# Indians Go **On Warpath** --Rout KKK

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men scurrying into the bushes and across the nearby line into South Carolina took place on Jan. 18 just outside of Maxton, N. C.

Of a population of 95,000 in Robeson County, some 40,000 are Lumbee Indians and 25,000 are Negroes. There is a three-way segregation system.

In the previous week the KKK had undertaken an anti-Indian campaign. Two fiery crosses - the traditional warning of nightriding violence to come - had been burned on Indian property. One was outside the home of an Indian woman who reputedly has been dating a white man. The other outside a house, previously occupied by whites, into which an Indian family has moved.

Then the KKK announced a public rally and cross-burning to be held Saturday night, Jan. 18, in a field outside Maxton.

Newspaper accounts of the numbers involved in the brief fighting vary widely. The number of klansmen ranges from 35 to 100, the number of Indians from 75 to 500.

Making the counting difficult is the fact that several thousand people came to watch the battle and did not participate but stayed in their cars or on the sidelines. Both the klansmen and the Indians carried weapons and a lot of firing took place - most of it into the air.

The KKK was completely routed. Its Grand Wizard, Rev. James W. Cole, was not heard from again until he had crossed the state line back into South Carolina.

### Simeon Oxendine's Account

Simeon Oxendine, son of the mayor of the nearby predominantly Indian town of Pembroke, gave the New York Post the following account of the battle:

"The Indian boys got to the meeting field around a half-hour before the thing was scheduled to get underway. We stood around | country was matched only by and watched while they set up a microphone and a light over a platform and a big KKK banner.

"We were pretty riled up and we started moving in. We just ards. The workers in 1957 lost kept nudging closer to the platform. The Klansmen held their ground with a continual rise rifles in their hands - they didn't point them exactly at us, but they didn't keep them on their shoulders, either. Some of the an uncertain and insecure future. boys carried rifles, too. That seemed to make the klansmen a Still Eisenhower concentrated his little nervous. We just edged in around them, in a circle which message on the pro-Big Busigot smaller and smaller all the time. They got even more nervous. ness idea that labor should "Some of the boys set off a few firecrackers, back in the abandon demands for increased

darkness outside the circle. The Kluxers didn't seem to get much wages. calmer when they heard the bangs of the firecrackers. Pretty soon some of the boys grabbed the banner and pulled it down. Next they grabbed the loudspeaker and amplifier.

"Then one of the boys shot out the only light. It was pitch dark and the guns started roaring. All of us fired into the air pitch black and us firing one gun after another.

"They [the KKK] seemed to want to leave. In fact they ran off at every angle. They started loading up in their cars and -I don't know - seemed like somehow most of the cars came up with flat tires. About now they were real humble. One guy threw away two pistols he carried and I says to him, 'Where's margins between prices and your guns? Hate to see you lose them.' He says, What guns? I costs." didn't have any guns."

### Authorities Crack Down on Klan

There were four minor casualties — shotgun pellets, etc. One the wealthy and privileged own- ating at 55% of capacity. Coal mines are now

## Vol. XXIII - No. 4 267 PRICE 10c By George Lavan The Ku Klux Klan was chased out of Robeson County, North Carolina, by Indians against whom it had been threatening racial violence. The battle that sent the klans-To Labor's Fight on Layoffs

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## Eisenhower Hits Labor **On Wages**

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JAN. 22 - Eisenhower's economic message to Congress, Jan. 20, reeks from beginning to end with his pro-Big Business point

of view. Nothing in that message proposed a solution to the tragic fact that 5.2 per cent of the labor force is out of work. The President's cold indifference to the plight of jobless

men and women throughout the his vigorous assault on labor's need to defend its living standin prices and in addition face

"The leadership of labor must recognize," said Eisenhower, "that wage increases that go beyond over-all productivity gains are inconsistent with stable prices, and that the resumption of economic growth can be slowed by wage increases that involve either higher prices or a further narrowing of the Reports to the Militant

SOUNDS LIKE ANY BOSS In plain, everyday language Eisenhower is telling the workers not to interfere with the

**Star Prosecution** 

Witness in

**Ohio T-H Case** 

PITTSBURGH .- The last published report on Sheriff's deputies broke up the melee by throwing tear gas. profits of the capitalist class- steel production here is that the mills are oper-

not sit by and let their families go hungry or allow the mortgage holders to take away their Three" negotiations with Gen- because "the Russian earth sathomes. But the feeling is still unorganized and eral Motors, Ford and Chrysler, ellites can be a kind of bloodwill be for a while yet. By and large, the work- On Jan. 14, in a letter to union less Pearl Harbor" and "we

# Leaders of Other Unions **Disturbed by His Retreat On Shorter-Week Bid**

PEOPLE

### By Art Preis

JAN. 22-Whatever the outcome of the United Automobile Workers special convention opening today in Detroit, President Walter Reuther's surprise proposal to drop

the UAW's demand for the D shorter work-week and to seek instead an involved profit-sharing scheme will have wide repercussions in the American labor movement.

Growing mass unemployment has put the program of the shorter work-week with no reduction in take-home pay at the top of the agenda for organized labor. It had been widely hoped that the powerful auto union would spearhead a national drive for this program.

"Other union chiefs," reports A. H. Raskin of the N Y. Times, "are aggrieved that he [Reuther] put a blanket over the hope of strong elements in labor that a breakthrough on the shorter-hours front could be achieved this year. They feel he has substituted a dubious 'gimmick' for a program they consider necessary to curb technological unemployment."

### TEMPORARY DEFERMENT'

**On Steel Unemployment** to go along with the UAW con- pay, according to the UAW's vention's program for a four- own estimate. But Reuther still day- 32-hour week as the major waves the flag and argues demand in forthcoming "Big against the shorter work-week

are working a three- and four-

Last April, Reuther pretended day week with reduced take-home



The Growing Army of Jobless

Scene above, taken in January at New York City unemployment office, is part of growing jobless picture throughout nation. Compensation claims in the city last week, despite seasonal pick-up in garment trades, stood at 231,300. Total number of claims in New York state is estimated at 418,200.



WEEKLY IN

County authorities, sensing which way the wind is blowing, have warned the KKK to stay out of the county. An 18-man grand in the country. jury, three members of which were Indian and two Negro, subsequently issued a warrant for inciting to riot against KKK Grand Wizard, Rev. Cole.

cases refused to be intimidated by KKK and White Citizens Coun- even when it issues from the the preceeding week." The papers are also trycils cross burnings. Defiantly they have stood by watching the United States. medieval antics of the racists.

Memory of Laura Gray

Honored at N.Y. Meeting

comrades of Laura Gray, Militant staff artist, who died

Socialist Workers Party.

Tom Kerry, National Organi-

Laura's most famous cartoons.

appeared, the famous New

wildered in an oversized army

Attending the memorial meet-

spects to a socialist fighter who

the years of their friendship-

lication of a book of her car- an invalid.

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through her art.

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A Contraction

JAN. 17-A packed memorial meeting of friends and

### arrest was made — a klansman found hiding in the bushes. He was charged with drunkenness and carrying a concealed weapon. given by any profit-greedy boss can Iron and Steel Institute has come out with a new policy in reporting production in order to A good part of the labor bu- conceal the sharp decline. Ben Fairless, presireaucracy may accept Eisen- dent of the institute, said in the Jan. 12 Posthower's edit. But the American Gazette: "From now on the estimated percent-The Indians' action continues a trend begun by the Negro workers can recognize the bel- age of tons produced will be eliminated but the people of the South. For the past year they have in numerous lowing voice of an employer report will show percentage of rate utilized from mouth of the President of the ing to conceal how bad things really are. They

call it a "sidewise movement." It would take a guy with an awful lot of guts to tell a worker that to his face around here. In some places, especially the Morganston-Fairmont area, the image of 1932 has begun to show up.

According to the steel workers union some 125,000 members are unemployed nationally and another 200,000 are working only part time. There is a great need for something like Unemployed Councils to keep the workers acquainted with the facts, and start acting on the problem.

### By Jean Simon CLEVELAND, Jan. 20 — The From Youngstown Area prosecution's "best" witness

YOUNGSTOWN .- Steel production here is proved none too good, as the government rested its case in reported at 55% of operating capacity. There the Taft-Hartley conspiracy trial are more than twice as many steel workers on short work weeks in the area than on full time. here Thursday.

Fred L. Gardner was the only Unemployment claims are the highest since 1949 one of eight FBI informers and are still rising. Many workers have excalled to testify by the govern- hausted their benefits, since the cutbacks started ment, who has not previously here last February (long before Sputnik) and been used in either the Smith continued throughout the year.

Act or Taft-Hartley trials. The decline in employment was accelerated by Gardner was the only witness the fact that, throughout the year, there was to testify that Fred and Marie continued construction -in a few key places-Haug, former union officials, of automatic methods, as well as general incharged with five others with crease of speed-up. "conspiring" to violate the non-

Some of the politicians are feeling the heat. communist affidavit provisions Congressman Kirwan, in a recent speech, put of the Taft-Hartley Act, continued alleged Communist activ- the unemployment problem as number one, even over Sputnik. The aspiring candidate for goverities in 1950-3. The Haugs deny they were Communist Party nor, Clingan Jackson of Youngstown, came out for the legalization of Supplementary Unemploymembers at the time, when they ment Benefits in Ohio, one of the few states that filled non-Communist affidavits. What kind of a man is this refuses to allow any addition to state benefits.

not yet decided as to what to do. They fight

pay or take the layoffs becomes furious -the

Most workers are deeply in debt for homes.

