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N.Y. SOCIALISTS TO OPPOSE 2 PARTIES

We print herewith the complete text of the plat-

form draft unanimously adopted on June 15 by the N.Y.

State Independent Political Conference for a United

Independent-Socialist Ticket in 1958. On the afternoon of

the opening day, June 13, the platform committee held

open sessions affording an opportunity for all participants

to appear with proposals and to speak for them. On the

final day the sponsoring committee submitted the plat-

form draft which was read to the conference by Dr.

then explained that the draft submitted was the product

of months of discussion among the sponsors and should

not be regarded as a final product but the product of an

agreement so far reached. "In our discussions on the plat-

form prior to the conference," Weiss said, "we were

Speaking for the Presiding Committee, Murry Weiss

Annette T. Rubinstein.

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Dr. Annette Rubinstein reads draft platform to United Independent-Socialist Conference, at Sunday morning session, June 15. Nearly 500 independent socialists and members of organized socialist tendencies attended sessions of the three-day conference.

# **Auto Workers Rally To Defense of Union**

#### By Frances James

JUNE 18 — In the three weeks of work without a tisan Truman and Eisenhower contract the rank-and-file United Auto Worker members, "doctrines" are committed to as well as the secondary union leadership, have demon- brink-of-war policies which strated their solidarity and readiness for militant struggle sist the Committeemen and to in catastrophic conflict unless against the Big Three auto insure the workers' rights, the reversed. In place of recognizcompanies.

With the expiration of the ing a Steward for each fore- peace and fruitful trade with in-plant set up.

#### **Conference Adopts** PREAMBLE America, once the hope and **Program Draft**

inspiration of the oppressed, has become the most feared and hated power on earth. While the bulk of mankind has turned resolutely in the direction of socialism, our country stands as the main fortress of reaction. The United States appears to the rest of humanity a bristling arsenal of militarism, its patrol planes armed with H-Bombs ready to level civilization to the ground as it did Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The responsibility for bringing our country into such disrepute lies with the Democratic and Republican parties, who hold every top office. For the peace of the world, for the well-being of the people of our land, it has become necessary as never before to challenge the political monopoly exercised by the giant banks and corporations through these two corrupt political machines.

BRINK-OF-WAR

The Democratic and Republican architects of the bi-parcannot fail to involve the world Tool and Die Unit is establish- ing the New China, of seeking

contracts around June 1, the man. Meetings will be sched- the Soviet-bloc countries, they mankind in the world of today. To patch up and hold to-

### These actions are a militant Democratic and Republican boom and bust. One of the most have enabled and encouraged by Dewey, has been annually are moving to reinforce their proposals set forth in "How to racy everywhere and to "re- out of capitalism is its increas- Business through government The Feinberg Law, the main Operate a Local Union Without store" it to Eastern Europe and ing need to rely on wars and handouts.

By John Thayer

Police in Dawson, Georgia,

are carrying on a reign of ter-

ror against Negroes. So far

they perpetrated two legal

lynchings-one with blackjacks,

the other with guns. Other Ne-

sections of town people are

fearful and observe the unoffi-

cial 11 P.M. curfew imposed

upon them by the police. The

police have neither been pun-

ished nor reprimanded for the

two murders, as is to be ex-

pected under the American

Way of Life (Southern Style).

Nor is there much likelihood

socialism.

General Motors plant com- a Contract," a plan distributed China. The real aim of the cold war preparations for prosperity. They have sought to suppress of thought in our schools is Jones and Annette Rubinstein. mitteemen in Flint report in by the international officers. war is to safeguard capitalism This year, despite almost two all political opposition and to still on the books. Under the former American Labor Party in the old colonial empires and decades of the greatest arm- render as seditious in the pub- Democratic administration, big leaders; Murry Weiss of the lished by Local 659) that at- tions for setting up a stewards to restore capitalism where it aments budgets in the history lic mind and indeed in the laws employers are still recipients of Socialist Workers Party; Milton tendance at the regular Com- system, for choosing "a job has been replaced by a better of the world, our country is of the nation, the search for juicy windfalls through the Zaslow and Muriel McAvoy of mittee Body has risen from steward for every foreman," for system. But this aim flies in once again in an economic col- peace and a better way of life, merit rating system in the un-10% to 90%. Chairman of the Stewards Councils meetings to the face of reality. The mon- lapse that arouses memories of and for a world of brotherhood employment insurance fund; Richard DeHaan, chairman of Body, Carl Bramlet, has an- be held each week, for com- opolists cannot win against the the great depression of the and equality among men and while callous disregard is the Young Socialist Alliance; (Continued on Page 2) nations.

