

THE MILITANT THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN PEOPLE

NEW YORK, N. Y., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1957

Vol. XXI - No. 47

Use "Ethical" Code in Union Political Purge

By James E. Boulton

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 15 — In the first application of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Code against a Wisconsin unionist. Wayne Leverenz, a member of Local 40 of the United Packinghouse Workers, 9-

CIO, was removed Nov. 8 as a to race, color, creed or political delegate to the Milwaukee County | affiliation."

CIO Council and barred from holding any office in the union. Constitution took place at an ex-A shop steward and respected ecutive session of the CIO Coununion militant of unquestioned cil but Leverenz' viewpoint was honesty, Leverenz was removed leaked to the daily press. His on grounds of association with ouster was demanded by his local the Socialist Workers Party and officers at a local membership the Committee to Secure Justice meeting Nov. 8 where only 30 of the local's 1,200 members from for Morton Sobell.

Leverenz was a 1956 Presi-dential elector for the SWP and attendance. The CIO officials is vice-chairman of the Mil- pushed through Leverenz' rewaukee Sobell committee. He moval apparently in an effort to was removed on the basis of the Ethical Practices code provision AFL by demonstrating their op-Ethical Practices code provision AFL by demonstrating their opwhich states that no person position to "communism." In a should hold office in any AFL- statement to the press, Leverenz CIO body who is "a member, stated his determination to opconsistent supporter or who pose the action taken against actively participates in the ac- him.

tivities of the Communist Party or any fascist or other totalitarian organization which opposes the democratic principles to which our country and the American trade union movement are dedicated."

OPPOSES CLAUSE

The ouster of Leverenz came as a result of an Oct. 16 meeting of the Milwaukee County CIO Council where he opposed inclusion of a similar "antitotalitarian" clause in a constitution being drawn up preparatory to merger of the two groups.

Leverenz argued that the clause was a violation of political freedom and "a denial of the principles on which the union movement was founded." Such restrictions of the rights of union members, he said, are "to some extent responsible for corruption in the labor movement." The "chipping away at principles results in a lack of enthusiasm and participation and

that H-bomb explosions are endangering the health of fued no opinion. The highest number of those recognizing the radiation danger was in Japan where 76% of those polled are so convinced. (Among university graduates the figure was 91%.) In Germany 60% believed the tests were harmful, 12% said "not

267

harmful," 24% said "don't know." In Norway, 76% said "harmful"; 6%, "not harm-ful;" 18%, "don't know." In Britain, 43%, "harmful"; 32%, "not harmful; 25%, "don't know."

Units Hit **IBT's Ouster**

Seven New York and Newark ocals of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, whose lelegates to the IBT convention voted against Hoffa, have

appealed to the AFL-CIO not to go through with its expulsion threat against the IBT. The locals, with 5,000 members, comprise the Brewery Workers Joint Board of the IBT. Until 1953 they had been affiliated with the CIO Brewery Workers Union. In a Nov. 16 letter to AFL - CIO president George

Meany, the locals said: "... We are firmly convinced that such changes [in the IBT leadership] can never be brought about successfully by court orders, legislative intervention or by directives from the AFL-CIO.

"Will expulsion of our union deter the enemies of organized labor in their efforts to pass anti-labor legislation? We think deteriorating. not; we believe they are de-

and

60% Hit Nuclear Tests in World Poll Almost 60% of the people throughout the world believe defined believe defi endangering the health of fu-ture generations, according to a world poll sponsored by the New York Herald Tribune and reported Nov. 17. Only 17% did not think the tests were harmful. The balance express-

Guatemalans Protest Rigged Elections



As thousands of Guatemalans demonstrated outside, their sentiments are expressed from the gallery at an Oct. 28 session of the legislature which ended with a new military Junta seizing control of the government. A rigged Presidential election held Oct. 20 was set aside by the military after huge mass protests. Dictatorial rule was re-established in 1954 when the U.S. State Department engineered the overthrow of democratically-elected President Arbenz Guzman.



"Gov. | in front of the high school two Press dispatch. By George Lavan The situation in Little Rock is Crval E. Faubus said today the months ago. The situation in Little Rock is desegregation deadlock in Little Direct responsibility for this weather and other instruments at there were 187 omitted or Rock could only be resolved by ominous situation rests on the hand, bomb sights ready,

Demands for "Sacrifice" Raised as Economic and **Sputnik Crises Mount**

By Herman Chauka

"Guns before butter," the infamous slogan of the German Nazis, is fast becoming the rallying cry of the American capitalist class which is trying to overcome a crisis that was brought to a peak height with the launching of the Soviet satellites.

Government demands that the American people get

Where Does The War Danger **Come From?** By Myra T. Weiss

Two sputniks circling the earth WIDESPREAD DOWNTURN announce the beginning of the The Federal Reserve Board space age. But in the context announced Nov. 14 that it was of the cold war, they mean reducing its interest rates to much more. They announce a banks from 31/2 to 3% to ease technological breakthrough in credit and thus stimulate the

before. First, what is this techno- others are falling.) logical change? Squadrons of bombers manned by fallible FRB's action about is what the crews, traveling through the sky with their loads of "an ominous note," namely, that

oready to "sacrifice" for an inflation-breeding expansion of the armaments program comes at a point when the present inflation has jacked up living costs for the 13th record month and when the Federal Reserve Board has expressed its official recognition that the country is now in the grip of an economic recession.

PRICE 10c

warmaking, which - combined economy. Testifying before a with the explosive power of Congressional committee on Nov. atom and hydrogen bombs — add 19, spokesmen for the board said greatly to the already immense the action was taken because of destructive power of war. This a "widespread downturn in ecomakes an understanding of nomic activity rather than a rolwhere the war danger comes ling readjustment." (According from and how it can be elim- to official jargon, a rolling reinated more urgent than ever adjustment means some parts of the economy are rising while

reduced stock dividends as com-



Faces Grilling

(See Editorial, page three.)

engenders a certain amount of cynicism among the member ship," he declared.

"The exclusion clause should be abolished" Leverenz argued, because it violates the principle of no discrimination and, in fact, weakens the antidiscrimination clause in regard

WALTER REUTHER, president of the United Auto Workers. Reuther and the UAW will be forthcoming targets of investigations by the anti-labor McClellan committee.

McClellan's Anti-Labor Group Aims at Reuther

By Fred Halstead

The next major target of the Senate labor-probe com- ferring to a previous decisive mittee will be the United Automobile Workers and its action that the Reuther machine president, Walter Reuther. Heading preparations for the probe into the UAW is John 9-

McGovern, senior Republican labor legislation. "Should counsel on the committee staff. strike result" from the UAW The job was assigned to Mc- negotiations, says the Nov. 6 Govern, according to a Nov. 15 Business Week, "the legislators' report by syndicated columnist mood for restrictive legislation

Robert S. Allen, "at the insist- would be enhanced." ence of the three Republican The score of the "Senate Secommitteemen - Senators - Gold- lect Committee on Improper Acwater (Ariz.), Mundt (S.D.), and tivities in the Labor or Man-Curtis (Neb.)." Chief counsel agement Field" is now: seven Robert Kennedy, brother of the months of hearings which inliberal Democratic Senator from cited screaming anti-labor head-Massachusetts, "prefers this set- lines across the country "balup," said the Nov. 18 N.Y. anced" by three weeks of hearings (beginning Oct. 22 and Times.

McGovern's agents have been ending Nov. 16) on a single governent intends to do the least it can "in the field" preparing for the anti-labor agency used by the get away with to enforce Negro civil probe into the UAW for about employers and on a garbage five months according to the collection racket in New York rights. It is attempting to retreat from Times report. These agents are City. For the future, in addition the scene as hastily as possible, to the known to have been investigat- to the UIAW hearings, the coming the Kohler strike, and pre- mittee has announced resumpfidence can be placed in the capitalist vious statements by members of tion of hearings on the Teamthe committee indicate that al- sters on Dec. 5. and Committee government to defend Negro school chilleged "strike violence" will fig- agents, Nov. 15, subpoenaed the dren in Little Rock or push through school ure prominently in the UAW files of the Carpenters union. integration anywhere else. The only phase of the probe which is The effect of McClellan's work scheduled to begin sometime is revealed in the latest figures reliable and effective defense of civil after Jan. 1 "A Republican on released by the National La- rights can be the mass organization and the committee," says the Times, bor Relations Board on the re- mobilization of labor and the Negro "said he thought it would start sults of NLRB elections held people. during the three month period next spring."

The mistreatment of the nine Negro This means that the UAW's ending Sept. 30. The percentage special collective bargaining con- of elections carried by a majorchildren in Little Rock provoked an unvention on the shorter work ity of "no union" votes was the paralleled wave of indignation and forced week, scheduled for February, largest ever recorded-41% as the reluctant Eisenhower to do what he will take place under the threat- compared with a low of 26% in had vowed he never would — send federal ening atmosphere of the Mc- 1951. To date, the official policy of troops to enforce school integration. Yet Clellan probe. Bargaining will begin in the the AFL-CIO-cooperation with American organized labor, representing spring, just when the probers the McClellan committee instead 17 million workers, and pledged by will have the opportunity to of fighting it-has not helped numerous convention resolutions to desmear the UAW in national to increase rank-and-file deheadlines and when Congress mocracy, but it has helped to fense of Negro rights, played practically will be considering new anti-block the growth of unions. no role in raising the overwhelming — it was nil.

termined under any circumstances to press for a national right to work' law, and to force labor into the noose of anti-trust legislation.

"Will expulsion punish the newly-elected officers of our People. union. We believe, on the contrary, that it will punish the rank and file of our union, and similar racist organizations sucother AFL-CIO unions..." Disregarding considerations of this kind, both United Auto Workers president Walter Reuther other six candidates endorsed by UAW secretary-treasurer

Emil Mazey were beating the Government slate, which before drums last week for expulsion of the IBT and for setting up expected by all observers to win of a rival teamsters union. Re- without serious challenge. On Nov. 12 Terrance Roberts

helped engineer, Mazey said in nine Negro students in Little Milwaukee TV interview: Rock's Central High School,

in 1949 we exhelled nine unions rival unions. . . You've got the

council was to order the arrest tral High School." of Mrs. L. C. Bates and Rev. J. All the above news items are

C. Crenshaw, leaders of the Arkansas National Association for the Advancement of Colored self-confidence and aggressive,

In the Nov. 5 elections the ness on the part of the racists White Citizens Council and and their hero, Gov. Faubus. similar racist organizations such the what this situation come about? Only two months ago nation to get the federal troops out of Little Rock: the original 1,000 NATURAL PROTECTION DISAPPEARS with the federal troops to lose heart and slink back to their

holes. Shortly thereafter efforts and Jefferson Thomas, two of the by them to provoke a walkout of white students proved a dismal flop.

