U.S. family took place in Mexico. Williams denied the perjury charge government records, made by an on the specious argument that official at Laredo, Texas. But the U.S. government was not the "dethe government never claimed Sobell was "deported pursuant to porting" authority. If the action were legal as Williams mainthe extradition treaty." The govtained, there must be evidence of ernment only maintained that that legal action in the hands of Sobell was "deported from Mex-

the Mexican government, Why couldn't the U.S. Attorney obtain such evidence? It is necessary to conclude that none exists.

And if the prosecution unde the direction of Irving Saypol in 1950 kidnaped Sobell, made appear that he was forced to re turn to the United States and lied about it in court. isn't it also conceivable that the sole witness against Sobell, Max Elitcher who was shivering in fear of be ing prosecuted himself on ar earlier, admitted perjury, also

lied? If the representatives of (Continued on page 4)



North plus 13 Southern states. Passage of the Indiana bill is the tion into labor racketeering will worst setback for labor thus far build up receptivity to curbs on in the fight to preserve the union union power." shop. Indiana is the nation's third

The accuracy of Raskin's estilargest producer of steel, autos mate of the real meaning of the and auto parts. There are an es-

Congressional labor "probers" was underscored by the March 3 dectimated 600,900 union members in larations of two of the committee

The defeat assumes even (Continued on page 2)



Both houses of the Indiana legislature were in session when 10,000 unionists massed in the corridors of the capitol building chanting their opposition to the unionwrecking bill which had just been passed. But, the press reports. "the lawmakers were not disturbed by the din. The chambers of both bodies are soundproof.'

That "sound barrier" could have been broken. The voice of Indiana labor would have been heard in those chambers if it had its own elected representatives inside and was not compelled to try to make its voice heard only from the outside. The need for such labor representation exists today in every state legislature to combat the continuing spread of anti-labor legislation. And most pressing of all, is the need for such representation in Congress. Federal legislation is urgently required to block the

growing "state's rights" movement to cripple the unions. But so long as labor is without its own voice in Congress there is little prospect for such legislation. As the March 4 New York Times reports: "Union officials make

no secret of their belief that the Congressional climate is not conducive to any move for federal legislation to shut the door to state rule over union security." This openly anti-labor climate has existed since the

passage of Taft-Hartley in 1947. It is an outgrowth of the failure of the 1946 drive of Big Businses to break the unions on the picketlines. That attack was repelled by the magnificent solidarity of the striking workers in basic industry who made clear that American unionism could not be broken on the picketline. But with the turn to accomplish this aim politically labor was unprepared for the attack, and the consequent progress of the legislative anti-union drive has been substantial.

The strategy of labor's officialdom to counter the attack by electing Big Business politicians in the Democratic Party has failed. If labor is to preserve the hard-won gains of the picketline it must forge the necessary political weapon - an independent labor party.



Our Readers Take the Floor

Editor:

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Last Thursday evening my latures in the Northern states to the crisis in the Communist Parwife and I attended a legislative memorialize Congress to pass a ty of the United States alongconference sponsored by the Powell amendment or its equi- cently concluded OP convention. Daily People's World. The meeting opened with a report by the of aiding and comforting the now and have been a member of Northwest Editor of the P.W., Terry Pettus, who gave a very comprehensive report on the for equality.

legislation now pending in the State Legislature, and gave a concise picture of the needs of leaf to cover our opportunism. ble segment of the Socialist Left the Washington State educational system.

Pettus outliner in detail the school-budget requirements for the next biennium and showed where the money was raised, through taxation and other POLITICAL STRIKE ACTION sources, plus the fact that from all these usual sources, the school system would be short by the sum of \$246,500,000 of meeting its budget requirements. This would not include finances for the construction of new school buildings and other auxiliary requirements.

FEDERAL AID

to be raised through an appro-Aid to Education bill by Con- of the day.

gress. Our State Legislature is currently tussling with a bill. House gressives" to evade or com-Joint Memorial 17, which would promise these issues is but an urge Congress to pass a Federal act of political STRIKE to force the organization back Aid to Education bill. So far se good, but the lawmakers want it Southern Negro has established so badly that they would pass a picket line that is clear and it (HJM 17) without the Powell well-defined, and any person or articles (Feb. 18, 25 Militant). I Amendment requiring that the group that chooses to ignore it, Federal school aid from those analysis but a strike breaker. Luation is without foundation in states not in compliance with the Those who would speak of fact, unsupported by the de-Supreme Court decisions on segregation.

must serve the interests of the When this was debated from strike and in no wise weaken it. the floor at the above meeting, It is the inescapable duty of some were of the opinion that it was a good tactical maneuver all who term themselves "union to submit it to Congress with- men," "progressives," or "Marx- firm my party association since out the Powell Amendment since ist-Leninists" to give full supthis would not arouse the op- port to the struggles of the Neposition of the Southern gro people, to maintain the segregationists in Congress. picket line. J. B.

That position is to my mind one of rank opportunism. If we

Federal Aid bill without the side of his analysis of the revalent, we are in effect guilty Southern Bourbons. We are de- the Communist Party. I appreserting the struggle of the Ne- ciate the fraternal interest dis-

gro people in their heroic fight played by the Socialist Workers The excuse that this is a good cent developments in our party. tactical maneuver is but a fig I view the SWP as an indispensa-Good tactics necessarily flow in America and I look toward from good principles. To give aid the day of unqualified collabora-

the theory of scientific socialism. tionary American socialism. To my way of thinking the

This deficit would either have they have engaged around the issues of school and bus in-tegration and in their demands

Any tendency on the part of Northern "liberals" and "pro- egates, by a majority of two to BREAKING. To my mind the Federal Government withhold or cross it, is in the final am obliged to state that his eva-

that during a strike all tactics my party prior to, and at the convention sessions.

pose to Ring's position my own

Seattle



Editor, the Militant:

I have been following with un- on the section resolutions com- tion. diminished attention the series mittee and remained a faithful Our own Section Organizer, the

of weekly articles by your staff uphold the action of the legis- writer, Harry Ring, devoted to conflicts and participants in the was very reserved in his relief Leninist, an internationalist, At the outset, let me say, I am mary is an effort to "qualify" as a participant as distinct from the limiting factors of an editorial office.