routes to their homes."

car home.

that of the death of James

Brazier, 31, married with four

children. On April 20 he came

upon the police as they were

the police to stop beating the

the father off to the police

of how James Brazier was later back

with his father's arrest: "These

drunk. Young Brazier asked violation.

feared police informers among to stand. The father was fined

their own race, They watched \$115 and told to take his son

arresting his father, Odell Bra- 30, police again arrested the

Text of Socialist Draft Platform United Conference They have sought to crush labor, the family farmer and the small businessman. They have driven the scientist have driven the scientist from ed our educational system, driving fine teachers from the classroom and others into unwilling conformity.

#### FOSTER JIM CROW

They condone and foster race three-day independent political conference which ended

birth and their families through publicans and Democrats for repressive statutes which are a the five major offices in the restoration in our time of the coming state election. A miliiniquitous Alien and Sedition tant socialist draft platform ex-Laws which Thomas Jefferson pressing a wide area of agreeand his followers fought to ment on a minimum program destroy in the founding years was adopted unanimously. (See of our republic. text this page.)

As part of their preparations A strong sentiment for sofor nuclear war, and for use in cialist unity and a deep desire new foreign adventures (like for an aggressive socialist chalthe one in Korea) they have lenge to the capitalist parties sentenced present generations was manifested throughout the of our young manhood to uni- conference by the great majorversal military service, bring- ity of the 499 individuals who ing uncertainty and despair to participated in the various sesour youth and frustrating the sions as delegates and obsernormal, healthy development of vers. Almost 200 additional persons throughout the state family life. By training for violence, by had registered their support

neglect of humane endeavor, for the project but were unand by their evil example in able to attend. public life, they have bred CONTINUATIONS GROUP

hopelessness and cynicism An eleven-member continua throughout the land which ex- tions committee was elected by presses itself most grievously in the conference. It was empowjuvenile delinquency and wide- ered to seek additional support spread crime. for the projected ticket from

In New York State the Dem- socialist and independent forces companies launched an attack uled for Department Stewards. have persisted in the testing of They can only succeed in gether this outgrown economic ocratic administration and Gov- and to proceed with efforts to . Some of the duties of the weapons of mass annihilation plunging us into a nuclear war system, both the Democratic ernor Harriman, in collusion select candidates for U.S. Sen-

against in-plant union represen-tation in grievance-handling procedures. International union officers, in line with their "turn the other cheek" policy have the other cheek" policy have pany demands. In the locals department meetings are held." Department under both the oscillates periodically between people through inflation; they witch-hunt measure initiated the presiding committee of the conference, are: John T. Mcswung into militant action and rank-and-file implementation of guidance is to safeguard democ- ominous signs of the wearing enormous profit-feeding of Big signed by Governor Harriman. Manus, general manager of the National Guardian; Morris witch-hunt Act against freedom | Goldin, Henry Abrams, Babette

Co-Chairman

By Harry Ring



JOHN T. McMANUS, General Manager of the National Guardian, was co-chairman of the United Independent-Socialist Conference.

the debate on whether to nominate candidates for the top five places on the ballot or only for U.S. Senator. The single, senatorial nomination would avoid a contest against Harriman, the Democratic Party choice for reelection as governor. The single-candidacy proposal was but before the conference by Benjamin J. Davis-in his capacity of state chairman of the Communist Party - in the opening of the debate on

presiding committee's unanim-

(The day before, in an open

guided by the common determination to arrive at a minimum agreement on the essential points of a socialist platform. We were unable to come to agreement, up to this point, on a number of questions and I trust that efforts to do so will continue. For example, the Socialist Workers Party feels that a necessary point in a minimum platform of socialists in this election is a clear stand on the relationship of socialism and democracy. The SWP is in agreement with the sponsors of this conference in irreconcilable opposition to the anti-Soviet war mongers. However, it is our conviction that socialists who support the Soviet Union should view the struggle for socialist democracy as a necessary part of the process of building

The delegates thereupon discussed the platform for several hours. In unanimously adopting the platform, the conference referred it with suggested amendments, rewordings, etc., to the Continuations Committee.