"You'll recall that in the CIO were beaten by white classmates. But that was in the first few cern, if the situation had im- tion in the world that does not, for direct military appropria-On Nov. 17 Governor Faubus, weeks after the arrival of federal proved rather than deteriorated. military speaking, border the tions. To partially compensate because they were dominated by who has shifted, equivocated and troops. Now the tide has turned. But the federal authorities back- U.S. in a missile age. the Communist Party. We formed doubletalked on the subject of The racists have again become tracked on taking the promised According to -a N.Y. Times \$38 billion arms expenditures, "compromise" with the federal emboldened. They are gaining steps to improve the atmosphere survey (Nov. 18 and 19) of the the Congressional ax is being same basic problems now." authorities, again took a firm greater influence over whites - the exposure and bringing to present missile race, 'the Soviet whether for such "non essential" stand. According to an Asso- who stood aside from the battle (Nov. 16 Business Week.)

The last act of the outgoing the voluntary withdrawal of the federal government. The Eisen- liously hoping to pierce the en-"moderate" mayor and the city nine Negro children from Cen- hower administration, jarred out emy defense force and return pared to 101 in a like period last of its no-enforcement attitude on to home base-these are as outyear.

school desegregation by the moded as the rapier. Sky obstraws in the wind. The wind that world-wide storm of anger over servation posts, already abanis currently blowing through Little Rock, sent federal troops. doned, stand as relics of the Little Rock is one of renewed Instead of following through, past. What use are skywatchthe administration, once the pres- ers armed with binoculars or sure of public opinion on it had even radar equipment, when eased, slumped back into appeas- missiles can drop through space ing the Southern white-supre- or travel across continents in a

to Little Rock. The racist bullies halved on Oct. 14; reduced to Automation has taken over the integration battle had been with the fodgent tweens to loss withdrawn by Nov. 27, thus leav, that served through two world ing protection of the Negro wars as geographical barriers Eisenhower's Nov. 13 call for students solely to the federalized to the involvement of this coun-Arkansas National Guard. Withdrawal of the federal holocaust, might just as well that the administration will troops would be of no great con- disappear. There is not a na- demand a staggering \$41 billion

> (Continued on page 2) (Continued on page 2)

in the Big Business press is that the 2,500,000 workers now unemployed is expected to grow into an army of at least five million by next year if the "recession" continues. In the week ending Nov. 9, the Bureau of Employment Security reported 303,900 applications for unemployment insurance — a jump of 30,800 over the previous week and 90,-100 more than the corresponding

Reported with far less concern

Meanwhile, the implication of "sacrifices" are slowly being try's civilian population in the spelled out. It is now anticipated for the increase over the present

(Continued on page 4)



Events in Little Rock show that the | demand that the Negro children be put in the Little Rock high school and protected.

The labor movement, not only did not serve as a vehicle for the feelings of its delight of the racist mobsters. No con- own members, it completely failed to be what it should be and claims to be - a tribune for all the workers and oppressed. The great protest movement was unorganized. With the honorable exception of a few union locals, it did not flow through union channels.

AFL-CIO President Meany acted in the United Nations as a Charlie McCarthy for the State Department. He tried to pass the Little Rock situation off as proof of the advances made by the Negro people under U.S. capitalism rather than as an index of resistance to their equality.

And what about Walter Reuther, part of whose stock in trade is lip service to desegregation? Even his words, which come cheap, were not particularly numerous or impassioned. As for activity

An Editorial

When the Arkansas labor movement abandoned its weak support of school integration at the first shot, the top AFL-CIO leadership remained passive. When the only voices to be raised in the Arkansas labor movement on the issue became those of the racists, the top AFL-CIO leadership acquiesced. Reuther, who ordinarily will produce a "plan" at the drop of a hat, did not deem the situation worthy of a plan.

Their opportunist abandonment of principle is not only disloyalty to the fight of the Negro people for equality, it is also a betrayal of the interests of the white workers. Division of the working class on religious or race lines benefits the bosses and weakens unionism. This division is, moreover, the foundation stone of the low-wage, open-shop South, Achilles heel of the labor movement, which must be organized.

The labor bureaucracy's inaction on Little Rock in reality reflects high policy. The AFL-CIO is politically in coalition with the Democratic Party. Governor Faubus is a Democrat, elected with AFL-CIO support. The labor leaders were dismayed by the damage being done the Democratic Party by the Little Rock situation. Moreover, they believe a strong stand for desegregation by the AFL-CIO in the South would only weaken labor politically and might split the Democratic Party.

What makes the default of the union bureaucrats so criminal is that the fate of the labor movement and the Negro people depends on labor's actions in combatting Jim Crow. Rank-and-file unionists should demand an all-out campaign by their unions to retrieve the situation in Little Rock, that Meany, Reuther and other top leaders go there to use their prestige against the racists, that the AFL-CIO send battalions of organizers, educators. publicists and funds for a campaign of meetings, TV and radio broadcasts to bolster up the Arkansas labor movement and turn the tide against racism.

Page 2

the

Socialist Forums

By Peter Fryer

Special London Correspondent

Since I began this series of informed and principled criti- Characterizing the Khrushchev the Trotskyist concept that a number of gains, as previous- cial wealth. articles on the situation in the cism of Stalin from the left, regime as "self-chosen and self- workers' democracy in the So- ly indicated. For its part, the British Left there have been which members might listen to perpetuating" and imposing its viet orbit can only be realized Trotskyist movement firmly beinside the Communist Party ing everything they can to seal "through its monopoly of eco- Huberman and Sweezy believe tisan of the USSR should suppass on next week to a final contamination.

pects before British Marxists. party whose general secretary's dence" to substantiate their rectly. But their solution (an a stand, all those who seek a mean a return to the foreign For six months after the Easter rare literary pronouncements previous belief that as the anti-bureaucratic revolution of socialist solution to the prob- policy based on Leninist inter-Congress of the party this year include a recent one with the Soviet Union advanced economic- the Soviet masses) is part wish- lem of bureaucratic rule in the nationalism that was abandoned the attitude of the leadership title "End the Bans!," a party ally the ruling bureaucracy ful thinking and part sheer revto the "Opposition" was extra- which protests volubly against would reform itself out of ex- olutionary romanticism . . . the to clarify and test their differ- status quo deals with imperialordinarily muted, hesitant and the Labor Party leaders' list of istence because repressive meas- masses are not going to revolt ing views as to how it will fidelicate. The only expulsion proscribed organizations, itself ures would cease to be required. against a system that works as nally be achieved. to protect its members from cast to be eliminated? The MR matter how undemocratic the nized that political support to administering the economy and whatever was that of your London correspondent, and the leadership could scarcely have ideas!

ers, and is going to worry them

avoided expelling him.

INTERNAL OPPOSITION The only other disciplinary action, as far as is known, was Not that the Stalinists are al- reaucracy may drive one or an- clear to me. Defining the Trotthe downgrading from a dis- together successful these days. trict committee of a member I know of one faction working base of popular support and cratic revolution," they appar- ic regime. Just as revolution-who was wicked enough to re- inside the Communist Party that such a development could ently recognize that the Trot- ary socialists under capitalveal some of its proceedings to in London which is distinguished provide the Soviet people with skyists favor a revolutionary ism support every mass move-The Newsletter. In May the from previous groups, now disleadership put out a turgid "po-persed, by:

litical letter" which made a (a) Its almost exclusively vague reference to participation working-class composition; in Socialist Forum discussions (b) The readiness of at least

being incompatible with party some of its members to do some membership. practical work as well as discuss what's wrong with the par-

EXPULSIONS BEGUN

Now, however, the kid gloves ty; and (c) The influence which have been peeled off, and the witch-hunt has begun inside the Marxist ideas and a Marxist party in earnest. In one branch evaluation of Stalinism, both in Kent, on the outskirts of historically and in its presentbeen expelled and two suspend- tion's participants.

ed for calling a meeting at This group issues a duplicated Stalin myth and pledged an end If this is a correct under-

In the northern manufactur-ing center of Leeds, following this faction there are those who Do th the downgrading of four mem- believe the British CP can be bers for a similar offense, the transformed into a genuine area committee has recom- Communist Party, and there are mended to the district commit- those who disagree, feeling that tee (a higher body) that three the ultimate object of the facothers-they signed a circular tion must be to take as many inviting CP members to hear Marxists as possible into the a delegate's report on the re- Labor Party. But the immediate cent Labor, Party conference practical activity of partisans of be expelled. And a Londoner these two views is clearly idenwho has played a prominent tical, since the issue can be repart in the Socialist Forum solved only in the experience of movement since its inception, Brian Pearce, has been asked Inist leadership.

by the CP's London district secretary to make a statement It would be silly to overemwhich the committee would dis- phasize the strength and influcuss when it considered "what ence of this group, or of the action should be taken." Pearce's "Left Opposition" groups at reply was to send the corre- work in Leeds, and in the Lonspondence to The Newsletter, an act which will probably not en- But the fact that they exist, dedear him to the leadership, with spite the exodus of thousands the comment:



British CP Heads Conflict Between Soviet Bar Members from Labor and Bureaucracy

By Harry Ring

Last week we reported the views presented in the Novembebr issue of Monthly Review by editors Leo Huberof a coherent, articulate, well- regime in the Soviet Union.

there is now "precious little evi- to defining the problem cor-

How then is the bureaucratic well as the Soviet system no

editors now incline to the view government may be." The point made here by the ers to re-establish socialist de- try." that the struggle for supremacy between rival wings of the bu- MR editors is not completely mocracy implies a direct corolother of its factions to seek a skyist stand as an "anti-bureau-

an effective means of pressing change in the political struc- ment for reform without fur- play off one section of the bufor democratic reforms.

