

DICTATORSHIP THREATENS IN FRANCE

5 Branches Hit Bell in Socialist Tammany Chiefs Knife Adam Powell **Expansion** Fund

By Murry Weiss National Fund Drive Director

MAY 22 - Five Socialist Workers Party groups, with on Jim Crow. This is the mean-Denver and the South in the lead, have hit 100% of their ing of the current gang-up on quotas or over in the spring drive to raise a \$20,000 Adam Clayton Powell, Demo-

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10,000

5000

Socialist Expansion Fund. Thethree-month drive, which is the first of two projected fund campaigns for 1958, has less than two weeks to go. To date over \$16,000 has been collected. (See Scoreboard page 4.)

The question now before every branch of the party is: Will we finish the drive by the May 31 deadline IN FULL AND ON TIME? For many years the Socialist Workers Party prided itself on carrying through its fund campaigns with the precision of a railroad schedule. It took pride in doing a job well, leaving no loose ends, and getting on with the work for new goals. Thus a spirit of confidence and careful organization was instilled into all party activity.

We must admit that in recent years we slipped back a bit and were forced to extend the time limits of fund campaigns a number of times. But with the beginning of this campaign, the determination to return to our motto. "In full and on time," seemed to take hold in every section of the party. Despite the accumulated 8% lag, we think every branch of the party is as determined as ever to achieve this goal.

There is a growing conviction among militant socialists in the U.S. that we are heading into a new period of progress for both

By Harry Ring NEW YORK, May 21-There is no room in the Democratic party for a Negro political leader who isn't completely sub-

servient to the machine. And that goes double if he makes a habit of putting the spotlight

cratic Congressman from Harlem's 16th District. Up for re-election this fall, Powell was read out of the

Democratic party May 15 by Tammany Hall boss Carmine De Sapio. A week previous Powell was indicted on a threecount income tax evasion charge carrying a possible sentence of five years and \$10,000 fine on each count. The alleged evasion is less than \$2,000. Powell pleaded not guilty. Credit for his indictment is claimed by the McCarthyite magazine, National Review whose editor, William Buckley, has boasted publicly that it directly influenced the federal grand jury.

Powell's ouster from the Democratic party was effected by De Sapio summoning the 16th district leaders to his office to vote for the expulsion on the ostensible ground that

Powell had endorsed Eisenhower in 1956. The ouster, De strictly a decision of the Har-

lem leaders. (The expulsion meeting was delayed until one had pleaded illness was brought downtown to vote.) De Sapio is now seeking a

contest against Powell for

contest.



BUT IKE HIMSELF SAID THERE'S NO RUSH

ABOUT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

The Tax-Reduction Issue

-By George Lavan-

The AFL-CIO leadership has considerably enhance their pop-from stock dividends, the splitmade an immediate tax cut the ularity. But Democratic leader income provision, the capital lends momentum to these forces Sapio piously claimed, was Number One demand in its of the Senate, Lyndon Johnson, gains gimmick, the "depletion" anti-recession program. Labor and Democratic Speaker of the allowances, and the "carry Big Business to replace a parleaders have made innumerable House, Sam Rayburn, so far back - carry forward" racket liamentary form of governspeeches all over the country have turned thumbs down. For the corporations and the reluctant district leader who demanding it. Thousands of If and when the Democratic rich the tax laws have as many resolutions to the same effect Party is to support a tax cut holes as a Swiss cheese. have been passed by union will be decided not by the A LAW JUST FOR YOU bodies. Union officials and dele- Northern liberals or the labor Briefly here are a few of the reliable machine candidate to gations have done considerable leaders but by the top South- many other loopholes for the

lobbying for it in Washington. ern Democrats and the big-city rich. If you have enough incontest against Powell for Vet nothing has happened in the Democratic-controlled Con-intention of trying to get a court order barring Powell from gress. Court order barring Powell from the Democratic-controlled Con-court order barring Powell from the Democratic-controlled Con-gress. Court order barring Powell from the Democratic-control of the Con-gress. Court order barring Powell from the Democratic-control of the Con-gress. Court order barring Powell from the Democratic-control of the Con-gress. Court order barring Powell from the Democratic-control of the Con-gress from the Democratic-control of the Con-gress from the Democratic-control of the Con-gress from the Democratic-control of the Con-gr

Working Class Sole **Force That Can Halt Bid of DeGaullists**

By John Thayer

The danger of dictatorship in France steadily grows despite the newspaper headlines about the present Pflimlin government winning votes of confidence in parliament. The ominous possibility of democratic rights of the French people being trampled under the military boots of de Gaulle and the insurgent

generals in Algeria looms ever generals in Algeria looms ever Insurgent General larger because the working

class, the only force in French society capable of smashing a full-fledged de Gaullist drive to power, is not being mobilzed for action by its leaders. De Gaulle has considerable orces: (1) the top brass of the armed forces in Algeria and in France; (2) the semi-fascist paratroopers of Gen. Massu in Algeria, whose torture squads boast that they are more efficient than Hitler's Gestapo; (3) the racist majority of French settlers in Algeria; (4) predomnant or entire control of the French police force which is honeycombed with ex-collaborationists and fascist groupings; (5) the remnants of the de Gaullist and Poujadist partiesboth semi-fascist-which, however, have seriously declined in the past few years; (6) a halfdozen fascist, street-fighting organizations which though small are extremely vicious. What

NO MATCH FOR WORKERS

Yet these forces would be

no match against the mighty

geria number 20,000).

Gen. Raoul Salan, French army commander in Algeria and one of the leaders of the De Gaullist rebellion.

loss of a civil war and the end De Gaulle and his backers therefore prefer that he come



is the determination of French ment, that is wracked by crisis before every major political decision, by a "strong" govern-

of capitalist rule in France.

The new period will pose new challenges a n d opportunities for socialists and it is high time that we begin to pull out of the state of demoralization and atomization that has afflicted radicalism in the U.S. for so long.

the labor and so-

cialist movements.

The much-advertised myth of eternal capitalist prosperity has collapsed. Under the blows of depression and anti-labor reaction the American trade union movement will not long remain under the complete and unchallenged domination of its present class-collaboration policy and leadership.

At the same time a new situation is developing within the radical movement. For the first time in many years different groups in the socialist movement have come together to discuss differences and to begin to act together wherever they can make common cause.

We have been heartened in this Socialist Expansion Fund Drive by the many new and old friends who have rallied to our appeal and contributed generously to the cause. We have been inspired by the fact that the two newest areas to join our national fund-raising campaign, Denver and the South, are over the top and leading the way to success for the drive. We have been stirred by the grit and militancy of the branches manifested in the fall of the Gaillard cabinet? Are the which suffered the worst blows of the recession - Buffalo, Youngstown and Detroit - yet stayed at the very top of the Scoreboard all through the drive.

These are the things that should give us confidence (but the bureaucrats at the head of HOMES ARE CHEERY not overconfidence) that by midnight, May 31, every dollar pledged to the Socialist Expansion Fund will be in and we will be able to hoist our victory flag.

J.P. Cannon Recovers From Eye Surgery

LOS ANGELES, May 19-James P. Cannon, national chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, was back home today after undergoing a successful eye operation.

Comrade Cannon underwent surgery May 12 for removal of a cataract from his right eye. The operation on the right eye, to be followed by a similar operation on the left eye, was made difficult by complications, but the cataract removal was successful.

While the doctors report that it will be at least three months before a final evaluation of the outcome of the operation can be made, they are optimistic about the results so far.

Friends can communicate with Comrade Cannon by writing him in care of the Socialist Workers Party, 116 University Place, New York 3, N.Y.

the Democratic primary, which

WHITE BOSS IN HARLEM De Sapio's drive was ac-I am a Negro and a Negro Congress. should stay on the plantation." BITTER PILL

Branding the Tammany chieftain a "Mississippi boss," Pow- only for the labor leaders but cluded, serves as an object movie executive. ell added, "The Negroes left also for the liberal Democrats lesson.