#### witness on whose testimony, ac-SEEK ANSWERS

cording to Cleveland Press re-The workers had, in general, counted on these porter Bus Bergen's story of Gray into vivid focus. Mrs. Jan. 17, "The Government is benefits. Now they are without them while the union fights it out in court. They are very disbanking"? turbed about this, are seeking answers, but are

#### GARDNER'S RECORD

The interview in the Press among themselves to stay on the job. The strug-

literally couldn't get out. A personal friend of Comrade Throughout the time I knew her, Clevelander, was described as a older ones wanting to maintain the full week. Gray, the first to speak, told of all her close friends tried to take real 'hard-nosed' Communist in ber youth and early work, first care of her, but they met with the 25 years when he was in cars and appliances. They are blaming the Repher youth and early work, first resistance because she was de- the party by Sgt. John Ungvary ublicans for the crisis, feeling that the Demotor. He offered \$100 for the pub- termined not to live her life as of the Police Department's sub- crats would have prevented it. But when it is ex-Art Preis, Militant staff quit in 1956.

Constance Weissman, another writer, spoke on the history of close friend of Laura's, spoke of Laura Gray's life and work. He early 1950's. While a represent-(Continued on page 3) (Continued on page 2)

ers are still watching and waiting, hoping that locals and delegates - sent too need to strengthen our military everything will turn out OK. But it is a very late for any serious discussion posture." thin hope in most cases. Already there is some by the ranks - Reuther an-

increase in union activities by the rank-and-file. nounced his new profit-sharing cern over the Sputnik danger Until recently, the local union leaders were silent on the gravity of the problem and have, so far, not encouraged mobilization of the workers shorter work week." to take action.

### **From Buffalo Area**

BUFFALO .- In the first week of 1958, Bethlehem Steel's Lackawanna plant, third largest a 30-hour week at 40 hours' pay. think they'd have kept secret steel plant in the world, operated only 17 of its 35 open hearths. With Republic Steel the shorter work-week "play the orbit them. By unveiling them Corporation running only four of its nine open hearths and Colorado Fuel and Iron heat- in effect, to reduce America's crease our defense budget, ining one of its three furnaces, steel operation in production by one-fourth. . . " the Buffalo area has dropped to 53.7 of capaciworkers are jobless and 600,000 ty, a 10-year low mark in steel operations ..

Tremendous plant expansion in the last few

years has increased Niagara Frontier steel capacity by one million tons (over one-half million increase by Bethlehem alone). But this is no comfort to the steel workers, who had to bear the burden of increased tonnage capacity with its speedup, and loss of their job security. An example cf this can be seen in the Open Hearth Department of Bethlehem, where the company has built new 300-ton furnaces. They have been able to shut down all of the older 150-ton furnaces, and furlough many of the open hearth crews and still produce at nearly 70 per cent of of the American-controlled Ryu- Dcapacity.

### RECALL DEPRESSION

Plant talk up and down the line centers strict- tion with Japan. By a vote of had not been effected. ly around problems of layoffs and short work weeks. Old timers recollect vividly the hardships Tatsuo Tairo, described as a U.S. rule has been particularly of raising their families during the no-work "moderate" socialist who also high since the military authorities thirties, while younger men listen quietly and favored unification with Japan. effected removal of the last thoughtfully.

Joseph Molony, New York State District Di- respondent in Okinawa said, Jan. ponent of American occupation. rector for the United Steel Workers, reported 14, that Kaneshi's victory "gave That ouster was accomplished by laid-off steel workers and those on short work United States prestige a severe the U.S. High Commissioner, weeks are running into the thousands. As lay- setback in Asia." offs increase, the demand for 30 hours work at From Washington, the Times changing the Constitution "in the forty hours pay should be incorporated in the reports that U.S. officials are name of the people." steel contract proposals that come up July 1959. "chagrined" because "strenuous U. S. occupation of Okinawa But unemployed steel workers and half-time and ill-concealed Government has also served to deepen antisteel workers can't wait until Summer 1959. The maneuvering to get a more U. S. sentiment in Japan itself. rank and file are pressing now for their Dis- sympathetic Mayor into power Commenting on the Naha electrict leadership to push for action. In these in- had obviously backfired." flationary times, state unemployment and SUB The backfiring came from ef- "It would be very regrettable .... payments cannot provide an adequate income forts of the occupation authori- to see Okinawa turn out to be for workers' families. And for the lean pay ties to gerrymander the election. the Cyprus of Asia." This atticheck of the thousands of steel workers on half-time, there is no supplement. (This is one com-in Okinawa had urged merger of Sulzberger in the Jan. 18 N. Y. pany method of getting around payment of the capital city of Naha with Times. He wrote that if the SUB).

While present unemployment and short-week the U.S. military command which will develop in only one way-that tions.

Reuther's super-patriotic con-

scheme "which provides for the is sheer demagogy. The Scrippstemporary deferment of the Howard newspaper chain, on Jan. 18 in its weekly Washing-

This "temporary" deferment ton round-up, revealed: "Pentahas actually been going on for gon officials have told Congress a good many years. At the UAW they believe Russian sputniks convention in March 1953, Reu- mean Reds are not preparing ther pushed through a resolu- for a nuclear war. If they'd been tion attacking the proposal for planning to attack, witnesses He claimed that proponents of their sputniks, and ability to Communist game by proposing, now, they've caused us to increase our own missiles pro-

Now more than 200,000 auto gram." Long before Sputnik, almost (Continued on page 4)

### **Okinawa Votes Against U.S. Army Occupation**

U.S. Army efforts to thwart the will of the people of Okinawa received a humiliating setback with the election, Jan. 12, of Saichi Kaneshi as Mayor of Naha, capital

kyu Islands. Kaneshi campaigned | tion. The election results showed in opposition to U.S. occupation that Kaneshi would have been of the islands and for reunifica- narrowly defeated if the merger

The New York Times cor. mayor, who was also an op-

General Moore, issuing a decree

tion, a leading Tokyo daily said: Mawashi. This was resisted by present trend continues, "....it

hardships last, the United Steel Workers should exercises final veto on all poli- of Cyprus. We will find an inrush for a moratorium on all debts and for pay- tical matters in this "show case creasing hostility among the isment by the steel companies of premiums on of Western democracy." However, landers- as Britain encounsickness and accident insurance to protect the a few weeks before the elections, tered among the Cypriotes. We workers' families. The burden of these respon- the U.S. brass figured ' that will meet bitterness among the sibilities should be on the profit-laden corpora- unification would strengthen the Japanese as the British did in conservatives and ordered unifica- Greece."



LAURA GRAY

uniform, the Negro child stand- the years since Laura began her ing up to the big, sheet-wrapped work for the Militant in 1944. Each of the incidents told by figure of a Ku Klux Klanner, and many other personalities Mrs. Weissman brought the unique personality of Laura

ing were representatives of oth- Weissman spoke of how difficult er radical groups in addition to it was for Laura's friends, who her comrades and close friends. understood how precarious her They came to pay their last re- health was, to protect her.

gives some revealing informa- gle over whether to share the work at reduced "I don't believe anyone could spoke a universal language keep her in sick-bed unless she tion:

"Gardner, 54-year-old former younger workers fighting for four days and the versive activities squad." He plained that the Democratic prosperity was war

prosperity, they agree and say they do not want He "lived in Cleveland in the war as a solution. A feeling of bitterness prevails among the huge mass of workers -a feeling that they will

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# 'The Naked God' - A Truthful Book About Stalinism

Faction was that, reduced to its

against Stalinism and those who

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it - incapable -of -- reform: "The

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with no hold barred, was utter-

ly and finally shattered when

Trotsky and the men around him

were defeated - exiled and mur-

Fast likewise appears to rule

dered." (p. 120)

Fast, to leave the party.

only liquidation."- (p. 61)

#### By Joseph Hansen

"... he who leaves the Party is cast not only into the other camp, as the Party would have it, but to the bosom of the worst reactionaries of that 'other camp.'

### -Howard Fast

THE NAKED GOD, by Howard Fast. Frederick A. Praeger, Publbisher, New York: 1957. 197 pp. \$3:50:--

The creed of the professional haters of the Soviet Union is that anyone who breaks from Stalinism necessarily breaks from socialism and has no choice, if he is concerned about freedom and D

democracy, but to become a de- paign of the Communist party fender of capitalism—and they bureaucrats, for it remains to be seen whether Fast will stick have sufficient funds and other to his proclaimed socialist prininducements to make their view ciples or succumb to the comattractive.

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bined pressure of the Stalinist This is also the creed of the commissars and the blandish-Stalinist bureaucrats and they, ments of the imperialist protoo, have considerable ways and pagandists, who are doing their means of making it appear true, utmost to win him over. However, in estimating the including amalgams and frameworth of this book it is imups. Every socialist tendency opposing the Soviet ruling caste material whether Fast comes to and its agents, beginning with the assistance of the Stalinists Leon Trotsky and his follow- in their campaign to destroy the ers, has experienced the ap- book by destroying the author. A document that presents facts, plication of this "criticism." The fact that not a few ear- levels, charges, raises issues, nest figures, turning in revul- states problems, and above all sion from Stalinism, have given voices a rebellion against Staup the socialist ideal that first linism that clearly echoes the brought them to the Communist sentiments of intellectuals party, has lent a certain plausi- throughout the Soviet bloc must bility to the contention that on- be considered on its own merits. ly two choices face the world: Fast makes clear that The Stalinism or capitalism. The Naked God is not about Socialtruth is that Stalinism is just ism or the character of the Soas incompatible with socialism viet Union: "It is not my intenas capitalism is with the strug- tion here to discuss socialism, gle for freedom and democracy. | either practically or theoretically Howard Fast's future course although I feel obliged to say is not-yet clear. Out of his own that, while I firmly believe that experience in the Communist all peoples of this earth will party, the author of The Naked find their way to socialism in God expected that his exposure their own way, no socialism of Stalinism in practice would thus created will be Soviet sobe met with vilification and cialism or particularly like it. slander. What he might not My point at the moment is the have expected when he wrote Communist Party. This party

### **Bureaucrats No Asset to USSR**

was the effectiveness of the cam- ism." (p. 67)

this angry but truthful book cannot be equated with social-

In another place the author the sensation-mongers and the strongly indicates his pro-so- professional anti-Communists. A cialist, pro-Soviet position: "The senseless fabrication has been party might now be reformed. 'all man's hope.'" (p. 183) Russian people and the Chinese used to cover a truth more people are on the brink of such terrible and damning than these growth and fruition as was dream merchants could ever never dreamed of in the first create-the truth of what there decades of this century-even is, the Communist party." (p. as the whole world stands on 159) the very doorstep of an inter- Fast's exposure of Stalinism

nationally functioning civiliza- covers two complementary fields tion that can once and for all -what he experienced directly do away with war and want. in the Communist party and what Only a fool could imagine that he learned from authoritative the clique of madmen who-by Stalinist sources about the reali-Khrushchev's own testimony - ty in the Soviet Union and almost lost the war with Ger- Eastern Europe. The report is There is nothing conceivable of party, with whom Fast identicreation in the Soviet Union fies himself, but everyone in the

neers and scientists and teach- and absorbing.