Party and the Militant in the re-NO FOSTER

FACTION

and comfort to racism in any tion between our parties leading manner whatsoever is a very had toward eventual unification in a principle, one incompatible with real vanguard party of revolu-

> DISPUTES POSITION

It is with the above perspec-Negro people of the South have It is with the above perspec-engaged in a political strike tive in mind, that I must albeit action. The demands they have with profound regret-dispute raised are the very fundamentals the spirit and direction expressed of human decency, of democracy in the Ring articles in the Feb. and affect the well-being not 18 and 25 issues of the Militant. In absence of any visible editobeing of the entire working rial evidence to the contrary, I class. In the militant struggles can only conclude that the approach reflects the line of the Militant and the SWP.

The main contention of the fund or by additional taxation for the ballot, they have posed Ring evaluation is that: "The or by the passage of a Federal the number one political issue most significant feature of the recently concluded convention of

the CP is the fact that the delone, blocked the efforts of Party Chairman William Z. Foster reaucratic straitjacket." This conclusion of Ring's is

"tactics" must stop and consider velopments which took place in

I will now attempt to counter-

opinion, which is shared by many Party militants. Let me reaf-

and state leadership. (7) True, many militants who

preliminary county and New at the patch-work unity affected a working-class revolutionist. York state conventions. Finally, at the convention, and harbors I have interviewed members who mingled feelings of regret and Gates are only the left and attended or whose close asso chagrin at the failure of the Fos- right leg of the same body ciates attended the national con- ter leadership to offer resistance vention. This biographical sum- to the Dennis-Gates program. (3) Ring gloats that the convention frustrated Foster's at-Commitee a 21st member-at-large

who had lost to Charney by 1/3 of a single vote. Mind you, Char-Party, a compromiser. Who then

Now, to the bloody business: (1) There was no Foster facis this number 21? We must tion. While it is true at the 12th know it is a beloved militant Puerto Rican leader from the hour some effort was made in the anti-Gates ranks to give an ranks of lower Harlem, A. R., organized direction to the fight respected by the Party members it lacked the conscious organiin New York. He will yet be placed on the National Commitzation, planning, program of the tee by the rank and file he serves.

FOSTER ABDICATES RESPONSIBILITY

(4) The basic healthy core of the working class elements fought a determined rear-guard action to save the Party throughout the preliminary stages. Their final effort which was capable of winning, was frustrated when the Foster group in the national leadership abdicated their responsibility to organize and lead a counter-struggle to the mighty wave of revisionism and liquida-National Committee.

revolutionary American socialism counterposed to the basic social-

democratic conceptions of the draft and its supporters (Gates, Dennis, Foster). Lacking essentially was the leadership to or-

(2) The delegates from in- ganize and direct that section of dustry, concerned with the retenthe membership which had with tion of shop clubs and a crit- stood the pressure of public opinical attitude to the trade union ion and American imperialism. (6) The course charted by to the ranks of the anti-Gates Ring, and supported in silence forces. One of the most devoted by the SWP leadership, can for-1935, when I was a standard UE militants, who was contemp feit the greatest potentialities bearer in the Assembly elec- tuously referred to as "that for healing the breach between

unemployed, union and youth fought a bitter, uncompromising committed to any section of the movements. I was a delegate to fight against the Foster-Wein- leadership. Frankly, they look

our section convention, 'served stone capitulation at the conven- to a refreshment of the national

observer of all developments, sole delegate from our region, support Foster believe he is a They do not yet realize he and nourished by the social-democratic policy expressed in the draft resolution adopted by the national convention. The educatempt to impose on the National tion of the militants as to the role of the Soviet bureaucracy, its origins and historical foundation, has still to be completed. ney is a state leader of the Their ideological rearmament is the key to the whole solution. Notwithstanding this-the potential reservoir for transforming the CP into a revolutionary party of American socialism merging into a broad regroupment of the left on a principled program of Marxism-Leninism that will include the SWP and

others, resides in the anti-Gates forces who question the basic conception of "peaceful co-exist-Gates stand. ence," "peaceful transition," the amorphous "anti-monopoly coalition," the kowtowing to the tradeunion bureaucrats, ADA, etc.

IN EITHER SIDE

It is to this section of the Party and its leadership at all levels that assistance must be offered, guidance proffered, to and Lower Harlem waged a noble hasten the day for the realization of a firm solution to the basic problem of creating a revolutionary working class van-

In the coming state and re guard in America. gional conventions these ele-The anti-Gates elements ments will be the instrument for throughout the country did not placing fresh industrial and Nesubscribe to any section of the gro forces in the leadership. leadership, although some hoped It is these forces who wan proletarian norms of democracy in the Party, a feeling shared by the bulk of tre Party member ship of all tendencies. We will tralism, etc. brook no curbs and resist bu-

The disappointment of the antireaucratism at all levels, includ-Gates forces in Foster and Dening the flagrant "bureaucratic" nis was the most characteristic tendencies displayed in our own expression of sentiment as the convention closed. "Why didn't he (Foster) fight?" New York Party by the "democratic socialism" of Shrank, etc. who feel the convention has giv-(8) The anti-Gates forces reen them the O.K. to proceed flected the best working class along their "New York State" elements in the Party and enpath to socialism, with the liquicompassed most of the Negro

delegations and leadership. STAND OF

gard for the moods of our Bedord-Stuyvesant comrades



Oh yes, the Gates forces view a return to militancy as a manifestation of left sectarianism. To anticipate that members under their influence, who conceive of Dubinsky and Reuther rather than the SWP as their future associates in a mass party of Socialism, as the healthy base and avenue for realignment and regroupment is to disorient the SWP and CP militants in the developments that lie ahead.