have driven the scientist from the laboratory of peace. They have impoverished and corrupt-NEW YORK, June 16-The movement for united socialist political action took a major step forward at the

hatred, deny the American here yesterday. The conference voted by a near-unanimous birthright of freedom and majority in favor of nominating a full slate of socialist

threaten millions of foreign candidates to challenge the Re-

This plan includes suggesnounced (in the same issue of munication systems with work- opposition of the majority of thirties. the Searchlight) the calling of ers inside the plants, for dues a policy meeting to establish collections patrols, town organrepresentation under a revived izations, organization of the unemployed and retired memsteward system.

bers, weekly leaflet informaunion ranks is reflected in the tion to the union members, etc. The militant mood in the It is the kind of union orcall for this policy meeting. "As most of the old timers ganizational plan that should know, the UAW was founded be in effect with or without a on the steward system and in contract. It is up to the rankthe opinion of many of these and-file militants in the plants 'old timers' this system was to put this plan into immediate much more effective than our operation.

erican citizens to travel freely present set-up. . . . This will With the expiration of the was restored by the U.S. Sumean, however, that our com- contract, the Big-Three compreme Court yesterday in a plete collective organization panies have refused to make five to four decision. The court will be reorganized. . . . Again, payroll dues deductions. The acted on three cases. Rockwell I request you to explain the union now has to collect dues Kent, one of America's foresituation to the people in order directly from its members. most artists, appealed for a deto offset the handbills placed Management hopes to undercision against Secretary of in the plant by Management mine the union's financial base State John Foster Dulles, who because it is obvious that Man- and thus weaken its ability to refused him a passport on the agement is taking this oppor- fight in contract negotiations. grounds that he was a Comtunity in an attempt to bust The plan sent out by the top munist and had "a consisour Union. I say let 'em try it, union officers suggests dues pa- tent and prolonged adherence the 'old timers' did it in '37 trols, gate checks, wearing of to the Communist party line." and by all that's holy, we will dues buttons, etc. But even be- Dr. Walter Briehl, Los Angeles fore any patrols or checks ap- psychiatrist, likewise refused to do it in '58.'

According to the June 14 peared, the members rallied to Ford Facts, Ford Local 600 Tool the defense of their union and Both these cases were argued and Die Unit is setting up a began paying up dues in mass. Stewards Council, and, "to as-(Continued on Page 4)

## Labor's Rights Hit By Supreme Court

JUNE 17 - While the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday strengthened the right of Americans to travel freely in its passport decision, it tightened the noose around the neck of labor in a six to three decision on the "secondary boycott" or "hot cargo" issue. This decision of the Court, tightening the Taft-Hartley Act's interference with labor's rights, strikes at the solidarity of the working class. The Supreme Court held that only if the boss agrees can workers refuse to handle scab goods from a plant where fellow-workers are on strike. This open show of court bias in favor of the bosses is another manifestation of the drive to impose government control of the unions.

The dissenters to the majority opinion, Justices William O. Douglas, Earl Warren and Hugo L. Black, did not argue for the complete freedom of the workers to strike in support of the struggles of their brothers, but they did insist that unions had the right to enforce contracts that contained this right. Calling the majority opinion "capricious," Justice Douglas said it "strains to outlaw bargaining contracts long accepted, long used."

ous resolution for five candithe Socialist Unity Forum; dates and a socialist platform. hearing of the Conference's George Stryker; and Sidney platform committee, Arnold Gluck. Johnson, leading CP spokes-The composition of the conman, not only argued for a single candidate against a full

ference was estimated by the June 23 National Guardian as slate but also called for defollows: "Independents made letion of that section of the up some 300 of the attendance, platform draft proclaiming sowith leaders and members of cialist goals. This side of the the Communist Party, Socialist CP position was not openly Workers Party and Young Socialist Alliance estimated to bate over one or five candiidentified. They kept their Court James Brazier was unmake up the rest." number small because they conscious, unable to speak or

dates.) The decisive point in the conference came Saturday with

In presenting the unanimous (Continued on Page 3)

pushed in the Conference de-



#### By Myra Tanner Weiss

JUNE 18 — Imre Nagy, Pal Maleter, Jozsef Szilagyi zier, allegedly for driving while father, allegedly for a traffic and Miklos Gimes were executed by the Kadar government of Hungary. They evidently failed, despite long

