Leading Radicals On West Coast Back Jack Wright

SEATTLE, Feb. 2 - Terry Pettus, Northwest editor of the People's World, a west coast weekly associated with the Communist Party, today announced his support to Jack Wright for the Seattle City .

Council. Wright is running on the platform of the Socialist Workers Party and has the endorsement of Local 158, International Molders and Foundry Workers, to which he belongs. Growing united socialist support for Wright was given strong added impetus with the release on Jan. 28 of a letter of endorsement from Vincent Hallinan, 1952 Progressive Party Presidential candidate, who has been playing a major role in the national movement for united socialist action.

SMITH-ACT VICTIM

Terry Pettus, one of the Seattle Smith Act victims who recently won reversal of their conviction, declared his support of Wright at a Washington Pension Union forum this afternoon. Pettus told the forum that Wright has been virtually the only candidate to inject real issues into the campaign. Referring to Wright's endorsement by the Socialist Workers Party and the Molders Union, Pettus stressed the fact that the supposedly "non-partisan" character of the Council-

manic campaign is really a farce in that all candidates, in reality, represent particular interests,

Young Socialists Hold



VINCENT HALLINAN

parties and classes. He singled out for special praise the firm

Democrat of that state, and stand taken by Wright against brought him to the point of a city sales tax and against the proposing a national public Fire Department's refusal to hire works program to create jobs. Negroes He watched long lines of un-

Pettus had previously indicated a sympathetic attitude toward Wright's campaign in his column

ceive free food taken from government surplus stocks. "I am surprised and disturbed (Continued on page 2) to find approximately ten per

SWP Nat'l Committee Urges **United Socialist Ticket in '58**

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Celebrating the overthrow of the hated Venezuelan dictator, Marcos Jimenez, crowds in the capital city of Caracas swarm over tanks as the army joins the celebrations. The demonstrators freed political prisoners and searched out members of the hated secret police.

ng to Memphis officials. Whatever the case might be - farm laborers in Tennessee, dustries, auto workers in De-troit, steel workers in Ohio and Pittsburgh — reports of grow-

FEB. 5 — The struggle to free Morton Sobell from Alcatraz won many new participants when the frame-up questions of the struggle for of the young scientist was explained to those who attended the Midwest Socialist Youth Con- 9

ference in Chicago Feb. 1 and 2. ducting a nation - wide petition These young people, eager to fight drive appealing to the President for justice in this country, to release the young scientist for united election activity was listened with shock as the story from prison. The Committee has manifest. The support of the italist parties, the Democrats was told and determined, unani- offces at 940 Broadway, New National Guardian and many mously, to fight for Sobell's York 10, N. Y. and is keeping prominent radicals to the slate needed. With the growth of drive in the spring. Special atrelease from prison.

o-called "atom case of spy

Propose Joint Challenge To Big Business Parties

WORKING

PEOPLE

PRICE 10c

The National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party last week proposed to the radical movement in the United States the running of a joint socialist ticket in the 1958 election. This proposal was presented in an advertisement in the Feb. 3 National Guardian. (see text, this page). It was

adopted by the SWP committee at a meeting, Jan. 18-20. The SWP committee said it had reached the conclusion that "an unusual opportunity for running joint slates in key areas now faces the various socialist tendencies." It also suggested a number of propositions for a common election platform.

In presenting the proposal to the National Committee, Farrell Dobbs, party National Secretary stated:

"The regroupment discussion of the last few years has placed high on the agenda of radical workers the need for united action on issues where all can agree. The election

campaign in 1958 presents an opportunity for a concentrated action on civil liberties, civil rights and the all-important peace and full employment.

1957 EXPERIENCE

"In 1957 a growing tendency "Opposition to the two capdoors open to those who have of candidates placed on the unemployment, mounting in- tention would be given to the Morton Sobell was tried in the time to help every night, Monday ballot by the SWP was an ex- flation and the threat of new expansion of the party press.



"The witch-hunters, the warmongers, the segregators will then encounter a united and effective opposition by the radical forces in this country.

WILL WIN THOUSANDS

"The first united socialist campaign may not win elections. But it will win thousands of new adherents to socialism from the ranks of the working class. As I see it, the task of a socialist ticket is to explain intelligently as possible what socialism is, to propose concrete objectives for which the working people can struggle now to advance the cause of peace and of jobs, and to explain the need for independent labor political action against the Big Business parties. I am sure that if the idea of a united socialist campaign is agreed on, we will be able through friendly discussion, to work out the kind of platform that will best embody our common objectives.

Another decision of the National Committee was the and Republicans, is urgently launching of a \$20,000 fund



pression of the desire for united socialist campaign.

ference of Socialist Youth Feb. 16 and 2, in a beautifully decorated Southern Editor Hall at the University of Chicago.

About 140 young workers and **Greets Conference** students from more than 16 cities and 12 colleges and high schools, representing nearly every shade of socialist political opinion, met to discuss the problems facing today's youth and to outline steps to deal with them. All young socialists had been invited regard-The Conference passed with but one dissenting vote a resolution demanding that the State Department return the passports of the 42 students who visited China in High School for their couragedefiance of an unwarranted gov-



Eugene Feldman, editor of Southern News, delivered an inspiring address to the Midwest Conference of Socialist Youth, held in Chicago, Feb. 1 and 2. "You are the future," he said. "Not the young Republicans, not the young Democrats, but you are the future." The Conference sent a message of greetings to Mrs. Daisy Bates of Little Rock, Ark., and the Negro students of Central

stated that 10,352 families had registered for aid. Many were farm laborers seeking off-season work in Tennessee, according to Memphis officials. miners in depressed metal in-

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GROWING

OF JOBLESS

FEB. 5 - A bread line in

Memphis, Tenn., touched the

heart of Sen. Albert Gore,

employed moving slowly to re-

cent of the people in Shelby

County standing in lines for

distress distribution of food,"

the Senator said. "That is as

bad as anything I remember

during the depression of the

ing layoffs and rising applications for relief continue. The Feb. 5 Wall Street Journal reports that the rubber industry is now down-grading its 1958 production estimates. "Passenger tires were heaped high at the end of 1957 . . . The buildup in the final quarter of 1957 was considered abnormal, averaging more than a million a month.

LAYOFFS IN RUBBER The rubber industry, like aut

and others that were passed will go to the appropriate government groups in this country, Europe and Asia.

less of political affiliation.

The conference heard a report. infringement of civil liberties the conviction of Gil Green and Henry porting clubs. Winston under the Smith Act, called for a halt to the testing of nuclear weapons and an end to restrictions on passports.

SET UP BULLETIN

In a further action, the group voted to establish a mimeographed bulletin containing news of the activities of all clubs represented at the Conference as well as discussion material on political and theoretical questions. Each club will be asked to appoint a correspondent to the bulletin.

All material submitted to the

ous fight against the racists.

agencies as well as to youth bulletin will be published, the mountain" by price cuts. That with stealing atomic secrets nor group declared. The board of would reduce profits. Big Busi- any other kind of secrets. Under the Committee's office for petieditors will not have the right ness answers with production the "conspiracy" law, all that the

to refuse any article. In this way, cuts and layoffs. The United government had to do was show on the case of Morton Sobell and the bulletin will be representative Rubber Workers union estipassed a resolution unanimously of all points of view, and cannot mates close to 2,000 have been in some way or other. backing efforts to free him from become the mouthpiece of any laid off in Akron rubber plants Alcatraz. It also condemned as an particular tendency. Cost of pub- alone with another 1,000 laylication is to be borne by sup- offs expected in a week or so.

But the jobless are not the only ones with problems. The The Conference worked in seminars, panels and general Feb. 6 N. Y. Mirror reports, "When the President's council sessions. It heard reports on youth activities in various cities, of economic advisers wrote his economic message to Congress, discussed economic problems, civil they were given strict inliberties, civil rights and the structions not to use that fatestruggle for peace. The entire ful word 'recession.' As a reconference met Saturday aftersult Chairman Raymond Saulnoon for the discussion on civil nier, who wrote most of the liberties. Norman Hodgett of the message, kept a dictionary on Denver Young Socialist Club hand to look up words that spoke on the struggle against the meant the same thing as 'rewitch hunt on the campus. I. cession' but sounded better ... " Warwick of Chicago spoke on (See other stories on jobless,

(Continued on page 2) page four.)

tions exert strong pressure to-

and steel, does not try to Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. So-"whittle away at this tire bell himself was never charged who want to join the appeal for that the accused were associated

Arabia.

Sobell was nevertheless sentenced to the monstrous term of 30 years in prison. Persecution against him did not stop there. He was placed in the most terrible, "security" prison in the country - Alcatraz - where prison life is limited almost to mere existence.

Sobell has always insisted on his innocence. Still the Supreme Court last fall refused to review his conviction. It refused to test officer - a Negro. To avoid posin court impressive new evidence obtained by Sobell's defenders unbecoming an officer and gentlethat Sobell told the truth and the prosecution lied. The Committee to Secure Jus-

of democracy than has Egypt.

Nasser, who is proposed as the

public, will have the power to ap-

roughly equivalent to their

present proportional strength.

the National Front.

tice for Morton Sobell is now con- and gave him back his rank.

through Friday until 9 P.M. Those outside of New York City

Sobell's freedom should write to tions, information on the case, etc. If it is possible for the government to frameup and persecute a young scientist like Morton Sobell, no one is secure in his freedom. Those who are genuinely concerned with the struggle for full restoration of civil liberties

in this country have an obligation to contribute to the movement to free Sobell.