PARTY DISCUSSION IS TASK OF DAY Conclusion: The most signifi-

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fight to condemn Party policy

with respect to the Negro free-

dom struggle as "right oppor-

tunist."

cant fact that derives from the proceedings at the National Congate from California who revention is the failure of the milceived the highest vote at the itants to forge and advance a convention for the National program that could have swept Committee did not receive the the Gates forces into the dust support of her own delegation bin of Party history and shaken because of her forthright antithe perennial custodians of Party policy from the top-a program Charles Loman, Kings County that would have elevated to the Negro of the Party, elected to leadership new fresh forces to the National Committee, in spite help chart a new course along of the determination of the New the lines determined by the in-York State Committee and the ternational experience of the Shrank-Gates partisans to unworking class embodied in the seat him in his own backyard. teachings of Marx and Engels The militant Negro delegaand enriched in our epoch by tions from Bedford-Stuyvesant

Lenin.

The most significant fact of the immediate future must be the revival of the turbulent discussion in our ranks on the deficiencies and inadequacies of Party Program and leadership and the effort on a local and national scale to bring about the earliest correction of our defeatist and revisionist line.

In this period the SWP and the Militant can make an historic contribution if you do not lose sight of the main forces for progress in our Party and strive to effect the necessary reapproachment along the difficult thorny road of working-class politics.

Argus

(Readers of the Militant are invited to comment on Argus dation of the Jefferson School letter, Harry Ring's articles, or and Labor Youth League in the any other aspect of the evaluaspirit of the bureaucratic liquidation of the CP convention-Ed.) tion of the American Labor Par-

The young Negro woman dele- ty and their contemptuous disre-



By Joyce Cowley Socialist Workers Party Candidate For Mayor of New York

Tragedy of

Frank Santana, now 19 years old, is serving a sentence belong there." of 25 years to life for the "model-boy" murder which of 25 years to life for the "model-boy" murder which all knew exactly what to do — make an example of San-made sensational headlines in the spring of 1955. He is all knew exactly what to do — make an example of San-much of the anti-Puerto Rican hystoria. He let his tions at a meeting of several and that "four million Jews con-

the



FOSTER

Gates faction which had developed over a period of months. At the county, state and national conventions, a Gates faction was in evidence-no semblance of a Foster faction.

bureaucracy contributed as well,

tions (1935) while a member of friend of the workers" by the the CP and the SWP. of the YCL. Later, active in the Gates forces in our county,



Bronx District Attorney Sullivan joined the chorus, Attorney's office from May 2, when it first learned about by characterizing the crime as "a senseless killing in a Blankenship's gang affiliations until the time of the trial quiet neighborhood invaded by hoodlums who did not toward the end of June. While Santana's family lived in

fear and Puerto Ricans in his area were attacked by both | Socialism as advocated by Norman Thomas and as ad-Everyone agreed about what had happened, and they their neighbors and the police, the District Attorney made vocated by the Communist Party," said John Gates, Daily

that Foster might wage open war against Gates in a showdown battle on the Party, Marxism-Leninism, Democratic Cen-

NO CONFIDENCE

tion spearheaded by the Daily

Worker staff and the New York State party and its allies in the

(5) The Dennis diplomacy

succeeded because the anti-Gates forces failed to provide the mempership with a real program for



TV and radio reports which young "gangsters" a lesson. denounced him as a "young hoodlum from Puerto Rico," "Junior Electric Chairs" and a "swaggering teen-age gangster." They roused a lynch spirit against him, and he was convicted long before his case reached court. Now, as more people become aware of the true facts about the shooting, flagrantly unjust sentence. When William Blankenship was killed, there seemed to be no possible doubt as to the facts. Every

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newspaper reporter, every commentator, even minist-

ers in their Sunday sermons, told exactly the same story. A 15-year-old boy on his way home from the movies was mistakenly identified by members of the Navahos as belonging to a rival gang. Frank Santana, leader of the Navahos, pulled out a gun and shot him.

Circle of Guilt

Dr. Fredric Wertham, the well-kown psychiatrist, electric chairs." was called in by Santana's lawyers to examine the boy. model boy," the "senseless gangland execution."

Frank Santana was described as a "hoodlum," even intimidated before they were released. by the New York Times, and variations in less restrained newspapers were "dirty, filthy hoodlum," "punk," and court and up to the last minute, the press continued its "street mobster." His mother became "the hoodlum's clamor for the electric chair. mother." He was a "gang chief," credited with organizing the Navahos. He called himself Tarzan and newspapers Not Obligated to Tell Truth referred to him as Frank (Tarzan) Santana or just "Tarzan," without any other name. He was a "dull student," thing below 70 is considered mentally deficient).

vagantly praised as "handsome," "blond," "known as a rival gang. He was "spoiling for a fight" and was the model boy in his neighborhood," "a quiet, studious high aggressor in the dispute with Santana. The most astonish-in Indiana, union officials did not school student," "the boy who had never run with gangs." ing thing about this was the silence of the District bestir themselves until after the

victim of hysteria tana by sending him to the chair. It was even suggested much of the anti-Puerto Rican hysteria. He let his whipped up by newspaper, that the execution should be shown on TV to teach other

The newspapers and public officials did not restrict their suggestions to Santana. They knew what to do about all juvenile delinquents. The first step was to stop "coddling" them, and start using nightsticks. Bronx District Attorney Sullivan also proposed organizations of a semi-military character in the high schools. Queens District Attorney said that nightsticks were not enough, there is a growing demand since "you've got to catch these young punks at an earlier for commutation of this stage before they become full-blown killers." His remedy was the woodshed. "There are two policemen in every home — mama and papa. Let them use the stick."