Two days later Tobe Latimer, imprisonment and probable torelderly man. When they hauled a Negro electrician and plumber, was shot by one of the station he drove his father's policemen involved in the Brazier killing. Though accused of A witness gave the Washing- attacking, an officer, Latimer sentenced at a secret trial to down Hungarian workers and ton Post reporter this account was severely wounded in the prison terms ranging from five youth who were fighting for years to life. That weekend Dawson police

two policemen came up and killed Willie Countryman, 32, ian Premier and Pal Meleter, garian army joined the insurgrabbed James and dragged a truckdriver, in his own back former Defense Minister, were gents. him toward their car and one yard. The police version is that both members of the Commuof them held a gun on him and Police Officer Cherry, involved said: 'I ought to shoot you.' in both the Brazier killing and

year-old boy ran up and said, hollering" while they were 'Don't you hit my Daddy like driving through the Negro disthat,' and one of the officers trict late at night. They parked defense." Negro neighbors say for the Hungarian uprising of foreign enemy.

executed.

there was no noise whatsoever

An incident earlier that Sun-

day of the funeral, on April

ture to "confess" to the crimes of which they were accused by to become an officer in the their captors. The Kremlin Hungarian army. His "crime" agents therefore sent them to during the November 1956 their death. Five others were events was to refuse to shoot

socialist democracy in Hungary. Imre Nagy, former Hungar- Instead, he and the entire Hun-

The victims of the first Kremnist Party. Nagy fought with lin blood-purge since Beria's They kicked him twice, once in Latimer shooting, and another the Russian Bolsheviks in the execution were accused of the the groin, and his little ten- officer, heard "whooping and revolution of 1917. He lived in traditional frame-up charges. the Soviet Union from 1929 to They were accused of "plotting" 1944, returning to Hungary to with Anglo-American imperialassume the post of Minister ists for the overthrow of the lost power to Matyas Rakosi cluding the Workers' Councils. cies" were officially blamed risings appear as "plots" of a

> Actually Nagy was a Com-1956. Rakosi was given asylum in the Soviet Union despite his munist and as such became a while Nagy, who promised hated Rakosi era. The aims of were clearly marked out in

> Pal Maleter was reportedly their program. They were for a veteran of the Spanish civil (Continued on Page 3)

that they will be. The federal sign a non-Communist affidavit. Civil Rights Commission, set up under last year's wateredbefore the Supreme Court by down Civil Rights Law, is do-Attorney Leonard D. Boudin ing its utmost to dodge an infor the Emergency Civil Libvestigation of Dawson. erties Union. anti-Negro violence in this arrested for having "interfered" THIRD KILLING The third case was that of physicist Weldon Bruce Daytown of 4,500 people, slightly ton of New York who was more than half of whom are charged by the Secretary of colored, were made public by State with associating with the liberal newspaper, Wash-"Communist espionage agents." ington Post and Times Herald,

Dayton denied the charges unwhich having got wind of matder oath. Dulles refused to reters, sent Robert E. Lee Baker, veal his secret source of infora reporter to the scene. mation and continued to refuse

AS UNDER NAZI RULE

the scientist a passport. The danger for Dawson Nethese applicants is regarded groes was so great that pro- hit the boy aside. James was a short distance away and of Agriculture in the post-war government. These charges The issuance of passports to now as a matter of course. In cedures similar to those of re- struck on the head with a gun, walked towards Countryman's government and rose to the po- were likewise hurled at the addition the United States gov- sistance movements under total- slapped across the face with a back porch, when suddenly he sition of Premier in 1953. He entire Hungarian people, inernment will probably cease to itarian regimes had to be used. gun and they shoved him into jumped at them with a knife imprison Paul Robeson within Negroes "were afraid to be the car and slammed the door whereupon they shot in "self whose regime and "false poli- To all oppressors, popular upcaught talking to a reporter in on his feet." the country's borders.