A medical corps officer in Germany publicly refused to shake hands with his new commanding sible court martial "for conduct man," he resigned. Back in the

U.S. he changed his mind. The Pentagon tore up the resignation

Text of Socialist Workers Party Proposal to Radical Movement

(The following is the text of a statement, "For a United Socialist Ticket in the 1958 Elections - A Proposal to the Radical Movement," by the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York 3, N.Y. It was printed as an advertisement in the Feb. 3 National Guardian, an independent radical weekly published at 197 E. 4th St., New York 9, N.Y.)

In considering what to do in the 1958 elections, we have reached the conclusion that an unusual opportunity for running joint slates in some key areas now faces the various socialist tendencies.

We are of the opinion, moreover, that a united socialist ticket, challenging the two parties of Big Business, would meet with the approval and perhaps the enthusiasm of tens and even hundreds of thousands of militant workers.

For example, the response to the Socialist Workers candidates in the 1957 New York, Detroit and San Francisco elections indicates widespread sentiment among radical-minded workers for independent socialist electoral activity.

In addition, the stand taken by the National Guardian and such representative radical spokesmen as Vincent Hallinan, Muriel McAvoy, Warren K. Billings, George Hitchcock, and George Olshausen in favor of the Socialist Workers candidates as against the capitalist tickets, despite important disagreements with them on a number of questions, provides persuasive evidence, we believe, for the view that common action by the various

SUGGESTIONS FOR PLATFORM

Can this promising beginning in 1957 lead to something more substantial in 1958? We believe it can. A united campaign in 1958 might well end the present isolation of the American socialist movement and bring it into the main stream of political life where it rightfully belongs.

The first step in working for a united socialist ticket, it seems to us, is to open a discussion on its feasibility.

In our opinion it should be possible to work out a platform on which the various tendencies can agree for the purpose of combined action in the 1958 elections. Once this is achieved, the organization of the campaign, the choice of candidates and electioneering Since Jan. 12 the workers have plans should not offer too many difficulties.

To start the discussion, we suggest that the following propositions, with such elaboration or modification as may finally be agreed upon, be included as planks in the platform of a united socialist ticket for 1958:

(1) Socialism offers a realistic alternative to the insane drive towards thermonuclear war which the two parties of Big Business have been conducting. Replace the bipartisan, coldwar, imperialist foreign policy of the Democrats and Republicans with a socialist policy of friendship and aid to the countries of the Soviet orbit and the colonial peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America who are fighting for their freedom. End the atom-bomb tests. Dismantle the stockpiles of atomic weapons.

(2) Socialism offers the only permanent solution to the problem of capitalist depression. As an immediate measure to counterbalance the decline in employment, shorten the work-week at no decrease in take-home pay. Let the government guarantee full employment or adequate permanent relief. Convert the armaments program into a program of public works.

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

(3) Socialism can realize the full equality and brotherhood of all races and nationalities. Right now let the labor movement rally full support to the struggle of the Negro people for their civil rights and civil liberties. For effective FEPC legislation. For immediate enforcement of the Supreme Court order to end desegregation in the schools.

(4) Socialism stands for the deepening and extension of democracy. Repeal the witchhunt legislation at home and free such political prisoners as Morton Sobell, Gil Green, Henry Winston and Irving Potash. For political freedom throughout the Soviet bloc. End the ballot restrictions on minority parties in the United States.

(5) Socialists favor the building of a labor party based on the unions and would urge a party to adopt a socialist program. In the absence of a labor party, the socialist movement calls on unionists to register their protest against the anti-labor policies of the capitalist parties by voting socialist. Against the support of capitalist parties and candidates: for independent political action.

We urge that our proposal for a united socialist ticket in 1958 be considered with fraternal understanding. We want to arrive at the most effective electoral policy in 1958 and are ready to consider all other viewpoints. May we hear from you either directly or through your comments to the National Guardian?

Egypt and Syria Form Single Arab State

of Iraq and King Saud of Saudi

By Myra Tanner Weiss

of these countries are stooges of The Arab answer to the attempt imperialism but the Arab populato bolster the U.S. - sponsored Baghdad Pact came in the anward independence from Western nouncement in Cairo on Feb. 1 of control. There is speculation now the formation of a new state, the that the small country of Yemen United Arab Republic, unifying at the southern tip of the Arabian of the need to unite the Arab peo-Egypt and Syria. The union of these two Arab countries met with great popular enthusiasm in both Cairo and Damascus. It had been planned since 1956, and prelimin- world War. Egypt was dominated ary to it the armies of the two by Britain through the Egyptian countries had been placed under ioint command.

After the election of the National Front in Jordan in October cluded that country. But the mili- British got squeezed out. But the through with the aid of the U.S. to exchange one master for an-

with Egypt.

Primary value of the Egypt-Syria merger is a political one - in 1956 -- and the readiness of powerful political appeal of the the new government bodies strengthening Egypt and Syria as the Soviet Union to answer Syria-Egypt merger. an at attractive pole for all Arab Western trade and financial boycountries - namely, Jordan, Le- cotts with attractive trade and in a veritable frenzy of rage, banon and Saudi Arabia as well arms deals. as Iraq which is lined up in the The pro-Western Arab govern- and hailed the "more logical" pro- two legislatures this month. The down.

peninsula is already preparing to ples. Asked if this proposal meant federate with the new state. Syria was under French rule union of all Arab countries or as a "protectorate" after the first just the three invited to confer, a "reliable source," according to the N. Y. Times, Feb. 2, replied that rights for the Syrian people. Syria King Farouk. The U.S. and "it is quite natural that when Britain welcomed France's loss they get together, the kings will in Syria as their gain. And the first discuss the realization of Part of the merger agreement is

United States sought to make unity among their countries, the decision to dissolve the con-1956, the plans for union also in- inroads in Egypt as the which we hope will bring to tending political parties of Syria reality the old dream of Arab into one political organization, tary coup of King Hussein, carried Arab peoples were not satisfied mationalists."

This conference of pro-im-President of the United Arab Re-Sixth Fleet, crushed the demo- other. Two factors made a perialist Arab rulers is not likely cratically elected Parliament last greater degree of national inde- to impress the Arab peoples who spring and prevented the fusion pendence possible: the revolu- undestand all too well the subtional Legislature and two exof Jordan with Syria as a first tionary capacity of the Arab ordination of these monarchs to step in the unification of both masses to struggle - as demon- the United States and Britain. ecutive councils for the transistrated in the wake of the French- But the imperialist powers are tional period. He will appoint English-Israeli attack on Egypt desperate for some reply to the three Egyptians to one Syrian to

The New York Times editors,

The provisional constitution likened Nasser to Hitler, Feb. 4, will be submitted to a vote of the steadfastly kept Nassau shut

Baghdad pact. The present rulers | ments were quick to reply with a posal for union of the "anti-Com- Cairo press reports that the of these countries are stooges of different kind of "unity." On the munist Arab states." Certainly preamble to the constitution same day the Egypt-Syria union Nasser is no democrat. He is a guarantees freedom of assembly, was announced, Feb. 1, King Hus- military dictator. But the im- speech and press as well as the sein of Jordan invited King Faisal perialist powers have no case in sanctity of private property. To condemning Nasser while embrac- what extent civil liberties are Arabia to confer on the question | ing the far less popular and far | assured remains to be seen. more tyrannical absolute monar-One thing, however, is certain. chies of Jordan, Iraq and Saudi

ance

Political freedom will be secured, in the Arab world only to the The union of Egypt and Syria extent that the domination of the may well mean at least a tem-Mideast by foreign oil profiteers porary curtailment of democratic is successfully resisted. The union of Syria and Egypt is a big aid has enjoyed a far greater degree

socialist tendencies is possible. in carrying through the resist

That the current upsurge of militancy goes beyond Latin America to the Caribbean Islands is shown by the continuing general strike of the workers of Nassau in the British point a national Cabinet, a na- Bahamas Islands. There the Negro workers, 85% of the population, are exploited economically and frozen out politically by the tiny white minority. The hotel workers of this "paradise" are forbidden by law to organize unions.

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Denial of Jersey Hall to Radicals Hit by ACLU

NEWARK, Feb. 4 — The American Civil Liberties estate of his late friend, Albert Union today protested actions by red-baiters here and in nearby Paterson trampling on the rights to free speech

Stone.

and assembly. Rental of a hall was cancelled here for a meet- groups to meet in the building." ing scheduled to hear Tim Wohlforth, editor of the Young Elizabeth Gurley Flymn and discussion period by popular Socialist. Last month, in Paterson, Martha Stone had been scheduled demand for well over an hour. a meeting hall rented for a in the "Soms of Veterans Hall," reception for Elizabeth Gurley a privately-owned building. Can-Flynn and Martha Stone of the cellation came after a press Communist Party was cancelled. announcement of the reception of the subject of the evening. The hall cancelled for the and apparently after pressure by Wohlforth meeting is in the docal politicians purporting to Masonic Auditorium, 188 Belmont | speak for Paterson war veterans. Amenue. On Jan. 31, the rental After the cancellation the Pater-

payment was returned along with son Evening News proclaimed a letter which stated: "It is that the "historic building" had learned by the management, been "saved from desecration" by through sources which cannot be barring Miss Flynn and Miss disclosed, that the name of your organization is 'Un - American' and not the labor group as desigignated. Therefore, it is the policy . . . not to allow such

Bronx Reception To Honor Eliz. **Gurley Flynn**

FEB. 3-The Bronx Committee for Civil Liberties is sponsoring a reception for Elizabeth Gurley Flynn on Saturday, Feb. 22, 8:30 P.M., at 683 Allerton Ave., in the Bronx, New York. Miss Flynn spent three years in Alderson federal prison after being framed on Smith-Act charges. Ironically, it was only after men and women like her had been convicted and served their sentences that the Supreme Court ruled against some of the unjust features of the Smith-Act, making convictions much more difficult to obtain.

