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Will AFL-CIO **Heads Meet the Real Issues?**

By Fred Halstead

DEC. 4 — A major split confronts the American Federation Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations at its second constitutional convention scheduled to run

from Dec. 5 through 13 in 9-Atlantic City, N. J. At the first | working people are faced with a convention following unification government drive to lower their of the AFL and CIO and just living standards in the "more two years after the merger, guns, less butter" arms race. George Meany and 'Walter The economy is in a recession Reuther and the rest of the labor with unemployment now exleadership associated with them pected to exceed five million in threatens to expel about ten per cent of the federation's member-Teamsters.

February centering its major fire on the Teamsters.

.McCLELLAN INJECTS ISSUES

attack thus far is revealed by the fact that the issues injected by the McClellan Committee for action against the Teamsters threatened with expulsion are political thought received a - dominate convention preparations.

This comes at a time when the

ship. This includes the second tinues to grow more acute and largest union in the country, the the need for a Southern organ-International Brotherhood of izing drive more imperative. Congress is planning a host of The primary cause of the an-ticipated split is the mounting danger that a "right-to-work" government attack on the labor law will be enacted in the inmovement, spearheaded by Sen. dustrial state of California and McClellan's labor-probe commit- in other Northern and Western tee which began hearings last industrial regions. The Meany-Reuther moves against the IBT and other targets of the McClellan committee do

nothing to advance a solution for The success of the government the pressing problems of labor's rank and file.

Suspended from the AFL-CIO, particularly its pressure on the deprived of voting representa-Meany-Reuther labor officialdom tion in the convention and

the Teamsters with 1.3 million crippling new blow today when a (Continued on page 2)

Submarines Used Mail: "While the effectiveuess of the submarine as a

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ago, a British ship completed an 80-mile run in the North Sea, deliberately releasing germs as it went. A few weeks later these microbes were found in every corner of the British Isles. "Some months ago, a U.S. submarine cruised beneath the surface of the Atlantic, funneling microbes into the air above. These were found in five Eastern States. A similar experiment along the Pacific coast resulted in the embarrassing death of two persons."

Gov't Drops

Case in Cal.

DEC. 2 — The government's use of the Smith Act as a weapon for punishing dissident federal judge in Los Angeles dismissed "conspiracy" indictments under the act against ten California Communist Party members. The dismissal came on the "reluctant" request of an Assistant United States Attorney who said that the Justice Department could not "satisfy the evidentiary requirements laid down by the Supreme Court in

its opinion reversing the convic-tion in this matter." Those released were among 15 defendants convicted in 1952. On June 17 the Supreme Court freed five of the defendants and ordered a new trial for the others, declaring that the government must prove something more than

Submarines Used In Germ-War Tests The following item is from the Nov. 26 Toronto Globe and Educators, Clergymen uess of the submarine as a means of delivering a thermo-nuclear device on the target has already been related, little has been said of its use as a potential carrier for biological warfare. Sometime are, a British shin, completed



In Rift Over Algeria War

By George Lavan abstract advocacy of ideas. The a turn in its foreign policy on for a slice of the North African

economy.

forts to impose control there overnight, but it has taken the morally indefensible and polit- reach an international agree-U.S. imperialism has executed turn in its foreign policy on fow weeks and to Tunici international waters where

Oppose Missiles "Crash" **Program; Ask Unilateral Action on Atomic Arms**

By Herman Chauka

Forty-eight prominent educators and clergymen called on the U.S. government. Dec. 2. to "cancel tests scheduled for April in the Pacific and declare a moratorium on all testing of mass destruc-

tion nuclear weapons in the Backs A-Protest

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hope other nations will follow the example." They also oppose the government's stepping up the arms 'race with a missile "crash program" in response to the launching of the Soviet sat-

ellites. Among those demanding a halt to the tests were the Reverend Martin Luther King, leader of the Montgomery bus protest movement; A. J. Muste, secretary emeritus of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and chairman of the American Forum-For Socialist Education; Lewis Mumford, author and city planner; John Hayes Holmes of the Community Church in New York; Clarence Pickett of the American Friends Service Committee and Harry Emerson Fosdick of the Riverside Church in New York."

They declare that a halt to the Pacific nuclear tests is par- ton deliberately sabotaged an ticularly vital because "it is opportunity last summer to

A. J. MUSTE



AFL-CIO President George Meany (right) and Vice-President Walter Reuther at the merger convention of the AFL-CIO in December 1955. As the second convention of the merged organization convenes, labor's unity is threatened by Meany and Reuther's policy of cooperation with the anti-union McClellan committee.

Nat'l Conference Opens **New Fight in Sobell Case**

By Myra Tanner Weiss

Representatives of local Sobell Committees from all over the country came together in New York City for a court struck down contempt embarrassing to U.S. propagan- promise" of some minor polit- Algerian masses their devotion time. two-day conference on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 to discuss the penalties for each additional da about "the free world," it ical reforms within the British to the goal of independence,

next stage in the fight to free Morton Sobell from Alcatraz. cases of injustice will get a new

The conference made clear that hearing. The Committee to Secure Justhe blow dealt to justice by the tice for Morton Sobell will en-Nov. 12 refusal of the Supreme gage in intensified legal re-Court to study the most impor- search and investigation to obtant "conspiracy" trial in U.S. tain new evidence for further history would be answered with court action following the Suan even bigger effort to rouse preme Court's refusal to study the indignation of the American the case. At the same time a people at the terrible injustice campaign will be launched for done to the young scientist in a Presidential pardon or .commutation. Sobell is now serving Alcatraz.

The conference made plans to his eighth year of a 30-year acquaint over a million Amer- sentence. icans in the period ahead with The conference elected a subthe facts in the case and to ask committee to draw up detailed their participation in the camplans for such campaign. New paign to free Sobell. literature will be issued that

Delegates expressed new opti- will explain the case of Morton mism that this campaign would Sobell in popular form and prebe successful because of the sent the accumulation of evichanging political atmosphere dence of the frame-up that the in America. Attempts to create Supreme Court callously refused new "spy" scares to explain to examine.

away the Soviet sputniks, not Methods of reaching the partment of Labor, who are al- stripped the ability of the con- equipment that spells out mass stride. Now U.S. exports have only failed to create a hysteria American workers in the labor ways the last to stick their sumers to absorb the amount of of the type that sent Sobell to movement were discussed at necks out when it comes to goods thrown on the market at the lowest point since February prison over seven years ago but some length. Significant prog- making unfavorable predictions present stratospheric prices. were greeted by many with ir- ress in this direction was re- about the private-profit econritation and disgust. The fact ported at the Conference. Those omy, got around on Nov. 21 to ance to increased prices"-that that some of J. Robert Oppen- who have fought many years to conceding that a considerable is, public inability to pay higher try, steel, it operated in the heimer's defamers are now tak- establish the truth in the So- rise in mass unemployment is prices - N. Y. Times financial week ending Nov. 30 at 73.6% ing a second look at whether or bell case have an unshakable in store. They forecast a job- commentator John G. Forrest of rated capacity, down from not the noted atomic physicist confidence in the vindication of less total in the neighborhood cited on Dec. 1 the example of 76.0% the previous week and was given justice or was victim- Morton Sobell and his libera- of 4,000,000 by next February. Ford's new Edsel car. He says 101.1% a year earlier. Accordized by witch-hunters gives rise tion from prison in the near We may take this as a con- that the largest dealer in New ing to a Dec. 2 report in the to the hope that all earlier future. servative guess.

ubsequent decision of the Justice the war in Algeria. This was Department to drop the case is publicly revealed by the Dec. 3 profit pie, till now the exclusive French Prime Minister screamed ple of other nations who have Union made a clear-cut proglaring proof that the prosecu- speech of U.S. Ambassador Hention was based solely on the ex- ry Cabot Lodge in the UN. De- have been made in the Sahara that the U.S. and Tunisia had sequences." Those who have now won their road" speech by the U.S. press reedom are: Mrs. Dorothy Healey because it alternates praise for Connelly, Los Angeles; Mrs. French imperialism's intentions