> The New York Daily News, which had been advocating nightsticks for quite some time, concluded in a lead editorial that measures of this type were inadequate. 'Most of us are familiar with the lamentations uttered by bleeding hearts and sob sisters whenever an unusually stinking juvenile crime is committed. Always we are told that family life has hit the skids since the war, that pathetic little fellows like Santana never had a chance." The News had a program, too: "More and bigger reform schools and maybe Junior Sing-Sings complete with Junior

The Police Department, suddenly alert to the problem, He tells in Circle of Guilt (a study of the case published launched a "concentrated, round-the-clock fight against last fall) how he learned about the Blankenship murder juvenile delinquency" by sending 89 extra policemen to members, Senators Mundt and houses. Only then did they call from newspaper accounts, and he quotes extensively from one area in the Bronx. The feeling against Puerto Ricans Goldwater, who demanded new for the mass demonstration. Pasthem. They all agreed it was the "cold-blooded shooting ran high. Santana's family was threatened, and his legislation to curb the "labor basis of two senators switching of a high school boy by a teen-age gangster," and they younger brother was afraid to go to school. Dozens of abad hat make demand the their votes in favor of it A particularly emphasized the "senseless" character of the Puerto Rican youths were picked up by the police on National Association of Manufac- outpouring before the vote might crime, referring to it as the "senseless killing of the flimsy charges ("unlawful assembly" is always con- turers for the destruction of the well have changed the outcome.

venient). They were questioned, threatened and thoroughly closed shop to end the "monopo

It was almost two months before the case came to mood of the Indiana unionists

Then there was a sudden and startling reversal. The "below normal intelligence," with an I.Q. of only 65 (any- District Attorney asked for a reduction in the charge

from first to second-degree murder. William Blankenship, drive, the leaders of the AFL-CIO Santana's victim, William Blankenship, was extra- he admitted, was not a model boy. He did belong to a have demanded that union offi-

assistant, Andrew McCarthy, do the explaining:

"We were under no obligation to set the newspapers straight. In the long run the truth would have prevailed. This morning was the first opportunity I had to do anything about it."

A reporter from the New York Post asked: "Wouldn't continued misleading reports on the case help build up pressure for a first degree murder conviction?"

"I know that," McCarthy replied. "I realized I would be a most unpopular man today. But I am the father of seven children. I couldn't sleep at night. . ."

He still insisted he felt no obligation to correct the newspaper stories: "How can you interfere with the press? I would be accused of tampering."

He also apparently felt no need to enlighten Dr. Wertham, who was conducting a psychiatric examination of Santana. In fact, Dr. Wertham had difficulty in obtaining an interview alone with the boy, since the District Attorney insisted he should see him together with a psychiatrist chosen by the District Attorney's office. It was necessary for Wertham to go to court and get a signed order from the judge permitting him to "examine and violent" change but that tothe defendant in the absence of any other person." Dr. society fails to provide healthy substitutes for the big- Wertham gradually learned, as he talked with Frank Sanshot-I-belong feeling that some youngsters get out of tana, that not only the details of the shooting but a great for the continuation into socialrunning with weirdly named street gangs, that poor, many other facts were strangely distorted by the press.

(To be continued next week)



| bill had gone through both (Continued from page 1)

ly power" of the unions. The mass turnout and militant

demonstrates that large numbers in the rank-and-file of labor are ready to combat this union busting drive. But thus far the top chelons of the AFL-CIO have offered only misleadership in the fight. While the Congressional

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tions at a meeting of several hundred students at the University of Pennsylvania, Feb. 15. It was Gates' first public meeting since the Communist Party convention of the week before. He was invited to speak on "Does Communism Have a Future in America?" by the student government club in face of opposition from faculty members. Dr. J. Roffe Wike, professor of poitical science and a Republican,

debated Gates. The meeting gave American radicals an opportunity to judge the political position of the Gates wing of the Communist Party on a number of points. We present salient features for the information of Militant readers. Calling for a political realignment in America, Gates said that

"the differences between the Socialist and Communist parties have narrowed down." He as serted that at one time the differences were between "peaceful day "it is possible to have a peaceful and constitutional change" to socialism, "We are ism of our present institutions,

of Congress, etc.," he said. Gates deplored the fact that

unity" and hoped for "a more crats." intimate basis" of collaboration with him. No reference was made to the support given by the Socialist Party and Norman Thomas to the Korean war or to the fusion of the Socialist Party with the Social Democratic Federation based on support to the State Department's foreign policy. When asked from the floor why the government in Hungary was

trying to wipe out the Workers Councils, Gates said he didn't know all the facts; that they were not dissolving all the councils; that the government needs the support of the councils for its own stability. 'BALANCE' ON ANTI-SEMITISM Another question dealt with the

suppression of minority nationalities and groups in the Soviet Union. Gates answered that the Russian revolution "liberated whole peoples from Czarist oppression." He said that "six million Jews were saved by the So-

viet Union during World War II.

tinue to live in the Soviet Union." He said that this must be weighed in the balance against the fact that "the cultural institutions of the Jews was done away with' and that "20 or 30 of their leaders were done away with." The audience of students which mainly listened respectfully to Gates greeted his balancing of six mil-, lion saved to 20 or 30 killed with angry derision.