As a result of these Supreme Court decisions in June of last year, new Smith-Act cases were dropped. But the limitations placed thereby on the persecution of workers for their political views came too sons will request veterans groups late to save Elizabeth Gurley to urge all owners of public meet-Flynn and others from years in ing places to scan carefully all prison.

At the reception Miss Flynn will be greeted by Ammon Communist connection to deny the Hennacy, "Pop" Mindel and others. A musical program has been arranged and refreshments will be served. A contribution of \$1.00 will be asked from those attending.

Nathan Discusses War and Peace

By George Lavan

"War and Peace in the

Atomic Age" was the subject of a lecture by Dr. Otto Nathan, distinguished Marxist economist and executor of the Einstein, before the Militant Labor Forum in New York City on Feb. 1. The interest of the audience of 100 in the speaker's views was attested by the pro-The reception in Paterson for longation of the question-and-After the adjournment a large portion of the audience remained for informal discussions Dr. Nathan's thesis was that war in the atomic age is qualitatively different from what war was in the pre-atomic age." The principal differences were that the imperialist wars between capitalist nations such as we have known in the past are today unlikely. What we face today is "a war which

COP PUSHES PRIVATE BAN would be fought for an ideology to determine what kind of an The News also reported that a economic and political system local captain of detectives, active should exist throughout the n "veterans circles," says "he world." plans to put before the Veterans

Council a proposal to request all SOURCE OF WAR DANGER owners of public meeting places Analyzing the development to scan all requests for meetings, of this antagonism in the last and if there is any reason to be- 12 years of cold war, Dr. Nalieve that the sponsors of any than called the audience's atmeeting are motivated by Com- tention particularly to an artinunist sympathies that the meet- cle by Joseph Hansen [Three ng place be denied them and that Programs for Peace] in the the FBI be informed."

Socialist Review. While de-A letter from Patrick Malin claring that he neither gave Murphy, executive director of the nor had given blanket justifi-American Civil Liberties Union, cation to all the acts of the addressed to the editors of the Soviet government in the cold Paterson News and the Paterson Call, said in part: "... we deplore am quite convinced, as Mr. what is an admitted discriminatory denial of the hall because States] have been more aggresof the meeting's political colorasive. And I think if we honesttion . . . the Paterson community ly understand the nature of has been treated to an example the conflict, the capitalist naof the thwarting of free speech. tion must be more aggres-The decision reached in Paterson sive . . . may have affected freedom of In addition to what he term-

speech in other communities, too, ed the "ideological" character for we have been informed that of the threatening war, Dr. the Young Socialist Alliance in Nathan declared a second facilities of the Masonic Temple

building for a meeting. . . "We note in the press that perfuture requests for their facilities,

and if there is any question of assembly. We hope public authorities and private hall owners sure and uphold the spirit of free assembly."

This poisonous mushroom cloud was released by the ex-

plosion of a giant hydrogen bomb at the United States testing site at Eniwetok in the Pacific. Realization that an H-bomb war could mean the end of civilization has made the fight for peace the number one issue confronting humanity.

friends, if war should come to- | Einstein and Russell warned that mankind now faced "the day the entire territory of the risk of universal death." world would be war territory.' Posing the question of what

Dr. Nathan, himself a victim policies could cope with the of the witch hunt who has dis-Winter issue of International tinguished himself by his principled stand against the House Un-American Activities Committee and the passport division of the State Department, then gave an eloquent descripwar, the speaker said: "But I tion of yet another change that the immediate future - in the modern war has brought about. next three to five years - this Hansen is, that we [the United | This is the perversion of values and institutions in peacetime scare." by the preparations for H-bomb argued, it was largely the war war. Not only is there a slashing of all social benefits and legislation but a total "security" or witch hunt preparation of the home front is undertaken.

RISK TO MANKIND

The decisive change however. Newark has been denied the change is its total involvement the speaker said, is the change of civilian populations. Unlike in the character of weapons. World War I which, outside of He cited the findings of the the combat zones, did not physically, endanger the civilian Bertrand Russell in England in populations, World War II be-

war danger, Dr. Nathan rejected the idea that only the achievement of socialism could avert it. "I want to go on fighting for socialism . . . but I don't think, my friends, in is the solution to the war In fact, Dr. Nathan scare and total preparation for war which was preventing the building of a powerful social-

masses of workers, who should be socialists and internationalists, nationalistic at heart. The only solution, Dr. Nathan held, was "that you and I, all

possessing its own military was rejected by The Worker. force, and with various changes Dr. Nathan, a veteran fighter such as end of the great-power for peace, is honored by The veto.

Saying that he knew many would be completely opposed to his proposal, Dr. Nathan continued: "But as socialists we must have the abolition of war as our guidepost. . . . Unless we build a world movement against

never come:' DISCUSSION PERIOD

In the lively discussion period that followed, all speakers agreed with Dr. Nathan about tant or Socialist Workers Party, the paramount need of socialists to crusade for world peace. nist Party, or whether it is any However, many challenged as independent forum - wherever unrealistic his belief that America's capitalist ruling class would ever agree to permanent and

total disarmament or to world government in which it would have to abide by the majority vote of all nations.

A crusade to abolish war will get an increasingly favorable response from the American working people, one speaker said. Socialists must organize of the war danger, and work for the elimination of its rule and for the democratic rule of the working people. This would lead to world peace and to socialism.

Dr. Nathan defended his views vigorously, and from the stimulating clash of ideas many interesting arguments emerged. However, it is quite safe to say that when the chairman reluctantly declared the meeting adjourned the question remained far from exhausted or settled.

ist movement and which made

next issue (Feb. 2) of that paper, however, carried a news item to the effect that Dr. Nathan would speak at the Militant Labor Forum on Feb. 1. This was followed by the statement: "A paid advertise-



newspaper, The Worker, refused to accept a paid advertisement of the meeting. Representatives of the forum could get no explanation or justification of this action from the management of the Worker. The

cialist Education.

Worker. The Trotskyites, who term 'peaceful coexistence' as 'international class collaboration' are another matter entirely. The Worker does not care to accept their ads." It was in reference to the banning of the advertisement

war the abolition of war will for the meeting that Dr. Nathan said in his opening remarks: "I feel honored that I was asked to appear before you tonight. . . . And I feel it my duty to accept. Whether it is the Milior whether it is the Commufreedom of speech is guaranteed, I shall be there.

"And I wish we would deal with each other with humility not deny to each other the announcement of one another's as that other newspaper tried all hope for."



OTTO NATHAN

to do with the announcement and tolerance, that we would of this meeting. Unless we accord to one another . . . tolerance and decency we shall lectures. . . . I hope that the never be able to build up the Militant would not do the same kind of movement which we



NEW YORK, Feb. 4 - A major step in extending the regroupment discussion initiated by the American Forum for Socialist Education to the New York boroughs was

its first public symposium gram of opposition to the U.S. government's war plans, for

socialist activists of various po- Socialism. litical tendencies heard four speakers discuss "The Future States." Close to a majority of and strategy. He expressed ple, deeply interested in the controversial issues.

The four speakers were Dr. Albert Blumberg, member of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, Farcell Dobbs, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, cialist movement would have, editor of the Daily Worker and the American Forum for So-

REASONS FOR LOW EBB Dr. Blumberg was the first to speak. He began with an cialist discussion initiated by analysis of the low ebb in the American Forum. While to anyone, Tournour pointed out. reasons for this ebb: McCarthy- with the AFSE, he said he welin Alcatraz unless efforts to free capitalism following World War was giving it every assistance

Bronx Socialist Forum held slate run on a minimum procivil rights, against support to A lively crowd of experienced capitalist politicians, and for Joseph Clark stated he was

re-reading Marx and reviewing of Socialism in the United all aspects of socialist tactics those present were young peo- doubt that many of Marx' tenets were valid today. He warned socialists of the dangers of self-delusion, and declared that adding all the present socialist groups together would still produce'a zero. He did not indicate what form a new so-Joseph Clark, former foreign nor what its program would be. He advised socialists to Rev. A. J. Muste, Chairman of overcome their isolation and enter the mass organizations of the workers.

Rev. A. J. Muste hailed the formation of the Bronx Forum as widening the circles of so-

thorities and private hall owners will stand firm against this pres-sure and uphold the spirit of free

they can go."

(Continued from page 1) sale or distribution of the "Young the individual's "reliability." | conversations with the Rosen-Army Security and Civil Liber- Socialist" He asserted that "This is clearly a mechanism for bergs. It was not alleged that he which the socialist movement pointing out that the Bronx ties. Gil Turner of New York university administration and restricting political activity," she had actually passed any secrets finds itself today. He cited three Forum is not now affiliated spoke on "The Right to Travel." newspaper attacks on the paper said. The case of Morton Sobell was had only heightened interest in Gil Turner of New York re- Yet Sobell must spend 30 years ism, the expansion of U.S. comed its establishment and he publication. Groups such as

viewed the case of the 42 students

of us, take a position for the all-out abolition of war" through total disarmament. For inspection, enforcement and arbitration of disagreements between

of the State Departments ban.