HOWARD FAST

no alternative to the CP as the instrument for achieving it. (Fast does not mention this, but they had been so thorough- out the possibility of "self-re-

ly poisoned against Trotskyism form" of the Stalinist bureauthat they really believed this cracy: "How little has changed! In socialist alternative to Stalinism to be "fascist" in character.)

1954, Soviet representatives told The Khrushchev speech con- me fervently that never again stituted an official admission of would one man rule their counthe truth of the exposures of try; but we have seen the re-Stalinism. It thus confirmed in turn of a single man to power. a way that could not be denied The whole world has watched the misgivings that members his brutal and thoroughly Stalike Fast had long experienced. linist climb to power. Under the "So the terrible, terrible speech world's scrutiny, he appears to became a reality for us-not have refrained from the calbecause of what had happened lous murder of his defeated colin Russia, but because of our leagues that was the mode of experience here in the Commu- Stalin's time; instead, he pubnist Party of the United States." licly exercised a grotesque sense of humor, if this sort of thing (p. 52)

impetus Khrushchev's can be called humor. The gave to independent "World figures such as Molospeech thinking can be judged from the tov, Malenkov and Shepilov were fact that Fast like others in a sent into ignominious exile, even similar position began reading as the Roman emperors deliv- mond.) Trotskyist literature after avoid- ered their palace enemies to

ing it for some twenty years. the barbarian borders of their ers among the rank and file and ling, Mr. Nikita Khruschchev

"Many of us then believed that Khruschev is ironically rec if we moved quickly and deci- ognized as a leader of a "new are declarations by Fast em-sively, we could seize control of type." "Not even Stalin, for all phasizing that he feels neither Finally the CP powers decided ing credit for the fact that "the of the author of The Naked the entire Party, find new lead- his cold-blooded ferocity had disillusioned bittor brained at the brain the brain of the second ership of decent , honest and made public display, in diplohumane people, form a demo- matic terms, of boorishness

spark that would fire the imag- if frighteningly familiar in his ination of the entire world Com- | torical terms, this chest-beating, munist movement." (p. 60) strutting, Jew-hating and Jew-These hopes, centered around baiting leader of the Commu-John Gates, did not materialize. nist Party of Russia." (p. 180)

### many are a positive asset in the addressed primarily, to rank-and-building of Russian civilization. file members of the Communist Dynamics of Socialist Production

The fact that Fast does not mocracy in the Communist Parthat the Soviet people cannot radical movement should find believe in the self-reform of the ty. Fast's description of the Thorneycroft and his colleagues friends represent that diehard they can help in holding back shown no sign whatever this create, the workers and engi- the account both informative bureaucracy does not mean that authoritarian practices in the resign? Was it for the resign? Was it f he rules out the possibility of Communist party is accurate and stated: that the Chancellor which want to get really tough probably right. So he is interest- the interests of the British peoers and artists. Rid of the pera- In the American Communist regeneration of the Soviet convincing. But whether this is would not countenance an sitic burden of the Communist party, East testifies, an abyss Union. "I think I have proved due in the final analysis to crease of £50 million in British his way the Chancellor would cult for them, in not provoking -rocket bases, hydrogen-bomb Party, given a democratic gov- divides the buresucrats and the in the material presented here Lenin's concepts or to Stalinist Government spending? Or were have slashed various social ben- their members with the sort of tests and flights, rent increases, ernment upon their socially rank and file. The bureaucrats that the Party itself is not one, perversions is left unanswered. there other, deeper, reasons? efits, including family allow- drastic cuts that Thorneycroft wage claims and so on- there owned base, they could in short are careerist authoritarians who but a merciless situation of The fact is that East was never One suggestion has been rath- ances, school meals, welfare order turn their land into a not only lay down the line, stress between membership and in a party organized in ac- er widely canvassed is that the food and welfare milk. whatever it may be at the mo- leadership-a situation that can cordence with Lenin's views on resignations had something to He would have been prepared win the next general election, Moreover, Fast notifies the ment, but seek to impose their only be maintained by a bloody combining internal democracy do with the leakage of informa- to have a head-on clash with the which is due in 1960, and if he situation the sudden, dramatic repression of any and all dis- with unity in public action. tion about the rise in Bank rate; forces of organized Labor. The can now pose (quite hypocritical- resignations could have had all tion from the Communist party and file in every field from sent. How much more terrible More than implication is left that the Treasury Ministers, in rest of the British Cabinet were ly) as a champion and defender the effect of a blazing torch. and unhearable then must be with the reader that Fast is other words, were getting out not prepared to go as far as of the social services- well, it But it needed the intervention on his part to join the rene- writer, Fast got a good intima- the contradiction between the tending to the opinion that Sta- before the tribunal which has Thorneycroft thought it wise to may upset some of the Labor leaders. They have gades and stool pigeons who tion of what writers directly un- Communist Party and the peo- linism is the continuation of been inquiring into this leakage go. nle of any country where it Leninism. This, of course, is the reports, so cushioning the possi- Does this mean that the Machas power!" (n. 182) In this living contradiction It is likewise the opinion of the port on the Tory Government. ed in prosecuting the offensive be dismanuled, but it might pre- conjure up if they were rash between the people and the Sta- Stalinists, the difference being While this suggestion cannot be against working-class living vent a fair number of working- enough to bring the workers on linist bureaucracy, Fast believes that the Stalinists place a po-

Fast believes that the charac- honest expression of a writer Art Shields, who had read ter of the CP precluded success. who took a long time to see the New York World-Telegram He is also convinced, however, through Stalinism but who did & Sun "that Howard Fast had "that the most important rea- see it finally as it really is- made a tape recording of a son for the defeat of the Gates a major obstacle to socialism. speech to be delivered over Let us turn now to the Sta- Radio Liberation's station in basic logic, it could call for linist efforts to prevent the Munich, Germany." membership of the Communist

Shields does not tell us what Whether or not this is an ac- party from reading the book by was in the tape recording. He Whether or not time is an ac-curate judgment, the fact is that the Gates grouping did not in the fact is author. The inside dope coming downsays nothing about Fast's irrefutable testimony on what engage in a vigorous struggle from the top bureaucrats is that take it for accidize He does take it for socialism. He does might have rallied against the Fast neverwas politically reliable. not discuss the key question The party always had trouble raised by Fast-the meaning of with him. Now Fast has gone Khrushchey's acknowledgment of over to the State Department. As for the Communist party Most of his book was ghost-writa whole series of crimes comof the Soviet Union, Fast thinks ten by a social democrat. When mitted by the paranoiac Stalin. Instead Shields talks rapidly asked if these charges were to thin hope that the Party could be made public, the local Bay and smoothly about the counpossibly become humanized un- Area CP leader who gave this ter-revolutionary character of "explanation" of The Naked Radio Liberation and the anti-God responded: "Well, no. We Soviet views of its sponsors.

writers, plying their age-old don't feel like jumping on a The "shocked" letter-writer contask of speaking their piece man who's already down." cludes by expressing "doubt' Whether or not they feel like that "the Soviet Union's eneit, the policy, nevertheless, is mies will gain much from Fast's to jump on the man. The Dec. radio collaboration. . . . But it Worker, for instance, pub- is sad to think that the author lished a letter from a "shocked" of 'Peekskill' has come to this.

### **Stalinist Style Hatchet Job**

Aside from this letter indicat- depressed. This "excessive pro- at which "Philip Bonosky, novel- over, other people have "read ing the line to take on the testation," A .- R. decides,- natuauthor of Peekskill, neither the rally arouses "inevitable skepti-Worker nor the Daily Worker cism." The "evidence" thus said anything about the sensa- shows Fast to have turned sour. tieipants in this collective ana-On top of this, Fast substitional and much discussed book for some three more weeks. Per- tutes "passion" for "historical haps the hope was that the si- objectivity" and "theory." Still lence would prove suffocating. worse, "There is a vein of van-Or perhaps the temporary pa- ity in all this."

ralysis was due to the sym-A. R. admits that Commupathy of at least part of the nists "have been inflicted with staff with Howard Fast and his dogma. . ."; have been "burdened decision to speak out.

World proved less tongue-tied. committed in the Soviet Union the dreary I-woke-from-a-nightviewed" the book. (A. R., we

The "review," entitled "Fast's much a "review" as a warning imprimatur on the book and apologia for his defection," be- to the CP membership to sup- assigned Fast his politico-litera from The Naked God, one torn book by coming down on the Gerson recognizes the neces- paign could succeed in its aim had hopes that the Communist before the world, the symbol of another from the context of nials of disillusionment and bit- meet the central issue of the the bosom of the worst reacpage 66 and another from the terness might be belied by the meaning of the Khrushchev re- tionaries" is difficult to becontext of page 99. All three book. But there is no doubting port on Stalin's crimes and lieve. We await with interest

the entire Party, find new lead- his cold-blooded ferocity, had disillusioned, bitter, bruised or to have the Daily Worker shift Khrushchev report WAS deliv- God.