Mississippi to get away from to swallow. The latter have Last week's article in the ecutives can live luxuriously on the white bosses but they their eyes on the coming elec- Militant described the ending money not counted as income. found them in Harlem." In his 14 years in Congress, for a tax cut - even if it wages and other earned in- company spending on cars, be certain of victory. And de-

(Continued on Page 3) the average worker — it would the special credits for income

So little real influence does ity-seeking Democratic Con- such special legislation was the the latter announced he would the labor movement have on gressman who tries to upset 1951 amendment of the law to the leaders of the Democratic the Democratic-Republican tax accommodate movie mogul Party that, in the very face of truce courts the very tangible Louis B. Mayer, who upon retirlabor's tax-cut campaign, they punishments which Johnson and ing from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, curately pegged by Powell made an open pact with the Rayburn are in a position to had concluded a \$2,750,000 setwhen he declared: "I am be- Eisenhower administration to dish out. The resounding tlement of his contract. Though ing purged because obviously keep the issue off the floor of smacking-down they gave Sen- the amendment didn't mention ator Paul Douglas (D-Ill.) on Mayer's name its provisions

this issue, even before the bi- were so drawn as to be applic-This was a bitter pill not pertisan tax truce was con- able only to him and one other

Owners of business and extions. If they could claim credit of the special tax credit for This explains the free-handed Powell has frequently been a amounted to only \$50 or \$60 for come and its replacement with yachts, hunting lodges, pent- feat would be more than loss

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to power legally - being made insurgent generals over the Premier with exceptional, that soldier masses doing conscript is, dictatorial, powers. Under duty in Algeria and France and the cover of such powers they pit them against the professionwould then seek to cripple the al killers, such as the paraworkers' strength and build up trooper's, who form but a fractheir own in preparation for an tion of the armed forces. (The eventual showdown with the paratroopers, who do the bulk working class. of the actual fighting in Al-

READY FOR STRUGGLE

Thus an attempt to set up a There is every indication that de Gaulle dictatorship by force the French working class is ready for militant struggle would be a terrible gamble for against de Gaulle. It has long the militarists. Only if they expressed its distaste for the could be sure that the working "dirty war" in Algeria; it has class would not fight could they always opposed dictatorship. It is doubly opposed to a military of a coup d'etat, it would be

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By Farrell Dobbs

NEUVILLE-SUR-ESCAUT, May 11 - What lies at the roots of the severe French social crisis most recently workers waiting apathetically houses, grimy with the smoke

and dust of industry. the capitalist politicians and

the labor movement? Or are But to step inside one of

they looking for a way to in- these worker homes meant an tervene in their own right and entry into a different scene of bring about a fundamental warmth and beauty. Within the transformation in French so- home the mining families use all their meagre resources and

ciety? Let us probe for an answer their great ingenuity to introin the life story of Charles duce brightness and cheer in Lemoine, a miner living in this compensation for the drabness town, located in the coal fields of the industrial site where they of northeastern France near work and live. Genial hospitality, good wine and exthe Belgian frontier.

cellent cooking set the scene Driving the 200 miles from for delightful human compan-Paris to interview Lemoine, we ionship. crossed the traditional invasion

In this setting we met the route used by the Germans. Lemoines, husband and wife, Today the fields, hills and children and grandchildren woods along the way look During a long and pleasant peaceful and serene. Yet they conversation the richly instrucare haunted by the memory of countless workers who lost their Lemoine gradually came to pioneer unionists from the bers of the family responded to lives in wars fought for the light. sole interest of the ruling class-

As we neared the coal fields, ceived only three-and-one-half syndicalist tendencies, they ing him along into the movethe nature of the landscape years of formal education. At taught me much that was ment despite his tender years. changed. Pastoral beauty gave best limited enough, the school wholly sound in a Marxist "My class struggle activities way to a scarred terrain system was then thoroughly dis- sense. As rebels they didn't let soon got me fired from the wounded by man's probing into rupted by World War I. He religion get in the way of mines," he said, "and I then the bowels of the earth. Pic- entered the mines at the age their class-struggle ideas and devoted my time to the buildturesque rural towns faded into of 13.

mining communities character- "It was easy for me to be- confusion on that score. In fact movement." ized by rows of barrack-like come a revolutionist," Lemoine I wasn't even baptized."



Charles Lemoine addressing a memorial meeting in 1952 for nine workers killed in a mine disaster. 20,000 miners from the region turned out and put an anti-capitalist stamp on the demonstration.

tive personal history of Charles began. "My family had been He explained how older memstart of labor organization in the October 1917 revolution in Born into a mining family the mine fields. Although my Russia and joined the newly of this area in 1908, he re- elders had distinct anarcho- created Third International, tak-

this helped to save me from ing of a communist youth

people in the mid-twenties, he various posts in the CP and recalled, "I helped initiate and then to the national executive lead a general strike protesting committee of the CP youth the war. It marked the first big organization. Before long he Communist Party success in the visited the Soviet Union with area. During the action we put a French delegation bringing a the governmental tax forms in machine gun as a gift to the coffin and burned the whole Red Army, While in the USSR thing in the town square. This during 1930-31 he met Maurice was a conscious act in defiance of the imperialists and it other top leaders of the French helped to deepen the miners' CP. class consciousness.

ists made war on the Moroccan | ganizer. He was soon elected to Thorez for the first time and

TOURS USSR

"We also raised material aid "I toured the Soviet Union for the British miners who had and saw the rising industries gone on strike in the same of the young workers state," he period in a battle that was to recalled. "I also saw much misculminate in the great general ery among the people and I strike of 1926 in Britain. Our resented the way they were policy helped us win a new treated by the bureaucrats. I ayer of militant French miners think these sights brought my away from the class collaborafirst doubts about the Stalinist ionists of the Second Internatheory of socialism-in-one-country. Upon my return I spoke

"Then one day I was called critically within the French up for military service and sent party but in public I always to Morocco. While there I help- spoke positively in support of ed arrange for a detachment of the Soviet Union. The party miners in uniform to sing the leaders tried to get me to write Internationale in honor of May in blind praise of what I saw in Day. The misery I saw among the workers state. But I rethe Moroccan people and fused and to this day I have among the Algerians whom I written nothing about that

Lemoine was becoming quite dissatisfied with the conduct of the Stalinist bureaucrats so he returned to the mines and concentrated on union work in his native region. This was a time vice, Lemoine again became ac- of Stalinist adventurism during

visited on my way home trip." brought me a sense of international class solidarity with these peoples that has never left me." Returning to 'Neuville-sur-Escaut after his military ser-

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When the French imperial- tive as a communist youth or-

tional.

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THE MILITANT

Monday, May 26, 1958

Charles Lemoine, French Worker Militant

After noting that a worker (Continued from Page 1) the notorious "Third Period." mobilization ended a fascist Red unions had been set up in attempt to seize power in Febopposition to the reformist-led ruary 1934, Lemoine spoke of the CP shift toward the Popumass organizations.

"Despite all the handicaps," lar Front policy which soon Lemoine said, "we managed to led to catastrophic defeats for raise the level of militancy the working class. He said Stalamong the miners generally. In inist policy destroyed the revothose days CP leaders in the lutionary potential implicit in mass movement stood in the the reunification of the unions forefront of the workers' ranks at that time and then described when a battle was on. They the 1936 general strike.

didn't sit back and order others "During the whole threeinto action as they so often week period of the sit-down do now. strikes," he explained, "the

"In March 1933, during the cops kept pretty much out of great depression, we organized sight. In some cases the workan unemployed march on the ers held the bosses prisoners town hall at Valenciennes, the within the plants, teaching seat of the regional govern-ment. Two miles from town we were met by a strong force of police who tried to turn us bread and beer. The governback. Fortunately the road was ment did no more than politely under repair and many loose ask the workers to let the our way every step of the last managers go home, pleading two miles and reached our personal hardship as the reagoal.' son.

'A Historic Class Defeat'

"But for all the class power | time in some pits there was no we brought to bear, our bureau- legal union representative on cratic leaders, up to their ears the job. All were in jail. Under changed but its basic policy for 52 days, in what was to be in class collaboration, got us this vicious assault the miners remained the same. nothing more than a 40-hour began to fight back. A new week and a few social bene-fits. Our minor wage gains were when World War II cut the holes," he continued, "with guickly eaten up by rising process short and created an more workers than ever dying Labor, the main union moveprices. We had the capitalist entirely new pattern of events. class paralyzed and with a good leadership could have taken I got a rude shock when the week strike which should have the middle of the strike the the power. The bureaucrats Stalin-Hitler pact was signed," talked us into going back to he went on. "Many workers try, but the bureaucrats made ranks by deciding to negotiate work, although we did so re- had a similar reaction. But the it a limited action. The workluctantly, and in the end we party bureaucrats were taken ers occupied the pits and heavy off the hot seat when the capi- detachments of riot police were actually lost ground.