"We are not going to let the State

Department tell us where we can

go," Mr. Turner said, "although

we reserve the right to tell them.

at some time in the future where

Both the Justice Department

and the courts have a stake in

preventing justice for Morton So-

bell, declared Gene Tournour of

St. Louis. If Sobell's conviction is

reversed, the government thereby

admits something was wrong with

the case against the Rosenbergs,

now executed. Sobell himself was

dates, irrespective of party af-

filiation and without championing

any particular organization. . .

One of the featured speakers at

the rally was the noted civil liber-

ties attorney, Jay Sykes, who is

defense of the Pension Union be-

fore the witch-hunting Subversive

Activities Control Board. He

urged the audience, which rep-

resented a cross section of the

various radical tendencies, to

support Wright's campaign and

to think in terms of a united so-

cialist ticket in the coming Con-

The meeting was ably chaired by

Dot Davis, one of the best known

and loved personalities in the

Pension Union. Stressing the

need for independent labor poli-

tical action, she said that her own

gressional and state elections.

scientific conference called by 1955. At that conference, Dr. gan with the bombing of cities. Nathan recounted, he first real- nations, Dr. Nathan suggested But, the U. S., because of its ized that if H-bombs were making the United Nations an ment for the above, submitted favored geographical position, used every human being in the organization with obligatory by the Trotskyite group runwas not bombed. "But, my world might be annihilated, membership for all countries, ning the Militant Labor Forum,

To Feature Nathan, Lamont St. Louis. Steve Max of New York Union joined in actions to enforce Prisoners — the Green, Winston The Protection of the First

Socialist Studies Program

has announced its Winter Session of "A Program of Socialist Studies." Corliss Lamont and Dr. Barrows Dunham will deliver six lectures on "A Philosophy for Socialists." The class will be held on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 11, at 6:45 P.M.

Dr. Otto Nathan will speak under the heading, "A Socialist Looks at the American Econ-' He will discuss boom omy.' depression, prices, wages and and inflation, international trade, and imperialism. His eight lectures will be on Tues-

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P.M. Kumar Goshal, of the National Guardian, will give six lectures on the social and political developments in China and India. Classes will be held on Wednesdays, beginning Feb.

12. at 6:45 P.M. Science writer Irving Adler will head six sessions on "Science and Modern Life." Dr. Chandler Davis, of Columbia University, and Dr. Vernon

be guest lecturers. The sessions are on Wednesdays, beginning

"The Contemporary Novel English and American" will be the theme of eight lectures by Dr. Annette T. Rubenstein on Thursdays, beginning Feb. 13, at 6:45 P.M. Dr. Stanley Moore will give six lectures on "State and Society," dealing with various Marxist and non-Marxist concepts of the state, on Thursdays, beginning Feb. 13, at 8:30 P.M All classes will be held at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Ave., two courses.

New York. Admission for single lectures is \$1.50. Six lecture courses are \$7.50 and eight lecture courses are \$10. A 20% reduction will be made for couples or for registrants in

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Prisoners — the Green, Winston the protection of the First days, beginning Feb. 11, at 8:30 ernment persecution.

YOUNG SOCIALIST ference was devoted to a discusits editor, discussed the policy of he said. But it has now shifted

sented by Gene Tournour of

Feb. 12, at 8:30 P.M.

King, a research chemist, will youth.

Case." Sam Reed, a defendant in Amendment on the campuses. the Cleveland Taft-Hartley case, I. Warwick, who reviewed the spope on his fight against gov- army's "security" program was himself given less than an honorable discharge as a result of

alleged pre-induction political The final session of the Con- views and associations. As a result of the protest raised sion of the youth paper, the against the "security" program, Young Socialist. Tim Wohlforth, the army was forced to retreat,

the paper and the problem of ex- its ground and an additional tending its circulation, especially protest is needed. to high school and working-class At present, Warwick pointed

out, the army is screening young convicted on the testimony of on Norman Hodgett of Denver des- men before induction. The draft witness, a confessed perjurer. The cribed the successful campaigns card is then marked in accordance charge against Sobell was that on several campuses to assure with the army's determination of the allegedly engaged in certain

St. Louis. Steve Max of New York the American Civil Liberties who traveled to China in defiance

Prominent Radicals Back Wright

(Continued from page 1) should give him all support. In | platform. . . . The mation is in in the Jan. 11 People's World addition, they should feel grateful dire need of alternatives and one where he wrote: "At this writ- to him and the Socialist Workers such alternative is the election of ing, only one candidate, Jack Party for the sacrifice of their socialists to public office. I wish Wright, a molder, has taken a time and labor in presenting the to make it clear, however, that flat position against the city sales electorate with an opportunity to my endorsement of your canditax. Wright is a delegate to the learn and approve Socialist prin- dacy does not include endorse-

Fisher wrote: "We had the

Central Labor Council as well as ciples. I hope this campaign ment of the Socialist Workers to the Metal Trades Council. . ." results in victory, at least to the Party per se. I feel it more important at this time to unite all At the Pension Union, Pettus extent of procuring enough votes said he favored a "coalition" vote to encourage support in future in the election and named four struggles." behind outspoken socialist candi-

other candidates whom he thought DR. C. H. FISHER'S STAND should be voted for on the ground Another gratifying message of that they were the best of those support came to the rally from running. All four have ties with

Dr. C. H. Fisher, President of the the Republicans or Democrats. Washington Pension Umion. Dr.

WANTS RACE AGAINST JACKSON

pleasure of hearing Jack Wright, In response to a question, City Council candidate, speak to Pettus said he would be inclined the regular Sunday Afternoon to favor the idea now being dis- Forum of the Pension Union, and cussed among socialist groups of we who heard him are in complete an independent ticket for the sympathy with his program and coming Congressional elections. endorse his position on the ques-Pettus said it might be even more tions of the day. We are glad he desirable to run a candidate is running as an independent and against U.S. Senator Jackson who socialist candidate, and wish him will be up for re-election. A success in his campaign."

liberal Democrat, Jackson has At the rally a declaration of been one of the strongest sup- support to Wright was also made porters of the suicidal arms race. by Dr. Jay Friedman, national Last night a highly enthusiastic committee member of the Amerirally in support of Jack Wright can Forum - For Socialist warmly received the following Education. Previously, in a written message from Vincent Hallinan: endorsement, Dr. Friedman said: "The candidacy of Jack Wright "I wish to express my endorsegives added impetus to the So- ment of your candidacy for City cialist Movement. Liberal forces Councilman on a labor-socialist rally for Jack Wright. him are successful.

The fight against the Smith Act must continue, declared Steve Max of New York who reviewed the Green and Winston case. A petition for review of the Smith Act was refused recently by the Supreme Court. The defense is trying also for a review of the contempt charges against the two, which arose when the men jumped bail. Green and Winston are the first two in America to receive jail sentences for jumping opoly so that other groups can bail, Max stated. This fact points claim a monopoly. up the punitive nature of the prosecution against them, he said.

OHIO T-H CASE

Sam Reed, recently convicted along with six others of conspiracy to violate the Taftthe mistake of blind rejection Hartley Act, pointed out that of everything that happened in over. theirs was the first "conspiracy" the Soviet Union." And finally, conviction under this act. Only the "socialist movement of two of the defendants, Fred and these years was characterized Marie Haug, were actually acby a great disunity. cused of falsely signing non-Com-Blumberg came to three conmunist affidavits. The others clusions on the basis of his anwere accused of aiding the Haugs alysis. Our first task, he said, to do so by such acts as meeting is to plunge into the broad with them or driving "co-conmovements of the people spirators" in a car. "The governaround such issues as peace, ment, now that it has won this the economic crisis and civil first case, plans to try to convict rights. Secondly we must spread others in the same way," he and deepen the process of diswarmed. Reed urged the mobilizacussion among the radicals and socialistically inclined individuals tion of all youth around the fight lastly, we must seek "an infor civil liberties. creasing joint action of various

The "Young Socialist" is dedisocialist currents." cated to the building of a broad, FOR JOINT SLATE independent youth movement, Farrell Dobbs, the second editor Tim Wohlforth told the speaker, made a concrete pro-Sunday session of the Conposal for joint action. He proference. "The regroupment of soposed a united socialist ticket particularly well known for his cialist youth is only one aim," he for the 1958 New York elecasserted. "We want to do much tions. He pointed to the sharp more. We want to bring the ideas ening contradictions of capital of socialism to the youth of ism on the world arena that in America, to build a movement turn are producing worsening that is militant and can fight for conditions and dissatisfaction among the masses at home. civil liberties and for peace. . ." The past year, he declared, has The Conference ended on a note shown increasing signs of a of optimism about the prospects desire of advanced workers to for a national movement of sobreak out of the strait jacket cialist youth. The feeling of the of two-party politics. "The supconference was summed up in the port given by the National applause accorded one participant Guardian, Vincent Hallinan and others to the SWP candidates who quoted from Marx and in 1957." he said, "indicates Engels' Communist Manifesto in good prospects for assembling urging the youth to "everywhere a slate of socialist candidates support every revolutionary move- from various tendencies that would draw the support of tens ment against the existing social of thousands of workers." He proposed that such a socialist

II and the errors of the radical in getting started. parties. The latter consisted of

five mistakes, according to FOR MORE DISCUSSION

Blumberg. "The socialist move-Rev. Muste warned against ment in all of its varieties has sterile dogmatism in the Amerbeen the victim of sectarian ican left. "No party or group," practices," he said. In addition he declared, "can expect to socialists had a "dogmatic and succeed merely by adding ntolerant attitude." Thirdly, members and getting bigger. 'We Communists were wrong He called for continuing and in thinking we had some kind broader discussion with special of monopoly" on socialism. But, attention to the peril of atomic Blumberg added, "We are not war and the problems posed going to relinquish this monby automation.