# cratic, humanistic movement for socialism—and perhaps light a sperk that would fire the imag-if frighteningly familiar in his-**Cabinet Resignations in Britain**

**By Peter Fryer** Special London Correspondent

There is no need for specula- lan does not want a complete trouble is that the lead is not LONDON .- Why did the tion, however. The issues are break with the right-wing trade there. Chancellor of the Exchequer clear. Thorneycroft and his union leadership. He believes The Labor Party leaders have

Howard Fast's Challenge To Members of CP

"The secret report [of Khrushchev] is central. For years Trotsky was the devil's own name, and no Communist was permitted to read him, much less quote him. But a few weeks before writing this, I opened Leon Trotsky's book, The Revolution Betrayed. I had not looked at it for almost twenty years, but its words rang with the terrible timeliness of a commentary on the Khruschev report written today. Yet the book was published in 1937.

"I care little at this point about denunciations by Communists, but I feel impelled to suggest that the right to challenge me be earned. I defy Communists to read the secret report again, fully, carefully, and then to balance against it Trotsky's Revolution Betrayedand having done so, to refute me. As for those who will not read the evidence, their minds are locked and the Party has had its way with them." -The Naked God, p. 57.

from silence to the hatchet. A ered," and that this indicates a forum on The Naked God was "historically irreversible" "deannounced in the Dec. 19 issue mocratization process." Moreist; Sidney Finkelstein; critic; the report, agonized over it and and Harold -- Collins. veteran reached utterly different con-Marxist-educator, will be par- clusions from Fast's." Gerson grudgingly admits that lysis of the basic issues posed Fast "made lasting contribuby the appearance of Fast's tions to our culture and underbook."

standing of the roots of Amer-On the same page, a full coliean history," but . . "Whatumn signed by Simon W. Gerever his disclaimers, Fast has

with centralized bureaucracy. .. "; tells "us, is a "cold war book." The West Coast People's and "grave crimes have been ".... Howard Fast has joined when Fast "tugs at these rai- "Harry Schwartz, the New York A. R. finishes what is not so munism, has placed his unlovely

gather, it is striking proof of the fact that despite all the nious "self-criticism" over making a cult of Stalin, the CP literary hacks are still imitating the style of the late paranoiac dictator. That such a wretched cam-



In the Dec. 14 issue, A. R. "re- and other socialist lands..." But mare school of literature......" assume, is the editor Al Rich-| ments he reveals nothing new," Times high priest of anti-com-

At first Fast, along with oth- realm. And grinning and cack- gins with three brief quotations press. any curiosity about the ry part." lower echelons of the leadership, paraded his victory and himself from the context of page 25, author with both boots: "His de- sity of at least appearing to of driving Howard Fast "to

garden of plenty." (p. 170) witch-hunters that his resigna- reactionary views on the rank does not signify any intention psychiatry to painting. As a cooperated with the government der Moscow's rule must underin its persecution of the party: go. He cites incident after in-"So far as I am concerned, out cident to show how the petty of a knowledge I paid a price bureaucrats of the American CP for, there is no Communist con- seek to, imitate the totalitarian spiracy in the terms paraded by bureaucrats in the Soviet area.

**A Picture of Sheer Nightmare** 

What Fast learned about the Because I had written as I had, tween itself and the socialist tion of Lenin's program and social and political reality in because of my past reputation, the Soviet bloc confirms the and because I, as a part of the tradiction cannot endure, but tion in both cases. fearsome picture of Stalinist Communist movement, had openless other sources-the official linist forces in the Communist against the Communist Party lowing: "We are poised, I think, tism, abuse of power, parasitism, felt free to-talk to me. and so on. dehumanization of so-called lead- to make Khruschchev secret tions of educated men and wom- then it may well be that we will ror, murder, and fear-an indecent folk the world over. . ." (p. 18) they talked with hatred. Some the nature of that reality. A children." cils" told a visiting Communist rades murdered by the Soviet and they will face it in the might have been taken from an FBI. from America "that, in the secret police, of men robbed of large as humanists who cherish editorial statement of either a rect effect of the terror in pris-on and concentration camp - My land will not be another In another place, Fast de- whom Fast so savagely and cor-I did so much infiltrating durdied." (pp. 56-57) column in the Daily Worker de- 34-35) nouncing the lack of civil rights Fast gives us a good insight spite of the Communist Party capitalism and its alleged caand liberties in the Soviet Union into the reasons for the impact - and Soviet socialism will not pacity to cooperate peacefully in infiltration in the union" in switched from opposition to sup-Between the appearance of of Khrushchev's secret speech forever lie supine under the heel building a better world. that column and the public an- at the Twentieth Congress of of the commissar" (p. 99) nouncement of my leaving the the Communist party of the So- As I have tried to indicate, remnants of a past from which FINGERED UNION Party, a number of diplomats viet Union. Despite many mis- The Naked God is a remark- Fast has broken definitively, MEMBERS TO FBI and newspapermen from some givings over the years, he, like able book that strikes telling indications of problems which persons in the foreign service der attack from the McCarthy- tern-of thinking. others were less highly placed. believed in socialism and saw consideration of the lack of de- ance of The Naked God as the land trial because they dealt nesses. The stander a for the fact fill the state fills 401.0

that the neople will eventually sitive and the social democrats win out. ". . . the Communist a negative sign on the "contin-

Party, wherever socialism ex- uation." ists as an economic system, faces Stalin's destruction of Lenin's an enormous contradiction he-

party and Trotsky's continua-(Continued from page 1) society it feeds upon. This con- practice is left out of considera- ative of the Mine, Mill & Smel- with this case. An even more graphic vestige CIO in 1949 for alleged Commust resolve itself; whereupon rule already known from count- ly ranged myself against the Sta- the major forces directed of Stalinist ideology is the fol- munist domination." Gardner now has a home in ignorance, brutality, anti-Semi- Party of the United States, they will in very short order-his- between acts of wisdom and Butte, Montana and works for and doing a "pretty good job," torically speaking - oppose it acts of destruction. If we act the AFL-CIO Building Labor-"They talked. They spread be- with a force and determination wisely, with a new tolerance; a ers Union. "He interrupted a For instance, "the trials of fore my already tortured eves it cannot survive. The very eco- new understanding and especial- union assignment in Anchorage, Zinoviev, Bukharin and Trotsky such a picture of terror, in- homics and dynamics of social- ly a new effort to prove good Alaska, to testify," according to light, a Negro weekly newspaper lead they could force through a mere part and parcel of this justice and sheer nightmare as ist production demand genera- faith to the people of the East, the Press report. ers into a bureaucracy of ter- speech appear to be only a mod- en-scientists, professionals, art- witness the peaceful cooperation are wondering whether the Eth- printed in its "Negro Struggle" erate outline of a never-to-be- ists, people whose very mode of democratic socialism and dem- ical Practices Committee of the column of Dec "9, 1957:" credible swindle exercised on itemized whole. They talked of existence demands that they ocratic capitalism in the build- AFL-CIO will take a stand on "Last summer". ... Negro lacoldly, they talked with passion, face reality and inquire as to ing of a better world for our the ethics of union officials, borers were finding it almost Again-a Pole "highly placed wept as they talked. Some lived part of the reality they must Appealing as this is on the serve the interests of labor, they said, the officials of the lor in government and Party coun- over the agony of dear com- face is the Communist Party, surface, the ambiguous, "we" acting as informers for the cal laborers' union" were "prac-"My union sent me to Anchorcourse of this murderous busi- every sense of their own hu- life and hate the practice of Stalinist or a capitalist news- age (Alaska) to stop Commu- disciplinary action because they ness over the years, some fif- man quality. Some cried out, fear, superstition and ignorance paper. The rest is an expression nist infiltration into the union did complain about the treatteen million people felt the di- in strangely the same words, that is Party dogma today." of the deceptive foreign policy up there," Gardner said in the ment they were receiving: . ." of the Stalin and Khrushchev Press interview. "They figured

and some five million of them Hungary.' Others said, 'We will clares: "Socialism, justice and rectly denounces. In this con- ing my years in the party that TO TAFT-HARTLEY wait and wait. History has a the brotherhood of man are text, it is difficult to judge I would know how to stop it. I In June 1956, Fast wrote a way of being truthful." (pp. mighty and irresistible forces what Fast intends by his favor- think I've done a pretty good Cleveland Taft-Hartley conspirthey will grow to fruition in able reference to "democratic" job in Anchorage."