The majority opinion of the their Dawson homes," writes BEATEN AGAIN high court, written by Justice Baker. "They set up elaborate Apparently young Brazier until the shots rang out. William O. Douglas held that plans for meeting at night, was beaten again at the police the right to travel is part of outside the city and outside station. Chief of Police Howard day was the arrest of 21-year- crimes against the workers, symbol of the break with the the liberty guaranteed by the Terrell County. They talked L. Lee says that Brazier "buck- old Billy Flagg and his mother. Fifth Amendment provision softly, earnestly behind tightly ed and scuffed and they had to The young man had been play- concessions to the workers, was the workers in the revolution against depriving a person of drawn shades. They froze at hit him on the head with a ing ball on the edge of town life, liberty or property with outside sounds. They exacted a blackjack." At any rate next with a half-dozen others. Acout due process of law. promise they would not be morning before the Mayor's ... (Continued on Page 4)

# High Court Reign of Terror Against **OK's Right Georgia Negroes Bared**

To Travel

JUNE 17-The right of Am-

#### THE MILITANT

# **Text of United Socialist Platform Dra**

grappled with the real needs of under government auspices, with management subject to elec-(Continued from Page 1) shown for the worsening plight the great majority of the peo- tion by the workers.

of the unemployed. Under the Harriman adminis-

discrimination in the allocation represent. of funds for social welfare; yet these large cities are forced to are beginning to search for carry a disproportionate tax pathways to a better future. For an immediate end to Jim Crow: They have rallied in increasing burden.

numbers against repression. While piously deploring persecution and terror against the They have begun to roll back Negro people of the South, Harriman has failed to use the and have scored signal victories power of his office to push in the courts for civil liberty. vigorously for legislation and The Negro people have em-executive action to end discrim-barked on a great effort for full ination against the Negro and equality. Citizens of all walks Puerto Rican people in private of life have joined in protest against the development and housing in New York State. testing of nuclear weapons. HOUSING CRISIS

Throughout the house of labor In New York City, under is heard the repeated demand Harriman's political mentor De for an independent political Sapio, the world's largest and course that will open the way wealthiest city has suffered the to a labor party able to offer worst rent and housing crisis in America the choice of a labor

more inadequate.

The same Governor Harriman economic insecurity, and warhas openly supported the ma- making tendency of capitalism. chinations of the Tammany boss, De Sapio, in removing dependent-Socialist Ticket, Congressman Powell from the working men and women of Democratic ticket because he every shade of belief can regvoices the demand of the Negro. ister their opposition to the people for full equality. The economic and social evils of topeople of Harlem have rightly day. By voting for these canwave of indignation at the at- desire for a world of enduring tempt of the Harriman-De Sa- peace, economic well-being, and pio machine to dictate who the full application of atomicshould represent them. age science to the conquest of

In short, neither in the na- nature - a world of democracy. tion or the state have the Dem- freedom, and cooperation on an ocratic and Republican parties international scale.



### For peaceful relations with the rest of the world:

We propose an immediate ban on tests of nuclear weapons and an announcement that the United States is willing to join other powers in dismantling its stockpile of atomic weapons by a specified date. Such action would at once relieve international tension and help pave the way for further negotiations. The new government of China must be recognized without

further embarrassing delay, and generous aid should be offered country.

Instead of the bi-partisan policy of waging cold war on the adopted. The first gesture in this direction should be the elimination of trade barriers and the extension of long-term loans McManus, and people who work ism. But I believe that to re- people have in the state, when SWPer. And I think they de- active in the Socialist Party, ization. I said what are we for the purchase of goods from American industry. Cultural exchange should be expanded. The schemes of reactionary that he did not make a good maintain that you're advocating people who want a full slate was made to Ben Davis. I munist party. circles to restore capitalism in the Soviet bloc countries must be disavowed.

The bi-partisan policy of intervening on the side of reaction very rigid approach . . . I be- thing. . . . in other countries must be halted. No more arms for reactionary lieve that we need a position "I believe firmly in those ing we give in to the Commu- dependent." regimes!

As relief for depressed sections of the economy, and as a ple. Instead they have fought for the reactionary interests of step toward international economic cooperation, the Administration the urban centers suffer the monopoly capitalists they tration should encourage American industry to fill the gaps in the planned economy of the Soviet bloc, arranging the exchange

The people of our country of all types of goods on a cost basis.

America's greatest shame is continued, racial segregation and discrimination almost a century after the Civil War that abolished slavery.

Further procrastination in integration is intolerable. The Supreme Court decision to integrate the schools must be enforced regardless of the cries of bigots and race haters for fresh delays. Similar swift action must be undertaken in housing, transportation, recreation facilities and throughout industry. Let's have Fair Employment legislation with real teeth.