Oleta O'Connor Yates, San Fran- in Algeria with praise for the isco; Mrs. Loretta Starvus "compromise" plan advanced by Stack, San Francisco; Ernest Otto Tunisia and Morocco, the speech Fox, San Francisco; Carl Lam- marks the end of Washington's bert, San Francisco; Albert Lima, unconditional support of the Oakland; Frank Carlson, Los war against the Algerian peo-

Angeles; Ben Dobbs, Los An- ple.

geles and William Schneiderman of San Francisco." One of those freed, Dorothy Healey Connelly, still faces a such question that she refused government is conducting with dependence would be like stoprefusal to answer but upheld the feeds the flames of anti-impe- Empire.

to act as a stool pigeon. Middle East making U.S. ef- pect to accomplish this task

preserve of French capitalism, like a stuck pig because he not agreed, and are indeed pro- posal for such an agreement for important oil discoveries realized the shipment signified testing, have to bear the con- and offered substantial conces-Desert. reached an agreement on Al-

The U.S. plan is to settle the geria. He dispatched his For-Algerian .War by making the eign Minister Pineau post-haste French government give a few to Washington for secret conpolitical concessions in Algeria fabs to make Dulles reconsider.

which will neither end French NORTH AFRICA political control nor endanger FEDERATION PLAN the imperialist control 'of the

Meanwhile the U.S.-sponsored deal began to take public shape. Obviously the U.S. has set it-

self quite a delicate task. The A North African Federation For three years U.S. impe- majority of French capitalists consisting of Tunisia, Morocco rialism has given France the and their politicians have been and Algeria, was envisaged as armaments, finances and diplo- shouting for three years that a substitute for Algerian inmatic support without which it they will grant absolutely no dependence. France would still prison term for contempt of could not have continued the concessions to the Algerians. control Algeria but should nethe trial to answer questions partment is now convinced that er hand have been fighting and and install in office there opthat would have placed her in French imperialism is incapable dying for three years for in- portunist leaders of the Nationthe position of an informer. She of putting down the Algerians. dependence. To impose upon al Liberation Front (FLN), was sentenced to a year for each This war, which the French them a settlement without in- which is controlled by the rightwing of the Algerian independto answer, with the sentences Nazi-like terror and torture ping the American Revolution ence movement. These leaders,

sions to the U.S. regarding rights of inspection forces to WORLD POLL ensure enforcement of the test

The extent of the protest by ban. The U.S. diplomats found people of other nations, and a variety of pretexts to reject particularly by those who bear the offer.

the brunt of the danger of U.S. NEW HOAX

tests in the Pacific, was graph-At that time Washington tried ically revealed in the world poll conducted by the New York to combat the world-wide de-Herald Tribune. That paper re- mand for a halt to the tests by ported Nov. 17 that 60% of the launching a propaganda campeople of other countries saw paign around the fake claim that the tests as a menace and that continued testing was essential in Japan 76% of the population to perfect a "clean" bomb. The present demands for a test ban were so convinced.

It is above all the duty of the is being countered with a new court because of her refusal in Algerian war. The State De- The Algerian people on the oth- gotiate some political reforms American labor movement to hoax. The AEC is now claiming organize popular opposition in that further explosions would the U.S. in solidarity with that actually be beneficial to huof the peoples abroad. But the manity as an aid to engineertop labor leadership's support ing projects. This is based on to U.S. foreign policy seriously an underground A-blast in Nehandicaps resistance in this vada last Sept. 18. The AEC country to nuclear tests at this reported that the explosion made the top of a mountain

The demand of the 48 for uni- jump six inches before falling have on several past occasions lateral U.S. action in suspend- back in place. AEC director Wilpenalty for the original refusal rialism throughout the Arab U.S. imperialism doesn't ex- given indications of a willing- ing explosions is particularly lard Libby said, "I've not seen relevant inasmuch as Washing- anything in years so exciting." (Continued on page 2)

Economy Slumps; War Spending Seen Only Prop

By Joseph Keller

America's economic situation -now generally referred to as a "recession"—is beginning to ters. This indicates lay-offs not vails in many lines of business."

into the newspaper headlines tries and areas but on a wideand columns. Capitalist political and press commentators still generally describe the economic slowdown as "mild." That may

Speaking of "public resist- October 1956.

York City has given up the N.Y. World-Telegram, the steel

push its way more forcefully merely in a few scattered indus-This "over-capacity" appears slump?

in such basic and economically-EUROPEAN MARKET significant industries as steel One of the factors that helped the big corporations. But for ting emphasis on the central planned expansion in plants and was the strong European deunemployed workers and their factor in the current decline- equipment "are now taking a mand for U.S. commodities. The families there can be no such so-called "over-production." They second look at their problem," European boom at that time, thing as a "mild" recession. | mean the fact that productive Forrest points out that new or- aided by huge U.S. grants and

production," fell in October to begun to sag badly. But this

"The Debate in the People's World" (See page 3)

Increases in unemployment franchise for the Edsel after industry expects ingot output time, Europe appears less of a the people for reduced social wel-How do the Big Business observed on Nov. 30: rulers of this country expect to "Europe today is definitely

"LESS BUTTER"

were reported in November from only three months. "This oc- in 1958 "to slip no more than 5 prospective customer for our fare benefits and for higher more than 60 per cent of the curs," writes Forrest, "at a per cent" below this year's con- surpluses. As Edwin L. Dale taxes. A Nov. 23 N.Y. Worldcountry's major industrial cen- time when over-capacity pre- siderably lowered production. Jr., N.Y. Times correspondent, Telegram editorial proposed to get "extra cash" for missiles by raising postal rates and killforestall a prolonged and deep not booming as it was in 1953- ing the soil bank program, as 54. . . . the generality holds examples, "and if still further true that the rate of increase in funds are needed, they should over-all economic activity has be raised by higher taxes."

slowed sharply in the last year Along the same line, Associated Press staff writer Sam Dawor year and one-half."

Another N.Y. Times writer, son summed up ways to get Richard E. Mooney, asking more war funds. First would be where the new spur to economic by "paring sums from various domestic programs" such as advance may be sought, rules out another plant and equip- | farm price supports and vetment boom because of "the tre- erains outlays-"less butter for mendous productive capacity it either the farmers or the vet-[industry] has built for itself erans." A second way "to pay in postwar years." He concludes for more defense would be to that "the kicker will come from raise taxes." A third way is "deficit financing, raising the defense spending."

launched a campaign to prepare ing less butter. . ."

federal debt limit . . . an inflationary measure, one of the But more war spending will classic reasons why prices rise." not mean a higher standard of living for the wage-earners. The He concludes: "Any of the three Big Business press has already ways, therefore, end up in mean-

IN THIS ISSUE

Economists of the U.S. De- capacity of industry has out- ders for machine-tools," the loans, continued almost in full 1950. This was a 58% drop from

As for the most basic indus-

spread national scale. "OVER-CAPACITY" . Business analysts and econo- and machine tools. Noting that be true in terms of profits for mists are more and more put- many companies which had overcome the 1953-54 recession

"Soviet Man Has Become a Critic"

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Further confirmation of the Soviet population's increasingly outspoken criticism of their bureaucratic rulers political consequences of deepappears in an article in the Sunday magazine section (Nov. 9) of the Toronto Globe, D

one of Canada's leading news- greater opportunity to hear difpapers. The author, George ferent ideas. He is not always the Southern States has ad- furnished the motive power, has Sherman, a Russian - speaking pleased with the result. 'So often vanced at a rate more rapid than come to an end. The king's journalist, bases the article on your people speak in terms that of the country as a whole, realm has been taken over by a visit to the USSR this past which no longer apply,' said one This is an upheaval more cattle, grains, rice and other summer. The following are ex- irritated youth. 'You must not think we are basically against cerpts.