Anchorage? Whether these are nothing but

Gardner admitted under crosseven of U.S. Labor Secretary of what are referred to here in some of the best representatives blows against Stalinism. Never- he is trying to think through, or examination by defense attor- Mitchell who said, in a speech America as the 'satellite na- of the rank and file, stuck with theless, as might be expected, signs of development in the so- ney Henry Kosling that he had on Dec. 5, that the affidavit protions' sought me out. Some of the CP. They did not want to the suthor has not entirely freed cial-democratic, i.e., pro-capital- given information to the FBI in vision should be repealed. them were very highly placed leave while the party was un- himself from the Stalinist pat- ist, direction remains to be seen. Anchorage, Alaska, and else- The trial resumes Jan. 20 with Whatever they turn out to be, where, but said he did not men- motions by defense attorneys of their respective countries; ites. More important, they still A conspicuous example is his they do not destroy the import- tion those matters in the Cleve- and presentation of their with

opinion of the social democrats. bly damaging effects of the re- millan wing is any less interest of the "Welfare State" should afraid of the forces they might

**Ohio T-H Case Witness** 

I with individuals not connected ter Workers, kicked out of the While Gardner was so busy

combatting "Communist infiltra- drive the ruling class on to a tion" in the Laborers Union by showdown with the workers fingering people to the FBI, according to his own opinion, what was the result? . 540

tion. There is no doubt whatever Here's what the Alaska Spot- that the workers were given a published in Anchorage reported

Union observers of the trial on Nov. 9 and the Militant re-

paid by the rank and file to impossible to get jobs, because, ticing race discrimination. Now these men are threatened with

AID AND COMFORT

What his appearance in the acy trial as a prosecution wit-How did he "stop Communist ness means is that he has port of the anti-labor Taft-Hartley law and the non-Communist affidavit requirements. That puts him way to the right

in- with the workers. If he had had ed in not making life too diffi- ple. On a whole host of question is ample feeling against the Govwished to operate. Moreover Macmillan wants to ernment.

class suburban Tories who think been content with words. They the entire remaining structure have acted like men terribly

out and voting anti-Tory.

More important than these tac-

tical considerations of Macmil.

lan's, however, are the objective

stresses and strains of the Brit-

ish capitalist economy, which

This is probably the most un-

stable peacetime government

Britain has had for a genera-

entirely ruled out, there is no standards? Not in the least. It general election within a matter

evidence available to back it up. is a question of tactics. Macmil- of months, if not weeks. The

class non-voters from turning to the streets in demonstrations, or out of the factories in protest

In this potentially explosive

strikes. UNSTABLE GOVERNMENT

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Marxism And Art

With the revelations of the suppression of the artist under Stalinism, there has been a growing discussion of the relationship of Marxism and the artist. Such issues as "proletarian culture" and "socialist realism" have come up for renewed interest. These and other related questions receive a searching treatment by Trent Hutter in his review-article of Trotsky's book. "Literature and Revolution," in the Winter Issue of the International Socialist Review.

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vere made for each other."

optimistic noté.

Preis concluded his talk on an

"We will never have another

Laura," said Art Preis. "But

somewhere in this land, right

meeting.



### **Unemployment in Steel**

Over one-fourth of the 1.2 million members of the United Steelworkers of America are now unemployed or working part time. At a conference of local USA officials held in Washington early this month, USA president David J. McDonald made a speech on this problem. He proposed an immediate \$15 billion school "building program as "one way" to put people to work. He also called for a greatly increased public works program.

At the same time, the Steelworkers president declared support to the United Auto Workers in what was expected to be a fight for the shorter work week in 1958. (The steel conference was held before UAW president Walter Reuther knifed the shorter work-week demand.)

These statements by McDonald are in the right direction. To meet the present crisis, the labor movement must fight for direct and immediate measures to aid the unemployed and must demand the full utilization of the country's productive capacity to enrich the lives of the people. So far, McDonald has limited action on his proposals to appeals to Congress. But it is clear that nothing will come of that as long as the twin political parties of Big Business control that body.

The failure of the union leadership to mobilize the ranks for action has sharpened the struggle between the workers for the available jobs, with the young pitted against the old and the employed against the unemployed. (See report from Youngstown on page 1.)

Drastic changes within the labor movement will be necessary if an effective pro- of her participation, gave an apgram to meet the present crisis is to be all who knew her wanted to put into effect. For that will require a hear expressed at this memorial policy of struggle.

In the first place, the unions should be mobilizing the unemployed themselves into councils to fight for immediate local measures and to secure the maximum relief. These councils, together with the unions could organize effective campaigns of mass pressure for such demands as: a been asked to assist in putting moratorium on all foreclosures and re- out a paper for a group of Chipossessions while the workers are unem- cago Studebaker unionists. I reployed or on part time; free medical care cluding a gift for satire I had for the needy; free distribution of surplus | seen in several of her works. I foods; unemployment compensation at un- asked her if she would try her ion rates for all unemployed, including young people just out of school and seeking jobs.

Collective bargaining demands must also meet the unemployment problem directly. The shorter work-week demand. 30 hours work for 40 hours pay, is made to order for this crisis.

now, there are girls and boys. - Above all, it is necessary to solve the young women and men, who will problem politically by independent labor come to hear of her and see the political action and the formation of a la- work she did. And her work will bor party. Both the Democratic and Rep- light a flame in them. They will come forward with their talents light a flame in them. They will ublican leaders have declared themselves and courage to take up the noble to be bent on increasing only war expen- work to which our lovely Lauditures and keeping public works cut to ra's life was dedicated."

the bone. They believe that the workers PROJECTS BOOK will simply have to tighten the belt. Is OF HER CARTOONS there any doubt about the treatment Mc-

Donald's school building proposal will get from either of the capitalist parties?

The final speaker was Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party. Dobbs concluded his talk with the proect of a memorial tribute to Laura Gray, the publication of a book of her cartoons. He pointed out that a "spontaneous movement has already devel-

### **The Senator from Outer Space**

Recently a psychiatrist recounted an unsettling experience that he said he had gone through with a patient. The patient, a scientist, had developed the hallucination that he was making regular trips to planets in outer space and was even drawdetailed maps of his trips. The psychiatrist tried to humor him by studying and discussing these space maps with him. Soon the doctor became convinced by the patient and was himself taking off to stellar regions. Fortunately, the patient snapped himself out of it and then was able to straighten out the doctor.

This story came to mind as we read in the Jan. 18 issue of Business Week that the Senate Democratic majority leader, Lyndon Johnson of Texas, now "sees himself as the 'space conscience' for Congress," and that Johnson "revealed himself as a space statesman" in a speech to his fellow-Democrats. It is further reported that the Senator is viewed by many as having "come under some influence." Business Week lets us in on the fact that the new influence in Johnson's life is Dr. Edward ("Father of the H-bomb") Teller, a man equally at home in outer space and the lower depths. Teller is the man who assured America that it could not lose a nuclear war because we could all hide out "in deep underground shelters" with a two-year food supply and "in two years we would have had enough time to find out where food can be grown again." (More recently he conjured up a

picture of a hydrogen bomb purer than oped" to make this project pos Ivory soap).

Johnson became sold on Teller, says Business Week, when he heard Teller assert said, "if you visualize for a "that Russia could destroy our nation without firing a shot through control of tute a vivid pictorial history of weather." An obviously sympathetic as- the years of class struggle since sociate of Johnson's remarked, "That's the Second World War. It would something that is understandable to a Texan -drought, rain, tides. . . ."

Senate colleagues how "the masters of infinity would have the power to cause drought and flood- to change the tides Laura Gray ended with the singand raise the levels of the sea- to divert ing of the anthem of the world the Gulf Stream and change temperate socialist movement, the "Interclimates to frigid. There is something . . .

sible. "A book of that kind," Dobbs moment the general panorama of

Laura's cartoons, would constiprovide valuable material for socialist education. It would serve as a textbook in the teaching of The point became the axis of Johnson's young revolutionary artists yet

"space" speech. He told his awe-struck to come. And it would inspire them to carry on in her great tradition." The memorial meeting for

-national."

**Burnt Offering** 



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### A Test of Strength



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We print the four Laura Gray cartoons above and the eight we reprinted last week not as her "best" but as among her best. For her best is a category that would include well over two hunLook Out Below



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Space Statesmen



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dred by the gifted artist, who in our opinion was the greatest political cartoonist of her generation. The project to publish a volume of her cartoons is under way. We hope for its early completion.

'She Was a Fighter All the Way'

(Excerpts from speech of Far-| many, which is a matter of vital intellectual relies more on his participated in distributons, rell Dobbs at Laura Gray Me- concern in all organs of strug- personal knowledge and ability, went out on petition work in morial meeting in New York, gle.~ is hard for him to subordinate

A worker as an isolated indi- his individuality within an or- tion to her magnificent work as

vidual tends to feel himself han-ganization. And he often feels a cartoonist in the Militant she

dicapped. His strength, he more himself above the discipline of did a great deal of routine party

or less instinctively senses, de- the majority. A contradiction work in which she did as in all

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Those of us who knew Laura



more important than the ultimate weap on," declaimed Johnson. "that is the ul- Socialism And Art

timate position -the position of total "... even a successful solucontrol over earth that lies somewhere in tion of the elementary problems outer space." In his conclusion Johnson of food, clothing, shelter and to the time in 1944 when Laura said, "... our national goal ... must be even of literacy, would in no way came to those of us who were to win and hold that position."

Johnson shares the paranoic urge to the new historic principle, that win "total control over earth" with most is of Socialism. Only a movement other spokesmen of U.S. Big Business in of scientific thought on a na- year and as the comrades reboth parties. Unfortunately, unlike the tional scale and the development marked at the time; she came scientist in the story, those who make the of a new art would signify that American ruling class will not snap out the historic seed has not only of their far more demented visions. Their grown into a plant, but has even by the stark power in Laura's goal of world mastery, as Johnson made flowered. In this sense, the de- cartoons. After we had seen the clear in his speech, is to be pursued velopment of art is the highest first few of them, we were imthrough a monstrously stepped-up mis- test of the vitality and signifisiles race, with the U.S. working people cance of each epoch." condemned to slave and suffer for its re-

Revolution, page 9.

cially. She put her best effort in that delicate little person-."

Laura's brand of humor was a Laura, you knew that those

But when you shook hands with

into this as everything else. . .