Such an estimate comes closer time opposing any change in regime from which they are de- gain their objectives? Or would to the reality than did Monthly the system of nationalized prop- manded so they find it neces- the bureaucrats move to con-Review's previous stand. Mass erty and of planned production, sary to state clearly that the tain, then smash the popular pressure in the Soviet Union The only conclusion I can de task of democratization in the reform movement? If so, would has already won significant re- duce from Huberman and Soviet Union rests with the this not pose the issue starkly forms. While clinging tenacious. Sweezy's statement is that they working people. The bureau- as to whether the bureaucracy ly to its instruments of repres- believe it unrealistic to assume cracy will grant reforms only or the working class was to be sion, the Kremlin, since Stalin's that the masses will engage in under great mass pressure.

death, has made important con- revolutionary struggle against Huberman and Sweezy cor- In our opinion, experience has cessions to the working people. the bureaucratic regime - nc rectly observe that socialists shown that the bureaucracy, by This process reached a dra- matter how great its crimes - can settle for nothing less than switching to repressions, would matic climax at the 20th Con- because they are satisfied with "a good society [of] coopera-London, three members have day practice, have on the fac-gress where Khrushchev offi- the economic foundations of the tion and brotherhood in which reforms onto the path of politno group monopolizes power or cially smashed the reactionary Soviet Union.

enjoys special privileges . . . a which two prominent comrades bulletin, and uses it to spread to many of the vile practices standing of their thinking, then society in which all citizens ... would be invited to state their methods of "disciplining" crit- At the same time, a number of by the same logic, it is unrealics and to encourage a concerted economic reforms have also been istic to anticipate that the masses will effectively press norities can never be trusted....

would be confined within the win sweeping reforms. But the fact of the matter is limits of strict necessity and more and more, is the existence man and Paul Sweezy on the problem of the bureaucratic that the Soviet people are doing would give way to socialist so and have already registered equality with the growth of so-The regeneration of the So-

bureaucratic structure to farmers. Inequality of income

viet Union would bring new some interesting developments in the Forums. So they are do- will on the Soviet people through a political revolution? lieves that every genuine parwhich deserve mention before I off their members from such nomic and political power," Hu- that it does. They write: "The port the efforts of the Soviet on artistic expression and aboberman and Sweezy write that Trotskyites have come closest people to win further reforms. lition of the caste system in Within the framework of such the military. Finally, it would USSR have every opportunity under Stalin for the sake of ism. In short, as Trotsky wrote in 1937, it is a question "of changing the very methods of However, it should be recog-

the efforts of the Soviet work- guilding the culture of the coun-

Such sweeping changes would lary-no political confidence in spell the end of the reactionary, any section of the bureaucrat- privilege - seeking bureaucratic ture while at the same thering illusions about the reaucracy against another to

inevitably force the process of

In the meantime, every reparticipate effectively in mak- ers gives them added strength sions that control their lives." correspondingly. Thus every vic-

Lead Wage Struggle

Eighty-thousand Ceylonese

government workers walked

off their jobs, Nov. 20, halt-

ing Ceylon's rail transport,

trolley service, cutting off,

power supplies over the entire island and slowing work

at the port of Colombo. The

N.Y. Times, Nov. 21, under

a headline, "Regime and Trot-

skyite Unions in Test of

ciety." must not only spring from the people; it must also live the life of the people." (Emphasis **Ceylon Trotskyists**

Strength," reported the strugof consumers goods. gle of 23 unions. Strikers are The rebirth of such socialist instruments of the masses would demanding a minimum wage increase from the equivalent bring democratic discussion of economic problems. It would of 29 cents an hour to 49 ead to a radical revision of cents. Premier Bandaranaike production planning in the inrose from a sick-bed for an terests of the toilers so as to emergency three-hour cabinet meeting with representatives improve the harsh conditions of of the strikers. Schools were the workers and peasants generally. It would mean a democlosed and evening editions of cratic reorganization of the the newspapers failed to apfarm collectives to reflect the pear. will and needs of the working

Why 'Von Harridge' Won't Confess

Last week one of the five Boston Smith Act victims who won dismissal of indictment, Sidney Lipshires, urged the release of Smith Act victims Green and Winston in the U.S. and the release of political prisoners in the Soviet orbit. Among those he named was the noted East German Communist intellectual, Professor Wolfgang Harich, who drew a ten-year term for circulating a document among Party tops calling for a program of de-Stalinization. In quoting Lipshires, a Boston paper misspelled the name as "Harridge." This misspelling was carried over in the Daily Worker report.

The only "Harridge" that rings a bell with us is the past president of baseball's American League, and he has obviously nothing to do with the case. But the lack of any knowledge of a "Harridge" in East Germany didn't get in the way of a couple of old-school Stalinist hatchet men working Lipshires over in the DW letters column for his defense of "Harridge." (To his credit, DW staff writer Lester Rodney wrote a vigorous letter in support of Lipshires' × 140 100 stand.)

One letter-writer demanded to know where Lipshires came off defending "counter-revolutionary, anti-Socialist activities of people like. . . Harridge." Things got even better the next day when another letter writer wrote that "Von Harridge" was jailed for "organizing a counter-revolution in East Germany," and that "written material published here and elsewhere and not repudiated by Von Hanich[!] confirms

To reduce this way of thinking to its essence! "Harich," "Harridge," "Von Harridge" or "Von Hanich" - the letter writers may not know who he is - but if he's in an East Geman jail, he must be guilty.



FOUR HUNGARIAN WRIT-1 Chinese students over a certain ERS were given jail terms by age. Large Chinese minorities the Hungarian Supreme Court, are common in many South East Nov. 13, on charges ranging from Asian cities and discrimination incitement against the state to against them is sometimes gov. attempted overthrow of the ernment policy as in Malava and government. All were prominent the Philippines.

Communist writers who participated in the Hungarian revolution a year ago. Tibor Dery, CHINESE STUDENTS, to the once listed in the Soviet Ency- encouraging sound of drums and clopedia as a leading writer of gongs at public demonstrations, "Socialist realism," was given a have signed up by the thounine-year term. He is 63 years sands and probably by the hunform gained by the Soviet work- old. Gyula Hay, 56, Kossuth dred thousands, to be "transprize winner, was given six ferred" to work in collective Tardos were given three years ers, university employees, 'and and 18 months respectively.

* * *

scientific farming graduates are also joining this exodus to the country. There is a crucial lag WORKERS COUNCILS IN in farm production after the HUNGARY were abolished Nov. rapid and relatively peaceful

* *

19 by the Kadar regime. Regional collectivization of farms. At the workers councils were outlawed same time, the universities have just one year age when Sandor recently been centers of student Racz, 23-year-old chairman of the protest and ideological opposi-Budapest Central Workers Countion. . . The Peiping regime apcil was arrested, but they con- parently aims to solve two probtinued to function in separate lems with one answer.

factories until the recent decree. They are to be replaced by "factory councils" composed two THE ITALIAN SOCIALIST thirds of Stalinist officials and PARTY, headed by Pietro Nenni, one third of workers in the plant. has made a sharp turn back to-The fate of Racz is still unknown. The Soviet publication ward close collaboration with the Pravda Ukrainy has denounced Communist Party following the producers is anarchistic."

workers councils saying the launching of the Sputniks Last "idea of putting administration December, Nenni criticized the of production in the hands of Kremlin action in Hungary and advocated complete severance of * * * ties between his group and the MALAYAN POLICE used tear CP. A few days before the against Chinese school launching of Sputnik I, leaders. children who had barricades of Nenni's party cautioned its themselves inside an assembly members to be "circumspect" in hall in Penang, Nov. 14, to protest government discrimina- their celebration of the 40th antion against the Chinese minor- niversary of the Russian Revolue ity in the Federation of Malaya. tion. After the launching, how-Strikes, processions and mass ever, Nenni proposed an electoral meetings by Chinese students pact between his group and the occurred the same day in the capital, Kuala' Lumpur. The im- CP next spring, and his followmediate issue was a government ers were "vigorously conspicuous" ruling refusing education to in the Nov. 7 celebrations.



Do these reforms invalidate through the opening crevices in **Bipartisan Buddies** in original.)

For the Soviet people to advance to this goal, they must have the necessary social and political vehicles. The democratically elected workers' councils (Soviets), which were smashed by Stalin, must be re-

vived. All Soviet parties must be legalized. The trade unions must again become independent instruments of the working class. Democratic consumer cooperatives should be organized to control the price and quality

And, they add, "privileged mi-ple reduces the overhead cost Leadership in the good society in the march to the "good so-

Whoever else may be trying twelve months, snows to 'capture' the Forums, nobody ferment continues, and that concan say the Communist Party sistent and patient work to peris. So far as I know, none of suade dissidents that there is a the other socialist groups has very different kind of commuseen fit to forbid its members nism, both in theory and in to take part in Forum discus- practice, from the Stalinist persions. King Street's [CP head- version of it, does get results.

ics, to impress on working-class years' celebrations. .

ism. Not that the Stalinists Fund last month was so poor-

have taken up the polemical that the paper is faced with "one

cudgels against Thompson, Sa- of our deadliest deficits." These,

ville and Co. in their press. one would have thought, are

room that it is not opportune a powerful and influential com-

to put in writing. And the flight munist movement in Britain lies

What really worries the lead- and more of their followers.

quarters] obscurantist anxiety SLANDERS A'PLENTY to keep its rank and file in a The Stalinists, if they lack tain lack of confidence some- ideas and arguments, do not lack where, in spite of Sputniks."

FEAR MARXIST CRITICS

King Street.

labels and slanders. The dissenters are branded as "antiparty." This accusation comes And indeed, at the back of from gentlemen under whose di-

Symbolizing the restored bipartisan foreign policy is Stevenson's (left) new position as consultant to Sec'y of State Dulles. Their offices are opposite each other.

Where Danger Comes From

(Continued from page 1)

these new sanctions being im- rection the party has lost thouposed on critics is the fear of sands of its most active and Union has operational Intercontact between the ordinary party member and, not just any old, critics of Stalinism, but very important distinction. It London last weekend was at- of minutes. To put U.S. bombers was ridiculously easy for the tended by a mere handful of the now stationed there into the Stalinists to point to the way- hard core, who foregathered in air a minimum 15-minute alert the New Reasoner school of crit- deed than the venues of past from five to ten minutes to reach its target.