"Honest - minded people one our system. After all our fathers the basis on which the South meets openly admit that the'r built it. What we want is change, makes its living. press is entirely unrepresentative to bring it back to the people in SIX-FOLD GROWTH of the trend of thought in the whose name it says and does so

country. It goes on day after much." "In one of our frequent conday spitting out platitudes, versations on the subject, a cliches, and vindictive jargon things every thinking person student acquaintance confessed: Report, the Southern states at discarded long ago."

of my acquaintances suddenly was wrong with our system. I asked: 'Is it also necessary to have a friend in the army who nearly one-quarter of them. period. The missing "hands' read between the lines in your was sent to Budapest. Later he Gains in manufacturing output, papers to find out what has told me about the Russian solreally happened?' In journalism, diers who were shot because they from 353% for Alabama to tors. Sharecropping had by 1950 as among writers generally, he refused to fire on Hungarian said, there is a running battle workers - on the workers! How between the older Stalinist could anyone believe the story bureaucrats on the one hand and of counter-revolution after the younger writers (and even that?'"

some party groups who want to | "I suspect that Nikita Khrushinject some latitude in present- chev's twists and turns regarding the agreed socialist point of ing his former mentor [Stalin] view) on the other. He, at least, have compounded the existing nation as a whole in the rate from the soil and transformed occupied, however, predominantly was optimistic about the out- political cynicism. . . In any come: 'We are the young, and case, Khrushchev is not respectthe future is ours, for life goes ed. He is popular; he is admired forward, not backward, with as a shrewd muzhik, better at the game than most - but he time.'

"The Soviet student is deter- is not respected. Scores of jokes mined to find out about the out- centered on his flamboyant side world, to seize hold of his demagogy are circulated freely."

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Socialist Press Fund

Economics of the Changing South

By Arne Swabeck the nuclear age at the well known Oak Ridge A-bomb plant in The dramatic events at Mont-Tennessee and the huge instalgomery, Alabama last year and lation for H-bomb manufacture more recently at Little Rock.

at Aiken, South Carolina. Arkansas are the social and Modern technology has also invaded the formerly backward going changes in the economic foundation of the "Old South." Southern agriculture. The long

Since the beginning of World reign of King Cotton, in which War II the industrialization of the mule, broad backs and hoes profound in many ways than products.

the Secession for it is changing CHANGE IN AGRICULTURE Agriculture is being mechanized. Where cotton is still grown, tractors and cottonpicking machines rattle along

According to a comprehensive the roads and into the fields survey published in the Jan. 27, Even in Mississippi the change 1956 U.S. News and World is striking. One of its large 'It was Hungary that really the turn of the century had only plantations lost nearly half of "It was no surprise when one started me thinking about what 9% of the country's manufactur- its population - more than ing facilities; now they have 1,800 people - in a twelve year were replaced by 30 cottonbetween 1939 and 1954, ranged picking machines and 180 trac-533% for South Carolina. In the been cut to less than half, ac-

five states of Georgia, Florida, cording to the U.S. census, and Alabama, Tennessee and South it is now definitely on its way Carolina business volume of out.

Sharecroppers and plantation 1939 had multiplied 6 times by 1955. Louisiana is the front-runner. whites, subsisting on marginal of non-whites thus engaged rose system that still rules the "Old H-bomb plant at Aiken, S. C. Since 1947 it has outstripped the lands, are being expropriated from 10.1 to 14.4; these were South." of factory output. Industrial into wage workers. They migrate in semi-skilled and unskilled economics have changed. Big Busi output for all the Southern and furnish labor power for in- classifications. Other reports in- ness itself, whose industrializastates climbed close to 60 billion dustries in the North; man the dicate a continued increase in tion of the South is the revoludollars in 1955. Capital and in- new plants in the South, or they this ratio. A special study tionizing factor, is caught up in dustrial know-how have poured simply become agricultural covering manufacturing in- the contradictory process that is from the North into the South laborers. A predominantly agri- dustries in Little Rock, Ark. set into motion by these changes. for exploitation of its great cultural people is being trans-reservoir of cheap labor. In the formed into an industrial people. reached 21.9% of the labor S. Schuyler, was too optimistic process these investments took Vast numbers have been entirely forces by 1950. Both Negroes when he wrote: "The white over and transformed the old uprooted from the land and and poor whites are crossing supremacy propaganda has be-

semi-feudal system of produc- drawn into the industrial cen- over in increasing numbers come a Frankenstein's monster ters, both North and South. tion in the South. "War plants gave the South These changes affect the sector. As they do so, they be- purpose, the more intelligent

ness to sell out the struggle for less. President Habib Bour-

country's independence move-

ment a few years back, exer-

cises great influence on the FLN

leaders in Tunisia and has ap-

parently assured U.S. imperial

pocket for the proposed deal.

On the eve of King Moham-

says U.S. News and World people as well as the poor the revolutionary action of in- would fain destroy but now are Report. The whole South was whites. Only about one-seventh dustrialization and mechaniza- terrorized by their own creation." engulfed by a tide of construc- of the Negro population in the tion.

tion for arms plants. This in- South was urban in 1900; the It was otherwise during the ideas and racial prejudices have cluded the fiendish products of figure had risen to one-third in decades that followed the end by no means been plowed under

would touch this "concession" wrote:



E. D. NIXON, an active unionist, played a prominent role in the Montgomery bus protest movement.

1940, and to one-half at the midcentury point.

of Negroes into manufacturing

from the rural to the industrial which, having largely served its its first real shot in the arm," economic status of the Negro come increasingly subjected to members of the ruling class

Segregation, white supremacy

the Reconstruction period, by the shift from hoes to trac-1 for civil rights. This awareness More than anything else, the tors; much less has discrimina- is further heightened by their backwardness of the tion in employment classifica- anticipation of an economic rural South made it possible for the tions, wages or in social and downturn and its inevitable conplantation owners to re-establish political life been eliminated. gradually the Jim Crow system EQUALLY EXPLOITED

production.

overnment.

of segregation. For Negroes, Nevertheless, it must be recogcivil rights disappeared; their conditions of servitude, either as capitalist mode of production has plantation "hands" or shareundermined the very basis on croppers, when compared to which the degrading and brutalizslavery, had changed only in form. Poor whites, whose ecoing Jim Crow system had ruled nomic status was not materially asunder the hoary ties that superior to that of the Negroes, bound the descendants of the sought comfort in the artificially Negro slaves to their "natural stimulated ideas of white superiors." Regardless of race, supremacy - a beggar's pomp that was due only to the deeper Negroes and poor whites are becoming equal objects of exdegradation of others.

WHO GAINED FROM JIM CROW

Thus whether enforced by The capitalist mode of produc-'legal restrictions," floggings or tion requires a pool of readily lynchings, segregation separated available labor with sufficient the workers of both races and education to be turned into a pitted them against each other reliable and efficient appendage the more easily to keep them to the machine. Within its plants, in subjection and to guarantee it requires a labor force to the exploiters a reserve of relatively unfettered by restric-

cheap labor. Both Wall Street tive covenants; and it cannot nected with the greater entry and the Southern plantation work effectively with separate all interrelated and react upon owners benefited from it. On facilities on the assembly line. industry. Between 1940 and this basis the Southern Bourbons For example U.S. News and 1950, according to the National were able to maintain the World Report insists that there hands together with the poor Negro Year Book, the percentage monstrous, archaic governmental is no segregation inside the huge

> Company. Negroes use the same Now both this old history and eating, drinking and toilet facilities as do whites. FEDERAL GOVT. VS. 'STATES' RIGHTS' which have increased their hold the ruling class were the overimpatient with pleas of special



legal monstrosity makes no ap- lution for it would give an im- Africa, would be an essential solidarity of the Negro people preciable political concession to the Algerians. Rather it pro-their small n at ive capitalist great Arab world drive for inguiba of Tunisia, himself a to separate states, several of classes have so far succeeded in dependence they must help seek

right-wing leader of his own them gerrymandered so that stopping midway. it for Algeria while hoping the they would be controlled by the ' The Christian Science Moni- final result will be a little French settlers, with the re- tor, which along with the N.Y. less. . . [Bourguiba] has kept mote possibility of federation Times gives the best coverage in close touch with the leaders on a strict states' rights basis. in this country of foreign news, of Algeria's National Liberaism that he has them in his hip DISHONEST MOVE

printed a very revealing story tion Front in Tunis and recenton Nov. 21. Volney D. Hurd, ly made strong efforts to modi-No Algerian freedom-fighter chief of its Paris news bureau fy their intransigence.



sequences of class conflicts.