To further speed the struggle for full equality in both the South and the North, let the labor movement bring its vast powers to bear in close alliance with the Negro people.

## For restoration of our Constitutional

#### freedoms:

the country since the end of the war; its transporation sys-tem has degenerated in pro-the forces for social change in the forces for social change in the America has suffered an erosion of its Constitutional freeportion to the rise in fares; its our country. It points to the Smith Act, the McCarran Act, the Subversive Activities Control schools have become more and socialist alternative to the Act and New York's Security Risk and Feinberg acts are police- home. This is the only effective way to meet the anti-labor greed, brutalization, repression, state laws that should be wiped off the books.

End the government witch-hunt in America. Abolish such bodies that are seeking to put more shackles on our unions. police-state practices as the blacklisting of "subversive" organizations by the Attorney General, the snooping of the FBI into of America only if it rejects company unionism in politics and battle the monopolist parties-only then will we have a real political views, the "investigations" of the House Un-American begins organizing in this field. What is needed is a powerful two-party system. the refusal of the State Department to issue passports to Ameri- the Negro people and small businessman. Such a party, able to can citizens.

Restore the civil rights of all Smith Act victims. Free Gil effective challenge to the monopolies. Green and Henry Winston. Grant executive clemency or a new answered this attack with a didates, they can register their trial to Morton Sobell. Reinstate all government employees For democracy, for planned economy, victimized in the witch-hunt.

#### Unshackle the labor movement:

all wage earners and to conduct its own affairs without inter- Europe to the position of second power in the world. ference from the government or labor-hating corporations.



McClellan "investigating" committee and similar government an independent mass Labor Party which will attract the support

Labor can win recognition of its rightful place in the life Activities Committee, into matters of belief and opinion, and party of labor whose concern extends to the working farmers, organize a coalition of all the low-income groups, can offer an meaning liberals; such solutions can be won only through

# for socialism:

The Taft-Hartley Act, the so-called Right-to-Work laws, and profits-first system of capitalism. This is no longer a matter of needs of the nation in the atomic age. all similar anti-labor legislation must be repealed. No curtail- theory but of fact. In the short time of four decades, planned ment of the democratic right of the union movement to organize economy brought Russia from the most backward country in manists, pacifists, to support the United Independent-Socialist

Planned economy in America can register even more phen- goals of socialism. The corollary of this is internal union democracy. It is omenal success. It will begin with the world's most advanced hypocritical of the union bureaucrats to call for democracy and industrial plant, the largest and most skilled working class and unaffiliated voters-to register their protest against the doa free labor movement in other countries while imposing dic-tatorial practices in their own unions. Democracy begins at face the obstacles that hindered the Russian workers. We will by voting the United Independent-Socialist Ticket.

not be subject to a Hitlerite invasion, to the devastation of war, or to the pressure of a surrounding hostile world.

Planned economy in America can rapidly find links with other planned economies, thus bringing into play a new force of immense proportions-planned international economic cooperation.

In America the assurance of a world of enduring peace and prosperity will certainly release sources of energy and enthusiasm among the working people that will more than match the swift development of atomic energy as the basic power for industry-wide automation.

The slums and unsightly factories of today that pollute our streams and atmosphere will give way to shining cities and gleaming plants designed to help heal the hideous scars of ndustrialization under capitalism.

As living becomes easier and richer, the blighting prejudices ind hatreds of today will surely give way to feelings of solidarity and friendship with all mankind.

The possibilities of achievement under the rational planning of socialism, bold as they may seem, are completely feasible. All that is required is the breadth of view, the confidence in progress, and the courage and determination needed to carry through the struggle to success. In opening up this new continent of economic and social change, America's pioneer spirit faces its greatest challenge.

The United Independent-Socialist ticket welcomes every development which brings labor into the political arena in collision with the entrenched political machines. We welcome every development which brings the Negro people against the parties of the racist-Big Business ruling clique.

The alliance of labor and the Negro people in the struggle for common political objectives will result in the emergence of of the small farmer, the professionals, the youth and all the forces of the people. This new political alignment can effectively

We socialists know that the solutions to the grave problems facing the American people will not come as a gift from wellgigantic struggles involving labor, the Negro people and other minority groups. Through such struggles, waged on both the economic and political fronts, the American people will replace the profit system with a planned society. Only a socialist economy can end the recurrent crises, war drives, race prejudice and poverty of today and harness the vast resources of our country The cooperative system of socialism is superior to the and the abundant energy of our people to meet the complex

We invite all socialists-Marxists, Christian Socialists, huslate as a way of affirming their belief in the great human.