"I now consider the 1936 outcome a historic class defeat," We all rallied to the defense of he added. "With a revolutionthe party and our criticisms ary policy we could have changed the course of events. There need not have been the ing marked the beginning of fascist victory in Spain, the my future break with the CP deal with Hitler at Munich and apparatus. the second world war. "With the outbreak of war

"In France itself we soon I found myself mobilized by paid a heavy price. The capi- pure chance into the same talists took their revenge when the CP called another general party leader. When I asked him strike in 1938. This time we got to explain the Stalin-Hitler a real beating. Not only did pact Thorez mumbled somethe CP tide begin to ebb, but thing about nothing else countthe workers as a whole suffered a grave blow to their morale. Even the miners grew tired, discouraged by the setbacks leave to attend a session of the they had received."

town council of which he was Lemoine than described the a member. Some Socialist Party government att ack launched councilmen were preparing a against the militants in the resolution condemning the Stalmines. About 250 of the best in-Hitler pact. He believed they fighters were framed in the actually meant to pledge the capitalist courts. So many lead- capitalists their good behavior ers were involved that at one on the war issue.

regiment as Thorez, the main

ing but the Soviet state. I felt

Lemoine got a brief military

more puzzled than clarified."

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Striking French postal workers rest on a pile of undelivered mail during the great wave of militant strikes that swept France in 1953. Workers fought for wage increases to combat the ravages of inflation. Today a further inflationary spiral has hit France.

workers in Paris the Stalinist | "We didn't win much and by ministers left the capitalist September 1948 the miners government. Party tactics were again on strike, this time the most important of all min-"Stalinist policy had by this the General Confederation of of silicosis. At the end of 1947 ment, to form a separate union "On top of the other blows the miner's went on a two- called the Workers Force. In been spread throughout indus- Workers Force officials broke said, "but the bureaucrats gave opinion of the present mood of on the government's terms. Soon after they called on the talists used the occasion to sent to dislodge them. They Workers Force members to enter the mines as scabs. launch an attack on the CP. threw the cops out instead.

were pushed into the back-ground. Even so this happen- Cops Surround Mine Pit

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Though the Communist, So-

Paris subways.

italist politicians.

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the Social Democratic and Com-

dictatorship whose motive is persist and go further.

cialist and Catholic leaders of refusing to follow the orders of

done. Needed to redress the French Republic, the rank-and-

tions such as a general strike. ing squad, if they refuse to

But even the CP-led General follow orders to destroy the

shrinks from preparations for Furthermore, Pflimlin's gov-

been to stage during de sending the insurgent generals

Sulzberger of the New York Simultaneously it extended in-

Times describes as "the palest definitely the period of service

imitation of a strike" in the for draftees so that troops in

Instead of an independent be kept there under the brass

mobilization of the working hats' discipline. The Paris gov-

masses, the leaders of the prin- ernment could precipitate a

cipal working class parties - crisis for the insurgent generals

"It is important to know," | tainly dealt us a treacherous he stressed, "that the social blow," he continued, "but the democrat, Robert Lacoste, was main responsibility for the dethen Minister of Industry: the feat rests with the Stalinist same Lacoste who is today aid- bureaucrats. If they had loosening French imperialism against ed their grip a little, the rest the Algerian workers. Another of the French workers would social democrat, Jules Moch, have come to the support of was the governmental minister the miners. But they acted to in charge of the police.

"Cops were heavily concened to broaden the strike natrated throughout the mine tionally, claiming it would fields and in our area they mean civil war and the Ameriwere backed by a regiment of can army would be brought in soldiers. A ring of 14 military against the workers.

tanks surrounded the pit where was on strike. We could do ed the conviction that my

They must take democratic | whole region. Even when you control of the union into their are in a weak minority you can hold on if you follow a

own hands. Lemoine described the run- policy that squares with the ning struggle with the bureau- workers' needs. An oppositioncrats after the 1948 defeat. In ist shouldn't feel helpless just April 1951 he called a meeting, because he is in a minority and inviting the CP leaders to ap- decide he must adapt himself pear before the workers and to friendly relations with the explain their policies. The meet- bureaucracy. Just go out and ing proved a great success. act like a leader, basing your-Some papers reported it as the self on class truth and the postart of a movement to build tential power of the workers. an independent Communist That is what I have tried to do. Party. At this point he came "When the CP apparatus proin contact with the French moted a referendum in my pit revolutionary socialists generon the question of my honesty, ally known as Trotskyists. I simply sat out their slander

"What kept the CP apparatus campaign before the balloting. from breaking me," he said, When the votes were counted "was my broad and close con- 97% of the miners called me tact with the workers of this an honest man."

1953 General Strike

ernment slogans.

In 1953 the French civil ser-| committee decided what to revants launched a general strike. commend. The committee saw The miners of Lemoine's region no alternative but go back to also walked out in an action work and the miners agreed. generally independent of the They still delayed their return union officials. A strike com- long enough to make it clear push the masses further ahead tionary duty to produce more mittee was created through di- they were acting on their own in their struggles. In a large in capitalist-owned industry. rect election by the workers. decision,

In a local demonstration 10.000 men and women swept through miners held meetings on the vanguard force. the offices of the area taking job where they discussed the onto the streets. The demon- strike. Then the pit where I party apparatus began to discreases and shouted anti-gov- the government, partly for eco- ing cadres. The party became

clearly expressed by the work- a fortress of union militancy." When asked to give his ers in this action," Lemoine ed at a high political level and moine explained, "Worker senif it had been able to spread timent today reflects a broad the whole national political sit- mass will to fight, not unit by uation could have been chang- unit, but through general strike action. They want to contest

"Organization of strike action capitalist domination and enoutside official channels was an force their own needs. It is important new development, but hard for them to express their it was weakened due to the will because of the class di-failure of the Parisian metal vision into parallel unions. Also

wouldn't have returned alone. into the battle.

"The 1953 struggle resulted are today." in a new Stalinist betrayal," he Concerning the situation in-

added, "but this time the work- side the Communist Party, he "but I have come to agree with ers felt it more consciously. thought this could be best un- many of the theoretical posi-Alone after 18 days of struggle derstood by dividing the his, tions of the Trotskyists. Theory no more than offer passive re- break with the CP must be a the miners had to go back into tory of the party into two gen- is of vital importance and I am munist Program," containing a sistance, which we did. Hun- total one. It taught me a basic the pits. But there was a gen- eral periods. "From its founda- rereading the Marxist literature speech made by Rosa Luxemgry and desperate we finally lesson. The miners' struggle eral mass turnout at the meet- tion in 1920 up to the Popular to strengthen my understand- burg in 1918. He explained that saw we couldn't win so we can't be confined within the ing where the decision was Front turn in 1934," he said, ing in this respect. But theory the police had overlooked it went back to work as a body. limits of the present bureau- made and some unusual things "the party was a minority force must be translated into action. when they raided his home and It was a defeat from which the cratic control. Although they happened. When the CP bureau- in the working class and it fol-



The militant French working class has been repeatedly compelled tos defend itself against police attacks. Shown here is striking auto workers beating back a brutal assault.

the party militants were moti-, were broken up. The workers vated essentially by the con- were tied to the capitalist state scious need at each stage to and told it was their revolu-

sense the lessons of October "Despite everything," he add-"After returning to work the 1917 were embodied in this ed, "at least 60% of the miners

still support the CP in parlia-"After the French - Russian mentary elections. They do'so the white collar workers out bureaucratic betrayal of their pact was signed in 1934 the because they see no alternative to the CP, but that doesn't ers struggies. By then the so-strators demanded wage in- worked was closed down by tort the dynamism of the fight- mean they still have faith in the Stalinist policy. Even nomic reasons and partly be- converted into a pressure force though the CP holds formal "The memory of 1936 was cause they wanted to get rid of seeking to influence capitalist control of the main union appolicy. Talk of the parliamen- paratus the party bureaucracy tary road to socialism appeared actually has little power over and was to become even more the workers. Once the party, as marked after 1944. Stalinist a minority force, could mobilize no leadership. The strike start- the French working class, Le- policy after World War II in- the workers generally in strugflicted a terrible defeat on the gle. Today the whole bloated workers. The armed detach- party apparatus can't do it with ments created during the re- all its formal organizational sistance to German occupation control. This change is basic.