That is why NATO will take for a non-class, abstract human- the response to its Fighting tion of ballistic missile bases in Europe. And that is also why report puts it, is "definitely toshift, however, tends to move to the right of some of the more through the exposure of these the line of fire in any war has been a useful weapon for men, whose bankruptcy is steadi- from the nations close to the in claiming that the Soviet Un- chasing Middle East feudal

> of the United States. SPEED OF ICBM



question of the Inter-Continental and the State Department. Ken- The liberal N.Y. Post editors Ballistic Missile. U.S. intelli- nan has criticized in speeches are concerned with the propagence reports that the Soviet and articles the "over-militari- ganda war that they consider Union has already fired suc- zation of our thinking about neglected. On Nov. 13 they critcessfully two ICBM's with a the 'cold war.'" In a Nov. 17 icized Eisenhower's second "chinrange of 5,000 miles. The U.S. speech over the British radio, up" speech in Oklahoma for has fired none. The ICBM takes he repeated his view that the the President's almost exclusive less than half-an-hour to reach Soviet "threat" was more po-its target. Given a 15-minute litical than military. (In the President pleaded that they alert, U.S. bombers could get past Kennan has warned the [U.S. armed forces] would nevoff the ground, at least. But, State Department against a perer be used for aggression, what right now, facilities for de-spective of trying to change the have we told the rest of mantecting ballistic missiles and Soviet system by "government-kind of our offensive strategy flashing warnings are consid-al" action. In effect he was tax- to break the bleak diplomatic ered far from adequate." ing Dulles with war-like aims deadlock?"

In the race for missiles the against the Soviet Union at the U.S. expected to take the lead- very time that Republicans and WILL RUSSIA

as it did with the A-bomb and Democrats alike were charging GIVE US THE EXCUSE?

H-Bomb. The fact that the the USSR with aggressive in-USSR made the technical break- tentions toward the rest of the editors ask, "What good are all from the Soviet Union then what should be withdrawn until the front of Central High can openly through first is now illogically world.) The editors of the N.Y. Times, the Russians never give us the World War III? used as proof of the ruthless-Nov. 8, depicted the Soviet excuse to use them? What are ness of Soviet militarism. The Soviet Union undoubted "threat," not as one of direct the instruments waging peace?

ly concentrated considerable sci-|military conquest-nor even of |What explosive force does Amerentific and economic effort on stirring the masses in capital- ica have to deflect the progress the missiles race, enough to give ist countries to revolution. "The of a tyrannous ideology so clevit at least a temporary lead. Kremlin rulers no longer ap- erly wrapped in idealistic pre-However this does not prove peal to the masses for a rev- tensions?" To the Post, then, old critics of Stainism, but Soviet Union whose doth an entry an base in purper that it has plans for launch-olution from below," said the the "menace" is ideological. Times. "Rather, they now prop- Vice President Nixon is con-The U.S. also has a powerful agate a revolution from above cerned that the U.S. should win military machine. Until recently, by bribing or subverting ruling an economic competition in the Stalinists to point to the way- hard core, who foregathered in is required. The IRBM takes the U.S. held the military-tech- politicians, military leaders and undeveloped nations. The N.Y. nical lead. The U.S. used its a few influential intellectuals Times reports that Nixon, Nov. lead to build military bases all ostensibly in support of the lat- 13, said that "the 'major danaround the Soviet Union-some ter's own ambition but ultimate- ger' confronting the free world communists their abandonment of It comes from leaders whose up that is why indition of the construction on its very borders. Without iv, of course, for their undoing. was not the Soviet Union's milthe IRBM or the ICBM, U.S. That is the method they now itary strength but its 'cold war' forces have been within easy attempt to use in the Middle activities." Both Nixon and the trend, as the N.Y. Times statiking range of all Soviet East and elswhere. And this is Dulles at this conference called

> aid and more sacrifices from Furthermore, U.S. policy mak- Soviet strategy applies perfect-U.S. capitalism have not abanders are by no means unanimous ly to their own strategy of puroned their claims about the Soion threatens war. For example, rulers like King Hussein of Jor-

> there is a fundamental dif- dan and King Saud of Saudi ference on this question between Arabia. In these terms the Soing arms expenditures that are George F. Kennan, former U.S. viet "menace" amounts to who

> > are being challenged within their when the Soviet "war danger" would appear most imminent. Just at the point when the U.S. has lost primacy - no mat-Soviet Union in the missile race,

to launch a global conflict. These weighty challenges to

(First of a series)



(Continued from page 1) On Oct. 20 N. Y. Times carjustice of the ringleaders of the ried a story from Washington

that was the tip-off that the govanti-Negro violence. Here is the record of federal ernment had abandoned the inretreat as chronicled by the daily tention of prosecution. Reportnewspapers: "Another federal ing the thinking of the Justice judge was assigned to Little Rock Department, the story told how today as the government speed- extremely difficult it was to ed preparations to indict agita- prepare conspiracy cases against tors in the Central High School the Little Rock racists and how case" (N. Y. Times, Oct. 1). . . unlikely it would be to get an "One possible weapon still un- Arkansas grand jury to indict.

That the abandonment was used by the White House is the dossier of 400 to 500 pages pre- motivated politically, not legally, pared by the FBI on racial can be seen from the fact that agitation in Little Rock. . . If the indictments need not be for this file should lead in any pos- conspiracy but could be of in-Certainly the spokesmen for sible way into Gov. Faubus's dividuals under another federal official family" (Oct. 4, Christian statute. Moreover, Faubus and Science Monitor). . . "the Eisen- the mob leaders could be imviet "war threat." If for no other hower administration intends to mediately tried for contempt of reason, these claims are needed destroy the core of racial agita- the two federal injunctions to justify continued and mount- tion in Little Rock by prosecut- against interference with ining the ringleaders of the mobs tegration at Central High vital to sustaining production in that tried to obstruct integration School. There is ample evidence. this country. Yet these claims at the high school" (N. Y. Times, Photographs of identifiable mob-Oct. 6). . . "Although the situa- sters kicking and slugging Neown ranks at the very moment tion is quieting, thoughtful civic groes appeared in almost every leaders have no illusion that the newspaper in the world; the trouble is over. They feel it victims themselves can identify would be a tragic mistake for some of their assailants. Finally federal troops to pull out before there were police and FBI ofter how temporarily - to the the ringleaders of the mob are ficers in the crowd, were they punished. They warn that if the blind?

authoritative Big Business poli-| Justice Department is unable or | Small wonder that Faubus, and ticians are in effect challenging unwilling to punish the mobsters the racists are again imbued with the thesis that the USSR wants then there is virtually no hope of self-confidence. They feel imenforcing integration in Little mune to prosecution. The rest of Rock." (N.Y. Times, October the white community senses this the "official" U.S. line serve to 13). . . "Although no civic leader and many jump onto the winning throw a big cloud over it and would go on record as saying bandwagon, while the disapthat the reduction [in the number | provers lapse into silence. When necessarily poses the question: that the reduction in the name every white supremacist who And, significantly, the Post If the war threat does not spring ture, some felt that no troops slugged or kicked a Negro in these instruments of death if is the source of the drive toward leaders of the adult white mobs parade as a hero, is it unexwho rioted in front of the school pected that impressionable white on Sept. 23 were, convicted." (N. children beat up Negro students. Y. Times, Oct. 15). inside the school?





ville and Co. in their press, one would have thought, are of SAC's [Strategic Air Com-But much is said in the branch the "liquidators." The road to of SAC's [Strategic Air Com-for an extraordinary affort to NV Times ditus from the the American people to pay for mand] striking force from the for an extraordinary effort to N.Y. Times editors from noting the higher cost of the cold war.

ly becoming apparent to more Soviet Union to the home-ground

THE MILITANT



all that into its opposite — and objective regardless of private see nothing there that is so- interests. The comparable program in the United States has The matter stems from the 9

Rosenberg spy trial back in 1951 uneasy about many aspects of (pre-Brownell). It is not gen- the case and have haunting erally remembered that one doubts that the integrity of Morton Sobell was convicted in justice was fully preserved in it.

the same trial, and is doing 30 Two petitions, one wholly new in years in Alcatraz. The depart- its legal basis, now pend before ment rather tenuously linked him the United States supreme court. to the Rosenbergs with less than So Brownell, last December conclusive evidence, which, how- ordered a study to be made, apever, the jury had no trouble parently reviewing and rearguing believing in those panicky times. the whole Rosenberg-Sobell case Sobell's wife and an organized and setting forth the governgroup of backers have not ceased mant's rebuttal to the many to try to get his case reopened. questions raised about it. And ..

document — then and now still

unpublished by the department - appeared in a national maga-

Page 3

The magazine, whose claims, have not been denied, called its article an "exclusive preview" of the official report, made possible because its reporter "was aided by" and "worked along with" the government attorneys and "was given access" to their data! The question asks itself: How come? Actually, this "first real story" of the case was oversold. It is

The Committee To Save The mainly a mere rehash of the his-Five Spanish Sailors won its tory and the testimony, with a union movement here today munist charges" (the old smear when the United Auto Workers technique) that Sobell might just

their ship in San Diego hoping propriety and indiscretion of the fascism in Mexico, ously propagandizing just as the present government of Spain. court — and in an exclusive deal, The Mexican government has at that, to let one particular granted them asylum, but the publication exploit its files.

well take some notice of it.

Professor Sharp To Speak in Mpls.

Malcolm P. Sharp of Chicago, will speak on "Was Justice Done to Morton Sobell?" on

Stalinists. He wrote a letter Dr. Dwight L. Bolinger, the Un-i Mr. Sharp, a professor of

Writer and the Commissar," tice committed by his own govcurrently featured in Prospectus ernment in the United States. silent "concerning injustice in magazine. We did so because of He asks Soviet writers why my own land." It was loud on can labor movement. The methods of the the valuable portrayal Fast they were silent when Feffer the side of injustice.

port must be given to Socialist own voice ever silent concern-Workers Party victims of the There is another matter in ing injustice in my own land? Fast's article requiring com- In the name of all that is holy victims, Fast sided with the week. It was spearheaded by Hotel, Minneapolis. ment. That is the section deal- to you, my Russian colleagues, ing with Soviet writers. In where were your voices when to the New York Daily Com- versity of California Spanish Law at the University of Chitices Code" in an attempt to silence a telling about Stalin's murder of murder walked in your land?"