The ruling monopoly capitalists are no less keenly aware of the inflammatory effects of Jim nized that the invasion by the Crow rule by the Southern Bourbons upon the tinder box of world chisis. It tends to stimulate anti - imperialist ferment in colonial and semi-colonial areas. supreme. It is pitilessly tearing It becomes a liability in their drive for world power.

These are then the factors of supreme importance relating to the issues arising out of the changing Southern economy. ploitation under command of the First, the revolutionary effects masters who own the means of of its industrial development collide with the archaic economic base and political superstructure. Second, there is the mounting pressure of the Negro people for

social equality. And finally, there are the effects of these upon the revolutionary ferment and upheavals American imperialism faces abroad in its drive for world power. These factors are within one of these areas becomes reflected either directly or indirectly in the others.

Unquestionably, these which is run by the Du Pont also the basically motivating factors for the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court on desegration and for the President's military intervention at Little Rock as well. While both actions appeared clothed in the garb of Moreover, the big monoply moral and legal precepts, the concerns, financial and industrial, economic and political needs of

on the Southern economy, are riding considerations. Although capitalist industrial-"States Rights" for the main- ization can undermine the Old tenance of an archaic political South and even modify it in heritage which hinders untram- certain respects, it cannot carry meled exploitation of cheap labor through to the end the reconwhether black or white. What struction required to give the they require for their entrench- Negro people the equality they ment in the South is greater demand. It can give them at political centralization; greater most equality of exploitation, control in the hands of their not equality of legal rights or of ideal executive - the federal living conditions: For this, an alignment of other class forces The ruling monopoly capitalists is needed — namely, the alliance are keenly aware of the explosive of the labor movement with the elements inherent in the grow- Negro struggle for equality and

ing consciousness and the heroic integration.



erorms

Reuther wing of the labor burmembers, the Bakery and Con- eaucracy is grinding its own ax fectionary Workers Union with within the AFL-CIO. Their pro-132,000 members, the Laundry gram for the solution of all Workers International Union major problems confronting the with 75,000 members and the working people is their depen-"He has urged them to ac- Distillery Workers Union with dence on the Democratic Party. They reject any perspective of independent labor political action for the sake of a few meager

The Teamsters and a number

to make deals with capitalist

both sides of the dispute, labor's

In addition the building trades

and the Teamsters have con-

tinued to press jurisdictional

claims against the industrial

unions, particularly in plant

maintenance work. This factor

may account for some of

attack on the Teamsters, but it

the entire AFL-CIO, which in

turn is secondary to the drive

to curry favor with the Big

Business politicians on a national

The split being pushed by the

AFL-CIO leaders will create

disunity in the face of the gov-

ernment attacks in a period when

the class struggle appears to be

sharpening. But the split also ruptures bureaucratic unity at the

gles for union democracy are

If the expulsions are carried

through, jurisdictional war

within the labor movement could

promises

d nds. Danner **AA GGU**

By Constance Farr National Campaign Director

Over \$1,900 was received during the past week for the Press and Publications Fund. This is the largest amount collected in expresses its satisfaction at any one week; it is an encouraging sign that by Dec. 15, the quota of \$18,111 will be realized Dec. 4 is \$15,259.23, or 84% of which we accepted at this time in full. Total collected through the total pledged.

Cleveland and Milwaukee. having previously sent in their quota, added to their total this week, bringing them to 119 and 114 percent respectively.

New York collected pledges amounting to \$704. "At this rate. we can expect to reach our quota



by the date of the extended deadline," reports R. Lopez. Campaign director Ann Dorsey pendence.' wired in to say that Seattle had reached its goal of \$500. "Seattle being able to make its fund drive

quota by December 1st in spite of adverse conditions. We regret only that the increased quota could not possibly have been larger, a circumstance, which

we hope and expect to rectify on each future occasion." Twenty-five dollars was received from a friend in the South.

with best wishes for the success of the fund. Readers of The Militant who are aware of the importance of

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negotiations between France and the FLN leaders to end the cession and thus try to counter which was M. Bourguiba's os- withdrawal from Algeria. . . Algerian War. The Bourguiba- the unfavorable publicity ex- tensible goal-would pose a dis- King Mohammed has now fallen of violating the AFL-CIO Reuther seek greater centralized King Mohammed communique pected from the scheduled UN tinct threat to Tunisia and all into step with Bourguiba and avoided use of the word "indedebate on Algeria.

The plan proposed by the Tu- M. Bourguiba's becoming the ence for Algeria as best meet-French Prime Minister Gail- nisian president and Moroccan leader of a 'great North Afr- ing the mutual security needs lard indignantly denounced the king with the encouragement of ican federation' comprising Mo- of Morocco and Tunisia. To sum after accepting a "monitorship" possible, behind the Democrats. offer, although former Premier the State Department, is a stab rocco, Tunisia and Algeria. Mendes-France urged its accept- in the back to the Algerian inance. Instead the French gov- dependence movement. It must independent Algeria, over which guiba could hope to strike a balernment went ahead with the be realized that Bourguiba and France could maintain just ance with both a less ambitious passage of its so-called "frame- King Mohammed both fear the enough of a restraining hand to Morocco and a French-restrained work law" for Algeria. This triumph of the Algerian revolkeep it from dominating North

Ceylonese Strike Wave Hits Low Pay, Inflation

By Harry Ring bor. Dec. 4-Ceylon is gripped to-

the 42 ships lying in the har- cessions. When the concessions were announced. Nov. 29, the The dock strike was apparentdockers apparently walked out

day by a wave of militant ly called to force the governagain because their demands strike struggles. Thousands of ment and shippers to come had not been granted. workers in key industries and through with the major conces-POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS government services, largely un- sions promised after a previous der revolutionary leadership, are strike. On Oct. 17, the United While based on economic isfighting for wage increases to Port Workers Union had called sues, the strike struggles in combat the ravages of inflation a 24-hour stoppage and followed Cevion have major political im- propaganda campaign picturing on their extremely low living it up with a port-wide slow- plications since most of the them as great champions of Al- Ethical Practices Committee, down. After eleven days of unions in that country are geria who merit the support of was one of the sponsors of a standards. The strikes have precipitated a serious crisis for the the slowdown, the government aligned with the various polit- all men of good will. It will also testimonial dinner honoring "popular front" Bandaranaike pledged to set up a corporation ical parties. Unsuccessful efforts try to picture U.S. imperial- James Hoffa in Detroit in 1956.) government which has failed to to operate the port which would to curb the strikes are being redeem its election pledges to be 75% state - owned. It also made by supporters of the Baninitiate cost-of-living wage in- pledged itself to compel daranaike government, including geria as courageous anti-colothe bosses to grant an eight- the Communist Party and the nialism and anti-imperialism have anything in common creases.