For Revolutionary Regroupment

"The French mass movement, new 1936 but they don't want as a whole is characterized by a carbon copy of the Popular workers to add their power to because the political and union a lack of worker confidence in Front of that day. They want the movement. I think the bureaucracies in the labor the official leadership. They a real showdown with the rulworker, revolutionists of Paris movement are determined at want to struggle but the ques- ing class.

made a mistake in failing to all costs to prevent a class tion is: How? Mass apathy is "Let me repeat that class send a delegation of metal showdown. They are eager to only a surface appearance. At the struggle fighters need have no workers to ask the miners what maintain a policy of class col- depths there is motion toward fear of being in a minority at they could do to help. They laboration with the capitalists. a new explosion. If the capital- the start. If they stick to the "As for the miners I can ists make a new attack on the needs and will of the workers Big delegations of miners would testify that their will to strug- miners there will be a big they can win in the end. But have gone back with them to gle is high. This is not at all worker reaction. The best we are now at a new beginhelp call the Parisian workers strange since their conditions fighters will be able to take ning and we need at the outset a revolutionary reunificawere never worse than they the leadership. tion as the first step toward "I no longer belong to any

political party," he concluded, united action by the working class."

Lemoine picked up a wellthumbed pamphlet, "The Com-"In my opinion we need a confiscated his library. As a

restrain the workers who want-

geria, but it emboldens them to

Even worse, it deprives the

half-million French soldiers in

Algeria of any legal basis for

ernment announced that it is

more troops and ammunition.

Algeria due for discharge will

by stopping the shipments of

"This experience strengthen-

in German Prison Gamp

"From my studies of Lenin I | town-council vote on the Stalconcluded this would be in-Hitler pact. A meeting was wrong," he said, "no matter organized to denounce me and what criticisms one might have a guard put at the door to keep of the Soviet policy. So for me out. I went back to the want of a better idea I walked mine where I soon beat the out of the meeting without official party candidate in the voting at all. I was simply try- election of a job steward. "My differences with the ing to act like a principled revolutionist. But the CP bu- party steadily widened. A CP reaucrats were to use this leader was now Minister of episode against me later on." Production in the capitalist continuance of the war in Al-As the war went on Thorez government. He called on the geria. escaped to the Soviet Union. workers to produce more. Party Lemoine was captured and bureaucrats in the unions offerlocked up in a German prison ed bicycles as prizes to the all three trade-union federa- their commanding generals. camp. There he managed to do most productive miners. I led tions have called on the work- Thus while the generals are a little political work among several local strikes, mainly in ers to be ready to "defend the blessed with legality in their the French prisoners and among protest against the bad food Republic," little more has been open moves to overthrow the the Germans. Mainly he fought we were getting. The bureauagainst resolutions proposing to crats defeated the strikes and balance of forces in France file soldiers are faced with approve the Petain government launched a new attack on me right now are united class ac- court-martial, perhaps the firafter the capitulation to Hitler. as a 'traitor' to party policy." Lemoine described the run-When freed in 1945 he returned ning conflict that followed be- Confederation of Labor (CGT) Republic. to Neuville-sur-Escaut.

"When I got home I found a tween the workers and the big change," he said. "Almost party-union apparatus. His re- this. Its only action so far has everybody was in the CP. The marks were punctuated with bureaucrats felt cocky and they the expression "faisons greve" Gaulle's TV speech what C. L. gave me quite a reception. ("let's strike"), the demand of They published an article say- the workers, and "pas de greve" ing the 'traitor' has come back, ("no strike"), the reply of the giving their own distorted ver- bureaucrats. After the great sion of the dispute over the 1947. strike of the Renault

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miners have not yet recovered. More than that, it was a be-ing unions, the miners can't back to work, the miners first struggle. Its members were able all genuine class struggle fight-the figure of the figure o trayal of all the workers. The hope to reform the bureaucrats took a vote as to whether they to act as genuine worker lead- ers. Action by the strongest to realize some points of this class relationship of forces was at the top. They need to create would even consider the official ers. The policies of Lenin and possible vanguard force through program." veversed in favor of the capi- their own committees of strug- recommendation. They decided Trotsky were still deep in their direct intervention in the class "Please tell the American gle, independent of and in op- they wouldn't. Then they took consciousness. Despite the ad- struggle is of vital importance. workers," he said, "I still think talists. "The social democrats cer- position to the bureaucrats, a recess while their own strike venturism of the early Thirties, The masses of France want a if can be done."

Dictatorship Workers Face Threat of French

The Paratroopers Of General Massu

(The vile, fascistic character of the French military forces which executed a coup in Algeria is hammered home by the description of torture at their hands by Henri Alleg, a European Algerian who was editor of the Algerian Communist Party paper, Alger Republicain. His smuggled-out account created great public indignation when published in France. The following excerpts are from the Manchester Guardian.)

"J., still smiling, waved in front of my eyes the clips at the ends of the electrodes. Small, glittering steel clips, long and toothed . . . He attached one of them to the lobe of my right ear, and the other to a finger of my right hand. Suddenly I strained against the ropes that tied me and yelled at the top of my voice. C. had just switched the first shock of electricity through my body. A long spark flashed near my ear, and I felt my heart pounding in my chest. I screamed and twisted . . . while C., with the switch in his hand, sent the shocks through me one after the other. To their rhythm C. repeated the same question over and over again . . . 'Where is your hideout? . . .

"K. roughly pulled me to my feet. He was furious. This was going on too long. 'Listen, you bastard! You're finished. You're going to talk!' His face was close to mine, almost touching, and he went on shouting. 'You will talk! Everybody talks here. We fought in Indo China - that's where we learned about you people. This is like the Gestapo. Have you heard of the Gestapo? ... We'll do what we're doing here in France too."

sharply in a rightist direction. In parliament early in 1956. Premier Pflimlin even stoutly They did it then to curry favor maintained before the Chamber with the Mollet-Mendes-France of Deputies yesterday that the government (Social - Democrat rebellious Gen. Raoul Salan is and liberal capitalist). When no rebel at all, but remains in this overture for a Popular contact with the Paris govern- Front petered out, the CP ment and exercises complete stopped voting for the emercivil and military power in Al- gency laws as they came up geria on its behalf. Clearly this regularly for renewal - at first is as yet more hope than fact; it indicates the cabinet does

not intend to lick the fire-eating generals but to join them." defense by the workers. The gerians. Social-Democratic leaders have joined the Pflimlin government, the Communist Party leaders, refused admission, are limited ment line laid down by Pflim-

votes in parliament. The Communist Party delegation (145 deputies - the biggest single party in the National Assembly) gave on May 13 shamefaced support to the creation of the Pflimlin government by abstaining on the vote (a majority is of those actually voting, so abstention instead of voting 'no' is a form of support). On May 16 the CP voted for the emergency laws suspending democratic rights in France and expressly designed formed in Paris by political for use against Communist tendencies ranging all the way workers as well as de Gaullists. from Mendes-France supporters, On May 20 it voted for extension of the emergency laws in Algeria - which Pflimlin announced would be applied by defect was that it excluded the insurgent General Salan.

One of the worst crimes on exclusion of any group wanting the record of the French CP to fight the de Gaulle danger, leaders is that they supported the PCI spokesmen are urging

abstaining, later voting "no." These emergency laws, depriving the Algerian people of all their political and civil

The leaders of the Communist rights, served as the legal basis and Social-Democratic parties for the reign of terror by the are meekly supporting Pflimlin French militarists and colonists and the discredited capitalist against the Moslem majority in politicians whose policies are Algeria. These emergency laws paving the way for the triumph permitted General Massu's paraof dictatorship and hindering troopers to engage freely in the the organization of an effective torturing and killing of Al-The Communist Party and

Social-Democratic leaders are faithfully toeing the appeaseto supporting its moves with its lin and the other parliamentary morons even in the most stupid details. Thus on May 20 both parties joined the liberals, moderates, de Gaullists, Poujadists, and fascists in parliament in voting a unanimous resolution