Her Humor Was a Source of Delight

We publish below some of the he had no idea of what it was inally been sold. With the help of her apartment to polish it... stories about Laura Gray told all about. He got the surprise of a friend she took the case to Laura loved to dance -her by her close friend, Constance of his life. She lashed out at court and won. brand of dancing, a gentle, sat-All of us who were close to irical series of steps, with her Weissman, at the N. Y. memo- him with a fury and devastating her knew how she labored over eyes demurely cast down, as attack on his philistinism which rial meeting). Although the mildest and left him gasping. It was an in- her cartoons. Sometimes, if she though poking fun at herself. It quietest of beings, Laura could dication of the capacity for in- was not satisfied, she would do was a great delight to us all-eslash out in fury, especially when dignation in defense of the truth the same one twice, finishing pecially when she said to her both of them and bringing them partner, "Let me lead." . . . her own territory was attacked. that smouldered within her. into the editor to choose. It al- Her imagination in decorating all the way . . . I remember once when a mis-She had such a wealth of talguided friend of hers started ent, such perfect taste = and always dismayed us that she her apartment was sheer genius. giving her a lecture on her ways her abilities were at the worked so close to the deadline She made a coffee table out of sculpture. He knew Laura as a beck and call, not only of the one of those big wooden spools that she was up all night. quiet person who listened intent-Laura was so shy of official- that cable is wound on and which ant) artists are a selection of Laura Gray. Party, but of her friends and dom that she even worried about are left on the street by the ly to political discussions and comrades. When we were first who always treated him with building our camp, doing the buying a money order in the Consolidated Edison Co. Once realize themselves through their shy respect. Knowing nothing best we could with amateur la- post office. Yet she steeled her- she got hold of a real big spool, art. They need above everything, whatsoever about modern sculpbor, among other things, Laura self to go through the ordeal of dragged it upstairs and made freedom of self-expression, a painted the walls of our recrea- job-hunting. First, she applied that into a sort of chair on freedom that's very hard to find over the loss of Laura Grayture, he gave her a condescendtion: room in a most elegant for work in a laundromat. But which you could roll gently back under capitalism. They come to a loss not only to the Party but ing lecture which revealed that

There is no doubt that in mak-

alization.



Jan. 16.)

When I learned Saturday morning of the passing of Comrade Laura, my mind went back

rives from numbers and a feel- constantly confronts him that is things, her very best. . . ing of organizational discipline. sometimes hard to resolve, a I felt and I believe this feel-A capacity to respond to the contradiction wherein the urge ing was general, that very ofsignify a complete victory of in Sandstone prison. She came needs of organization reside to individuality as an intellectu- ten she went a remarkably long through those prison walls in within a worker. It comes from al tends to clash with the need way in capturing the universal her cartoons in the Militant. his social position as a worker for selfless personal conduct as in the particular presentation in which began to appear in that

under capitalism stemming from a socialist fighter. fundamental premises of the div- It is precisely here that Com- issue would be brought forth in ision of labor and everything rade Laura's life exemplified the sharp light in a cartoon dealing with a clatter and she came with that flows from it. A worker solution of this contradiction. with a concrete event. . . . These a bang.

tends more readily to adapt him- Laura's fame as an artist left were of the essence of the pres-We were struck immediately self to the needs of political or- her unpretentious. No party task entation of Laura's. It was this ganization. For the intellectual the situa- She paid her dues conscientious- work, that brought such appretion is somewhat different. An ly. She attended meetings. She ciation from the movement. . . pressed by the skill with which she caught the political essence of the class-struggle issues of Messages Tell of Sorrow

Leon Trotsky, Literature and the day. As more cartoons appeared we were profoundly gratified that she was growing

in stature as a cartoonist, project by project. It became clear from several of the messages ex- of our time. that we had here a comrade of pressing sorrow over Laura Gray's death sent to the New great talent, of great promise, York Memorial meeting by Sowith a profound capacity to cialist Workers Party branches learn and to grow. throughout the country.)

She lifted us up as she did everyone in the Party and we recognized her as a good fighter. In the 14 years since then we have never had occasion to change that evalutation. Just the opposite. She demonstrated over and over again that she

was a good fighter and a fighter

As Comrade Cannon wrote in exceptional people who seek to

style; did an abstract design on they didn't think she looked and forth. She made a beautiful ward the labor movement be- to all workers. . . . In serving to the hot water boiler; painted strong enough. So then she took screen out of the mesh lath that cause their salvation lies in al- advancec the cause of the class checkerboards on the home-made a job painting the faces of store- is used for building plaster lying themselves with the work- struggle she has helped the lib-

Comrade Cannon used to say, to learn that. They join the over the world. touched. She was as serious, hour, for it was impossible for referring to her cartoons, "When struggle for an enlightened so-

careful and concerned as though Laura to do anything superfi- you think of the mighty power cialist society and it is wise for the workers to welcome the in-

Each week, when we open the tellectuals as allies. Despite all the good intentions Militant, many of us look first on both sides, however, the re- for Laura. Gray's cartoons as lations within the alliance are one of its outstanding feaatures.

against an exploiter. This was bought some odds and ends of - And I think this is what will not always harmonious. prob- It is hard and sad to realize that when her little ceramic cats fur at a rummage sale, made a stay with us about Laura forev- lems of an organizational char- her hand will no more hold the were plagiarized by the owner pair of huge slippers in which er- her great strength of char- acter intrude, problems involv- crayon that gave such sparkling of the shop where they had orig- she used to glide over the floor acter in the conduct of her life. ing the relation of the one to the and incisive comment on the po- Gray personally loved her. Her what is a for a particle the word learns for mode such a difficult as a construct

which she dedicated herself. of her indomitable spirit. San Francisco, Calif. \* \* \*

Boston branch extends its We shall miss Laura Gray's deepest sympathy and expresses keen and inspiring cartoons, her the article I just read from, (re- its great sorrow on the death of rare talent for laughing and published in last wesek's Mili- such a fine person and artist as making others laught at the sac-

\* \* \* We express our deep regret that she was our comrade. \* \* \* Some of us knew her personally and mourn the loss of a ers' power. In time some come erating struggle of workers all friend. All of us knew her revolutionary spirit, her matchless

Youngstown, Ohio

(The following are excerpts |litical events and personalities | sensitivity to human want, her understanding of trouble and Los Angeles, Calif. frailty, her quiet courage, her simple contempt for all that is false, her creative art which she The Seattle branch mourns hammered into a weapon of the We deeply mourn the death of riched our lives for so many and how the splendid fighter and how the sple for that rarest of person, the

was beneath her dignity. . . . character, this depth in her

Laura Grey and pledge ourselves years and her work became so a beautiful person. . . . Her art to continue the struggle to much a part of us that even her will live to be reprinted many tragic death will not deprive us times. It will be seen and understood by many millions as the socialist cause she fought for be-Seattle, Wash. comes the cause of the great mass of American workers. . . .

a given cartoon. A basic class

Philadelphia,, Penn.

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Laura Gray gave herself to red cows of capitalism in a sin- the cause of socialism, without Boston, Mass. gle picture. Quiet Laura could stint or reservation. She asked express our views better than a nothing in return, but she got thousand words. We are proud much -a high purpose in life, the satisfaction of contributing Cleveland, Ohio to its achievement, the respect and love of all who knew and worked with her. There aren't many people today who live

> lives as good or rewarding. Laura was an indomitable spirit in a frail body. The body wore ability, her keen intelligence, which made her art the highest out, as all bodies must. But her expression of the socialist fight example survives as part of our against capitalism. Frail in body collective consciousness, inspirbut indomitable in spirit, her ing us to continue the struggle life set an example for all revofor a socialist society where peolutionary socialists to follow. Twin Cities, Minn. ple with her courage and sweetness can be the rule rather than the exception

> > Detroit, Mich.

### 'We Paid You, Didn't We?' By a Ford Worker

Seven weeks ago, we the members of United Auto Workers Local 425, employed at the Ford Motor Co. automobile assembly plant in Buffalo, were not very concerned over the fact that a loaf of bread cost a little more than it did a year ago. Nor did the rise of a man-made satellite by the Soviet Union faze us too much.

Militancy in the plane wasn't as high as it could've been. And after all, many of us thought, why should we concern ourselves much about these things? We were working 57 hours a week -which was rough- but incomes were higher than we had ever known.

Then, among some of those whose families were grown, or where a wife was working too, it was possible to put a down payment on that small home out in the suburbs that the family admired so much, and there was the down payment on the new car (not too high-priced if paid out in three years). And, oh, of course, the payment on the TV and the automatic washer. True, all these things would yet have to be paid for, but 1958 was going to be a good year for industry and there would be full employment -at least so all the newspapers and leaders of this country said. So why shouldn't we buy a little more of the things that make life pleasanter.

#### THE LAY-OFFS CAME

Then, one day, overtime began to fall off. "Well, so what? We don't make any overtime for a while, but things will pick up in a few weeks." So went the cheery comments of the workers in the plant. But things didn't pick up -and then came the lay-offs. Four million reported unemployment throughout the country, we heard, and more every day. But still the bitter reality didn't sink in. Around the plant could be heard. . . "So, if I get laid off for maybe a month, with SUB and unemployment insurance, I'll get by for a little while, and things will pick up soon."

Then suddenly, what had been a long, far away rumor, became a reality. It has been announced that the Buffalo assembly plant is to close down permanently and completely on Feb. 14. This plant, in operation since 1926, has been

declared obsolete. Ford is replacing it with a VOLUME XXII new, highly automated assembly plant in Lorain, Ohio.

Actually, the company must have decided a long time ago to close this plant, but workers, young and old, most of them with dependent families. were treated with college the families, were treated with callous disregard by Ford after a lifetime of service. They were giv-Ford after a lifetime of service. They were giv-en a few bare weeks notice that their jobs were ended.