As of this writing, in the hour day, 45-hour week, along Revolutionary Equality Party. when it is nothing of the sort. with union democracy. It is true with wage increases and other The leader of the latter group, apital city of Colombo alone, 12,000 dock workers and 8,000 improvements. According to the Philip Gunawardena, a one-time municipal employees are on plan promised by the Ceylonese Trotskyist now in the governstrike. Last month there was a cabinet, the government would ment, has been particularly ac- gerian independence movement provide for minimum administratwo-day general strike by 85,- take over the assets of the for- tive in trying to stem the strug- by direct support of the French 000 federal employees and eign-owned companies and the gle. strikes by numerous other remaining 25% would be divided

among the Cevlonese companies CITY AT STANDSTILL called off.

the strike movement has been in port. The slowdown was then provided by the Trotskvist Cev-The present dock walkout co- maja) Party. Its role was re- of both tactics is U.S. impe-

incided with a Nov. 29 governbo have brought that city to a virtual standstill. The striking ment award to the federal em- New York Times dispatch: independence and the progress municipal workers include bus ployees who had staged their "... the strongest party in the and street car drivers and water two-day strike Nov. 16. The unions is the Ceylon Equality government workers had de- Party. This is a Marxist party and sewage maintenance men. manded an increase in the min- outside the government. It i The dock strike brought can-

imum wage to 2½ rupees a headed by . . . Dr. N. M. Pe-day (About 50 cents in U.S. rera, once Colombo's most popcellation of the weekly tea auction in that city. It was announced Dec. 1 that federal currency!), an increase in cost- ular Mayor and now leader of tion to the Socialist Press and of-living allowances and full the Opposition in Parliament. Publications Fund? If not do so troops would be used to maintain the water supply and sewunion and political rights for age system. The government de- federal employees. They re-

... The unions he controls have today. Address it to 116 Univerbeen most active in calling sity Pl., New York 3, N. Y. cided, however, not to try to turned to work after the govuse troops to load and unload ernment pledged substantial con- strikes."

to claim it has offered a con-full independence for Algeria - to be against any sudden French unions suspended by the AFL- reforms from this particular CIO Executive Council on charges party of Big Business. Meany and up, a dynamic Western-oriented Algeria which would permit him to hope for the leadership

of a federation of the three. "A free Algeria, on the other Meany that the expulsions are local scale where many building hand, would constitute a dangerous rival for its much small- the labor movement of corruption er Tunisian neighbor: The turmoil caused by a sudden French are not to be taken seriously. capitalist political machines. departure would breed a dan- The desire for reforms comes gerous instability across the too late in the life of the AFLlong Algerian - Tunisian border frontier which could prove dis-bureaucratic corruption publicized

his moderate government." Working people should bear in mind the above expose of Bourguiba and King Mohammed and their "compromise" offer. For the Big Business press in the U.S. is sure to begin a

ism's changing policy on Al- Practices Codes or the methods FOR RANKS The U.S. State Department. that the codes, which were having failed to crush the Al-

The principal leadership for switched to a tactic which it union officials from having inthinks has more chance of suclon Equality (Lanka Samasa- cess. The common denominator relationships.

ported as follows in a Nov. 27 rialism's opposition to Algerian of the Arab people.

"Ethical Practices Codes." The and bureaucratic control and less but rule out the prospect of favors a less-than-full independ- Allied Industrial Workers Union autonomy for the international (formerly the United Auto Work- unions in order to line up as ers, AFL) has been reinstated much of the labor movement as appointed by the AFL-CIO tops. ... 'It follows that a semi- and Washington-favored M. Bour- This brings no democracy to the of craft unions in the Building union - only reshuffling at the Trades, have not conformed to a top. The United Textile Workers centralized political policy or to (the former AFL affiliate) is all-out support for the Demoexpected to be reinstated under crats. They have wanted freedom a similar deal.

Statements by AFL President politicians in either party on a motivated by a desire to cleanse contracts are awarded. Thus on and make democratic reforms fate is placed in dependence on CIO tops to be genuine. The astrous for M. Bourguiba and by the McClellan committee has existed for many years, was

common knowledge in the labor movement, and was, at the very Reuther's eagerness in the least, tolerated without audible objection by Meany and his present colleagues. (A. J. Hayes, a centralized dictatorship over for example, who is presently chairman of the AFL - CIO

Nor do the AFL-CIO Ethical OPPORTUNITY

by which they are being applied adopted under pressure from the McClellan Committee hearings, tive safeguards for union welmilitary suppression, has now fare funds and that they prohibit top at the very time when strugvestments in companies with beginning to take place. which they may have bargaining

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develop. Where should militant But aside from these two unionists stand? They should limited provisions, the codes are fight for labor unity on a miliin fact an additional bureau- tant and democratic basis. By cratic weapon against demo- the same token, the right of cratic rights because they under- each union to chose its own nine the Fifth Amendment and leaders and run its own internal call for victimization of union affairs must be supported. The members for their political developing rank-and-file movebeliefs. In a number of cases ments will obtain room to they have served to reinforce the bargain between the contending government inspired witch hunt forces. They should use it to against radicals in the unions. gain a maximum amount of rank-At the same time, the Meany- and-file control.

scale.

Have you sent in a contribu-

THE MILITANT



Meany's Complaint on Integration

The American labor bureaucracy's narrowness of vision on the struggle against Jim Crow and its relation to the labor movement may well be gauged by a statement made on Dec. 3 by AFL-CIO President George Meany at Atlantic City. Explaining to the convention of the Union Label and Service Trades Department that organized labor's failure to grow in size in the past period was due to "difficulties." Meany said, "Number One is that we had the Supreme Court decision calling for desegregation of the schools, which developed a tremendous resistance in the South, and that resistance was capitalized upon by anti-labor employers and it was used in every campaign."

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From this it would logically follow that the Supreme Court decision against school segregation was an unfortunate and unwelcome development for labor. Now there are probably some labor bureaucrats who secretly think this, but none of them would say so openly. So it is unlikely that Meany meant any more by his statement than that the AFL-CIO leaders should not be blamed for their failure to organize the South because the job is tough and the racists oppose unionism as much as integration.

But even with this generous view of the statement, Meany, Reuther and the rest of the top brass of U.S. labor cannot be excused for calling off the promised campaign to organize the South. Indeed, they must in large measure bear responsibility for the growth of the White Citizens Councils and the present pitch of racism in the South.

The Supreme Court decision, which brought Southern Negroes to a new point of militancy and receptivity to unionization which persists to this day, could also have been a powerful weapon for labor in organizing white workers of the South. Instead, the labor bureaucrats permitted

Sues U.S. Gov't

the reactionaries to convert it into a weapon against labor.

The domination of the official channels of public opinion in the South by supervisor in the November the white-supremacists, the growth of the WCC and other night-riding groups, the penetration of the existing unions in the South by racists, has all taken place virtually unopposed. Not only did the labor ment of the SWP or its candileaders not launch an organizing campaign, which by its nature must also be an anti-Jim Crow campaign in the South, but they let the racist officials and the WCC become the dominant force among the white population by default.

It must be remembered that the present climate of opinion in the white South jective news coverage of the phatically with your statement CY, which is furthest from the did not exist immediately after the Supreme Court decision. At that time the prevailing attitude among the whites was one of acceptance or resignation to the decision, that "they knew it was bound to come sooner or later." Instead of launching an organizing drive and using the "law of the land" argument to bolster the integration attendant upon bringing Negro and white into the same meetings and locals, marching together on the same picket lines, opposing the divide-and-rule racism of the employers. etc., the top labor leaders refrained from trying to influence the opinion of Southern white workers on the integration issue. The forum of public opinion was left to the racist politicians and Ku Klux elements. The unceasing din of their ever bolder propaganda and deeds has brought about the present conviction in the South that the high court decision can be successfully defied. The shock troops assembled for this task are also the employers' shock troops against unions.