We invite all independents-Democrats, Republicans and

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ning of another's.]

case. I believe that he put socialism is like advocating had affiliations with the Com- don't resent being called an forward a very inflexible, a kosher ham. There's no such munist Party, not with the So- SWPer, but I resent the in- active in the American Labor fifty people where I belong

of growing influence, not a points that I discussed here. nist Party and this goes back New York and suddenly and I am a progressive man. And This means specifically, for instance, ending support tc rigid, mechanical, and per-anch imperialism in its war on the Algerian people. It haps obstructive, so-called bal-of discussing with the Socialist out with a slate of one man, I ".-. None of us are for to our surprise, one day I read I don't care — any label, as [Gov.] Harriman. I wouldn't in the N. Y. Times that the long as it has a socialist label means ending support to Chiang Kai-shek, Franco, the Mikado lot position in overcoming our Workers Party and its mem- know that the Socialist Work- endorse him for a million dol- American Labor Party was dis- I don't care who it is. If the and the Latin-American dictators. It means ending the "oil isolation in proving our lead- bers from long distance. I'm ers Party will not work for lars. But he did something solved . . . I was shocked. I Socialist Labor is on the balimperialism" that seeks to prevent the Arab people from uniting ership over the people who glad to have the opportunity this - for one man, and on good sometimes. He vetoed that want to tell you the sentiment lot, I'll vote for them. If the and modernizing their countries. It means letting the people want an alternative to the two- to discuss these points right the rest of the line you support bill that some of my people of the people I work with in Socialist Workers is on the balof Puerto Rico decide whether they want full statehood or party, cold-war, brink-of-war under their own nose and with the Democrats. And I know can live in the projects. All East New York in many Jew- lot, I'll vote for them. And I that the independents won't go right, we worked for it. He ish progressive organizations ... don't agree on everything with along with this. Is the Com- didn't do it by himself. But We were not asked and we them, but still my conscience "That's what I believe, and "... We came here to select munist Party going to get this he did it and some people felt very bad. And our peo- will be clear. I'll not vote for I'm certain that whatever a full slate. Now we are told one man on the ballot? Are think that he's better than ple - I want to tell you - our the Republican and Democratic Withdraw U.S. troops from foreign soil; relinquish foreign merits or demerits there may for some strange reason that they going to work for this all Rockefeller. I may not agree people are very angry. The parties. naval and air bases; abandon the attempt to establish rocket be to Mr. [Benjamin J.] Davis' a committee that has gone all by themselves? But we will with them. But that's not the people that I work with. There missile bases; renounce secret diplomacy and all military alli- position here today . . . his along for a full slate and a work for a full slate — with point. This is the situation we are still thousands and thousapproach kept open the door majority of which obviously them or without them - and are in . . . What is the differ- ands of progressive people and for a more flexible and less ob- wants a full slate, that the we will have most of them, ence between one and five can- they are angry. You know why? structive opportunity to get question suddenly is debatable, whether they know it or not. didates if we want to bring the Because when election day kind of organization it was. away from the brink-of-ex-that there suddenly is question "And there is something else issue before the people. With com tinction policies that some cur-whether a full slate is feasible. I feel very resentful of . . . one candidate can't we speak for. "And there is something else issue before the people. With comes they have nobody to vote

[The following are verbatim | opportunity to participate in a | that. Because Benjamin Davis | I was weaned on the milk of | here and to see so many young | polls and I looked around and, excerpts from the floor debate proposition of this kind. Do and a few of the people around the Communist Party. I never people here. 1 am in the Jew- all right, they say Wagner at the Conference for a United you want all to participate? Or him decided they did not want saw a Trotskyite until three ish progressive movement, next all right, he's better — a lesser Independent-Socialist Ticket. Actoriche indicate close of are of the social to have some kind a full slate. But it was more months ago. And that is the year will be fifty years. Orig-of little monopoly of your own than that. It was that they story if you get up here and inally, I am from what the my wife too. And I tell you I Asterisks indicate close of one and carry on? Now you say didn't want a slate at all and disagree with them. They call workers call the hell-hole — went home and I tried to wash the Chinese people in the difficult task of modernizing their speaker's remarks and begin- you want to advocate social- they would do us a favor by you a Trotskyite, even if you Pittsburgh. For the last nine my hands as much as I could. ism. Well, if the Socialist Work- accepting one candidate. Now don't know what a Trotskyite years I have lived in Brooklyn. And I said to my wife and to ers Party is advocating social- I would like to ask a question. is. And they are pulling that I was very much interested all my friends in my organization Instead of the bi-partisan policy of waging cold war on the ". No matter how much is according to their light, a spin according to t