In the Nov. 11 and 18 Mili- the noted Yiddish poet Itzik resistance to bureaucratic sup-

Fast says, "Yes, we [i.e. the

cialist in character.

forty-year history of the Soviet developments have not strenghen- rivalries but by contracts let out

present nature," Warde said, "it eaucracy and is shaking its ruling carefully kept business secrets

Five young, Spanish seamen, who jumped ship in San Diego to flee Spanish fascism by going to Mexico, are being held by the U.S. for deportation back to Spain. Shown with them is ACLU attorney A. L. Wirin (front right). Als o aiding is UAW. Local 216 and a newly-formed defense committee. (See story, this page.)

step.

In its first use in Wisconsin, the AFL-CIO "Ethical Practices Code" has been invoked to oust a young union militant from his union posts because he spoke out against a bureaucratic violation of union democracy. [See story on page 1.] The sinister implications of the Senate labor probe is clearly revealed in this case. It was in response to the McClellan committee's activities that the AFL-CIO executive council adopted the Code as the answer to publicity about corruption in the labor movement.

Wayne Leverenz, a 25 year-old Milwaukee packinghouse worker against whom the code was invoked, is not a "corrupt element" by any stretch of the imagination. He is a socialist militant of completely unchallenged personal honesty and union loyalty. His "crime" in the eyes of some bureaucrats in the Milwaukee labor movement, is that he spoke out against excluding people from the proposed new county AFL-CIO central labor body because of their political beliefs.

spoke and his ouster reflect the fact that the government-manufactured witch hunt is still eating at the vitals of the Amerilabor probers and are camouflaged with a At the same time we stated our hypocritical hue and cry against corrup-citing specifically his adharance Vontilit and States] killed Sacco and sisted, in opposition to the Comtion.

crats, who fear free speech and union democracy as Khrushchev fears workers' councils, made use of the "Ethical Pracdissenting voice. The Code, which has been highly publicized as a device against corhighly publicized as a device against corruption, turns out to contain a weapon against the arch-enemy of corruption the militant unionist who fights for union democracy. We can expect similar results from government regulation masquerading as "protection of the rank and file." The fight against the witch hunt. against government interference in union affairs, and for union democracy is part and parcel of the fight for a class-struggle program in the unions.

ment at this time. The voting trends in- is imperative to grasp its highly group to its foundation. As the and profit motivations." dicate a growing potential for a mass contradictory features and the sputnik went up, Zhukov went A lively question and discusbreakthrough to the left, but not yet its dual character of its institutions. down. And even students of audience were students, others dual character of its institutions. down. And even before the sion period revealed many in the actuality. For no problem confronting any see only its favorable sides - around the earth, other of its unreconstructed Stalinists and

section of the working people or of the or prefer to see nothing but them. satellites in Eastern Europe had many others were individuals middle classes can be resolved through the For them its imperfections are tried to wrench themselves loose seriously re-examining Democratic Party, which - like the Re-

For the very fact that the top union of.

ficialdom kept labor subservient to the

leftward shift in popular political senti-

publican Party - serves the interest of Big Business exclusively.

for the Democratic Party.

The key to a decisive change in the political situation in America lies with the union militants carrying through a break with the Democratic Party and forming a party of the working people a Labor Party - that will have the Negro people, the farmers and city middle classes as their firm allies.

"The first great step of importance for every country newly entering into the movement [of opposition to capitalist] rule] is always the constitution of the workers as an independent political party, no matter how, so long as it is a distinct

workers' party," wrote Frederick Engels in 1886 with special reference to American political problems. The American working class - well organized economically — has still to achieve this first great



Democratic Party Gains

Recent elections in Wisconsin (in August) and in New York and New Jersey earlier this month indicate a definite shift of voters to the Democratic Party.

The first signs of economic recession are proving enough to occasion the voter shift. In addition the sputnik crisis is bringing sharp popular dissatisfaction with the Republican Administration to the fore.

What is noteworthy is that the shift is to the Democratic Party - traditionally regarded as a party of liberal reforms. No important section of the population at this time seeks to express dissatisfaction through extreme reactionary channels such as McCarthyism represented a few years ago. Indeed, in Wisconsin, a liberal Democrat won the election hands down in a race to determine the successor to McCarthy's Senate seat.

Since McCarthyism reached its peak in 1952-1954, the change in the political climate in the country has been registered by Supreme Court decisions in the field of civil liberties and civil rights. The shift in that direction has also brought ascendancy to a more liberal wing in the Republican Party.

In the current voting swing to the Democrats, it is middle class voters who are crossing over, as well as those workers who in the 1956 national elections had voted for the Republicans. Given no other means of expressing their dissatisfaction

The "Ethical Code" at Work thought control and discrimination, is at the bottom of our inability to organize the South and to move our members into union activities up here in the North." Both the clause against which Leverenz

McCarthyites have been adopted by the gives of the Communist Party. and others were slaughtered.

In this case, some high-handed bureau- "peaceful co-existence."

Five Spanish

Com-

Just as Herbert Brownell retires, his department is

found to have been playing strange games again, raising a new cloud over its judiciousness and public demeanor.

They are supported by a number suddenly last month, what purof conscientious citizens, includ- ports to be the substance of this ng legal scholars, who are

zine!

rundown of retorts to "the Compossibly have been railroaded. It is not so great a scoop as advertised, but that's by the way.

The issue is the gross imjustice department in so obvimatter comes before the high

Sobell's attorneys quite propprocedure. And the court might

holding them at Chula Vista erly invited the supreme court's and threatening to return attention to this extraordinary

case.

Fast and Injustice in U.S.

tant, we printed excerpts from Feffer - Fast claims that, at pression of writers in the So- them to Franco's tyranny. The Howard Fast's article, "The least, he (Fast) fought injus- viet Union. But not so long ago

citing specifically his adherence Vanzetti, but our own cry went munist Party leaders, that sup- the case. to the Stalinist concept of out to haunt the world. Was my

Franco's

"were financially supported ACLU.

Union Backing By Della Rossa LOS ANGELES, Nov. 14 first support from the local

Local 216 (General Motors) voted to give \$25 to help the

The five young Spaniards left to find political asylum from which does not recognize the U.S. Immigration Service is

American Civil Liberties Union -in 1949-Fast's voice was not of Southern California is appealing their case in the courts. The next hearing will be held in Los Angeles before the Dis-When civil-liberties cham- trict Court of Appeals on Dec.



mittee to support the five sail- Thursday evening, December 5, Smith Act as well as to CP ors was announced here this 8:00 P.M., at the Learnington

stages of the Rosenberg-Sobell

Sailors Get

". . . Actually, all these recent not only been impeded by service

munist Party positions.

cialist Workers Party head other extreme. Having taken the national resources to be

Democratic Party set rigid limits to the Union, and properly appraise its ed but weakened the Soviet bur- to separate firms with their

episodic and insignificant and all from Moscow's orbit.

quarters here tonight to observe what existed in the Soviet Union mobilized and concentrated on the 40th anniversary of the Rus- as pure socialism, they now turn the attainment of a crucial social with the Republicans they cast their vote sian revolution. The speaker was

"In order to understand the

William F. Warde.

Said Leverenz: "Exclusion and corruption are closely related. A study of the Teamsters Union and Beck's rise clearly demonstrates this fact. . . Failure to get at the real needs of unity, to end political

Amnesty for Smith Act Victims

A Christmas amnesty appeal has been issued for the two remaining Smith Act victims still locked in prison. These two are Henry Winston and Gilbert Green. They have already served nearly two years and face another six years in jail on charges of violation of the Smith Act and contempt of court unless President Eisenhower can be convinced of the need for justice.

The irony of the imprisonment of Winston and Green is that the Smith Act, the law that sent them to prison, has since been put into question by the Supreme Court of the United States. Decision of the high court early this year reversed the trial decisions of Smith Act cases basically the same as the prosecution's case against Winston and Green. Were they to be tried now, it is virtually certain that convictions could not be obtained.

The Supreme Court, of course, curbed the government's oppressive power under the Smith Act only after more than a decade and a half had passed and after many had already been convicted and served their terms in full. Starting with the imprisonment of 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers Party and the Minneapolis Teamster's Union, the government

San Francisco Debate

"The Method of Historical Materialism" -For and Against. Affirmative: Joseph Hansen, editor International Socialist Review. Negative: Leonard Asher, Prof. of Economics S. F. State College. Fri., Dec. 6, 8 P.M. 150 Golden Gate. Ausp.: Independent Socialist Forum of S. F.

used the Smith Act to imprison working class opponents of its war policies.

When the first Smith Act convictions were brought before the court, instead of using the trial as a means of testing the constitutionality of this new and repressive law, the court refused to review the after December 1st. Allentown Germany. case and give an opinion. The Justices reached 100% well ahead of turned their backs despite the fact that are also well out in front with passage of this law had been opposed by the labor movement and civil liberties lett, in commenting on the neces- have only 68%. Detroit, Twin organizations. Without any Supreme Court opinion on the Smith Act, this law then was used to fire up the witch hunt after fund as well as the progress in the deadline on Dec. 1. World War II, with a series of trials of raising it, notes that Chicago was the result and civil liberties, guarwhom are contributing for the sity Place, New York 3, N. Y. anteed by the constitution, were undermined.

The belated and only partial intervention of the Supreme Court to restore some of the civil liberties, however, still has failed to give freedom to Winston and Green. The mills of justice, indeed, grind slowly.

Neither Green nor Winston were convicted of committing a crime. As in all the Smith Act cases they were jailed for their political opinions. And no one can consider himself free as long as anyone can be jailed and kept there on the basis of ideas.

We urge all Militant readers to support the amnesty appeal issued for Winston and Green by writing or telegraphing Eisenhower before Christmas. Another prisoner should be included in this amnesty appeal. That is Irving Potash who is serving a jail term, not under the Smith Act violation, but on an issue that grew out of Smith Act persecutions.