After having defaulted to the racists originally, the labor bureaucrats justify continuance of the same policy by pointing to the situation this policy did so much to bring about.

rally for Frank Barbaria and Joan Jordan, its candidates for

election. With the advertisement, the PW published a statement of policy declaring that its publication did not imply endorsedates. The statement charged the SWP with "hostility to the lands of socialism" and "tactics. . . which do injury and sow discord in the labor move-

ment and other people's organizations. However, in subsequent issues, the PW did provide ob-

SWP campaign and of the sup- of policy . . . I even have my thoughts of the Trotskyites . .

advertisement from the Social- letters in its issue of Nov. 9, election material which as usual simply lose their job and stand Russian politics of several decist Workers Party in San Fran-| Much of the controversy cen- is a cover-up for their disrup- the danger of being hounded by ades ago to offer a constructive cisco announcing a campaign tered around an Oct. 19 letter tion and determination to de- various governmental agencies. socialist program for the U.S. The replies that his letter pro- K. Billings are fine people . . . vulsion among Communist par! in endorsing the Trotskyite can- munists." ty members and supporters didates . . . Just how do you against the practice of trying elect workers in these United A REPLY BY PLAYWRIGHT anyone away from the Socialto refute the political arguments States. . .? By endorsing known GEORGE HITCHCOCK of the SWP with Stalinist-type disrupters of workers' organislanders and distortions. The zations here and inveterate enfollowing are excerpts from emies of the lands of socialism? some of the letters which were Is this somebody's idea of published. The captions have unity?

been added. "There would have been a FROM ARCHIE BROWN

Unemployment Lines Are Growing



Unemployment compensation lines, like the above 'during the auto cutbacks in Detroit last year, are now becoming more frequent throughout the U.S. as the current recession begins to be felt. During the last week of November 225,000 workers were registered for jobless benefits in New York - a 50% increase over the same period last year.



It's 6 A.M.

for over a week now," says the Soon it was too full for ev-The place: New York City. first, "and that boss ain't sent eryone to sit or stand within. A young couple awaken to me out on a job yet." the pealing of a Big Ben. The and hustles into his clothing, rubbing his skin to bring warmth. After a cup of tea he heads

The young man walks to a the sidewalk. The young man young man jumps out of bed counter where a well-dressed had a seat which he wangled executive-looking chap is writ- pretty close to the boss' desk, ing on a pad. He shows him the so he could get called if the "You can sleep awhile card. "Have a seat," says the guy had something to send

the car back and he can't bor-

The young man is certain

there must be something wrong

with the man at the desk. He

doesn't understand that he has

a card from a friend-a guy

law says you have to pay a dol-

what the law is.' I ain't been to

around town."

row anything on his house."

"I hear things are just about know, and he would call them to the front door. "Good luck, the same all over. Friend of over, give them a slip of paper es realization."

it is too deeply mired in the vious practice, accepted a paid minating in a full page of such put out some fine-sounding support is that he or she would by Archie Brown which en- stroy the Communist Party and It is interesting to note the today. But I do have an axe to dorsed the PW's attack on the other people's organizations. Trotskyites do not seem to have grind for the PW. And I feel SWP and elaborated its charges. Vincent Hallinan and Warren this problem, even though they claim to be ten times more tential friends by its attitude voked indicate the growing re- but I question their judgment r-r-revolutionary than the Com-

> to wean Hallinan, Billings or list Workers Party with such a

". . . Like Vincent Hallinan poor, puling letter . . . Knowing the role of the Trotskyites Warren Billings, I have and endorsed the candidacy of Frank in Spain and elsewhere as well Barbaria and Joan Jordan al- as Archie, I do not trust them. though I am in no way affili- But attacking them, Archie faces away from the real enated with the SWP and have chance to elect someone from profound differences with them emy . . . Probably one reason labor's ranks . . . However, this on many questions, including Warren K. Billings is support-"I want to agree most em- calls for a COALATION POLA- their estimate of Soviet affairs. ing the SWP is that he sees the SWP doing something to However, like many other sowin a new trial for Morton Socialists of my acquaintance, I question neither their sincerity bell . . . Perhaps he wonders what Archie and his union have or courage in running for office on a socialist platform. done for Sobell in the last year or so. But people say, that Their platform is excellent, they are both working people and the Sobell case is not 'broad' should, I think, be supported by enough. . ."

all socialist-minded voters . . . "Finally, Archie Brown even WANTS CP TO RUN

ITS OWN CANDIDATES questions your wisdom in printing a paid advertisement by the SWP . . . This is a vital question. And if people like Mr. munist candidates in local elec-Brown are successful in prestions and then proceeds to say suring their paper into supress- that one of the problems preing socialist viewpoints with venting this is job security. In which they don't agree, I fore- my mind, job security is a sec-

DOES HITCHCOCK READ

ty George Hitchcock . . . has decision was decided in the Parheld up to scorn a Communist ty's county state committees and 'unreconstructed old-timer' and never discussed widely for presuming to question the among the rank and file. I persincerity of the Socialist Work- sonally have been in favor of ers Party. One can not help but CP candidates but in my eight admire his courage in attack- years of experience in the party ing a Communist, but is a full discussion among the tempted to question his ability membership has not taken to read, despite his renown as place. . ."

Reading this official organ of the SWP, one is repeatedly exposed to hostility and denumciation of the Soviet Union and squat position this group has assumed for many years . . The latecomers had to stand on Hitchcock is liable to promote something more than socialist unity if he continues to harp on the uncompromising rigidity of Communists as opposed to the sweet reasonableness of someone out on. But there were "Well," says the second man, a few whom the man seemed to those whose devotion to social-

see a very dim future for it." | ondary question and should be regarded as such. What appears to me to be the first step is the decision amongst the Com-MILITANT, ASK "G. & F. H." munist Party membership to "In the name of socialist uni- run candidates. In the past such

". . Brown states there is

'great merit' in the idea of Com-

the PW is alienating many po-

"Archie Brown is not likely

toward the SWP. . .'

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ASHER HARA WRITES

the People's World for accepting our campaign rally ads . . . PW's recognition of the changing times is to be expected. But is it too much to expect that such a protest — at a minimum - should be based on fact, not fiction? For example, Brown slurs the SWP candidates by saying that it is a strange thing that they can run for public office 'but do not ism falters only as it approach- lose their jobs.' . . . The facts:

a scholar . . . or perhaps he doesn't read The Militant? SWP CAMPAIGN MG'R ". . . I would like to thank in fact everything and every-one to the left of the rather DW's recognition of the set

Barbaria was screened from his

Fidel Castro Describes **Cuba Under Imperialism**

(A vivid picture of what the rule of U.S. Big Business means for tens of millions of people throughout the Car- longer," he tells the girl. She boss, going back to his work. ribean Islands, Central America and South America who wastes no time acquiescing. live under its economic dictates ppears in the Nov. 30 Nation. tation. Some 2,200,000 Cub



JAMES KUTCHER

Legless Vet Goes To Court to Win His Back Pay

ests.,. DEC. 5 - James Kutcher, the legless veteran who last year ing industries and some woodwon back the government job working and textile plants. Cufrom which he was fired for ba is essentially a producer of membership in the Socialist raw materials. She exports su-Workers Party, today filed suit gar and imports candy; she exfor back pay due him. Kutcher's | ports leather and imports shoes; attorney, Joseph L. Rauh, filed | she exports iron and imports the suit in the U.S. Court of plows. Everyone agrees that Claims in Washington for the there is a great need to in-\$23,000 pay coming to the leg- dustrialize: that we lack metal, less veteran for the eight-year paper and chemical industries; that the techniques of agriculperiod during which he was illegally separated from his job ture and animal husbandry must in the Veteran's administration, be improved; that our food-pro-

The court action was taken after the U.S. Comptroller General denied his claim for back pay even though the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered him reinstated to his job, after finding that he had been removed from it without legal cause. The Comptroller General's of- huts and shacks in Cuba; 400,fice had notified Kutcher that 000 rural and urban families the back pay would not be grant- live crowded in slums without ed without a court order. the barest necessities of sani-

It is written by Fidel Castro, pay rents which absorb from leader of a revolutionary movement against the U.S. State-Department backed Batista dictatorship. The original Spanish without electricity. In this matversion appeared in Cuba Libre, ter we are blocked in the same a Costa Rican publication. We way: if the state proposes a re-We present excerpts from it below. - Ed.)