Gates argued that two world wars and hostile encirclement of the Soviet Union were responsible for the crimes that were committed there. He said. "I am doing all I can to persuade them to correct this." He said. "I believe the process of democratization is under way in the Soviet Union, even if they have a long way to go yet."

The convention of the Communist Party was depicted by Gates as having charted an American Road to Socialism. He called for "a big peoples alliance against monopoly." This requires. he said, "a new political alignment, a mass party against the monopolies." This party is to be built, he said, through "the transformation of the Democratic Party, or a new mass party against "Norman Thomas doesn't want both the Republicans and Demo-

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With the end of World War II, agreements coupled with private the Coal and Steel Community tracting countries and would France assured integration of ownership. The latest annual reeventually establish a common Alsace-Lorraine, secured a temple. The plan also provides for and made a bold attempt to gain family) commenting on coal and the freer movement of capital access to the Ruhr and its vital scrap shortages experienced by and has assigned the role of overand labor forces as well as the coking-coal reserves. The European Coal and Steel opposes any regulation of this The establishment of the Com-

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economic cooperation, the con- community was intended to ending conflict of the expanding sumption of steel in Europe bridge would be intensified." productive forces against the would rise, and there was to be (Deutsche Zeitung und Wirtan end to periodic, disastrous disschaftszeitung, Feb. 9.) ship, national boundaries and tar- ruptions in the economy. And, of course, the standard of living in have "won" two wars are faced Europe would be improved. Alas, with a dilemma. Unlimited free the promises were never realized. competition would soon eliminate Instead, there has been increased them from the running. Agree-

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sor De Menthon refused to sit ported into high-wage areas. It man firms expanded vertically in the seat at the table assigned has meant that these workers are -that is to say, steel concerns to him. Why? The seat next to then used to drive down the prevailing wage scales. Working gobbled up coal and coke re- his was occupied by Friedrich sources. This assured them a Flick, steel magnate of West conditions are diluted and strikes a Socialist United States of Eumain continental competitor, at- | competitive advantage. France | Germany, convicted of war crimes | can be broken with the intro- rope.

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led to a disastrous rise in industrial accidents in the coal mines of both France and Germany.

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and it is true with the Common The French have succeeded in Market Plan. The U.S. State Deintroducing their African pospartment has placed the stamp sessions into the market plan. of approval on the agreement Germany will now participate in the exploitation of the French African colonies. This will also bring the miserably underpaid African workers into more direct competition with the workers of Europe. The agreement specifithe reunification with East Gercally provides that the overseas many. Washington anticipates possessions of France are not to German hegemony will be included in "the equalization transform Europe into an arsenal of the cost of production." This for NATO and the anti-Soviet means that there will be no wage bloc. France's large Communist improvements for the colonial Party rules that country out as masses. unreliable in the eves of Wall

Street's policy makers. Only the UNITY PERSPECTIVES

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A prime example of the polished political scoundrel is French Premier Guy Mollet who recently concluded three days of secret conversations with Eisenhower and Dulles. What was asked for, what was given, what the American people may have been committed to by "gentlemen's agreement" in these conferences is not known. Secret diplomacy rules supreme a fact all the more ominous since the Senate has given Eisenhower a blank check to go to war in the Mideast whenever he chooses.

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It is worth recalling that it was Premier Mollet who launched French planes and tanks against the Egyptian people last fall. But his duplicity goes deeper than an undeclared war. It has been revealed (France-Observateur, Feb. 14) that on Oct. 26 — three days before Israel invaded Egypt — Israeli Prime Minister Ben Gurion secretly met Mollet at Villacoublay, the military airport just outside Paris. At the airport a two-hour conference and the signing of a pact took place — all unknown to the French parliament and the French people. In accordance with the pact, French planes and naval vessels secretly participated in the Israeli attack on Egypt from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5. This attack then served as the public excuse for France and Britain to invade Egypt to "restore peace to the Mideast" (and the Suez Canal to the imperialists).

On the Mollet-Eisenhower agenda was French policy in Algeria — a policy the U.S. has backed in the UN and NATO. Under Mollet's regime the repression of the Algerian people has reached a degree of barbarity equalled only by the Nazis in the occupied countries of World War market of some 160 million peo- porary control over the Saar, II: massacres and burning of villages, shooting prisoners, a corps of torture specialists equipped with the most sadistically-advanced mechanical and electrical devices. And Mollet, who presides over all this, has the gall to tell a New York audience: "Our concern must be to have the dependent peoples bypass the GERMAN ATTEMPTS stage of nationalism. Our aim must be to free men from all forms of oppression. . ."

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While carrying on a campaign of murder and torture to make the Algerians "bypass" national independence in order the quicker to reach the higher break loose in different ways. The freedoms such as exist in France, what German capitalists, masters in is Mollet doing to these "higher" freedoms at home?

He is engaged in a campaign to destroy freedom of the press. Journalists and publishers in Paris who have dared report the facts on Algeria are at this moment and a German approach these facing military courts. This hypocrite, attempts, the overwhelming eco- has gone up. Capital concentra- and Steel Community in Munich. whose mouth dirties the word 'freedom,' is not only trying to muzzle the French ited States was thrown into the tration has continued in a man- Minister of Justice; now Parliapress but to deny trial by jury to his scales against the were driven victims.