Members of the audience participated in a lively discus-"The Communist Party was sion. Several speakers supportwrong with its blind accept- ed the proposal for a united ance of the Soviet Union with- socialist ticket. Others argued out developing its own inde- against the idea that the Amerpendent view," he said and ican left had accomplished added, "Other groups also made nothing in the past, and must scrap everything and start all

> Literature of several tendencies was on hand. Arrangements were made to keep the audience informed and to invite their participation in planning future affairs of the Socialist Forum in the Bronx.

The Soviet Union

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recent appreciation of the importance of such a course was the basis for her presiding at the and political order of things." THE MILITANT



That '54 Support to Harriman

On Feb. 4 Democratic Governor Harriman of New York recommended reenactment of the witch-hunting Security Risk Law, as well as amendment of the Civil Service law to make Communist Party membership evidence for firing state employes. This latter would take off the state and put on the victimized employe the burden of proof about advocating "overthrow of the government by force and violence."

Harriman's moves to prolong the witchhunt atmosphere call to mind his election in 1954. Then his opponent was liberal **Republican** Irving Ives, politically pretty

That outstanding hypocrite of our time. pietistical, sanctimonious Secretary of State Dulles, tries to portray U.S. imperialist policy as pure moral endeavor on behalf of a free world. This "free world," of course, includes such figures as the recently overthrown tyrant of Venezuela. The police-state brutalities and concentration camps of that unhappy country escaped Dulles' moral fulminations and received a minimum of notice from the capitalist press in the U.S. For they were useful in the protection of over \$3 billion

in U.S. capital invested there. Now that a wave of anti-U.S. imperialism is sweeping Latin America, critics of Dulles like Drew Pearson attribute it in much a carbon copy of the liberal Democrat. Yet, in that campaign, the Daily Worker, ostensibly pledged to the American Labor Party ticket, began whooping | B. Carey, Norman Thomas, Vicit up for a Democratic victory.

Undoubtedly many radical workers fell for this piece of Stalinist jesuitism. Whether they constituted the slim margin nold Zander, Rudolph Faupl of Harriman's victory, they certainly constituted the vote deficit that lost the ALP its place on the ballot. Those radical workers should now read Harriman's witchhunt recommendations and ponder the lesson. Not as an abstract lesson in his- Union as defense lawyer. tory, but as preparation for what should be done in this year's election.

High Priest of the Dollar

part to "the repeated statements of John Foster Dulles blessing the dictatorship of President Perez Jimenez and calling it, in effect, a model for South America."

Now that rebel leader Fidel Castro has launched a campaign against dictator Batista that may damage the considerable U.S. holdings in Cuba, the New York Times (Feb. 3) notes "the U.S. State Department's attitude toward Senor Castro" may change "from one of apparent neutrality to outright hostility."

Thus Dulles draws inspiration for his "moral" and "free-world" policies in Latin America not from Holy Writ but from the foreign investment tables of U.S. Big Business.

The committee will raise government admits it made a the country to be read at the funds for appealing the cases mistake in returning these sail- Laura Gray memorial meeting of five Spanish Sailors facing ors to the United States and is held in New York on January deportation to Spain where now willing to grant them po- 16 strongly urged the publicathey would face years of im- litical asylum, why doesn't the tion, in book form, of a selecprisonment or death. Members Immigration Service and the tion of her cartoons covering

tor Reuther, Dwight MacDonald, Charles S. Zimmerman, H. Fitelson, Harry Laidler. Ar-

Defense League.

and Sal B. Hoffman. Francis Heisler, west coast attorney for the Workers Defense Union League has joined A. L. Wirin, southern California attorney for the American Civil Liberties The case is now before the

ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and in the event of an adverse decision it will be taken to the U.S. Supreme Court. The five sailors defected from a Spanish ship in San Diego harbor because of their

anti-Franco convictions. They fled to Mexico but were brought back to the U.S. under false pretenses by an American immigration official, who intended five sailors but the workers of to return the sailors to their Spain who are crushed by ship. The Mexican government Franco's Falange. has announced its willingness to permit the sailors to leave. In recent oral argument before the appeals courts, Judge ary "On The Beam," issued by

attorney: "Since the Mexican Workers, was on the local's sup-

USSR Reports '57 Economic Data

million.

Through Radio Moscow the Soviet Union made public on Jan. 27 its economic report from 1957. According to an AP dispatch from London the report said there were 37 million metric tons of pig iron government.' produced, an increase of 4% over the previous year; steel case. 51 million tons, an increase of 5%; coal, 463 million tons, an

increase of 8%; electric power, more than 209 billion kilowatt hours, an increase of 9%. Also, auto and trucks, 495,500, an increase of 7%; tractors, 240,-000. an increase of 11%; cotton fabric, 5.6 billion meters, an increase of 3%. Wage and salary earners increased by 2.1 million to a total of 52.1



When the idea was projected at the memorial meeting it received an enthusiastic response. Over \$350 was pledged at the meeting to defray the expense of publication. Since then sev-LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 eral small contributions have

ceived from various parts of

support continues to been received to finance a memount in the case of the Five morial edition of Laura Grav's Spanish Sailors as the five are cartoons. It is estimated that a waiting for a court decision folminimum of \$2,000 will be relowing a December hearing. quired to defray the expense The large United Shoe Work- of publication.

ers, Local 122, passed a resolu-Each contributor donating tion protesting "the jeopardiz-\$5.00 or over, will be entitled ing of the lives of the five to receive a copy of the book. Spanish sailors in consideration Contributions should be sent to of such agreements as the Pioneer Publishers, 116 Unigranting of U.S. air bases in versity Place, New York 3, Franco's totalitarian Spain." N. Y.

"As trade unionists," the resolution said, "we express our

solidarity not only with the

Gray's famous "Live Plants, Local 116 of the Painters, to provide asylum, but the Decorators and Paperhangers Men" cartoon in its January State Department has refused passed a similar resolution, issue with the following com- of purchasers. I only hope you backed up by a \$10 donation. ment: "The cartoon printed will not forget to include my The lead story in the Janu- above is . . . by the very fine labor artist, Laura Gray. Her Chase A. Clark asked the U.S. Local 2058 of the United Steel recent untimely death is a loss to workers everywhere. We

port of the Spanish sailors. join others in saying 'Thanks, "On The Beam" pointed out Laura, your contribution was that "In Franco Spain, the mighty."

unions are outlawed. The Spanish workers' living standards are the lowest in western Europe. In view of these facts, it is not difficult to understand why the five Spanish sailors are politically opposed to their

Local 2058 sent in \$25 to support the sailors in their court

Happiest news of financial support locally is that the Joe Springer Committee, which has successfully concluded its own civil liberties fight, is donating \$200 to the Committee to Save the Five Spanish Sailors. (Joe Springer, an active trade unionist, had been charged with perjury because he told an Un-American Activities Committee that he had not been known



The Only Victor

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the Korean War, when it be-

came necessary to hold the

banner of socialism aloft with

We who knew Laura quite

well personally realize what a

loss her death is, both in terms

London

E. H. S.

messages from individuals and much appreciated by militant The MESA Educator, puborganizations expressing sorrow workers here as in the USA. lished by the Mechanics Eduover the death of Laura Gray. This was especially true during cational Society of America, We print excerpts below.) AFL-CIO, reprinted Laura

"If a book of her cartoons Dead Men; Dead Plants, Live is to be published, place my name at the head of the list firm hands.

> favorite, the crocodile tears . . With deepest sympathy. B. M. .

of the wonderful human being she was and in terms of her Cambridge, Mass. contributions to our struggle

"Here in England we have by her cartoons which we looked forward to every week. reproduced her work on many occasions, and I think it is

(We have received further true to say that she was as Paris **Unions Score Gains** St. Paul Press Strike

By Winifred Nelson ST. PAUL, Feb. 1-St. Paul's the wonderful wages and work-46 - day - old newspaper strike

ing conditions at their newsended in victory at noon today, when members of four striking agement to arbitrate. unions voted to accept the report of their negotiating comdemand of the Union Advocate in answer to this boss propa-

Ridder properties!