Cuba's land situation, the struction; if the state does problems of industrialization, nothing, the owners build only living standards, unemployment, so long as they see high rents. education and public health: The electric - power monopoly these are the problems-along acts the same way; it extends its lines only so far as it can with the attainment of civil libvisualize a good profit; beyond erty and political democracythat point, what matters if the the solution of which the people live in the dark. . . . revolutionary 26th of July Movement [the Castro-led movement] Our educational system is a

directs its efforts. . . uations just described. . . . Any At least 85 per cent of Cuba's small-scale farmers rent boasts more than 200 technical their land, and face the conand industrial-arts schools! in stant threat of eviction. More Cuba there are only six-and than half of our best arable graduates go forth with their land is in foreign hands; in degrees only to find that there Oriente, the broadest province is no work for them. Less than of Cuba the lands of the United half of our rural children of Fruit Company and of the West school age can attend school; Indies Fruit Company unite our and they go barefoot, ill-clothed northern and southern shores.

and ill-fed. . . Throughout the country, 200,000 Only death frees people from rural families are without a such poverty, and in this solusquare foot of land on which they can support themselves; tion the state cooperates. More than 90 per cent of the chilyet almost ten million acres of untouched arable land remain dren in our rural areas are infested with parasites which enin the hands of powerful interter the body through bare feet. Society is greatly moved by the Except for a few food-produc-

kidnapping or murder of a single child, but it remains oriminally indifferent to the mass murder of our children through lack of proper care. . .

In such conditions, is it surprising that from May to December we have more than a million unemployed, and that Cuba, with a population of 5,500,000 has more people unemployed than either France or Italy, whose populations exceed

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honey," she calls. Walking quickly west toone-fifth to one-third of their incomes, and 2,800,000 of our wards West Broadway on Fourth rural suburban population are Street, the young man stops on the corner to scan the front pages of the Times he can't a damn thing he can do with Christmas," he thinks, "and I duction in rents, the proprietors threaten to paralyze concan't spend a nickel on the damn Times. Santa Claus will be able to play the title role in the "Thin Man,' this year." As he proceeds west he takes a card from his pocket and reads an address. The line on the card he likes best is: "Temporary work. Pay by the day.'

The name of an acquaintance is scrawled across the top. The perfect complement to the sit- friend had told him he had weight. The boss would be sure typical small European country to put him to work once he saw the name of the guy who'd sent him down there.

The front has the name of the establishment. The windows say shape-up at 6:30, but there are men in there already at be work down there. They sent twenty after. The room is hot me over to one of those factoing from the ceiling going full asked the guy what he was blast. The store is only 15 by paying, and he said 90 cents an 15 but there are more than thir-

ty men huddling together and I said. 'You can't do that; the more filing in by the minute. Two men, sitting on one of lar.' He said: 'I got other probthe five wooden benches, have lems without you telling me made friends:

"I've been coming down here Warren Street since."

Washington, Oregon Hit by Layoffs

SEATTLE, Dec. 1 - Unemployment in the Northwest has been rapidly rising since August 1956. The state of Washington has the highest number of jobless since 1949, while unemployment in Oregon follows a similar trend. This down trend has been accelerated since September 1957. Lumber, Aircraft, Ship Building and Metal Trades felt the sharpest decline in employment.

Peter H. Giovine, Washington State Employment Security Commissioner reported 35,318 persons applied for jobless benefits during the week of Nov. 5. This was 16% more than the previous week and 60% more than the same week a year ago. This was brought about by heavy layoffs at Boeing aircraft and in lumber industries. Since then, unemployment has leveled off to the tune of 3,000 new persons per week. During the week ending Nev. 23, 3,673 were thrown on the unemployment rolls which brings the total for Washington to 45,695 - this is 15,624 more than the same week last year.

Linemployment in Oregon in the past month showed 13,600 increase over October 1956 when 25,400 were seeking work.

The Washington Metal Trades Council, AFL-CIO reports that one third less man hours were worked during last September than during September of last year. - J. B. and R. T.

mine lives in Montclair. Just with an address, have them sign bought his house, and things a sheet and then they got a dollooked OK, so he bought a lar bill. The process was rebrand new Mercury, too. Now peated twenty times by 10 A.M. he's hung because there ain't but still nothing for the young man and the place seemed as afford to buy. "It's almost any of that stuff. Dealer would- full as it had been at 6:30. n't give him any money to sell

The two men who had been they split. "I can't figure it," send you on something?

with connections. But this time "I think," said the second the man is a little more ex-"that it's just a matter of him plicit in his directions to sit. seeing you enough times." He He says everybody around here noticed the young man for the waits alike. "Nobody's special when I have the only work before, son," he said in a friendly mid-western voice. "What

The first man is talking line of work do you usually again. "When I lost my last job, do?" The young man was deep my old lady said she wasn't goin his own thoughts, realizing ing to let me sit around that that he'd lost a whole morning house, so I went down to Warren Street. Always supposed to

young man nodded yes. "Pfeffer, Jones, McCoy, Stubbs, Bohme, come and get this slip. the only company which prac-Parker, Lipshultz, Tanner and want to, but that's it for to- one company at a time in order day. Try the department stores to obtain the most effective for stock jobs if you like." The results. boss turned and went into his has a \$30,000,000 plant and that rupter, Brother Brown?" office and the men dispersed. |

concite to have coffee and to boy and the other as a salesthink. "What am I going to tell man. her when she comes home, and The local community has re-I didn't get anything?" He sponded enthusiastically to the gives the waitress his order for NAACP appeal. The word is coffee and a danish-a cheese rapidly being passed along: "No danish, more protein. As he sits Bud." Tavern and cafe owners sipping his coffee the radio have joined the Beverage Imnews comes on: "The cost of provement Committee of the living index has risen for the NAACP, under the temporary 13th consecutive month, the La- chairmanship of Rev. Maurice Department announced. A. Dawkins, president, and rebor Meanwhile a statement from portedly have stripped their that same department says the shelves and iceboxes of Budweis-

employment picture has grown er. more serious with more layoffs They have also adopted a poliin the East and West Coast air- cy of refusing to make any sepin the East and West Coast air-craft plants. Other industries have reported mild cutbacks in potiations be handled through skilled and unskilled personnel." the committee.

* * * ADAM LAPIN THINKS SWP blacklisted from every shop in GOT BARGAIN ON AD "That one-inch ad for a Socialist Workers party campaign to work outside the city . . . rally . . . a few weeks ago has "Brother Brown and I are rally . . . a few weeks ago has been parlayed into a good many both longshoremen. We have inches of copy. The PW found far more job security than Bartalking each had 20 cents. They it necessary to accompany the baria or Jordan. As a matter

coffee, and one cruller which denouncing the SWP. Then the same job he had when he Archie Brown wrote a longish ran for governor. He could run



LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17 The Los Angeles branch of the evidence to prove his charges from his uptown hunting. He NAACP has launched a boycott is the following: that the SWP looked up slowly and said, against Budweiser beer as the supports the idea of a Labor "Newspaper." The order men ex- initial action in a carefully plan- party. True — but is this disand stuffy with a heater hang-ries on the Lower East Side. I changed glances. "That makes ned campaign designed to con-ruption? The candidates state you out to be a long way from vince the nations' breweries of openly in their fine sounding home, don't it?" asked the first the desirability of adopting fair election material that the workhour. I couldn't believe my ears. man. "You got college?" The employment policies in all phases of their operations.