Panic showed its face in the plant this week. Some workers talked of leaving Buffalo to try to get a job with Ford in Lorain, Ohio, but all around the plant today way could been worked around the plant today you could hear remarks such as these: "I've worked 26 years here. I am 56 years old now, and cannot go to Lorain. Who will give me a job at my age? What is to become of my family?" Or: "I am 32, and have a wife and two kids. I guess we'll have to leave wilfully failing to obtain travel everyone we know and go to Lorain. But where documents and disobeying a dewill I get the money to move?" Or: "I just put portation order. The high court's a down payment on a house. How can I move?" Or: "Will I lose the house and everything I put into it?" Everywhere workers are afraid they him, he could not be convicted will lose the new appliances as yet unpaid for. This is the pathetic picture of the workers in

our plant today. However, the company has the answer to all the questions put forth by the newspaper in Superior, Wis., workers. They say: "So you've worked 26 years when the deportation order was for us. Well, we've paid you for every day you've issued in 1952, had been senworked. We owe you nothing."

#### FORD'S ANSWER

The Ford Company takes the huge profits since, his freedom was restric-ted to the area immediataely N.Y. Forum they have made out of our sweat and moves on. around Superior. At the time of It leaves 1,500 workers jobless or faced with his conviction, the judge openly the necessity of uprooting themselves and fam-stated that he intended to make ilies from everything they hold dear and mov- an example of him in order to ing to wherever Ford can make greater profits. discourage others. And then, how long will they have jobs there?

The union leadership thought they could make Ford stay in Buffalo by cringing before him and United States for 41 years. Like putting ads in the paper begging the Ford Company not to shut down. But militant workers cently freed by the Supreme know that cringing only makes such heartless corporations more arrogant, and the workers here are left with nothing but deep bitterness.



DR. OTTO NATHAN will dis-

reversed the conviction of Knut Einar Heikkinen on charges of opinion stated that since no country had agreed to receive for failure to leave.

cuss the problems of War, and tralize the administration of Heikkinen, who was associate editor of a Finnish-language Peace at the Militant Labor Fo- sewers, garbage disposal, water, rum in New York on Saturday, etc. Feb. 1, at 8:30 P.M.

tenced to five years. Persecuted and harassed ever since, his freedom was restric-

A native of Finland, Heikkinen has made his home in the Charles Rowoldt, who was re-Court, his deportation order was based on past Communist Party membership.

The Minnesota Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, which conducted the defense for both cases, has announced that they are planning a joint Rowoldt-Heikkinen Victory celebration sometime in March.

JAN. 21 - Eleven more Smith Act victims won their freedom yesterday as a Federal Court Appeal reversed the 1953 convictions of seven Hawaii and four Seattle defendants who had been associated with the International Longshoremen and Warehouse Workers Union or with the Communist Party. The court declared that Supreme Court decisions on the Smith Act have made it a "virtual shambles" as far as further prosecutions are concerned.

Ironically, the only person actually to serve a prison term under the 1953 Seattle conviction is Barbara Hartle, a one-time CP functionary who pleaded guilty and fused to explain why the ad turned government informer more than one out of every two She did a 20-month stretch in the Alderson, W. Va., penicount for the change from the on downtown street corners was tentiary.

# THE MILITANT

MONDAY, JAN, 27, 1958

# Socialist Candidate in Seattle **Answers Questions of Press**

SEATTLE - On Jan. 9 I accepted an invitation by the Seattle Municipal League to attend a press conference along with other candidates in the city election. The candidates were called in one by one before a battery of about 25 or 30 newspaper re-

JACK WRIGHT

porters and editorial writers to state their program and an swer questions. We were given a piece of paper with six or eight questions as a guide to those we were supposed to answer. These questions began with how we stood the "Metropolitan Plan", a plan to cen-

When I was called in and was seated in front of the reporters, I answered the first question in the affirmative that I was in favor of the "Metropolitan Plan," provided it was admin-

I then took exception to all the remaining questions on the ground that they were trivial

and secondary matters. I said, "I am surprised that with all

omist and executor of the Ein- the burning issues that contioned on these matters if stein estate, will speak on the front working people of Seattle so desired, which the reporters, question, "War and Peace in the -issues such as discrimination, interested in my approach, pro-Atomic Age," at the Militant La- unemployment, over-taxation of ceded to do with gusto. bor Forum on Sat., Feb. 1, at 8:30 small home-owners and a trans-I pointed out that there were P.M. The meeting will be held at it system that is woefully in-116 University Place, New York efficient with low wages for employes and high fares for

Dr. Nathan's close association working people (20¢) and the largest beneficiary, Boeing Airover the years with Dr. Albert Einstein, who provided the theocraft, paying no tax into the retical foundations for the devel-City Treasury-the Municipal opment of atomic energy, lends League should have raised minor special interest to his speech on issues that cannot be satisfacthis particular question, particutorily solved in a war economy larly in relation to his discussion instead of the fundamental isof the qualitative changes in the sues.

I was thereupon told by the yet is the biggest beneficiary of on their positions on the Somoderator that I could be ques- the transit system. I recom-

### Wright's Program for Democracy

### (1) FOR INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY.

Let the industries, needed by all of society and built by social labor, be operated democratically by the workers for the good of society. End industrial tyranny where a tiny minority of rich hire and fire at will.

### (2) FOR DEMOCRACY IN GOVERNMENT.

Let the people decide all issues that affect their lives in war and peace. End discrimination beginning with Seattle's Fire Department. Tax the real homeowners - the banks, mortgage and finance companies. Levy a tax on Boeing Airplane Co., the primary beneficiary of the transit system, for the financing of the buses.

### (3) FOR UNION DEMOCRACY.

Defeat all anti-labor legislation. The workers alone can clean their unions of bureaucrats and of corruption.

mended that a special levy be placed on Boeing so that it would pay its fair share of operating the buses, and that the Transit Workers Union administer the system.

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### TAX RICH, NOT POOR

On taxation I stated that my program was for a graduated income tax with a \$7,500 floor and 100% tax on all incomes over \$25,000 a year. I favored a direct tax on mortgage companies and banks for theirequities in mortgages on homes, thus exempting the small homeowner from taxes for that por tion of his home that was not as yet paid for.

In the questions that followed. some of the reporters kept trying to get me to discuss petty issues such as pin-ball machines. I steadfastly refused to discuss these issues, stating, "Any City Council worth its salt could decide these issues in a few minutes without extended debate. If I were elected to the Council I could be relied upon to declose to 30,000 Negro people in cide any issue on the side of Seattle. Yet there was not one the best interests of the work-

Negro on the Seattle Fire De- ing class." I was then asked by one repartment; that last spring when the transit workers asked for porter if I was a member of a pitifully few cents an hour the Socialist Workers Party to raise, they were confronted with which I promptly answered that a court injunction when they I was. He looked surprised, then went on strike; that Boeing asked me to briefly explain the Aircraft, which is just outside differences among radical parthe city limits, does not pay one ties. I explained that their dif-

cent of taxes to the city, and ferences, fundamentally, hinged viet Union; that the Socialist Labor Party, which ignores the workers' daily struggles and the Socialist Party which promises gradual reforms are both anti-Soviet. The Communist Party supports the Kremlin bureaucracy and the SWP supports the Soviet Union as a workers' state with progressive property forms but opposes the degenerate bureaucratic caste and calls for a political revolution.

### INVOKES FIFTH

Another reporter asked me if knew any Communists. I said I did. He asked me to name them. I said, "I'll have to take the Fifth Amendment on that one. I am not an informer and I am opposed to witch-hunts." This got a big chuckle out of the rest of the reporters an the one who asked the question appeared considerably embarrassed-as well he should have been.

# Mich. SWP Ballot Drive **Yields Big Score Quick**

#### By Sarah Lovell

ties, with no more than 35% thing has to be done." They are DETROIT, Jan. 20 .- If a single word has to be used to de- from any single county. scribe the Socialist Workers Parlast Saturday:

ty's campaign to put a socialist ticket on the ballot in 1958, then the word would be "astonishing." If two words are allowed, they could be "astonishingly

good." It was announced last week that the SWP and its friends petition! were trying to collect 30,000 sig-

natures to a nominating peti- including all the big cities in the and socialism. tion, and to do it inside of a state -Detroit, Flint, Pontiac, I would estimate that in colthree-month period. This goal is around twice the Creek, etc.

number of 15,315 legally rethis has been done by any radi- not counting people we tried to quired to qualify for a place on the state ballot this year. But cal group or party in Michigan, stop and talk to, but who after the 1956 experience, when at least not in the last 20 years. What's the explanation? all the socialist parties were

Part of it, of course, is due ruled off the ballot on the ground that some of the signa- to the hard work of devoted sotures filed were not good, we cialists and friends of socialism, decided to take no chances this who are willing to back up their year, and to turn in so many words with deeds. that no pretexts could be used UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUE to keep us off. But that alone couldn't ac- people spoken to. The response

listening, with greater interest Well, here is the result as of than they have shown in many years, to our argument that nei-In 16 days (that is, days when ther of the two capitalist parat least one person was out on ties has a program that can lead the streets, weather permitting) to economic security and peace.

the friends and members of the They either agree that we need Socialist Workers Party col- a labor party, or they feel it lected 16,830 signatures to our would be a good thing, and democratic, to have on the ballot These came from 14 counties, a party advocating a labor party

Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Battle lecting those 16,830 signatures we must have talked to a mini-I don't think anything like mum of 65,000 people (that's wouldn't stop).

### JOBLESS SIGN

We must have spent at least half our time in front of unemployment compensation offices. The proportion of signers there was very high —on most days

There was little or no redbait-

ing. Only one petitioner was

were many who balked at talk

**Twin Cities** 

LABOR FORUM

**Civil Liberties**"

Speakers:

George Hedlund - Labor At-

Fri. Jan. 31 - 8 P.M.

Minneapolis

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unemployed.

| collected from at least ten coun-| thousands of times. that "some-**Reverse Smith Act Conviction of Eleven** 

weapons of war. A life-long independent socialist, Dr. Nathan has been an outspoken proponent of Marxism throughout his teaching career. He has been a target of the witch hunt for his advocacy of socialism and his vigorous defense of civil liberties. Recently he won reversal of a contempt-of-Congress conviction arising out of unsuccessful State Department efforts to deny him a passport.