The most disgusting feature of all is that Mollet bears the party tag of "socialist" or "social-democrat." This traitor to socialism plays an important role in the councils and congresses of the Second International. It is to be hoped that one day he will play an even more stellar role at a trial of war criminals.

the Chinese dictator, the puppet of U.S. imperialism.

against the Chinese Revolution left the Kuwatly refused to agree to a voted down by the Negroes, and Stalinist leaders with no other alternative but to yield to the pressure of the revolutionary masses and take power. Even Mideast. Despite a surface show fares, but more basically over A tour of China by Ceylonese Trot at that time, however, the Chinese Com- of unanimity expressed in vague protests against the governmunist Party prohibited revolutionary generalities and an announcement ment's brutal segregation poliaction by the small but militant Chinese working class for fear of losing control

> of the insurgent mass movement. is no more to be credited with the inspir-

states ended Feb. 27 with the the compounds would be halted failure of King Ibn Saud of Saudi if the protest continued. It laid Arabia to line up any more sup- plans for a stay-at-home - and port for the Eisenhower Doc- away from work - move to coun-Chiang Kai-shek's refusal to compromise trine. Egypt's President Nasser ter the government threat. On

resolution backed by Saud and their leaders publicly burned King Hussein of Jordan posing copies of the plan. The boycott "Communism" as a threat to the began Jan. 7 over an increase in oledging the four nations to cies. In 1955, 60,000 Negroes "positive neutralism" in the cold were forced at gun point into war, the conference revealed that the compounds from their homes

the rift is continuing to develop in Johannesburg in a government Thus, the leadership of the Chinese CP between the feudal dynastic drive to make city, residence rulers, who are direct agents of white. All opposition to segregaimperialism, on the one hand, tion as such is decreed "subvering victory of the Chinese Revolution than and Egypt and Syria, centers of sive" in South Africa, and 153 the Stalin regime in the Soviet Union is the Arab mational independence community, cultural, trade union, and prof revolution, on the othe Negro and white, were put on * * * trial for "treason" last Decem-THE SOUTH AFRICAN BUS ber because they had in some

statement is reported to the cult conditions. Stalinist propagandists have been trying to dis-March 4 New York Times. He described the young refugees as credit the Hungarian revolution by pointing to "delinquency" largely "a pre-delinquent mal. adjusted group" who were in no among refugees in Austria. The sense political refugees, but had Saunders report supports the con-THE CAIRO CONFERENCE | fied a government ultimatum | run away from parents or schools. | tention that the Austrian refu-Only one fifth of the refugees gees are not representative since were revolutionaries, he said, working - class revolutionaries while another two fifths were stay to fight as long as they pos-, criminals or adventurers and the sibly can. Dr. Saunders also said remaining two fifths simply took that the flow of refugees to Ausadvantage of the opportunity to tria has virtually ceased, while and his prosecution of war to the finish and Syria's President Shukri al- March 1, a compromise plan was run away from harsh or diffi- it continues to Yugoslavia.

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"Is There a Future for

Chou and the Chinese Revolution

The Feb. 7 issue of the Samasamajist, English paper of the Lanka Samasamaja Party of Ceylon, announced that Chou En Lai, the Chinese Premier, had invited a delegation of that party to visit China. The invitation was accepted by decision of

the Central Committee of the LSSP.

skyists could do a great deal to aid in the defense of the Chinese revolution against the imperialist powers by providing reliable reports on the problems confronting the workers of China. An invitation for this purpose would be welcome. But an invitation given and accepted under conditions that obscure the LSSP position



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of intransigent political opposition to the Stalinist misleaders of the revolutionary people of China is an entirely different matter.

PRAISE CHOU

The acceptance of the invitation was preceded by an editorial in the Jan. 31 issue of Samasamajist. The editorial is headed, "Tribute to Chou En Lai." It said, "Despite our political differences we recognize the tremendous sacrifices made by these men who led the Chinese Revolution to victory." The editors criticized the local Ceylonese Stalinists because they "wave flags for one of their heroes; it has not been given to them to understand the achievement and to follow the example of Chou En Lai.'

This is a sudden and surprising shift of the Samasamajist from its clearly expressed traditional view that Stalinism is an international force of class collaboration, emanating from the economic interests of the privileged bureaucratic caste in the Soviet orbit. It is precisely the subordination of Communist Parties in the capitalist world to these policies of opportunism that constitutes the main danger to the world socialist revolution.

We would like to remind our comrades of the LSSP of Ceylon of fundamental conceptions that Trotskyists have always been careful to make clear:

Chou En Lai and the Chinese Communist Party did not lead "the Chinese revolution to victory," nor can they legitimately be identified with that victory. For many years during the civil war after 1945, the Chinese CP tried to conciliate Chiang Kai-shek, offering to subordinate the revolutionary forces to

to be credited with the great industrial progress in that country. In both cases the revolutionary achievements were

made despite the leadership and its false BOYCOTT; begun two months policies.

CHOU DEFENDS KREMLIN

Chou En Lai came to Ceylon following power in the Soviet orbit. Using the pound of Alexandra, Jan. 27, de- Ludu, main organ of the United prestige of the Chinese revolution, Chou lent himself to the ignoble task of justify-ing the Kremlin's repression in East Socialist Forum Europe. The tour followed adoption by the Chinese CP of a document, calling for all Group Sets Meets

Doesn't a "tribute to Chou En Lai" at this very moment when the workers are meeting of the organizing com- dismissed as Chairman of the challenging the rule of the bureaucrats in mittee of the Independent Sothe Soviet orbit aid in the cover-up of cialist Forum was held last Stalinist crimes against the political revo-Hitchcok, a playwright connected tion of the working class?

And finally, the Chinese Trotskyists are Group of San Francisco. Mr imprisoned and tortured by Mao Tse Hitchcock is recognized as the Tung's regime. On this score, the Samasamajist editorial greeting Chou as a "revolutionary," was completely silent. How will a "tribute" to their jailer be uals connected in official capacigreeted by genuine Chinese Marxist-Leninists from their prison cells?

our opinion, lend strong support to the approximately forty persons, demand for the liberation of our Chinese from every left-wing party or comrades and for full democratic rights for the Chinese working class. Only workers' democracy can make the victory of the Chinese revolution secure, assure I. S. F., which was attended by its progress and serve to advance the 208 people. Plans are for one struggle for Socialism in the whole of Asia.