Anheuser-Busch, manufacturers of Budweiser beer, is not Democrats is a blind alley. As That's all I have. You guys can tices discriminatory hiring, but for workers to enter the Demostay and keep warm if you the NAACP has decided to tackle cratic party with the idea of

The young man took his last in its entire operation it employs quarter and went into a lunch- only two Negroes, one as a bar

job as a seaman. He has been San Francisco in his trade and is at the present time compelled

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The Alaska Spotlight, a Negro weekly tabloid published at Anchorage, devoted its main editorial, Nov. 9, to a subject generally considered taboo in the Negro Press - "What Is Wrong With The NAACP?"

Like other groups subject to discrimination and attack, Negroes generally have a feeling of loyalty to their chief defense organization. They reserve the right to criticize its defects only for partisans of their struggle, and unite to defend it against Eastland and his kind.

IMPORTANT ISSUE EVERYWHERE

While this procedure is correct, it sometimes results in barring any criticism, even that necessary for democratic control and correction of errors or weaknesses. So the editorial in the Alaska Spotlight is a rare contribution to an important problem which concerns NAACP branches everywhere.

Commenting first on the infrequent meetings and poor attendance of the Anchorage branch, the editor continues:

"There are many theories advanced as to why the people of Anchorage lost interest in the local branch of the NAACP. Dullness of meetings is thought by many to be the main reason. But from where we 'sit in our tree,' it looks as if the reason can be found in the utter indifference of the organization to the problems which face that segment of the race which is usually the one in greatest need of the type of assistance the NAACP is supposed to give."

Then, to spell out the fact that he means the problems of the Negro workers are not the concern of the middle-class leadership, the editor cites two instances:

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"It all started at the time when the activities of the local police force in Eastchester Flats would have shamed the worst sections of the deep South. An appeal to the local branch brought the response that those who were persecuted were: 'The wrong type of people,' implying that they had no rights anyone was bound to respect, which was exactly what Chief Justice Taney said about the entire Negro race in the Dred Scott HouseGroup they had no rights anyone was bound to respect,

"The latest instance was the inaction last summer when Negro laborers were finding it almost impossible to get jobs, because, they said, the officials of the local laborers' union was practicing face discrimination. Now these men are threatened with disciplinary action because they did complain about the treatment they were receiving, and not a murmur has been heard from the branch. Indeed, the common saying is: 'If you want your case loused up, turn it over to the NAACP."

The concluding point made in the editorial is that the local branch administration had better change its policies, or "the people would lose interest and stop attending meetings."

HOW TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

by Locals 315 and 1581 mem-In this writer's opinion the Spotlight editorial bership and district council, IUE, is correct, as far as it goes. And the criticism and also by the National IUE of the Anchorage NAACP applies in many other Westinghouse Conference Board. The District Council motion branches, as well. But the unavoidable conclusion from such ex-

periences is that the way to change the policies to stop the Westinghouse atof such branches from indifference to the problems of Negro workers to effective action | tempt to violate the mandate on those problems is to elect workers as the | and spirit of the United States administration.

Constitution and the rights of employees who are members of our union." The respective mem-

Thank Boston SWP For Aid in Defeating

The following is the text of a letter to the Socialist Workers Party, Boston Branch, by two of the five persons against whom Smith Act prosecutions were recently

Dear Friends: We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the help which we received from the Socialist Workers Party in Boston in the local Smith Act case. The Boston Branch contributed much valuable time, effort, and money to our defense. This helped to assure not only our personal freedom but also a stronger position for civil liberties in this country. This activity has demonstrated a high level of working class solidarity and dedication to the mutual defense of all radicals against reactionary attack. We can only hope that this devoted and principled example will serve in the future as a

THE MILITANT

MONDAY, DEC. 9, 1957

An Interview With Eric Reinthaler of **Cleveland T-H Case**

Eric Reinthaler, a 33-year-old Cleveland factory worker is one of the defendants in the Cleveland Taft-Hartley Conspiracy Case which is scheduled to go to trial next.

month. He was in New York. last week-end, publicizing his case, and I interviewed him after he made a speech to the Young Socialist Forum here. Before asking Reinthaler his opinions on the case, I gathered the following background facts: Eight persons were indicted last Jan. 23, by a Federal Grand Jury in Cleveland on charges of "conspiring" to circumvent the non-communist affidavit provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law. Only two of these, Fred Haug and Marie Reed Haug, have been accused of actually signing false affidavits, a charge they have denied. They were indicted for this last Jan. 9, but the government prosecutors have never brought the case to trial. Instead, it is trying the Haugs, Reinthaler and five al-

leged former Ohio Communist Party officials for "conspiracy" to deceive the National Labor Relations Board, a charge on limitations and on which it is

possible to drag in any number of persons on the basis of "guilt-by-association." I asked Reinthaler about the implications of this procedure.

> FRAME-UP DEVICES "In the first place," he said,

"the Taft-Hartley provision itself is made to order for a frame-up of any labor leader who is not a 'good boy' in the eyes of a Big-Business government. All they have to do is get some of their professional **Little Rock Woman** informers to testify that the labor leader was a Communist

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case ?"

"What is your connection Educational Society and West with the principals in this Coast Longshore as well as 1 asked. "Both the from civil liberties groups." Haugs have been very promi-"What can be done to help in

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workers who were fired from

their jobs for exercising their

Constitutional rights at a House

Un-American Activities Sub-

committee hearing in that city

IUE locals 315 and 1581, Buf-

falo, N.Y., have processed griev-

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at national level at Pittsburgh

This action was preceded by

unanimous votes of full support

last month.]



Marie Reed Haug and Fred Haug, principal defendants in the Ohio Taft-Hartley conspiracy case. Fred Haug was an early CIO organizer. He helped lead the 1946 GE strike. Marie Reed Haug was the first woman officer of the Cleveland CIO.



By Lou Mason

BUFFALO, Nov. 26 - Following the House Un-American Activities Subcommittee hearings held here last month, a wave of firings and attempted firings of alleged communists has swept through 9-

the steel and electrical indus- the people." He began in a mild which there is no statute of tries and through department manner but when two of the stores and small factories. This fired Bethlehem workers dionslaught on civil liberties-par- rected questions to him, he ticularly on the right to earn a jumped up and explained that living-is taking place on a "you and you" are "foreign scale never seen in the area be- agents" in the eyes of "most Americans" and are "fortunate fore.

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were given the "choice" of resigning or being discharged. Five of them who did not resign were suspended from their jobs and sent notices of "intent to discharge."

The five are members of the United Steel Workers of America. They are Julian Chazin and Everett Jones, both of Local 2604; Sam Brook and Miroslaw Zelman of Local 2601; and Edward Wolkenstein of Local 2603. The Buffalo Evening News reported tonight that the comnany has announced the discharge of all of them.

It is now evident that the local leadership of the steel union has given no real support to

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, the dinner will be held at the New Yorker Hotel, Tues. evening, Dec. 17. Mrs. Lorch was recently praised by the press of the

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"Specifically, what does the indictment allege against you?" He showed me a copy of the indictment. The only overt act alleged against Reinthaler is that he "did transport a person known to him to be a member of the Communist Party USA to a meeting with Hyman Lumer, defendant herein." The name of the person alleged to

Leonard Gardner, a professional government witness. UNION SUPPORT

"Do you think they can actually get a conviction on such flimsy allegations?"

"Well it all depends on how much of a witch-hunt atmosthis is tied to the conspiracy phere they can whip up, and how much support we can musciated with the accused is li- ter. Support is already coming able to prosecution, including in from regions or locals in union members or acquaint- Packinghouse, Teamsters, Machinists, Painters, the Mechanics

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have been transported is Fred

prominent Communists like Gus Hall and Steve Nelson.'