The Newspaper Guild was the ganda. In the issue of Jan. 23 last of five unions at the St. the Advocate challenged the Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press to company: "Tell all the people, reach agreement in contract you owners of the D-PP (Distalks. (The Stereotypers were not on strike but had thrown of the profits of the D-PP and in their contract demands with its use as collateral for loans to with some workers in both dethe striking unions.) Previously, buy other properties that quick-

spoke of the exorbitant de-|St. Paul Sentinel, daily strike mands of the striking unions, newspaper, describing the speed-up conditions in the mailing room where the same numpaper, the willingness of man- ber of mailers handle papers coming off today's high-speed "Open the books!" was the presses as they did with the slower press runs of a decade ago

Typographical workers have complained about the lack of adequate rest-room time to attend to personal needs, and patch-Pioneer Press), how out circulation department employly paid for themselves out of the unions in control there. partments being barred from And all the striking unions lishing family was able to build have objected to the pay differthe following newspaper, radio ential with Minneapolis, St. and television empire." And the Paul's twin city, where news-Advocate went on to list hold- paper wages are higher and ings of the Ridders _____ two working conditions better. daily papers, radio and TV sta-In spite of company efforts tions in Duluth, Minn.; a daily to discourage public support. newspaper and radio station in Grand Forks, N. D.; three thy and support for the strikother daily papers in San Jose, ers has become more wide-Long Beach and Pasadena, spread each week," according Calif.; a big interest in a large to the Union Advocate. Support TV station in the Twin Cities of the strike paper was such and in a Seattle, Wash., daily that the Sentinel found it had paper — and then apologized to double its press run and if they had left out any of the more than double its size to keep up with the demand. All this flies in the face of This, despite a boycott of the the company's plea of inability Sentinel for advertising purto pay made prior to the poses by the big department strike. Their "newsletter" also stores who issued their own tries to cover up workers' re-"Downtown St. Paul News" ports that company spokesmen rather than support the strike had predicted the strike before

It Won't Help the Teamster Ranks

One Federal judge, Hoffa's lawyers, and lawyers representing 13 members of the Teamsters union have usurped the prerogatives of the union's membership and given a Federal court the power to rule the union. All this in the name of defending the rights of the membership — which was not consulted.

The suit which gave rise to the deal was filed last fall in the name of 13 IBT members who charged that 50% of the delegates to the September IBT convention had not been selected according to the union's constitution. The suit did nothing to change the convention which selected Hoffa and a partially new IBT executive board. But Federal Judge F. Dickenson Letts issued an injunction barring the new officials from taking office until a decision

see the finances, elections and qualifications for elective office of the entire union. This board of monitors is to serve for at least one year and thereafter until a convention is held to elect new officers. It will also draw up a "model code of local union bylaws."

The lawyer for the 13 members who brought the suit, Godfrey Schmidt, has been appointed one of the "monitors." Schmidt first gained fame as legal counsel to Cardinal Spellman when Spellman was breaking the famous New York cemetery strike in 1949. He was an outspoken McCarthyite and the head of AWARE, a blacklisting agency which ran roughshod over the democratic rights of Radio and TV union members during the height of the McCarthy era. He has also spoken on

on the suit was reached.

The trial was begun in December and attorneys for the 13 members rested their case last week. Then, during a recess, lawyers for both sides worked out a "compromise" which was agreed to by Judge Letts. Under this deal, Letts dissolved the restraining order barring Hoffa and the new executive board from taking office. But the court retains jurisdiction over the case and the Judge can suspend the IBT officials any time he finds a "breach of good faith."

To watch over the "good faith" of the IBT officials, a three-man board of monitors was agreed upon. They will over-

By Ruth Norton

years may have experienced

apathy and red-baiting while

trying to get petitions signed

for some working-class or civil-

liberties cause, there is a wel-

come change in the atmosphere.

This is being proved by the

response in Michigan to the

Socialist Workers Party cam-

paign to put a ticket on the

ballot for the coming election.

the number it's shooting for.

For those who in the past

The entire deal has been denounced by the major, organized anti-Hoffa forces in New York, who have called instead for a

radio in favor of "right-to-work" laws.

of international officers.

A committee for the "New Deal" slate that is seeking to unseat Hoffa's chief supremacy) policy were com- his demands that Okinawa be local supporter, John J. O'Rorke, as presi- mitted for trial. Since the mass returned to Japan. The newly dent of the Teamsters Joint Council in arrests of Dec. 1956, these Af-New York, issued the following statement rican, colored and white lead- has proved to be just as much which is right to the point: "Unions must of the longest "preliminary" be controlled by their membership. The examinations in history. The what the U.S. papers call anappointment of outside czars, dictators or indictment charges "high trea- other anti-American (it is 'monitors' does not contribute to this son" for which the maximum really anti-U.S.-occupation) objective."

13 YEARS WITH FIRM

have anything."

Another man said bitterly:

You know, I've been with one

World Events

"TREASON" FRAME-UP IN General James E. Moore, U. S. union-wide referendum to pick a new set S. AFRICA reached a new gauleiter of the occupied isstage as 95 of the originally land, ousted Kanejiro Senaga, A committee for the "New Deal" slate arrested 156 opponents of the the elected mayor of Naha, beelected mayor, Saichi Kaneshi, a thorn in the side of the U.S. high commissioner. In penalty is death. If not con- vote, the people of outlying victed of treason, the defend- suburbs, recently united to ants can be sentenced under Naha by U.S. order, elected the Suppression of Communism seven city assemblymen of the Act. Though the accused are Okinawa Peoples' Party - the

mostly liberals, pacifists and party of Senaga and Kaneshi. fighters for racial equality, the * * * South African government has FRANCE'S PHONY LAW to by law declared that opposition "reform" its rule in Algeria to racism constitutes "commuwas finally enacted on Jan. 31. nism." Contributions for the le-However, all indications are gal defense and to aid in supno job, and it doesn't look like to me we've been needing so- porting the families of the de- that it will in no degree apfendants, who have been pre- pease the Algerian people's devented from working by the sire for independence and that the civil war there will conyear-long "preliminary" examtinue to rage. The rival moveination, may be sent to: South

Africa Defense Fund, 4 West ments leading the Algerian 40th St., N. Y. 18, N. Y.

THE BAHAMAS ISLANDS (FLN), both denounced the constitution has come under new French law and predicted

the Negro workers, who constitute the overwhelming majority It's cold working outside at this time of year in Michigan, of the population, as an economic strike. A tiny handful but knowledge of the importof ruling white proprietors control the Bahamas by effectively alternative to the two capitalist disfranchising the Negroes and by maintaining such laws as that which forbids hotel workers of the "vacation paradise" from organizing unions.

SUCH UNPOPULARI

main city. Last year Lieut. factory workers.

other unions involved had tentatively settled - but with their own profits, your pubthe stipulation that they would not go back to work till all unions involved had come to a satisfactory agreement.

WIN MAIN DEMANDS

mittees.

Principal demands of all the striking unions were won, including a two-year contract (which only the News Guild opposed) with wage raises of from 10 to 14 cents the first year for most workers and an additional 10 cents the second vear: reduction of hours from 371/2 to 361/4 for Stereotypers, Mailers and Machinists (they had asked for 35 hours) and a five-day week for 30 country newspaper salesmen in the News Guild who had been working six days. Fringe bene-

fits were also won - increased hospitalization and severance pay, job reclassification, jury duty and holiday pay for Typos and Guild members. The Mailers union accepted a company offer on manning (more men to handle the work) which was not disclosed.

However, nearly half of the striking Guild members, those in the lower wage brackets, received smaller wage increases. These are the workers who most badly need more pay, for the great majority are underpaid clerical help.

The lie was given to the company statement that the 27 members of the Mailers union

caused the strike, which idled 900 workers, when that union subsidiary of the Royal Dutch settled last Tuesday, ahead of the Guild. In truth, it was

the company who provoked the strike. Confident that they

would not lose their monopoly profits, the Ridder family (only newspaper publishers in St. Paul) carried strike insurance, a new gimmick of the American Newspaper Publishers As-

sociation, which insured their profits while they tried to starve out the strikers and break their unions!

ed up by a guerrilla force in A 'NEWS' LETTER the center of the island. Cas-

Last week the Ridders sent tro has announced that an "in- out a "news letter without a dustrial" campaign is to be union label" (in the words of launched to consummate Batis- the Union Advocate, St. Paul's

dents of this city. In it, they tion: (1) "Songs of Free Men" | Contribution: \$1.00.

it happened, and statements of paper. Solidarity of the organized the striking unions on intolerlabor movement was expressed able working conditions in the throughout the strike in many plant.

"They scarcely dare stop to ads taken in the Sentinel wishblow their noses," said Harold ing good luck and a speedy Hol, president of the Mailers victory. It helped considerably union, in a statement to the in winning the strike.



and playlet "An Incident in the Friday, Feb. 14, 8:15 P.M. Life of Harriet Tubman" by Prospects for American Labor professional Touring Actors Group. (2) Eleanor Letha Cary, In 1958." Ausp.: Militant Labor militant trade unionist and socialist will speak on "Eisenhower's Emergency Educational Aid Program and Desegregation

Detroit in the Schools." Chairman: Mil-See the great American film, 'Salt of the Earth." Friday, Feb. 14, 8 P.M. at Debs Hall, 3737 Friday, Feb. 14, 8:15 P.M., Forum Woodward. Contribution: 50c.

New York

Conrad Lynn, prominent Civil Liberties Attorney and fighter for Civil Rights, will speak on: "The Political Future of the Negro People." Friday, Feb. 21, 8 P.M. 116 University Place.

Contribution: \$1.00.

ton Alvin, prominent lecturer. Hall, 1702 East 4th St. Sponsor: International Socialist Review

Ausp.: Friday Night Socialist Forum. A. J. Muste, chairman, American Forum — For Socialist Education, will speak on "Sputniks, Missiles and World Peace." Thursday, Feb. 20, 8 P.M., Central Methodist Church, 23 E.

Adams at Woodward.

Los Angeles

Chicago

Forum.

Negro History Week Celebra- Auspices: Militant Labor Forum.