Cesaire Increases Vote in Martinique

The people of the French West Indian colony of Martinique have given an overwhelming vote of confidence to Aime Cesaire, who last November resigned from the French Communist Party, charging that it had made no efforts to rid itself of Stalinism and that it subordinated the struggle of colonial and

colored peoples to political deals. He declared his break with the CP was in no way a break with Marxism. Under orders from the French CP headquarters in Paris, the CP Federation of Martinique began a campaign against Cesaire, who not only represents the island in the French parliament but is mayor of its didate.

turer, is tentatively scheduled as capital, Fort-de-France. Cea public speaker in the near fusaire forced a showdown by ture.

At its public meetings the I resigning as mayor and running again in the new elec-S. F. sells magazines and books tions. He received 82% of the from all socialist groups. votes as against a meré 4% In addition to its public meetings the I. S. F. plans committee for the CP candidate. This is a 5% increase for Cesaire meetings to which spokesmen over the vote he received in from various socialist organiza-1956 when he was a CP can- tions will be invited to discuss their ideas.

unaffiliated socialists.

way opposed segregation. ago by Negroes living in segre

gated compounds ten miles out-POLISH PROTESTS against side Johannesburg and Pretoria, threatens to develop into a genrecent moves in Warsaw to reeral strike as a result of atstore the Natolin (Stalinist) faca visit to Moscow, Warsaw and Budapest. tempts at repression by the tion to greater power appear to The purpose of the tour was to bolster up racist government. A mass meet- be growing. Eight leading writthe crumbling structure of Stalinist ing of 4,000 Negroes in the com- ers and editors on Trybuna

signed March 1. The resignations followed by two days the replacement of the chief editor by Leon Kasman, an old-line Stalinist. The new Polish cabinet which was approved by the Parliament Communist Parties to accept the "leader-In San Francisco Feb. 27 includes Zenon Nowan, head of the Natolin faction, as Deputy Premier. Wiktor Klosie-Deputy Premier, Wiktor Klosie-SAN FRANCISCO - The third

wicz, Nowak's henchman who was Central Council of Trade Unions as a result of last October's anti-Stalinist developments, is to be appointed Deputy Minister of with the Interplayers Theatre Labor according to the present plans of Polish CP head, Wladis-

law Gomulka. chief organizer of the Independent Socialist Forum. In attend-HUNGARIAN REVOLUTIONance were 25 workers and stu-ARIES who fought the Stalindents as well as several individist regime make up only a small ty with the trade union movepart of the total number of refument. The total membership of gees who fled to Austria, accordthe committee, which has been ing to Dr. Richard P. Saunders, The Ceylonese Trotskyists, should, in growing steadily, now stands at president of the Save the Chil. dren Federation. He has just returned from Austria where his organization is aiding the rehagroup in the Bay Area plus many bilitation of refugee orphans. His





The Negro Struggle

By Jean Blake

Nixon in Africa

Some tinhorn politicians here at home will undoubtedly try to make capital of Vice President Nixon's "good-will tour" in Africa. They'll probably try to make it out as some kind of demonstration of sympathy with colored people generally, and attempt to cash in on it for Negro votes in the next election.

Before they get very far with their political con game, let's take a good look at what the Republican personality kid is actually doing in Africa.

According to a March 1 report by Associated Press Reporter John Scali, the Veep "launched his friends-making tour of Africa . . . with old-fashioned American campaign methods, pumping hands and questioning Arab youngsters.'

With his wife and nine aides, Nixon arrived at Sale-Rabat Airport in Morocco for the start of a 22-day, 18,000-mile tour "intended to demonstrate the United States' interest in Africa and its growing number of independent nations."

What is the nature of the United States' interest in Africa and its growing number of "independent nations?"

The sultans, princes and other feudal rulers who sit on top of the African masses have no cause for alarm, and they know it. Smiling Dick is being welcomed as one of their own class, which he is. He is being given a royal welcome. Crowds are mustered out in traditional style to shout "Nixon, Nixon," and "Long Live the King."

As a Moroccan official explained, many in the crowd were accustomed to cheering royalty and automatically assumed that Nixon must at least be a king.

But after the show was over, the American representatives of Big Business would get down to the real purpose of his visit: the deal.

"It was likely," the AP report stated, "that the sultan would mention Moroccan desires for immediate American dollar aid and technical assistance in getting long range economic projects started.

"From the American side it was likely the delicate status of five huge air and naval bases in Morocco would come up. These bases, costing 400 million dollars or more to build, were granted by the French in 1950 without asking permission from the Moroccans. Now that the Moroccans' independence has been recognized with termination of the French protectorate, the Moroccans think the question of an extension should be negotiated.

"These bases, capable of handling the biggest strategic bombers, could be of decisive importance in an atomic war. . ."

So, while the parades continue and the sultan prays in his "private mosque," while "most of the children just stared ... in silence, or shyly hid their heads in their mothers' garments. . . Nixon continued vigorous handshaking with nearby onlookers."

Meanwhile, at home in the United States, thousands of colored peeople who called in vain for Nixon to make a tour of the South and take a stand against the terror campaign of race-haters here are taking up the slogan for a "March on Washington" to protest against the government's indifference to their plight.

It will take more than handshaking and patting babies on the head to satisfy Nixon is saying and doing.

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New Gain Made In N. Y. School

program to equalize educational opportunities for Negroes and mothers to breathe life into the other minority groups in the Supreme Court decision focused city.