> of national gratitude to the army and confidence in it. Militant and united action against the threatening dictatorship is the crying need. On May 16 a Committee for the Defense of the Republic was on the right to the PCI (Trotskyists) on the left. Its great Communist Party. Opposing the

munist-tail-end the policies of arms, gasoline, weapons, sup-Premier Pflimlin, as if the plies and particularly the transmilitarists could be stopped by fer of money for pay. But it prefers to do the very opposite. parliamentary deals with capeven appropriating on May 17 an extra and unsolicited \$190 The truth is that not a single effective move has been made million to the Algerian genin parliament against de Gaulle erals. This policy of "meeting" the and the generals who engineered the putsch in Algeria. On crisis by appeasing the very the contrary the moves actually forces openly trying to destroy strengthen the supposed targets representative, democratic government, is not confined to Aland help pave their way to geria. It is being applied in The government pretends that France. De Gaulle, himself, who France under martial law, are French situation appeared in there has been no military

under censorship and heavily- | these laws is Jules Moch, who armed battalions of police stood in the same post during 1946-47 at the alert to smash any anti- specialized in the brutal supde Gaulle meetings by workers. pression of Communist Party Indeed, these very emergency demonstrations and strikes. aws, which virtually put A realistic appraisal of the

aimed as much or more at pre- the May 21 Wall Street Jourin response to the call from coup d'etat in Algeria. Thus Algeria proclaimed that he was venting the French workers nal, whose correspondent in ready "to assume the powers from moving against the threat France wrote: "The whole tac-Premier Pflimlin legally "gave" to Gen. Raoul Salan the leader of the Republic," was given of dictatorship than against the tic of the parliamentarians of the French militarists in Al- red-carpet treatment by the de Gaullist forces. In asking for who now control the Paris govgeria, the full power of dicta- government for his trip to Paris these measures, which suspend ernment is to keep de Gaulle torship there, which he and his to address a hugely-publicized civil liberties and set up con- out while shaping their policies co-conspirators had seized by meeting of a thousand news- centration camps, Premier in forms which it is hoped will force a week earlier. This not papermen and supporters over Pflimlin declared that they lure back the allegiance to the only confers immunity on the television and radio on May 19. were needed against Commun- army and the French settlers militarists and the racist French | This was at the very moment | ists as well as against rightists. in Algeria. This means that a settlers for their forcible over- that, under the new emergency The new Minister of the In- cabinet composed of leftist against the Algerian people that CP representatives be in-

throw of the government in Al- laws, press, radio and TV were terior in charge of applying parties is perforce moving when they were first introduced vited.

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THE MILITANT

Calif. Socialists And Democratic **Primary Race**

LOS ANGELES, May 16-The Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation at its California state convention last month endorsed Fritjof Thygeson as its candidate for U.S. Senator. Thygeson had filed for the post on both the Democratic and Prohibition party primary ballots under the state's election code which permits a candidate of one party to "cross file" in the others

The SP-SDF also planned to file in the Republican party but were unable to raise the additional \$450 required or to obtain 65 Republican sponsors for a place on the GOP ballot. In the end, Thygeson also failed to qualify for the Prohibition party ticket because he lacked one signature for the necessary 65 sponsors. He will thus run solely on the Democratic party ballot.

The SP-SDF decided to run their candidate for U.S. Senator instead of for Governor, California's "hottest" election race. The decision was based on a desire not to challenge Pat Brown, the Democratic politician supported by the top labor officialdom against Republican Senator Knowland. Brown is supposedly against Knowland's "right-to-work-law" campaign and is therefor favored by the labor leadership as a "lesser of two evils." On the other hand, though officially endorsed by the CIO, there is no real labor push behind Claire Engel, the Democratic nominee' for U.S. Senator.

The SP-SDF decision not to challenge Brown is in line with the party-federation's policy to go along with the top officialdom of the labor movement in its support to capitalist politicians. This was spelled out in a January 1957, speech by Louis Gold-berg, late vice-president of the SP-SDF at the merger convention of the SP and SDF. "Carrying out our document on political action," he said, "we will not nominate for public office candidates in opposition to those endorsed by the legitimate labor movement.

Another violation of political independence involved in the Thygeson campaign is his running under the banner of a capitalist party even though Thygeson intends to advertise himself as a socialist.

The SP-SDF claims it chose this particular method of participating in the elections because of the severe restrictions that the California ballot laws place on minority parties. The California SP-SDF just lost a legal fight carried to the U.S. Supreme Court against the prohibitive qualifications. In contesting for elementary ballot rights, the organization was fighting not only for the rights of minority socialist parties but for the right of the labor movement to engage in independent political action. Their legal fight, therefore, deserved the support of every radical

However, the SP-SDF is doing a disservice by running on the capitalist party ballots as a means of "getting" around the introduced many civil rights zenly boasted: "Two weeks ago of fire the Democrats are mov- election laws. An all-important goal the socialist movement and ing ahead to try to rid them- the unions must set themselves is to carry through a break with selves of a civil-rights maverick the capitalist parties and to challenge the capitalist candidates Mr. Eaton may have exaggerated the shrewd, vote-conscious politic- member of the grand jury; and, even though it means deepen- with candidates of their own. The way to further the goal is for ing the ire of the many in socialists to act on it — namely, to run independently wherever the Gestapo. The FBI only aspires, as yet, rising Negro militancy during jury convened on its own Harlem who are fed up with possible and to advocate similar action by the labor movement.

Independent Avenues Open

Although it is extremely difficult for socialists to do this in California because of the restrictive election laws, there are several avenues open to them even with their present smallness of numbers. For example, if the SP-SDF had really wanted to place a candidate on the ballot in such a way as not to be identified with any of the capitalist parties, it could have run for any one of a number of non-partisan offices open for election in the primaries.

The SP-SDF notion that it can counteract being on the Democratic ballot by explaining that their candidate is really a socialist and favors independence from the Democrats is false and illusory. For one thing, to consistently carry out plans for a "socialist protest" vote in the Democratic primary, the SP-SDF would have to call on all socialist-minded workers to register Democratic. Thus no matter how strongly the SP-SDF candidate might advocate socialism and independent political action this Harlem was provided at the would be completely overshadowed by his actions in an opposite

The effect of such a contradictory tactic is to bolster the preme Court school desegrega- dangerous illusion fostered by the official labor leadership that tion decision. Powell, who uti- the best way to advance labor's political interests is to star lized the meeting for a slash- the Democratic Party and contest for program and candidates there in an attempt to reform it in labor's direction.

Labor Party Move in Canada

Organized labor in Canada has taken an important step toward launching a labor party. The decision to move in this direction was taken by the Canadian Labor Congress which met in Winnipeg April 21-25. The Congress is composed of unions affiliated with the AFL-CIO.

With less than a dozen dissenting votes, the 1,500 delegates instructed the executive council of the congress to begin the work necessary for the formation of "an effective alternative political force based on the needs of workers, farmers and similar groups." The council is to report back to the next convention in 1960.

According to a report in Union News, voice of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, the two-year period is to be used to explore the prospects for winning support of other groups and provide for the tentative establishment of party organization and financial support. Regardless of the response from those outside the ranks of labor, the report continues, the council is under instructions to draft a constitution for a new party.

Thus, Canadian labor leaders have made the kind of progressive move that their United States counterparts have stubbornly resisted. Why did they do it? Two big factors undoubtedly helped

Few things would do this country as

much good as a thorough public airing of

the activities of the FBI. The cause of

freedom would be well served by the

destruction, once and for all, of the myth

that these federal cops are all-powerful,

all-wise and all-just. J. Edgar Hoover and

his snooping squads have come to believe

that myth themselves. They have violated

laws — and gotten away with it. They

have ignored traditional civil liberties -

and gotten away with it. They have done

more to destroy freedom in this country

exposure of this political police was made

by the Cleveland industrialist, Cyrus

Eaton. Eaton is a capitalist, a believer in

the profit system, but he has his own

ideas and obviously isn't easily intimi-

blasted the FBI for its work "in investi-

On a national television broadcast he

A contribution to the much-needed

than any other single agency.

dated by cops.

shape this decision. The recession has hit hard in Canada. One worker in ten is jobless and the toll is mounting. At the same time the Tory party just won a sweeping victory in the national elections. This heightens the prospects of an antilabor offensive. In such a situation, preaching reliance on capitalist politicians is no easy job.

However, the fact of a near-unanimous decision does not mean that all of the Canadian union officials are now ready to go all-out to build the new party. There are undoubtedly those who hope that developments in the next two years will provide a reprieve from the projected action. But the developing crisis of Canadian capitalism coupled with a rising militancy in the working class gives every hope the movement will not be scotched. The decision of the Congress can provide the framework for a giant step forward by Canadian labor.

An important by-product of this is the highly progressive effect that it can have on unionists in this country. Despite the greater size and strength of the AFL-CIO in the U.S., the ruling bureaucracy has insisted that we have no choice but to remain captives of the Big Business parties. Canadian labor can help educate the ranks of U.S. labor to the fact that this just isn't so.

Investigate the FBI

tify at the same time."

power of the FBI when he likened it to ian, Powell was quick to sense at last, action resulted. The to wield that much power. But Mr. Eaton the past several years and motion . did not exaggerate the crimes that have been committed by I Edger Houser's de been committed by J. Edgar Hoover's department. He understated them.