Three Cities Reach 100 Pct. **But Fund Is Still Lagging**

Fund Scoreboard

Quota

\$ 600

102

250

1.800

1,560

300

825

600

1,584

4.000

240

480

450

500

240

80

\$18,111

4,500

By Constance Farr National Campaign Director

City

Cleveland

Allentown

Milwaukee

Youngstown

Twin Cities

Los Angeles

Philadelphia

New York

San Francisco

Totals thru Nov. 20

Buffalo

Chicago

Detroit

Boston

Newark

Seattle

Oakland

St. Louis

General

| first time. "One worker who has charged that his membership come close to us in the recent period contributed \$50." violent overthrow of the gov-

Since the last fund campaign ernment." Fast, in his 1949 let- University of California at Los cure Justice for Morton Sobell. We received a check for \$130 with a jubilant, note attached story, there have been two more ter to the Compass, backed the Angeles; Bishop James C. Bakpublications brought out: "The government frame-up with the er; Prof. Frank Baxter; Atty. from the campaign director, Class Struggle Road to Negro false statement that Kutcher George Bodle; Rabbi Israel Chowhich puts Cleveland at the top Equality," and "If America had "said quite frankly that he dos; L. A. County Supervisor of the scoreboard with 110%. Should Go Communist," by Leon supported the overthrow of the Kenneth Hahn; Paul Jacobs, a The fund director reports that writer for The Reporter; Atty. everyone is very pleased "at our Trotsky. government by force and vi-Henry Lopez; Prof. Jeronimo going so far over the top, and News that a German edition olence." Mallo: Prof. Kenneth MacGowan;

two weeks ahead of the dead- of "The Revolution Betrayed." is IT WAS EASIER HERE line." Best of all, he adds that now being published is indicative Kutcher has since won back the Negro weekly, The Califorthere will be more to come. of the world-wide demand for his job thanks to the widespread nia Eagle; Edwin Sanders; and Milwaukee, the first city to the works of Leon Trotsky. Durreach 100%, also sends us the ing the period of the fascist support of a large part of the Mayor Albert Isen of Torrance,

Paid

102.00

250.00

1.623.00

1,410.00

225.00

612.00

428.00

1,076.00

2.543.25

145.00

259.00

180.00

200.00

100.00

157.85

\$12,263.00

12.00

2.235:90

\$ 704.00

Percent

110

100

100

90

90

75

74

71

68

64

60

54

49

40

40

24

15

68

welcome news that they will be terror under Hitler, all the works labor movement, the ACLU and Calif. This committee also intends to sending in additional money of Trotsky were destroyed in other defenders of civil liberties. raise at least \$7,000 toward le (He still hasn't won back the Our Press and Publications eight years of pay that he lost gal expenses of the case.

The spokesman for the five schedule. Chicago and Buffalo Fund is still lagging behind. in fighting for justice.) But in sailors who appeared before the With only two more weeks to these two cases of injustice, 90% paid in. The Chicago Cam- go, we should have 86% of the Fast joined the persecutors, not UAW Local 216, said that the real reason the sailors were bepaign Fund Director, Ray Fol- total quota instead of which we the persecuted. If Fast could not find his ing held illegally by the U.S. was not the 1902 treaty with sity for stressing again and again Cities, Boston have assured us way to take the side of these Spain but the campaign by the the needs of the publications that they will have 100% by victims of injustice in the U.S., U.S. State Department to build where by taking such a stand Readers of The Militant who he risked neither prison nor friendship with Franco in order Communist Party leaders. Political fear has had a good response from wish to contribute should send death, by what right does he to establish U.S. air bases in contacts in this drive, some of their donations to 116 Univer- grow indignant at the silence Spain. She said it was up to of his colleagues in the Soviet the labor movement to protest our tradition of Union? The t especially when

of his Soviet to support their voices o regime. cution of wri tells how Fef

tempt to sav writer from Stalin's jails. Both Fast

Communist have expresse own past sabo civil liberties comed this ch to urge unit defense of a tims. No one breast-beating But we can a est people to straight.

Have you sent in a contribution to the Socialist Press and Publications Fund? If not do so today. Address it to 116 University Pl., New York 3, N. Y.

Called the Committee To Free Case, and has an intimate, firstby the German Nazi movement." The U.S. government fired The Five Spanish Sailors, it is hand knowledge of the facts and James Kutcher, the legless vet- composed of prominent local many of the personalities ineran, from his Veterans Admin- people who are organizing a volved in the case. He wrote the istration job in 1948 because nationwide campaign to publi- book, "Was Justice Done? of his admitted membership in cize the case. The Rosenberg - Sobell Case," With Dr. Bolinger on the com- with an introduction by the emithe SWP. The government

Atty. Loren Miller, publisher of

mittee are Dr. Rufus B. Von nent scientist Harold C. Urey. constituted the "advocay of the Kleinsmid, former Chancellor of The meeting is sponsored by USC; Prof. Jose Baracia, of the the Minnesota Committee to Se-

American Forum **Calls** Conference

The American Forum for Socialist Education will hold a New York conference "America's Future in the Age of Automation and Atomic Energy" Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Great Northern Hotel, 118 W. 57th St. Morning nanels, from 11 to one, will deal with trade union, youth and cultural problems. Afternoon panels, from 2:30 to 5, will discuss socialism and democracy, and political action. The closing session, from 5 to 5:30 will hear an address by A. J. Muste. Registration fee for the conference is \$1. A reception honoring A. J. Muste for his work in furthering political discussion on the basis of non-exclusion will take place Friday evening, Dec. 6 at 8:30 P. M. in the Crystal Room of the Great Northern Hotel. Contribution \$2.50.

	¢21001
In Defense Of Marxism	Quantiana
	Questions
By Leon Trotsky	For the Left
11 pp. \$2.75	FUL ING LOIL
Struggle for a Proletarian Party	, By Sidney Lens Introduction by A. J. Muste. Comments by John Dickinson, T i m Wohlforth, Stephen Grattan, Farell Dobbs, Conrad
By James P. Cannon 02 pp. \$2.75	Lynn, Albert E. Blumberg. Published by
wo books dealing with the uilding of a revolutionary ocialist party in the United tates.	American Forum — For Socialist Education 29 pages 25 cents Order from:
PIONEER PUBLISHERS 116 University Place New York 3, N. Y.	PIONEER PUBLISHERS 116 University Place New York 3, N. Y.

the

ruth is that some colleagues did find against the perse- iters. Fast himself fer died in his at-	the junking of o political asylum, it is junked t anti-labor Franco
ve another Jewish being murdered in	In De
and the American Party leadership ed regret at their stage of the SWP's . The SWP wel- ange and continues ted action in the .11 witch-hunt vic- wants or expects over what is past. and do expect hon- by keep the record	
	l'aro boorg do



Xmas Book Bargains

Use this ad as your order form

GIANT IN CHAINS by Barrows Dunham. A Marxist account of the meaning and history of philosophy. In popular style, not professional jargon Intensely interesting and witty book. (Originally \$3.75) \$1.50

(plus 15e imailing charge) (TRAITOR OR PATRIOT. The Life and Death of Sir Roger Casement. By Denis Gwynn. Story of the man who became a humanitarian hero by his exposes of imperialist exploitation of colonial people in Belgian Congo and South America and who was hanged by British during World War I

for his efforts in behalf of Irish Revolution. Originally \$3.50. Now \$1.25 (plus 15c) () THE STORY OF MY LIFE BY THE STORY OF MY LIFE by Clarence Darrow. Amer-ica's most famous lawyer and the story of the many labor cases he defended (paper cov-

ers) \$1.45 (plus 10c) THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF ART by Arnold Hauser. Famous and expensive work now

available in paper covers. Vol. I \$1.25 (plus 10c)

with the same period as back-

THE REVOLUTION BE-By Marx and Engels TRAYED (cloth) \$3.00 (plus 15) (((paper) \$2.00 (plus 15c) () IN DEFENSE OF MARXISM (cloth) \$2.75 (plus 15c) (THADDEUS STEVENS by Ralph Korngold. Magnificent biography of the great figure of Radical Reconstruction. (Originally \$6.00) \$2.00 (plus 15c) KARL LIEBKNECHT by Karl

THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN **COMMUNISM** by Theodore Draper. Valuable for its pains-taking research into early history of American Commu-nist Party. \$6,75 (plus 20c) () THE NEGRO FAMILY IN THE U.S. by E. Franklin Frazier. sociological classic. (Originally \$5.00 \$1.95 (plus 15c)

BLACK BOURGEOISIE by E. Franklin Frazier. A scathing study and indictment. (Orig-