SWP signature gatherers was: "Are you for labor? Then I'm another comment, "and I've business casualties recorded in 2 elections in Naha, the island's action, including sabotage, by official organ) to all the resiwith you." Also typical was: seen too many depressions and 1956.

State laws require 15,000 names upon the rest of the group folon a petition to put an indeanger and bitterness—was the lowed suit. pendent party on the ballot. As feeling that neither the Dem-Family differences on politics the SWP sees it the state ofocrats or Republicans are realwere revealed when a wife said ficials can do less finagling if to her husband: "Don't sign it submits 30,000 — so that's working people but that somethat, it's for a socialist workers how somebody would have to. party." The man, while signing,

"Give Me that Pencil; I'm a 'Communist' Too"

ter. I don't have anything to

One signature solicitor had

an amusing experience in re-

verse red-baiting. An unem-

midst of a group, loudly de-

manded, "Are you a commu-

nist?" And before she could

reply, said, "I'm a communist

too. Gimme that pencil." Where-

If you are a doubting-Thomas remarked to the petitioner, "My but still would like to see a working-class ticket on the bal- wife thinks she's an aristocrat, lot, just go down to 3737 Wood- a blueblood." But in other ward Ave., in Detroit and pick cases, however, the wife signed ance of putting a workingup a couple of SWP petition despite the husband's admon-

lose.

ishments. boards. Here's a description in general and particular of the kind of responses you'll run been out of the army for over ers, will warm you up considinto - especially at the unema year now, and I've been out erably. ployment compensation offices where long lines are always of work for most that time. I'd found these days.

'ARE YOU FOR LABOR?'

sure hate to go back into the army, but a man's got to eat. I hope you people can do some-

A common question to the thing.'

class slate on the ballot as an In one case a young man parties, and the welcome recommented while signing: "I've sponse you get from the work-

the situation is getting any bet- cialism for a long time."

13,739 business failures were TY MUST BE DESERVED. recorded by Dun and Bradstreet The voters of Okinawa gave for 1957, the highest since 1939 another smashing repudiation "I'm over 70 years old," was and a sharp rise from the 2,686 of U. S. occupation, in the Feb. ta's overthrow. It will feature Trades and Labor Assembly's

company for 13 years-13 years. ployed worker, standing in the Had seniority, a good job. And what did it get me? The company picked up and moved. Now I have no job-I don't Mingled through the re-

sponses - and expressed with that a commission of inquiry

attack by Labor Party mem- that the fighting in Algeria bers of the parliament in Great would continue despite it. Britain. They are demanding

be sent to the West Indian colony. The recent 18-day general strike in Nassau, principal

ly going to do much for the city of the Bahamas, was as much a political movement by

CUBAN DICTATOR Batista eased up on press censorship

ertheless opposition to Batista

"second front" has been open-

and civil liberties immediately after the overthrow of Venezuela's dictator Jimenez. Nev-

> continues to grow. Rebel guerrilla chief Fidel Castro's forces have become more aggressive in the eastern mountains and a

INDONESIA has cancelled two oil field concessions of a Shell interests.

National Movement (MNA) and National Liberation Front

It's Legal If You're Rich

THE MILITANT

By Joyce Cowley

I have just read a brochure put out by Prentice-Hall addressed to the successful businessman who wants to acquire a fortune. I'm not a businessman but I've had daydreams about money in the bank, and I thought I might pick up some useful information. I'm sorry to say that while Prentice-Hall throws a good deal of light on how businessmen accumulate money, there is nothing in their brochure that would help an employe. They briefly dismiss the idea that anyone on a salary no matter how big — can become wealthy. Acquiring a fortune is obviously not a matter of hard work, talent, or starting a savings account.

I knew all along I didn't have a chance, but I was surprised to learn that it's the man with a cooperative bookkeeper who is most likely to succeed. According to Prentice-Hall, special tax methods are "the foundation of virtually every fortune now being built." I had been thinking in terms of the robber barons, of iron men who destroy competitors and ruthlessly force their way to the top. I find it difficult to adjust to the idea that building a fortune is primarily an accounting problem, that if you juggle figures successfully you can come out a million or so ahead. This is apparently legal, too, because Prentice-Hall winds up by offering a Tax Ideas Manual, "indispensable for any man who wishes to accumulate a substantial amount of money." He must show some aptitude for accumulating money even before he buys the book, since it costs \$24.50.

As a teaser, the brochure outlines seven "fortune building" tax methods. For example:

"Limit the tax rate to 25%."

I thought the government set the tax rate, but it seems you can easily adjust it yourself by "converting ordinary income into capital gain," and there are nine good ways to do this.

Several of the methods recommended arouse curiosity and doubt:

company ... This," they say enthusiastically, "is where the big money lies."

"Company profits can be credited to your personal account tax free ... This is a natural for the successful man who wants to build up personal wealth quickly, say an extra \$100,000 in the next few years."

I wonder, as a layman who knows very little about accounting procedures, whether the businessman can stay out of jail as he rapidly accumulates \$100,000 by crediting company profits to his personal account. I the businessman can stay out of jail as he suppose more details are available in the Tax Ideas Manual.

"The tax bonanza in the Short Term Trust." This one is easier to understand and I'll outline it briefly so that you can pass it along to any property owner who is groaning about his tax burdens. He won't have to pay taxes at all. If he has income-producing property (real estate, stocks or bonds) he can set up a trust. The income from the trust is not taxable and the property itself is returned when the trust terminates.

The city building department All of these fortune building techniques insists that the building was inboil down to one simple formula: don't pay spected regularly and no serious taxes! I'd like to figure this out so a violation of any ordinance had worker could take advantage of it, too, been found. But independent inbut tax experts don't show much interest vestigation by John Hamilton, in the problems of men making less than chairman of the Washington Park \$25,000 a year, who obviously can't afford Forum, disclosed that huge quantheir services. The worker faces the same tities of highly inflammable paint kind of difficulty when he looks for loopholes in the law. The men who made these thinner were stored in the baselaws - businessmen or their representa- ment of this fire trap and that tives - provided ways out at the top. The the tenants had repeatedly but vainly demanded its removal. man who works for wages can't set up a It was Hamilton who also made trust fund or convert his regular income known the fact that 20 persons into capital gain. He's trapped until he uses the same methods that the businesshad perished in the fire and not seven as originally reported by man is using and sends his representatives down to Washington to make the laws. the daily press.

The building was so thoroughly gutted by the blaze that efforts

victims.

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Tenement

to dig for the bodies of those lost resulted in the structure collapsing completely.

The extent of the overcrowding (and rent-gouging) being prac- rolet Engine Plant, located in ticed in this four-story building this highly industrialized town is indicated by the fact that it just outside Buffalo. was bringing in \$2,000 a month

lisaster, three adults and a child insufficient exits, substandard wallboard partitions and inadequate light and ventilation. A

Robert Chester

"Greatly increase your 'Take' from the mpany ... This," they say enthusias-cally, "is where the big money lies." """ Walkout Closes Westinghouse

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Buffalo-Area Chevrolet Workers Hit by Layoff

By A. Ritchie TONAWANDA, N.Y., Jan. 24. With dramatic suddenness, layoff of unprecedented proportions has hit this key Chev-

There are conflicting figures, but thus far, it is estimated

Only three days before this that approximately 500 men were laid off, with seniority met death in another blaze at dating back to early April, 1955. 4419 Drexel where a third-floor Although the amount of workballroom had been converted into ers involved is comparatively five "apartments." According to small, this layoff is very signifithe Chicago Sun-Times, it had cant for a number of reasons.

MAKES ALL W-8 ENGINES

laid off four months ahead of The attitude of the men who bers were furloughed or sus-1956's schedule, and the work- were laid off can be described pended they had to support ers involved have as much as as two-sided. On one hand, them and their fight, even 33 months seniority. At present, there is a unanimous sigh of without official union sanction. the plant produces both W-8 relief at being released from and V-8 engines but only the the energy-sapping GM speed-W-8 is operating on two shifts. up. On the other hand, an Employment is down to ap- equally unanimous feeling of the technicality that the grievproximately 3,300 from a high anxiety is evident, as the men ance procedure had not been of 5,200 in 1955.

Speed-up, always a very real problem, has been increased as their families. They are fully the company strives for more aware that the meager handproduction with less men. As outs of the State Unemployusual, the assembly line bears ment Service, even when a three-day strike notice, techthe brunt of this man-killing coupled with SUB, will not method of boosting profits. The solve their problems.

union leadership, even if it In addition, at least half of hall was arranged for Monday were more militant than it is the men who were laid off have morning, a week after the ac-First, Chevrolet Motors is the on this issue, would still be less than one year's seniority, tion had started. At 8:00 A.M. heavy locked door trapped the largest manufacturing unit in shackled by the grievance pro- which makes them ineligible that morning 5,000 members of victims, preventing their escape." the GM Auto Empire. This par- cedure. As a result, more and for any SUB payments. The Local 107-UE gathered outside ticular engine plant is one of more workers have become dis- sentiments of many workers the union hall and were ad-

Workers at Phila. Plant **Fight Layoff**

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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28 Production at the South Philadelphia Steam Turbine Works of Westinghouse was at a complete standstill after a week of gradually increasing walkouts which started Jan. 20. On this day several "A" clerks (production) were notified that their jobs were being eliminated and they were to report to new locations where they would "bump" men with less seniority off their jobs. The company had agreed, toward the end of 1957 that they would not institute any action of this kind without first negotiating with the union.