It would be bad enough if the FBI and 1956 by tacking anti-segwere guilty only of snooping and spying regation "riders" to Adminison people. But a closer study of some of its handiwork in recent years yields strong bills. evidence that the FBI has committed far graver crimes.

It is well-known that the FBI has been protected by a virtual conspiracy of soon followed by a Justice Dethe press and all other agencies of public information. Few criticisms of the FBI get reported. And all propaganda aimed at enhancing the power of the FBI gets big publicity.

It is inevitable under such circum- Bolan's political outlook is instances that these police agents come to dicated by the fact that after

bills that have served to put National Review sent another both parties on the spot. A copy of its expose ... to every ingly. He evoked the special wrath of Eisenhower in 1955 tration-supported military reserve and school construction

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The 1956 school-constructionbill rider brought a public tirade from Eisenhower that was partment investigation of Powell's income tax returns.

A grand jury was impaneled in December 1956 and former Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Bolan assigned to the case.

which reopened the investiga- inspired into activity because worker. thorn in the sides of both Dem- tion, April 17. A May 3 edi- of newspapers." ocrats and Republicans. He has torial in National Review bra-

The U. S. Criminal Code de-

.Knife Adam C. Powell

TALKS MILITANT The gaping holes in Powell's record in terms of backing up militant talk with action is well known to Harlem voters. Yet they have regularly returned him to office by huge

pluralities. The strength of his machine is based in good measure on the fact that, compared to the local Tammany stooges, he looks like a real independent. A dramatic manifestation of

the anti-Tammany mood in NAACP rally May 17 on the direction. fourth anniversary of the Su-

With Powell under this kind

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the machine and its "Uncle

Tom" lieutenants in the area.

gating, in snooping, in informing, in creeping up on people." He charged that Hitler with his Gestapo "never had such spy organizations as we have in this country today."

As if to prove just how right Cyrus Eaton was, the House Un-American Activities Committee announced in an answering television broadcast that he would be subpenaed to appear before it to explain his attack, as if he had no right to speak his mind. Undoubtedly, this move was calculated to warn anyone else in this country who might think it permissible to criticize the FBI.

Sen. Hennings (D-Mo.) suggested that the Committee should also subpena J. Edgar Hoover to ask him to explain "what statutory authority" the FBI has to tap 90 phone lines across the country. Hoover admitted to that number in a recent statement. Hennings further promised, and we hope he keeps that promise, "A Senate Committee on Constitutional Rights, which is studying wiretapping and the Bill of Rights, intends to invite both Cyrus Eaton and J. Edgar Hoover to tes-

believe they are above and beyond the law. Supposedly, as an arm of the Depart- the late Senator McCarthy's ment of Justice, the duty of the FBI is to protect the innocent and to apprehend the guilty. However, in its real function months, it is reported, the govas a political police the FBI persecutes in- ernment decided to suspend the dividuals whether they are guilty of criminal conduct or not.

We and many others believe a Eisenhower. But the fact that thorough study of the case of Alger Hiss, the grand jury was established who served a five-year sentence in prison, reveals that he was framed up. We believe at that the case was suspend the Rosenbergs, who were executed in NATIONAL REVIEW 1953, and Morton Sobell, now serving a 30-year sentence in prison, were also framed up.

There is ample evidence in both these cases that the FBI willfully obstructed of Justice Stop for Ruan Clay to disqualify the jury as tainted national secretary Roy Wilkins justice, concealed evidence, encouraged perjury and intimidated witnesses.

It may be too much to hope that now the FBI will be investigated. But one day such an investigation will be made. When it is, J. Edgar Hoover will lose his red white and blue halo and take his proper place as public enemy No. 1 of justice and freedom.

'Nothing's Too Good

In America, so the fable runs, there are no classes and everybody gets equal treatment. The trouble with the rest of the world is that it doesn't follow this example. So we have to keep a big army to defend our way of life. This army is itself a model of what we're but to defend. Take the example of the new law giving everybody in the armed forces a raise. This extra money was divvied up in strict keeping with the democratic principles that prevail in the military establishment and is identical with the pattern of democratic American industry. In fact the new pay-scale plan was drafted by a group headed by the chairman of the board of General Electric which is well known for its democratic methods of dispensing money to its employes.

The military pay raises aren't based on any abstract concept of equality but on the democratic basis of need. For example, Generals who were trying to get by on \$1,200 to \$1,700 a month were awarded a 33% hike, or an average increase of \$424. It was probably recognized

that this amount (about \$400 a week average) isn't really enough for a General to live on. But then you have to remember it costs us more to take care of Generals since they need to have better food, ture on socialism by V. R. lodging and recreation facilities so they Dunne, veteran trade unionist some of them saw in capitalcan do a job defending democracy.

But the government really let its heart run away with its head when it came to the enlisted men. For example, previously buck privates were knocking down from \$78 to \$108 a month. Now whether they need it or not - each and every one is going to get an additional \$1 a month. This means that some of them will be drawing as much as \$25 a week.

The enlisted men should get theirs like everyone else. But they already enjoy a lot of privileges denied officers. Instead of a lonely existence in private quarters, they share large cooperative clear tests, presenting the SWP barracks and latrines. They enjoy long analysis of these various probhikes and other exercises in the fresh air lems. denied to generals. And when a shooting war breaks out, they get to go right up

front where everything is going on. Do they really need that buck a month?

he left the Justice Departmen notorious aide, Roy Cohn. However, within a few investigation. Rumor had it that this was in return for Powell's 1956 endorsement of after the election might indied for lack of evidence.

The issue was revived with publication of an "inside dope" article in National Review Dec. 14, 1957. Entitled, "The Wheels of Justice Stop for Adam Claycontents strongly suggest a pipeline to the prosecutor's of- Judge Irving Kaufman, the fice - perhaps to Bolan him- man who sent Julius and Ethel cialism." self.

The reactionary weekly then took the unusual step of a di- science of the community," rect approach to the grand jury Kaufman intoned, "Many are



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clares it a penal offense to try "to influence the actions or decisions of a grand jury . . . by writing or sending . . . communications." Despite this a May 18 move

was ruled down by Federal issued a statement attacking him for allegedly inciting "ra-Rosenberg to the electric chair. But at the same time he felt

"The grand jury is the conmoved to point out: "It may very well be . . . that his income tax troubles stem from

ing attack on his political opponents, was greeted with strong applause. In sharp contrast, Borough President Hulan Jack, top Negro figure in the Wagner administration, and associated with Wagner's sell-out of civil rights, was booed so roundly by the large crowd that it was impossible for him to speak more than a few sentences. The anti-Tammany sentiment appears so deep that some of



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and chairman of the Minnesota ism, to the meaning of Roose-Socialist Workers Party. The velt's New Deal and to the SWP had been invited to pro-

vide a speaker by the Erling Soviet Union. Y's Men's Club. Most of those 35, either in, or training for gretfully adjourned the meetvarious professional fields. They ing. As Dunne was leaving the the possibility of his becoming and their families.

periences as an active socialist. the day including the Soviet Union and the question of nu-

The joking and laughter that lot of interest, and even though rights demands a complete filled the hall before the lec- our political beliefs are opposite break with both Jim Crow parture began made it evident that to yours, it was a healthy situ- ties and the organization of a the young people present were ation for both systems to be militant political fight against not on the somber side. But discussed."

MINNEAPOLIS - A group | they listened attentively to of young people at the YMCA what Dunne had to say. During early this month heard a lec- the question period they posed LOSES CHAIRMAN POST a whole series of questions, ranging from the virtues that

current developments in the who filled the hall were under discussion, the chairman re- of his endorsement of Eisen-

are obviously giving serious hall he was thanked by indi- chairman of the Labor and Edthought to the problem of fu- vidual members for providing ucation. Committee. On the

Dunne discussed key issues of exchange of ideas was ex- Andrews against Stevenson. tremely valuable.

for his people. . . . As for his support of Mr. Eisenhower in 1956, we know of other Democrats elsewhere in the nation who did not support the Democratic party in that election and who have not been dropped by the party."

The dual standard of the Democratic high command is

more glaring than the statement indicates. In 1956 Powell was stripped of his seniority by the Democratic House leadership, After an hour of vigorous again on the claimed ground hower, but actually to prevent

ture security for themselves a highly stimulating discussion. other hand, no action was taken Several told Dunne that while against Mississippi Congressman Relating some of his own ex- they did not agree with his John Williams who campaigned views they felt that such an for State's Righter T. Coleman

> The record of political per-A letter received from the secution of Powell by the chairman of the club thanked Democrats and Republicans Dunne for his presentation and alike is further proof that prosaid, "I think you created a gress in the battle for civil them.