the entire span of her fivea legitimate union. About 80 ad-ditional workers joined the nously. Then, at about 4:30, it TURNED BACK tracks. THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAP-Vol. II \$1.25 (plus 10c) (THE DEVELOPMENT OF V. I. ITALISM IN RUSSIA by V. I. "Guns, month life there, died there. Instead, we went home. And THE THREEPENNY NOVEL HISTORY OF AMERICAN TROTSKYISM by James P. we carried in our nostrils the picketing and were fired the fol- burst loudly into flame. (A nextby Bertolt Brecht. Not the Another man spoke up. "I heavy odor of something, of Not Butter" lowing Monday. The strikers are receiving some unofficial aid went 'Voom!") In moments Another man spoke up. "I heavy odor of something, of went in there once several many things, that had burned, Cannon (cloth) \$2.75 (plus 15c) () play but a full-length novel WHAT IS ECONOMICS? By Rosa Luxemburg (mimeographed, stiff covers). The only English translation. \$1.00 (plus 15c) receiving some unofficial aid from other unions in the area. They are demanding reinstate-up the stairs to the third floor, Hotel and pushed its way ground. Bitingly humorous al-(paper) (2.00 plus 15c) () legory on capidalist society and its ethics. (paper) \$1.75 RUSSIA 20 YEARS AFTER by They are demanding reinstate-enveloped, and the doomed in-I turned right back and went Hotel and pushed its way (Continued from page 1) Victor Serge. A veteran of the (plus, 10c) ment of all the fired workers habitants, most of them Ne- I turned right back and went through the odors of the cheme. October Revolution and Sta-THE FOUNDATION OF TWO PLAYS: CAUCASIAN CHALK CIRCLE and GOOD CHRISTIANITY by Karl Kautitems as public housing, veterans with no prejudice against those groes, began to die. lin's prisons draws the balical plants that lay upon the ance sheet of a revolution besky, A Marxist classic, (Origbenefits, farm development sub-They were: Mary Ewing, aged 27, and every one of her nesses to the condition of the they'd even bear my weight." who continue to seek legitimate trayed. (cloth) \$3.50 WOMAN OF SETZUAN by Berinally \$5.50) \$3.00 (plus 15c sidies and the school lunch pro-There were plenty of wit- air. union affiliation. tolt Brecht. Among the mos THE ECONOMIC BASIS OF remarkable dramas of our pe-riod. (paper) \$1.45 (plus 10c) gram. The picketers have so far suc-children, Howard, 9, Horace Jr., building. Mrs. Bertha Faulk told **POLITICS** by Charles Beard (paper) \$1.25 (plus 10c) (.) CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM At the same time Eisenhower ceeded in stopping production in 8, Arlene, 6, Belinda, 4, Gloria of having lived with her hus-ON TRIAL by Fritz Sternberg. (Originally \$7.00) \$2.50 (plus Calendar has declared that the "balanced" the plant. Some of the roughly Jean, 3, twins, Terry and Jerry, band for six years in a twomunist Party. \$6.75 plus 20c) CAPTAIN DREYFUS - The 30 production workers inside the 1, and Bonnie Patricia, 2 budget is no longer sacred and 15c) Story of a Mass Hysteria. By that deficit spending will be shop left immediately when the months. Horace Ewing, 35, the which they paid \$10 per week. THE JEWISH QUESTION-A THE STRANGE CAREER OF Nicolas Halasz. The famous anti-Semitic frameup. By analnecessary. Deficit spending is a NAACP contingent showed up husband, is hospitalized with In a Niagara Falls Gazette in-JIM CROW by C. Vann Wood-ward (paper) \$1.50 (plus 10c) **Of Events** MARXIST INTERPRETATION powerful stimulant to inflation, confronting the workers with the Workers Don't Scab," "Rank and of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Reid, Woltow 17 by A. Leon. Excellent history ogy it throws much light on the rise of McCarthyism in the nd analysis. (cloth) \$1.50 (plus 15c) (paper) \$1.00 (plus 15c) acute problem of keeping wages File Workers Must Fight For seven are gone: Walter, 17, ments frequently oozed up over U.S. (paper) \$1.45 (plus 10c) AUTOMATION AND SOCIAL Los Angeles acute problem of keeping wages somewhere in the vicinity of swiftly rising prices. The present Wagner Promised Aid To Anti-7, William, 3, Sanford Jr., 1, and wagner Promised Aid To Anti-7, William, 3, Sanford Jr., 1, and sink. She had been aware of fire for her PROGRESS by S. Lilley. (Orig-inally \$3.75) \$3.25 (plus 15c) TITO SPEAKS by Vlado Dedi-Friday, Nov. 29, 8:15 P. M. MAIN CURRENTS IN AMERjer. Biography of the Yugo-slav leader by his then sec-ICAN THOUGHT by V. L. Par government "sacrifice" propa-Racket Strikes," and "Exploita- Mary Louise, 5 months, Also the danger of fire, for her The Future of American Sorington. Required reading for THE LONG DUSK by Victor retary. (Originally \$3.50) \$1.00 cialism. Speaker: Murry Weiss, all students of American cul-Serge. A novel. Anti-fascist and anti-Stalinist refugees caught in France by Nazi inplus 15c) ture. (paper) Vol. I The Codead are two men, listed as apartment had only one door 1702 East 4th St. Auspices: Sor A leaflet signed by the Rank- "caretakers," John Jackson, 58, and one small window through THE HISTORY OF A LITdrive to hold wages down as an lonial Mind: 1620-1800. \$1.45 cialist Workers Party. ERARY RADICAL, By Rand. aneged means of "combatting" and-file Committee is headlined: and Jack Thomas Ellington, 55. alleged means of "combatting" (plus 10c), ()vasion. The beginnings of reolph Bourne. Essays by the talented American rebel of the Vol. II The Romantic Revolusistance movement. (Original-ly \$2.75) \$1.00 (plus 15c) () which one might escape. The "Help Us to Be Free." "Many We stared at the burnt out Faulks fortunately moved out military expenditures. The drive of us make just a little more hulk for a few moments. Then in America: 1800-1860. tion World War I World War I period. (Orig-inally \$3.75) \$1.65 (plus 15c) \$1.45 (plus 10c) THE STRUGGLE FOR A PRO-Minneapolis than \$1.00 per hour," says the a policeman came up and orin August. LETARIAN PARTY by James demands for reduction of the leaflet, "we've never seen our dered us away. We got back in-BLACK ANGER by Wulf Sachs We asked more questions and Thursday, Dec. 5, 8 P. M. -True account by a Viennes P. Cannon (cloth) \$2.75 (plus 15c) THE PHILOSOPHY OF HEGEL work week with no cut in pay 'union' contract, we never see our to the car and drove around the got more answers. We looked Malcolm P. Sharp, Prof. of Law, refugee doctor of his psycho by W. T. Stace. (cloth) \$3.98 (plus 15c) () (paper) \$1.98 (plus 15c) () analysis of a Negro worker in South Africa, and how the patient finds his own therapy (paper) \$2.00 (plus 15c) ('union' representatives, we have block. More and more police apover the pages of the Niagara Univ. of Chicago, will speak on AMERICAN LABOR STRUGproblem. never had any union meetings, peared as we drove. A number Falls Gazette. We found that "Was Justice Done to Morton GLES by Samuel Yellen. (pa-per) \$1.50 (plus 15c) () THE COMING OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION By alone in this drive to place the we don't even know where our of them had been clustered near some of the Negro families Sobell?" Learnington H ot el THE ESSENCE OF CHRISas a leader in the heroic but boycott in Johannesburg. (pa-per) \$1.75 (plus 10c) () **TIANITY** by Ludwig Feuer-bach. The book so important in development of Marx's evicted from Hyde Park Village Ausp. Minneapolis Committee to 'union's' office is." the front of the roped-off ruin. Georges Lefebvre (paper) \$.95 (plus 10c) burden of the ruinous "anti-sput-"Fellows who speak English Others patrolled the streets had managed to accumulate Secure Justice for Morton THE SHAME OF THE CITIES nik" on the backs of the workthoughts (paper) \$1.45 (plus like me," said a young Puerto nearby. We had the strange enough money for at least a by Lincoln Steffens. The fa-mous "muckraking" classic Sobell. Donation 50c. ers. Already the Democrats have 15c) down payment on a home. But Rican worker as he picketed last feeling that we were in an area HUNGARIAN TRAGEDY by DEVELOPMENT OF MONIST available in paper covers Shows the integral connection jumped into the fray by having Peter Fryer. The author was Hungarian correspondent for week, "make \$1.20 per hour of martial law. We parked again they were not wanted where VIEW OF HISTORY by G. V. Adlai Stevenson accept an ad-Fellows who don't, make \$1.00." and walked back to visit one they tried to buy. Plekhanov, A Marxist classic between business and crime that still explains political corthe London Daily Worker visory role to Dulles in a demon-New York Another worker discussing the employment agency said: "They Our host told us, "Sure, I which bears its formidable ti-Here is the eyewitness story stration of "bipartisanship." REPORT IGNORED tle because In Defense of Ma-terialism wouldnt get by the Sunday, Dec. 1, 8 P. M. ruption. \$1.25 (plus 10c) of the uprising his paper Almost simultaneously, UAW We found that a man named WHITE COLLAR-The Amerwouldn't print. (paper) \$1.00 told me I was going to make know that place. When I came Shane Mage, Editorial Board the Czarist censor. Long unavailican Middle Classes by C. Wright Mills. America's lead-President Reuther presumed to (plus 10c) . Ben Bolden, a storekeeper, had Young Socialist, will review ()able, \$1.35 (plus 15c) more money when they took the up from the South years ago, LABOR: FREE AND SLAVE pledge for American labor "every been a housing investigator in Imre Nagy's book. Auspices: FERDINAND LASALLE - Rofee than I did when I got paid. I looked at it. I had to get an ing sociologist studies the poby Bernard Mandel. Important historical study of labor and mantic Revolutionary by Da-vid Footman. An excellent bisacrifice necessary " in the arms 1937. At that time he found Militant Labor Forum. Contribulitical, economic and cultural They do that with everybody." apartment for my family. But Another took a new look at the when I went in there, I said to the Moonglow Hotel "unfit for position of middle class. (pa-per) \$1.75 (plus 10c) (race. anti-slavery movements (Orig-inally \$3.00) \$1.00 (plus (10c) tion: 50c. ography of the controversial German socialist pioneer. (Orig-While this reeactionary drive human habitation." He also While this recactionary drive function of cops in a strike: "The myself, 'Before I live in that human habitation." He also police have already arrested place, I'll take my family and lacked fire escapes. In his re-(*) inally \$3.50) \$1.00 (plus 15c) three of us on excuses like car-go right back down where I lacked fire escapes. In his re-I.W.W. by Paul Brissenden standards under cover of a mis-Books by Leon Trotsky The classic study of the Wob-New York rying a penknife. We thought came from." But that hadn't port he called for the demo-THE SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY siles race, there is a growing HISTORY OF THE RUSSIAN movement. (Originally bly OF WILLIAM MORRIS by A. von Helmholtz-Phelan. Biogrecognition among the capitallition of the Moonglow along **REVOLUTION.** The three volumes complete in one. \$12.50 \$7.50) \$5.75 (plus 15c) they were supposed to help us been necessary. He found another place nearby. It was a with several other buildings. ists and their spokesmen that LOOKING BACKWARD by Edthe loss of their vaunted mili- fight racketeers." Bazaar raphy of the great English The Jansa strike is the latest rathole too, but it was better The city council listened, de-(plus 25c) ward Bellamy. The famous hovel of a socialist utopia. \$1.25 (plus 15c) () oet and artist who was a tary superiority is but a in a series of attempts by Ne- than the Moonglow Hotel. LITERATURE AND REVOLUplored the conditions-and did founder of the socialist move-The New York School of So-TION. \$3.50 (plus /15c) () ment. (Originally \$3.50) \$2.00 (plus 15c) () political blows they have been gro and Puerto Rican workers cial Science announces that its THE THIRD INTERNATION-THE HAWK AND THE SUN But Sanford Reid hadn't been by Byron Reece. A novel by a Southerner about a lynching in a small town. (Originally AL AFTER LENIN NEGROES ON THE MARCH -Annual Christmas Bazaar will be in New York City's small shops dealt by the colonial people and The Class-Struggle (cloth) \$4.00 (plus 15c) A Frenchman's Report on the American Negro Struggle. By to break out of "sweetheart conheld Saturday, December 14, at (paper) \$2.50 (plus 15c) the non-capitalist countries. 116 University Place. STALIN. A biography. \$6.00 \$3.00) \$1.00 (plus 15c) Thus, James Reston, head of tracts." **Philadelphia** Daniel Guerin. Best book on **Road** to All our friends are urged to THE IRON HEEL by Jack the modern history and pres (plus 15c) the New York Times Washingcontribute their white elephants THE PERMANENT REVOLU-London. The famous novel pre-dicting totalitarian rule and ent stage of Negro struggle. ton Bureau wrote, Nov. 17, on such as precious stones, jewelry, (cloth) \$2.00 (plus 15c) "Le Petit" Bazaar **Negro Equality** TION \$3.50 (plus 15c) () THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNA- (\cdot) Los Angeles the smashing setbacks to Eisenrevolt against it. \$2.00 (plus (paper) \$1.50 (plus 15c) electric appliances, end tables, 15c). hower's Mideast Doctrine: "The last year's fur coat (mink, chin-Saturday, Dec. 7 CASE OF THE LEGLESS VET-TIONAL political tide in that area is run-Pre-Christmas Resolution adopted by the ERAN by James Kutcher. The celebrated witch-hunt victim chilla, beaver or rabbit will be Vol. I (cloth) Christmas Gifts, Delicacies Socialist Workers Party at ning against the industrial na-**Bargain Bazaar** Payment must accompany or-\$3.50 (plus 15c) (accepted), books, records, ob-Vol. II (paper) \$3.00 (plus 15c) () at reasonable prices. tells his story. (paper) \$1.00 der. Make checks and money tions that live off oil from that its National Convention, June And Festival jects of art. Solicit those trades) orders to: region . . . urgent political de-(plus 15c) MUSIC, DANCING, 1957. people you regularly do business Get your Gift at one-third cisions must be taken if the West REFRESHMENTS with for a contribution of food, 23 pages 25c. the price **Pioneer Publishers** is not to suffer a political defeat Donation 50c. clothing, wine, candy, furniture, far more significant than the Saturday, Dec. 7 PIONEER PUBLISHERS THE MILITANT LABOR etc. If you can't bring in the sputniks. In comparison with merchandise, call AL 5-7852 and 6 P.M. to Midnight FORUM 116 University Place these political problems. . . the New York 3, N.Y. 116 University Place arrange for a pickup. New York 3, N. Y. 1303 W. Girard 1702 East 4th Street lag in United States technology is easy to solve."