City.

Meanwhile, it was reported, Jan. 22, that Dr. Nathan was made the subject of a blacklisting decision from an entirely different quarter. A spokesman for the Militant Labor Forum said that the Worker had refused to accept a paid advertisement for 'Dr. Nathan's meeting. Simon Gerson, executive editor of the Worker, re-



### HUGE TASK

I don't mind admitting that I, response we got petitioning in much lower, but still encouragfor one, hesitated at the magni- previous years, when the num- ing. tude of the job we were tackl- bers signing were fewer and the

ing. If you've ever stood on the rate slower. Another part of the explana- asked why he didn't go back to street in freezing temperatures tion, and probably the main Russia. (Quite a difference from for more than an hour at a time —just standing there, let one, is the impact of unemploy- 1954, which was also a "recesalone talking to people- you'll ment on the minds and senti- sion" year.) Of course, there ments of Michigan workers. know what I mean. Around a quarter million peo- of socialism, but fewer propor-

Moreover, the petition work involves a large part of the ple in the state are unemployed tionally than in past years. state, not just Detroit. For right now. Millions more, still some people, this means travel- working full time or part time, ling several hours before they are worried, badly worried, even get to their destination, be- about the economic prospects. cause the signatures must be They feel, as we were told

### **Calendar of Events**

### New York

MILITANT LABOR FORUM CLASSES. Sundays, 5:30 P.M. through Feb. 16, "The Road to Socialism," Instructor, Daniel Roberts. Sundays, 7:15 P.M., "The Negro Struggle for Equality." Instructor, George Lavan. Mondays, 7 P.M. through Feb. 17. "The Soviet Union," Instructor, Murry Weiss. Mondays, 8:45 P.M. "Historical Materialism,"



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Bronx, New York Symposium and discussion on

"Future of Socialism in the United States" sponsored by the Bronx Socialist Forum, affiliated to the American Forum it should be done. for Socialist Education. Speakert Blumberg, Farrell Dobbs and and we appeal especially to raders: Rev. A J. Muste, Dr. Alb-Joseph Clark. Sunday, Feb. 2 at 8 P.M. at Hunts Point Palace, Southern Boulevard and 163 ters, 3737 Woodward, Detroit.

St., Bronx, N.Y. Donation: 75¢. Do it now, so that you won't be

Detroit talism.

A Report on UAW Convention. Friday, Jan. 31, 8 P.M. at 3737 Woodward. Ausp.: Friday Night Socialist Forum.

### Chicago

'The Meaning of the Recent Supreme Court Decisions on "Nightmare," an original play by Sol and Carol Blackman, followed by food, refreshments and dancing. Saturday, Feb. 8, 8:15 Art Sternberg-Civil Liber P.M. at 777 W. Adams. Contrities Lawyer bution: \$1.00. Students: 25¢. Art Hopkins - Veteran Trade Ausp.: Militant Labor Forum. Unionist

Philadelphia "The Fight for Peace in the

Sputnik Age." Speaker: Murry Weiss. Friday, Feb. 7, 8:30 P.M. Andrews Hotel, Room M3 at 1303 W. Girard Ave. Ausp .: Militant Labor Forum.

was turned down. In recent months similar ads by the Militant Labor Forum had been accepted by both the Daily Worker and the Worker.

Only through more democracy, not less, can the working people of Seattle and the nation find the solution to the problems that plague us. Freedom alone will open the door to the socialist future of man.

## **Reuther Scheme Deals Blow to**

(Continued from page 1)

In general -and I think this is a very important political fact for all socialist and progressivehome pay as simply "idealistic PREVIOUS GIMMICKS minded tendencies- the mood and a dream at this time." He program, especially among the

In other words, we were actjobs and living standards of the real advances in higher wages, payments remained \$143,000,000. ing more wisely than we realized when we decided that 1958

could be a good year for the Let us assume the auto in-dustry barons were inoculated In 1955 Bouther spread of socialist ideas, and that a campaign to put a socialist ticket on the ballot was politically indicated, whatever the difficulties might be. We're already in the second

half of our petition campaign. American flag and running In a fancy brochure issued prior We've proved that it can be done, and simultaneously have around yelling, "No! No! Re- to negotiations, entitled "Pre- HIS NEW GIMMICK also demonstrated, I think, that

We still need help, however, "uncompromising" stand in neg- UAW leader rhapsodized: otiations "forced" the company

Reuther's opposition to the faced in November with having shorter work-week is not pato make an embarrassing choice between the two parties of capideference to the corporations

#### HIS BASIC DEMANDS

only for upward revision in the year around." (Emphasis in so-called productivity improve- original).

his Administrative Letter of supplement for a mere 26 weeks UAW 'gimmick' in the bargain-Jan. 13, that since 1948 the auto and excluding many auto work- ing package. . .' workers have been tied to a ers altogether. With this "Guar-But who is supposed to be productivity improvement factor anteed Employment" scheme in taken in by this "gimmick"? of only 21/2 % a year, while the effect, reported the United Certainly not the companies. actual average national produc- Press on Jan 21, "the Michigan They're too hard-headed to be tivity increase per man-hour has Employment Security Committee fooled into any proposition that been "3.9% per year during the issued a new estimate of 325,000 they consider remotely detrientire postwar period, 1947 unemployed in Michigan at mid- mental to their profit interests. 1956, the latest year January, most of them laid off This scheme is intended to dethrough for which official data are in the auto industry or assoceive the auto workers. ciated industries." Profit-sharing schemes are not available. . . Reuther proposes to ask no The facts about the actual "revolutionary," as some news-

real wage increases - only to operations of the UAW's Sup- papers - but not many - have

bring the productivity improve-plemental Unemployment Bene-called Reuther's proposition. On Reuther states that the com nine years ago; on Feb. 20, ment factor up to the old ten- fit Plan are hair-raising. Laid- the contrary, they have been panies would be "obligated to 1949, during the Truman re- year annual level of 3.9%. But off workers of the "Big Three" widely introduced in the past to meet" the union's demands "oncession, Reuther had dismissed what of the automation intro- from June 1, 1956, through No- encourage speed-up and dis- ly if at the end of the year it the proposal for the shorter duced into the auto industry vember 1957, collected a total courage unionization. As N.Y. [company] enjoyed a sufficientwork-week with no cut in take- just within the past three years? of only \$10,945,000 dollars in Times correspondent A. H. Ras- ly favorable profit position," supplemental benefits. Average kin points out: "The U.A.W.

individual payments, according had long been cold to all forms was radical, or, to put it more has always opposed the shorter new gimmick of "profit-shar- a week for up to 26 weeks. The that such programs represented work-week program because to ing," it would be enlightening UAW leaders claim the average a device used by employers to win it would take a real strug-to glance at the results of pre-was \$15. The funds set aside build loyalty to the company at gle. Reuther has no stomach to vious schemes he advanced to by the three big firms totalled the expense of the union.' lead a real fight to protect the divert the autoworkers from \$147,000,000. The net after all

shorter hours and improved Because the companies invested the money in government inter-

In 1955, Reuther picked up est-bearing bonds, the actual with a new wonder drug, a the late Philip Murray's idea cost to the companies for ben-"love labor" serum, and volun-for a "guaranteed annual wage" efit payments has been about

to accept "his" shorter-week y to develop a Guaranteed Em- 18 Business Week openly sneers plans" now in operation. ployment plan. We use the at Reuther's latest move as a Reuther's "profit-sharing" tion."

triotism, but plain and simple derstood. But it is not a com- 1958 auto demands are far less pletely, accurate description of than what the union had touted are entitled to a minimum of to third place behind the coal what our union will propose in as its program at its last con- 10% profit on net investment, miners and the steel workers.

wages are concerned he asks employment, week by week, the potentially costly, a rather mild get only 25% of the

ment factor. In doing so, he re- What Reuther settled for was more, it [the profit-sharing deveals the astounding fact, in a meager unemployment benefit mand] is looked on as a typical

for the auto union . . . More and

collective bargaining program



above the 10%. And

"A SIREN SONG"



New York 3, N

WHAT ARE PROFITS? In reality, every demand for

increased wages is a demand for "profit-sharing." The source of both wages and profits is the value created by labor and labor alone. Profits are that

part of the value created by the Elizabeth M. Fowler, writing workers but appropriated by the on "Reuther's Bombshell" in the employers. The wage and hour Jan. 18 N. Y. Times, observes: struggle is precisely a struggle

"During the World War II sal- to ensure an ever greater share "love labor" serum, and volun-tarily offered the auto workers the 30-hour week at forty hours' pay. Can anyone imagine Reu-ther hours, as a program to ef-ther hours, as a program to ef-ther hours at all company and be more produc-ther hours at all company and be more produc-tive. . At least until recently men to kindly leave their vic-tive. . At least until recently men to kindly leave their vic-

all profit-sharing plans were in- tims enough bus fare to get stigated by managements. . ." home with. Wage-deferment

member the sputnik!" He'd is-sue a big press statement tell-ment Plan That Fits UAW of Reuther's previous wage-de-by the National Industrial Con-by the National Industrial Con-sharing" proposal encourage the workers to speed up in hope of workers to speed up in hope of for properly understanding his tive estimate there are probably an elusive gain in the future if "The UAW's purpose is real- newest blue-sky deal. The Jan. more than 10,000 profit-sharing the compnay "enjoyed a sufficiently favorable profit posi-

> phrase 'guaranteed wage' be-cause it is widely used and un-writes Business Week, "the profit-guarantee. The union ther's leadership since 1947, the would agree that the companies auto workers' wages have fallen

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