At Six and Seven

By Theodore Kovalesky

"I'm a tool and die maker," Ken said.

The man didn't sneer. He was too bored to sneer. "Tool and die makers are a dime a dozen. Are you looking for work?"

Ken knew it wasn't really a question. It was a sort of password, and he gave the answer, "Yes."

"Sign here."

It was his sixth unemployment insurance check, and it resembled a paycheck only in the way that a gaunt man resembles a fat man.

First he had tried machine shops, the smaller ones. The big factories would be a waste of time, he knew. But even the small places had nothing. At most shops they said, "Look, we're laying off our own men. We haven't got a thing for you." One little machine shop owner laughed at him. "Are you kidding?" he asked. Ken smiled too. Later he wondered why either of them had smiled.

Then one day, on his usual search through the classified ads, he read that the Wilson Machine Co. wanted a grinder.

The man at Wilson's was skeptical. "But I can run any machine," Ken told him. "I've had plenty of experience on grinders."

don't doubt you can run it," the man said, "but we want a man who will stay. You toolmakers are all the same. You don't want to stick on a job like this."

'Why I'd like nothing better than a chance to build up seniority at a place like Wilson's," Ken lied.

"The reason we've got an open job here," the man continued, "is that the last man on the job died. He worked on that job," he said reverently, "and died on it."

Ken was about to volunteer to die on the grinder's job, himself, but the man told him briskly that he didn't think he would do, so Ken left.

Finally, certain that all machine shop possibilities had been exhausted, Ken began to try other places.

At the dairy he tried to stifle his disgust at the sweet-sour odor that permeated the building. "Yes," he told the man with hearty enthusiasm, "I've decided that machine shops aren't really my line of work. What I'd really like is to work in a dairy."

The boss was unmoved. Nobody could fool him. "If you were a dairy man," he said, "If you were really a dairy man, you would of never wasted all those years in machine shops."

'Well," Ken realized he was floundering a little, "I didn't realize it until lately. I thought it all out, I took stock of myself . . .

"Once a dairy man," the boss said sternly, "always a dairy man. You would have known. I knew when I was a kid."

Ken momentarily toyed with the notion of telling him a cruel uncle had forced him

to be a toolmaker instead of a dairy man, and that the uncle had recently died, freeing him to seek the life he loved, the life of a true dairy man; but he sensed that the boss would scorn him for not having defied-or even killed-the imaginary uncle who stood between him and his true vocation. Rather than secure him the job, this story would merely lower him in the foreman's esteem.

Next he spent some of his slender finances on a chauffeur's license and started making the rounds of the trucking concerns.

His first encounter was prophetic of the rest. "You ain't no truck driver," the hiring boss told Ken. "You're a toolmaker."

"Sure I was a toolmaker," Ken admitted, almost with shame, "but I want to get away from it. I want a job out in the open air . . .

"The Hercules Trucking Co. ain't no outdoor health cure," the boss said sanctimoniously and added in an accusing tone, "Anyhow, in spite of automatic wage inyou're a toolmaker."

How do you like that! Ken thought, here there's a caste system just like in India, and tracts. An increase of at least he had never realized it before. Of course, 25¢ an hour would be necessary being in the tool and die maker's caste would simply to bring weekly buying be better than say a dishwasher's caste, but power of the employed auto when there was no work for toolmakers, it worker up to last year's level. wasn't so good. Besides, when his checks ran out, he'd be mighty glad to get a pearl-diving porations, whose contracts with

Finally in desperation he decided to answer one of those terrible, cheery ads that are still holding to their de-"Salesmen, pleasant work, opportunity to mand that the present contracts say, make \$200 a week etc., etc."

Approaching the door of the Stecuco Sales Company (Steel Cutlery Co., finest stainless steel dinnerware), he was surprised to hear a dolorous, rythmic chant. Ken stopped, listened, then shrugged his shoulders and opened the office door.

There in two tiers against the far wall stood a group of men clad in jackets and much more candid. "The commackinaws, holding in their right hands shiny pany-union differences in ecotan imitation leather sample cases. Judging from their appearance they were former steel workers and auto workers. Not one looked like a salesman is generally expected to look. And tials. The really important union following the lead of a sinister, jolly, cigar demand, for a general wage inchewing, plump sales manager, they were in- crease, comes to 10 cents an toning miserably, in chorus:

"We're lucky guys, we make good dough, "We're glad we work for Stecuco!"

Ken listened in unbelieving horror, then quietly closed the door and went home.

The next day he stood in line once again. In seven days' time the man's boredom had

doubled. Flatly he gave the incantation, "Looking for work?" Ken obliged with the correct response:

"Yes.' "Sign here."

Check number seven.

Tax-Reduction ssue

tem on income from stocks and I It is possible there will be source that the UAW leaders (Continued from Page 1) house and hotel apartments, bonds, interest or any other a tax cut in this Congress. This will not settle for the figures fancy restaurant and night- kind of income. The latest is not because the Democratic mentioned in the capitalist club parties, call girls (as a available figures (1952) show leaders of Congress are giving press. If they do, the corpor-highly-publicized New York that whereas 95% of all wage in to the demands of the AFL-prostitution trial involving and salary income was report- CIO, but because the Chamber forcing the auto workers to General Electric showed last ed, on dividends it was but of Commerce, the National As- sustain a substantial cut in 87%, on interest only 39%, and sociation of Manufacturers and their living standards, with the year), etc., etc. Cited by the February issue 70% on the income of self- other Big Business groups have prospect that weekly buying

high income brackets. The total

comes to \$9,100,000,000 a year.

raise the basic individual ex-

The AFL-CIO proposal to

of Labor's Economic Review employed. of Labor's Economic and an (AFL-CIO) is the case of a Pennsylvania dairy owner and his wife who spent five months in the Europe and an

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By Fred Halstead

Close to half of the 650,000 members of the UAW in the auto industry are unemployed. Because of loss of overtime and inflation, the rest have taken an average cut in real wages of over 10% since February, 1957. (U.S. News and World Report, May 23.) This cut has occurred

creases received over the past year under present union con-The three major auto corthe United Auto Workers Union

expire at the end of this month, be renewed for two years without change.

The auto bosses, in news releases designed for wide public consumption, claim that the union's demands would cost the companies up to 73¢ an hour. But management journals are

1 Wall Street Journal, "are not very far apart in their essenhour and the companies say they have already offered seven." (Renewal of the present

contract would grant six to nine cents annually in automatic increases.)

says that GM might agree to a

14 CENTS? The May 10 Business Week

"package" costing 14¢ per hour, and predicts that UAW leaders would quickly settle for that. UAW negotiators have not released estimates of the overall cost of their demands, nor has Reuther seen fit to keep the ranks informed as to the progress of negotiations, but there

is no indication from any union decided for a cut. But this power will keep dropping durmeans that the lion's share of ing the life of the next con-

the cut will go to the upper tract as it has during the last brackets and only a few crumbs year. A settlement may include to working people. The truce

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Auto Workers Face Arrogant Corporations

strike - a walkout with as little active rank-and-file participation as possible -- would not substantially hurt the corporations right now. But the UAW was built against greater odds than those now prevail ing. Serious preparations by the union for militant mass action - of the calibre of the si down strikes, for instance would make the bosses stop and think.

PIPE DREAMS

But that kind of mature, responsible and practical policy is virtually excluded - for the present. Reuther and his staff have been too busy with their pipe dreams about progress under capitalism to prepare the ranks of the union to struggle in their own behalf. And Reuther junked the demand for shorter work week that could have rallied support from both unemployed and employed and from the country's entire working class.