CAPITAL by Karl Marx Vol. I \$2.00 (plus 15c) Vol. II \$1.75 (plus 15c) Both for \$3.50 (plus 25c) (HISTORY OF ECONOMIC THE-ORIES by Karl Marx (Vol. 4 of Capital) \$3.00 (plus 15c)

MARX - ENGELS SELECTED CORRESPONDENCE \$1.50 (plus MARX AND ENGELS ON W. Meyer. Only biography of the great German revolution-ist in English. \$3.25 (plus 15c) BRITAIN \$1,50 (plus 15c () THE HOLY FAMILY by Marx

> DIALECTICS OF NATURE by Frederick Engels \$1.50 (plus 15c)

15c)

inally \$4.00) \$3.50 (plus 15c)

THE MILITANT MONDAY, NOV. 25, 1957

VOLUME XXI

The Niagara Firetrap Deaths

Groups Tell **City Council**: **Build Homes**

NIAGARA FALLS, Nov. 18 at a jam-packed meeting of the city council tonight, Mrs. Dorothy Ballan, speaking on behalf of the Niagara Frontier section of the Socialist Workers Party, spearheaded the demand for new housing for the workers of Niagara Falls. The audience, 400 strong, was composed largely of Negro and white workers seeking a way to prevent any recurrence of the tragic tenement fire, which claimed the lives of 18 persons here last weekend.

Addressing the overflow crowd in the council chambers, Mrs. Ballan said, "The city of Niagara Falls is not only a tourist attraction for the whole world. It is a bide, Olin Mathieson, and other giant corporations extract untold millions of dollars every year. They owe decent living conditions to the worker who provide their profits." Amid applause she added that money for slum

nd Engels. \$1.35 (plus 15c) nothing about it. This meeting, council to unanimously approve KARL MARX AND THE CLOSE OF HIS SYSTEM by Bohm-Bawerk with a reply by Rudolph Hilferding \$3.50 (plus

sary.

THE LOGIC OF MARXISM by large families. William F. Warde, (mimeo-graphed) \$1.00 (plus 15c) ()

Racists Murder 2 Negro Boys

of white men who carried him off in a truck. One of the lynch party then returned and told the boy's mother where

she could find the bullet-torn body. According to the Pittsburgh Courier the boy was lynched because he didn't heed warnings to stay away from a Negro girl "who is the object of the affections of a white man." In Pontotoc, Mississippi, a lynching is feared in the case of 16-year old Jesse H. Bradford abducted by three white men and not heard from for 12

Anti-Racket center of the chemical industry from which DuPont, Union Car-By NAACP By Ruth Norton

days.

A picket line in front of the clearance should be obtained by Jansa Woodworking Corporation thing, houses, streets, earth, taxing those best able to pay, in Brooklyn, New York was bolchanging the laws where neces- stered, Nov. 14, by a contingent sent by the Labor Committee of Many individuals and rep- the Brooklyn Branch of the Na-

resentatives of various groups in tional Association for the Adthe community then presented vancement of Colored People. their grievances against un- The Labor Committee responded rutted unpaved street until we to an appeal for aid by the punished landlords who charge outrageous rents, refused to Jansa's Rank and File Commit- A crane with its long boom tee on the basis that the strike make even the most necessary involved the issue of substandard repairs, and turn down large wages based on racial disfamilies as tenants. Other speakcrimination and that Negro ers revealed that the city officials, despite surveys and reports to them showing desthey would be used as scabs. perate housing needs for families The company has been hiring with many children, had done Negro and Puerto Rican workers however, ended in forcing the motion requesting of the contract to Teamsters Local 875 carried was closed to all but Niagara Falls Housing Authority as a dues-collection agency. permission to erect fifty addi-The picketing began Nov. 7 tional low cost housing units after the company fired 20 work- perhaps 2 A.M., Saturday, with at least three bedrooms for

ers who were discovered to have Nov. 16. In the basement of the formed a committee to organize looming three story shack with the 120 workers in the shop into its deceptively romantic name,

Racists Landlords, Officials to Blame Roger Hamilton, 17-year-old Negro youth of Burkville, Alabama, was taken from his home and lynched by a group of white men who carried time. By Theodore Kovalasky By Theodore Kovalesky 150 lucky. He and his family nothing. At the time of the

"Discrimination?" I asked.

didn't want overcrowding.

Our destination: the Honeymoon ing project, and the tiles had staircases. City of Niagara Falls, and more long since had holes kicked into We saw in the Gazette that tel in that city.

some of them, and for others, for most of them in fact, there be any barts. Would never be any barts.

condemned 20 years before.

FACTORY SLUMS

The address was 2449 Allen many other low rent govern-Ave. Houses there face the railroad tracks, and beyond them loom the famous chemical plants of the Cataract City. As though rent from those landlords who sene stoves in the apartments. would accept them. camouflaged, the color of everyand even air is dusted and browned with the exhalations of the factorice. Browned with a pregnant wife and ten with a pregnant wife and ten with a pregnant wife and ten the factories. By night there is children, where was he to go? blackness of the kind known Another housing project in the only in factory slums. ily.

We drove painfully over the came to a floodlighted barricade. spearing the sky stood before our destination, and we got out to look.

The Moonglow Hotel still workers were being recruited by stood, a charred skeleton with the company without being told the guts burnt out of it. As we looked we could see that no one would ever climb its creaky stairs again. And the bedroom at wages ranging from \$1 to from which the fire - consumed \$1.40 per hour. The shop is under bodies of eight children were ramshackle frame building We didn't stop to see the lights which the workers say acts solely official investigators-if it would was better, he said, than "living on the great fails. And we even bear their weight. The whole thing began at

The car sped through the eve-ning darkness, past the road-lived in the Hyde Park Village, fire, the building was not con-a number of rows of long bar-demned, still had no fire esside reflectors on Grand Island, racks - like, one-story buildings capes, but was judged as being over the high, arching bridges that span the Niagara River. made out of red clay tiles. It in compliance with the housing was a jerrybuilt wartime hous-code since it had two inside

specifically, the Moonglow Hoand large families were per- demolition contractor, junk man, But we weren't going there mitted to pile themselves into and former cop, described the for a honeymoon, ours or any-body else's. The honeymoon was over for the people we were condition than the ramshackle at present a member of the Ni-

would never be any honeymoon. It is said that the real estate stories. It was said that Wilwho had lived in the Moonglow agara Falls. That is probably liam Dietz wanted to get the Hotel were dead-18 to be ex- not very exact, because there tenants out so he could use the act, and only three of them are huge corporate interests building as a storehouse, that adults. And with them, in a sudden, swift inferno, died the evil old building which had been ment. Yet, the Hyde Park Vil- then it was also said that the lage was condemned and torn furnace had not been operating down in the name of slum clear- for a year, was not even in ance, a fate shared today by condition to operate.

NUMBER 47

But whatever the details may ment housing projects. Where have been, it is certain that the were the people to go? They only heat in the building came could buy homes. Or they could from electric heaters and kero-Whatever it may have been that That was Sanford Reid's exploded in the basement, it cer-

We read of other families kicked out of Hyde Park, Negro families in which the husarea would not take the fam- band earned \$80 or more a week but could find nothing but shacks like the Moonglow to No, I was told. There are live in. Some lived in attics, some Negroes there. They sim- some in cellars, some paid up ply refused to accept such a to \$20 a week for one room for large family. They discriminated a family of five or six human not against Negroes but against beings to live in.

large families, against children. We listened to the stark tale There were good reasons, fine of tragedy and death. Then, pious reasons. The apartments sickened, we thanked our host were not large enough. They and left.

We got back into the car and So Sanford Reid didn't overleft the Honeymoon City. We crowd the project. He found a took no time for sightseeing. named the Moonglow Hotel. It on the great falls. And we rooms for \$64 a month, and in at Lewiston Heights or the other sections where millionaires those three rooms the family live. It wasn't the night to crane lived for a year. Little Mary our necks at the homes of the Louise was born there, spent rich, so we didn't cross the