Under the insistent pressure of parent groups and civic and school situation. As a result, the religious organizations, these present report promises to raise reports were unanimously accepted in spite of opposition out the school system. It is rom supporters of the Jim Crow system, some of the daily papers munity support their work geners' organizations. Previously accepted by the Board were reports on educational standards and curriculum, guidance placeyears. ment and education stimulation

and one on physical plant and maintenance.

deliveries to some of the picketed front on the price issue in the existed in at least 70% of the a means of improving the educa-BUFFALO, March 4-The use deliveries to some of the picketed front on the price issue in the existed in at least 1070 of the milk plants were cut in half. Ap- Western New York area and it city's schools with the result tional level throughout the

ghettos in the city. This pattern proposal is an important one. of Jim Crow housing has been With the assignment to Negro buttressed by the gerrymander- and Puerto Rican areas of tended two enthusiastic meetings leadership had opened its eyes ing of school zones along racial teachers with little experience,

decision of May 1954 that schools is necessarily lowered. By "separate educational facilities rotating experienced teachers the the champion of small farmers, made their deliveries at night. Harriman would not have dared are inherently unequal," the teaching staffs could be stabilized ruthlessly ordered out state (The big dairy companies paid so readily to call out the state Commission found that the to at least the same level of extroopers to break the militant the scabs far in excess of what troopers. The strike has shown schools in the poorer neighbor- perience as that of the schools hoods with largely Negro and in the more privileged neigh-

older, more run down and were Seamburg, New York, six car- milk free to hospitals and same pressures from Big Busi- staffed with less experienced and pushed to the background by ness. It remains for them to build stable teaching staffs than the teacher opposition call for helmets led a seven-truck con- were buried in the press re- a common political organization, schools in the white and more smaller classes, shorter teacha labor party based on the trade financially comfortable neigh- ing schedules, additional clerical help to relieve teachers of these borhoods.

The Commission's finding con- duties, additional psychiatric perfirmed the long-standing charge sonnel and rest periods for that in areas where both neigh- teachers.

The next big job is to win borhoods met, opportunities to implementation of these reports integrate were largely ignored. The present zoning report pro-poses to establish integration creases necessary to achieve the as a "cardinal principle" in es- standards and services so tablishing school districts. Plans urgently needed not only for incall for a city-wide zoning com- tegration, but to raise the

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Sobell

New Trial

the legal arguments for a new hering for Sobell, now serving 30-year term in Alcatraz. Harriman Uses State Police

Dr. and Mrs. Luis Sanchez Ponton were g reeted by Mrs. Rose Sobell (center), mother of

Morton Sobell, on their arrival in New York, Dr. Sonchez Ponton came to this country to aid in

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Governor Harriman who had picket lines of the farmers the striking farmers were ask- that workers and working farmaround the big plants. At the ing.) The strikers pledged at ers have many things in com- Puerto Rican students were borhoods. large Queensboro Farm in their meetings to supply raw mon-the same hardships, the loads of state troopers in crash orphanages. But these pledges voy of farmer-scabs through a portage of the strike.

dozen pickets. Flushed with their PRESS VS. STRIKERS success in smashing orderly picketing, the troopers then contin-The Buffalo Evening News

ued, it was reported, to the General Ice Cream Plant in Leon, New York to repeat their strike- day in, day out the alleged vibreaking practices. In the Allegany and Cattaraugus County pickets. Heading The News ararea, it was reported in the Buf- ticle of Feb. 25 was "Cattaraugus falo Evening News, at least 50 County Pickets Dump 500 Pounds

these crowds. They understand what York State, broke the back of loaded milk trucks. A Baltimore this deadly squeeze of low income mainly because the elementary the individual needs of the a milk strike waged by a heroic & Ohio Railroad freight crew and high costs are hopelessly in and junior high schools have teachers so that no undue hardband of Western New York farm-refused to switch milk cars in debt to these powerful organiza-reflected the pattern of racial ship would result. The rotation Ellicottville, New York. At least The milk strike would still re-1,000 farmers and their wives atmain unbroken if the AFL-CIO

campaigned for his office among four hour picket lines were set bor movement in this area for Western N. Y. dairy farmers as up to discourage the scabs who the farmers strike, Governor

unions and working farmers.

with the largest circulation in Western New York, emphasized olence and milk dumping by the state troopers and 22 cars were of Milk" and of Feb. 26, "Vi-



of strike-breaking tactics by peaks by the pickets for support is impossible for the farmers that student bodies were either school system. Democratic Governor Harriman, of their cause turned back at to find higher-priced outlets for all-white or all Negro and Puerto so-called liberal governor of New least a dozen drivers in fully- their milk. Farmers caught in Rican. This condition developed ally includes provisions insuring the big Borden Milk Plant in tions. Master Dairy Farmers' Guild

and pledged their solid support to this struggle and given sup-lines.

Integration **By Harriet Saunders**

The fight to end segregation in the New York schools registered an important victory Feb. 28 when the Board of Education accepted the Zoning and Teachers Assignment reports of its subcommittee, theD

Commission on Integration, and to let the Supreme Court decision thereby approved in principle a become a scrap of paper.

The untiring efforts of the the attention of the entire com-

munity on the whole shameful the general standards throughnoteworthy that with the comerated, these mothers were able organizations have demanded for

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Yet some who profess to speak for the teachers have op-These reports summarized three posed , the report's adoption.

years of investigation by the Their opposition is centered Commission on Integration which around the proposal to rotate found that racial segregation teachers in the school system as

The report, however, specific-

whether substitutes or regulars,

to continue their fight. Twenty- port. With the support of the la- Confirming the Supreme Court the educational level in these