One reason the auto bosses are so arrogant now is because they know the morale of the the skilled trades after the 1955 ranks has been impaired, at contract was signed. In that least temporarily. "If there case, much of the healthy miliwere real strike issues this tancy and energy which a classyear," observes the May 10 struggle policy would have Business Week, "such discon- channeled into union building, tent would be quickly forgotten in solid support." Ever since 1947 Reuther has

been riding the boom, counting Reuther is in full retreat. He on getting concessions without dumped the shorter work-week a real struggle. This policy cost demand, not because it is not the workers dearly, particularly suited to the time - any child within the plants. And the cor- the boom lasted, certain gains knew the corporations would were made - partly because not grant it without a fight. ployed, therefore, face layoffs any time they choose with some of traditional UAW rank-and- Now the corporations are not From any point of view, the because of the sheer weight of 25¢ an hour will involve a cut UAW leaders have repeatedly present policy of the Reuther the union in a period of rela- in living standards for the

YOUNGSTOWN

Chrysler workers are expected. It is true that a Reuther-type union felt this almost instinc- collaborationist policies. FUND City Quota Paid Percent DENVER \$66.00 165 SOUTH 200 215.00 108 ALLENTOWN 100 112.00 112 SEATTLE 550.00 550 100

Delegates to the 1957 UAW convention opposed Reuther's dues hike plan in large part on the ground that the union officialdom was not effectively combatting the steady increase of speed-up in the plants. Since the recession the speed-up problem has grown even more acute. production blackout" this sum- With the union leaders com-

mer. Shutdowns for model mitted to a policy of refusing changes will begin one to three to fight in spite of provocation, months earlier than usual, says the companies can have a field Ward's, and are expected to day undermining union condicontinue until the stock-pile is tions and speeding up workers in increased speed-up. But while knows it is - but because he depleted. Most auto workers now em- porations can still force a strike

soon. A strike now would make drastic action like cutting wages file militancy that was not granting anything without a them ineligible for unemploy- or firing union representatives. easily suppresed, and partly fight. Any settlement less than ment compensation.

announced that they will not leadership can only result in a tive labor shortage. be forced into a strike now, and loss for the workers. The pre- But the gains would have been unemployed will still be out on have instructed local unions at sent conditions in the industry, much greater had a more re- the street. Mark down another Ford and General Motors to however, do not mean that sponsible — that is a class- experience — and this time a prepare to operate without con- there is no alternative to this struggle - policy been follow- very wide-spread and deep-gotracts. Similar instructions for policy of disorganized retreat. ed throughout. The ranks of the ing one - with Reuther's class-



MAY 21 — The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell announced today the third printing of the



REUTHER

tively. It was this feeling that they were not getting what was coming to them - that led the workers to seek special channels for getting improvements. That was the basic driving force behind the revolt of was thwarted and gave rise to

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futile splinter movements. Now that the boom is over, employed auto worker, and the

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on a trip to Europe and an down as operating expenses of the tax setup that should be the dairy. When the item was closed, gives itemized estimates challenged, the Tax Court held of how much the government that because they had taken would thereby collect from the moving pictures, the trip was "an ordinary and necessary" business expense. No worker would complain

that the tax collecting was in- emption from the present \$600 efficient. But that is only from to \$700 would mean a tax retheir own experience. The tax duction of \$20 a year for each for each dependent. Of course, against wage income, i.e. for each dependent. of course, labor is almost impotent po- exhauste against working people. But this would not help a worker labor is almost impotent po- benefits. higher up it is another story. unemployed for the whole year litically. And the cause for this

Minn. to Hear Joseph King MINNEAPOLIS - Rever-

end Joseph P. King, united socialist candidate for Congress in Chicago, will be the guest of honor at a banquet and meeting here Saturday, June 7. Sponsored by the Socialist Workers Party, it will be held at 322 Hennepin Avenue. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and Rev. King will speak at 8:30 P.M. It is expected that the visti by King will help to stimulate the movement for united socialist electoral activity in this area.

would benefit him indirectly the two capitalist parties. through the effect on employment of the increased spending it could push for a drastic overspend.

haul of the tax setup. Such a However that may be, such a reduction would benefit all fully revision should include doing away with all sales taxes and employed workers and many abolition of income tax for partially employed workers. those earning \$7,500 a year or The \$700 basic exemption would mean that a family of less.

(Second of two articles) four with an income of \$3,100 or less would pay no income URGE END TO JIM-CROW tax. Since the Department of Labor figures, brought up to The student senate at the University of Miami, an alldate with today's prices, show that a family of four needs white school recently voted a \$4,472 a year just to maintain resolution 14-11 urging the unia minimum, decent standard versity administration to end of living, the demand is ex- segregation because of race or

loopholes and escape clauses in between the Democratic Con- some increase or extension of ministration on tax legislation Benefits estimated by the union thus is not only to facilitate to cost the corporations an adjoint agreement on the if and ditional one cent an hour. But when of any new tax law but unemployment is expected to I the complex state of the stat continue at a high rate even

after production on the 1959 Committee to Secure Justice also on who-gets-what. LACKS POWER models gets under way, accord-

The reason the present tax ing to the Michigan Employlaws swindle the workers and ment Security Commission. By favor the rich, and that any the end of July, 126,000 worksetup is extremely efficient - worker and an additional \$20 tax cut coming out of this Con-ers in that state alone will have protests. Morton Sobell was sengress will do the same, is that exhausted all unemployment The industry has a stock-pile

There is no withholding sys- who, having no income, has no is that the unions haven't built of 750,000 unsold cars - enough zine last October pointed out, income tax to pay. The AFL-their own political party but to supply the market for 53 "But now - four years after for sounds. Blitcher CIO leaders believe that it try to exert influence through days even if a strike shut off the execution — the clever all production. The industry's propaganda of the Communists Once labor breaks out of the authoritative statistical publica- has so confused many loyal

vicious circle in which it has tion, Ward's Automotive Re- citizens that they are asking by workers who would have been politically trapped, then ports, said this month that the themselves: Were the Rosenthat much more money to with real possibility of success corporations plan a "virtual bergs really guilty?"

Seamen Sue **Over Screening**

Court action is now under "frame-up." way to end collusive efforts of shipping companies and National Maritime Union officials to continue the blacklisting of merchant seamen who had been tagged as "security risks" under the Coast

junked, these seamen found that the union refused to register them for employment. It claimed contractual agreement with the shippers prevented them from doing

On May 8, pre-trial motions were argued in a Federal Court damage suit instituted against the NMU, the Merchant Marine Institute and six major steamship companies. The suit was brought by 15 of the victimized seamen. The court action was made possible by the activity of the Seamen's Defense Committee. With offices at 813 8th Ave., in New York, the committee has sparked the fight against the blacklisting of merchant seamen.

record in the 1951 trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg and trial.

Before the trial, Sobell's lawyers attempted to find out what Sobell was specifically for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadaccused of doing. They failed. At the trial itself, the sole The Rosenbergs were executwitness to "espionage" against ed in 1953 despite world-wide Morton Sobell was that of confessed perjurer, Max Elitcher. According to him, Sobell Still these savage sentences asked for names of persons settled nothing. As Look magawho might give secrets. Elitcher Elitcher said he saw photographic equipment in Sobell's apartment. He said he saw Sobell, afraid of an FBI visit, deliver to Rosenberg "what I identified then as a 35 milli-The record of the trial at the

meter film can." And finally, Elitcher was asked:

"Q: In the time that you it is precisely the record that worked with Sobell at Reeves has done more than any other Instrument Company, or at any book to cause people to shout Dr. Harold C. Urey, atomic A: Well, in the course of his duties, I did, as far as I know, I saw him take — he had a briefcase, and he did take this a suit of Reeves Instruscientist and Nobel Prize winner, commented, "Until the time I was half-way through the record, I was convinced that the defendants were completely ment. I presume that they had lines and auto travel. was, I do not know." This con- rail employment. Labor-saving Elitcher.

SOLE BASIS FOR CASE spite his obvious bias against

charge the jury; "If you do Indeed, the first indictment not believe the testimony of inated thousands of railroad of the "conspirators" by the Max Elitcher as it pertains to jobs. This type of motive power Grand Jury, Aug. 17, 1950, after Sobell, then you must acquit requires very little maintenance the defendant Sobell." ernment witnesses, made no Despite the fact that Elitcher steam locomotive. It did away mention at all of Morton So- feared prosecution by the FBI with all helper crews in hill

bell. Eleven "overt acts" were on at least a perjury charge and mountain territory, as a charged. Sobell was not men- and by his testimony escaped number of diesel units could be tioned in any of them. Two punishment, the jury believed added on the head of a train superseding indictments added Elitcher. Sobell was sentenced and all handled by one engine the name of Sobell and a to 30 years in prison - a crew.

failed to deal with any act in his early thirties. committed by Sobell.

When Sobell was accused in clear, however, that though So- possible for the railroads to Texas he was charged with five bell was tried and punished as close round-houses, repair shops "overt acts," all consisting of a part of a "conspiracy" to and even entire terminals. "conversations" with Rosenberg steal atom secrets, the govern- All this, plus the present beginning in 1946, about two ment never linked him with drop in business generally, has years after the alleged theft of any of the overt acts in that reduced employment on the railroads to the lowest level in atom secrets. These "conversa- alleged conspiracy.

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