When the men refused to be reassigned without first having the matter negotiated they were indefinitely suspended (fired). Stewards were given the same treatment for not instructing the men to go to work. Other clerks stopped work and went to a meeting to discuss the problem.

When the foreman proceeded to issue work tickets, blueprints, etc., the production workers refused to work on jobs which normally should have been issued by the union clerks. This led to more furloughs and indefinite suspensions. In this manner the stoppage spread. The workers assumed that when other mem-The company met with the committee but refused to discuss the immediate issue on wonder where they can get complied with. As the stoppage jobs to support themselves and spread and the company stubbornly refused to discuss the issue and the firings, the union had no alternative but to give

> ances. A meeting outside the union

I asked one unemployed mem-

ployment. He replied "What

I reminded him that there

were a lot of union men un-

employed and unable to meet

their debts. Did he think it

was possible that the union

could they do?'

"Out of the Depths"

OUT OF THE DEPTHS by Barron B. Beshoar. Denver: Golden Bell Press, 372 pp. \$3.50.

The Ludlow Massacre, famed in labor history and folk song, took place April 21, 1914 when the Colorado state militia, with its heavy complement of company guards and detectives, attacked and burned the striking miners' tent colony, killing 21 women and children. The tragedy focused national attention on the bitter 15-month-old strike against the autocratic coal companies.

Any complete account of the strike in the Southern Colorado open-shop coal fields must necessarily show the domination of the Rockefeller interests. It must show their influence over state and county officials that enabled them to violate state labor laws with impunity. It must portray the miserable conditions in the mines and com-

ers in the public press to exposing the role of the bosses, including John D. Rockefeller Jr., in state

and Congressional hearings and in the courts. The hypocritical role of John D. Rockefeller Jr. is also carefully documented. He backed his subordinates in every vicious step they took while at the same time he proclaimed his philanthropies and churchly piety. He hired high priced propagandists to discredit the miners and their leaders. He fought unions "on principle" and when public pressure forced him to compromise established the prototype of the company union, the brainchild of W. L. Mackenzie King, a Rockefeller hireling and future Prime Minister of Canada.

"REMEMBER LUDLOW"

Beshoar portrays many of the colorful rank

in rent!

pany towns that drove the miners to strike.

FULLY DOCUMENTED

Out of the Depths is such an account. It is written by the son of a local doctor whose life, of necessity, was closely bound to those of the miners. The book is a carefully compiled document of every stage of the struggle and provides the student of labor history with an example of the class struggle in its most naked form.

The book is at the same time a biography of John R. Lawson, a member of the Executive Board of the United Mineworkers Union and leader of the organizing drive and of the strike. Lawson exemplifies the keen, fearless and devoted workers' leader that always emerges in the heroic periods of union organization. A self-educated miner, he was able to meet every problem of the struggle: from the careful underground organization drive to the strategy of setting up camp colonies for the strikers and for picketing the far flung mines; from combatting the lies and sland-

and file leaders as well as the legendary Mother Jones who came in to help the miners. He also shows the limitations in the thinking of Lawson and other labor leaders. They hoped to change company practices by supporting the Democratic candidate against the incumbent Republican Governor only to find, after victory, that the new Governor was little different from his predecessors.

As a result of the strike the miners improved their conditions although they failed to win recognition of the union. "Remember Ludlow" was the battle cry of the miners for years after until the United Mine Workers won recognition in Colorado in 1934, as part of the organizing drive that built the CIO. Today a few pickets can shut down a mine without fear of strikebreakers, but it took struggles such as those in Colorado to prepare the victories that won these gains.

Coffee Break Without Coffee

The steel industry is operating at 55% of capacity, some tin producers announced 40% slashes in output for the first half of 1958, there's a slump in shipping, demand for oil is off conspicuously, power output has been cut, but University of Nebraska agricultural economists classify it as a "gold-plated" recession, they call it "a sort of economic coffee break."

ening steel industry."

says the Tribune.

ing in the area.

only two Chevy engine plants illusioned with the union's were expressed best by one dressed by their officials. A in the country (the other is lo- ability to cope with their prob- who put it this way, "If push vote was taken to authorize a cated in Flint, Michigan) and lems and have become bitter comes to shove I can just about secret ballot to be held immeproduces 40% of all Chevrolet about the situation. As one get by on food and rent ex- diately for a strike vote. The engines. In addition, this plant worker put it, "There doesn't penses if I skimp a little. But final count was 3,738 for strike, produces all the new W-8 (or seem to be any sense in writing how can I make my install- 1,042 against and 14 voided. Turbo-Thrust) engines, which a speed-up grievance. I'm still ment payments unless I get a With this strong vote and were put into production to working my neck off, because good-paying job? This year the solid shutdown on Monday, bcost the sales of '58 Chevys. I've got to wait for the union may be a Golden Milestone for a sudden favorable spurt in Then, to further underline and the company to settle my Generous Motors, but for us, negotiations took place so that the seriousness of this situation, grievance, which may take a this layoff is more like a tomb- by early this morning the nein 1956, when the first major couple of months, and even stone!" layoff in the plant's history oc- then, from past experience, I These layoffs which are part to send out a recommendation curred, it took almost three know that the company refuses of a nationwide pattern, not that the men return to work months to lay off 800 workers, to recognize that there is such only in auto, but in industry pending further negotiations. the final layoffs occurring in a thing as speed-up. Where we in general, accentuate the seri- The first obstacle had been re-

gotiating committee was able May, with seniority going back really need a speed-up is in ousness of the economic crisis moved when the company liftonly 13 months. This year, in a this fouled-up and outmoded that capitalism is undergoing ed all indefinite suspensions

two-week period, Chevrolet has grievance procedure." once again. and furloughs.



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By Tom Leonard

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 12 - A oi-monthly report of the Minnesota department of employment security released in late December revealed that the number of unemployed workers crease by 18,400 in the period ority and are not entitled to from mid-November to mid-January. This figure added to the 22,800 unemployed in mid-November - an increase of 7,000 over November of '56 -

indicates that the number of count by the well-known Amer- unemployed in the Twin Cities The Dec. 27 Minnesota Trib-

the discussion for a regrouping Muste. The first printed dis- The most thorough account yet stated that "The estimated decline would be the most serious side the CPUSA, its thought year-end drop since the winter control and the impact of the of 1948-49 when jobs dropped Khrushchev revelations on the 19,000 from November to January.

> The report (based on employers' forecasts) indicated that "The situation may become worse by March. . . ." Without any explanation however, the clever pencils of the statisticians have reduced the estimated unemployed by March to about 34,000. This is 2,000 below the 36.000 which would designate

> > the Twin Cities as a "distress unemployment" area entitled to federal relief aid.

STATE-WIDE PICTURE

Figures on state-wide unem-

Labor stated in an interview well have - - !' in the Jan. 1 Tribune that | The full impact of unemployployment are equally grim. The "there has been a sharper de- ment however, is best seen at Jan. 7 Tribune reports that cline in employment than the the State Unemployment Of-

"Some 3,400 iron ore miners are | state has felt in a long time, | fice. There workers often have | I can't even get an interview. now unemployed in Range cities but that it is not spectacular to stand in line outside the I can't remember it being this first six months of the year are Most of the miners laid off going to be rough."

have less than two years seni-FOR SHORTER WORK WEEK

Jerome J. Utecht, Head of two locals of the Amalgamated mining firms have "cut older Butcher Workmen of America nearly \$900 two days before I employees to a 32 hour week." autumn gain in employment give me any notice. The same article stated that failed to materialize and as a more than 500 workers had been laid off at the American working part time had increas-Steel and Wire division of ed 10% since October. He said only one.' United States Steel in Duluth.

his union expects to push for During 1957 over 76,000 una shorter work week with no employment claims were filed reduction in take home pay in Minnesota. Of these, 14,000 when current contracts expire. were exhausted. Workers who have exhausted their claims He observed that "too many union people have come to dealong with civil service workpend on overtime pay - they ers and others not covered by can't make ends meet when the compensation laws are not inovertime is eliminated."

cluded in the reports released by the Minnesota Department A spokesman for the employers, Paul Wishart, President of Employment Security. In addition to the so-called of Minneapolis Honeywell Reg-"normal" seasonal layoffs, the ulator Company, which normal biggest cause for mounting unly employs 14,000 workers, claims that "we have the opemployment is a cutback in production affecting virtually portunity to improve our position both for sales and for every segment of manufacturprofits." However he said, "I Neil C. Sherburne, secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota don't mean to say that we shall not have any further reductions AFL-CIO State Federation of in the work force. We may

- most of them victims of an because there are only small building in sub-freezing tem- bad, even during the depresearly shutdown of some ore but general layoffs in the peratures, when they report for sion.' operations because of the slack- plants." He also said that "the their compensation checks. Personal conversations with these ber of a Teamsters local if he unemployed workers revealed thought he could get his union

that many of them are deeply to do something about unemin debt. One of them told me that "my wife and I went into debt

(AFL-CIO) reported that an got laid off. They didn't even Another worker standing next result the number of members to us who had five dependents said bitterly "You're not the

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could, for one thing, demand a debt-freeze or moratorium on debts for the duration of the unemployment crisis. His eyes lit up at this idea, but then he Several of the older workers said "Look! I had a heck of a spoke to compared the presjob getting the union to move ent unemployment to the dewhile I was working. Do you pression in the 1930's. One of hem said "I've been tramping think they'll do anything now all over town looking for a job. that I'm laid off!"

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