to work with Mr. [John T.] them from advocating social- tion how much influence these who wants a full slate is an you, from 1909 to 1920 I was tions I took it up in my organwith him, I feel very strongly ject the socialist world and to out where I live 99% of the serve the same apology that from 1920 to 1950 in the Com- going to do, people? We are all

cialist Workers Party. Suppos- ference that I am not an in- Party. We had a club of the there. What shall we do? And \* \* \*

progressives. We are an or-"When I came here I was ganization of a hundred and American Labor Party in East I say, I don't care, for 50 years

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States. It means offering all the colonial and semi-colonial in this country. peoples the economic aid they need without any strings attached.

ances such as NATO and SEATO. Let's put America on the side of peace!

### For realistic measures to combat the depression:

We propose that the colossal armaments budget be converted into a peace budget and used for public works, including schools, hospitals, homes, highways, playgrounds, parks and other public facilities.

We likewise propose the repeal of all taxes on incomes below \$10,000. This should be supplemented by repeal of sales ist opinions doesn't necessarily taxes, hidden excise taxes, telephone, transportation and so- mean an acceptance of each called "luxury" goods taxes.

To spread employment, the work-week should be reduced isn't the same thing as organto 30 hours but at no reduction in weekly take-home pay.

Unemployment compensation should be extended to cover tion of one party. . . . It doesn't all jobs, for the full period of unemployment and at the full mean that we have to subscale of pay. The government should declare an immediate ordinate our particular views nan to the United Independentmoratorium on time payments for household necessities for whether we are independents everyone who becomes unemployed.

Surplus goods held by the government should be distributed or groups . . . A united front to people in need whether in this country or abroad.

Plants shut down by private industry should be operated somebody from the ticket. As



The daily newspapers of New York City gave considerable coverage to the three-day conference for a United Independent-Socialist Ticket in the 1958 state elections. The N. Y. Times, which ran four consecutive news stories on the conference said in its June 16 article: "With the Communists apparently put to rout, the threeday leftist 'unity conference' here ended yesterday on a note of surface unity. The conference adopted a platform said to represent 'maximum agreement on a minimal program'.'

The New York Post in its story of June 16 entitled "Leftists Start Choosing Ticket After Walkout by Communists," stated: "Despite a Communist appeal to put only one candidate, preferably for U.S. Senate, in the field, the conference decided to name candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Controller, Attorney General and the Senate.

"State Communist chairman Ben Davis walked out of the conference Saturday after arguing vainly that most Democratic candidates in the state must be supported because they are backed by organized labor."

rents here seem to be pushing Why wasn't this point raised And that is the inference that on radio and television? We can us in the direction of . . ." . . .

. The question of a united socialist ticket means it isn't feasible? I can answer with the Communist Party, and in essence a united front. A

united front of various socialother's views completely. It izational unity, as the formaor members of various parties

doesn't mean that you exclude

far as Comrade [Benjamin J.] my friends of the Communist be no more Debs? Is there to

hope this conference will And if it did I'd go home and adopt. . . .'

"We speak here of the fact ing and mainstream of the party or its candidate seems a that we're isolated. Now that's American working class. pretty bad. But to make a vir- And if we are going to wait are always saying there isn't tue of isolation - that's a for mass movements of this any difference between the crime. And some people here people and that people-wheth- two parties, and the very permake a virtue of isolation and er they be the colored people son who will say to you, "Now decorate it with Marxism and or the Puerto Ricans or the la- don't go out and start a sothe red flag . . . Take for in- bor class-if we're going to claist movement because, we stance, the idea of the develop- wait until they leap fully arm- are committed to support the ment of independent political ed from the head of Zeus like Democratic party and we want-

-Ed.)

action. Now if you're satisfied, Pallas Athena, why then we ed to bring you along with us," then of course you can make can just sit back on our laurels will tell you in confidence that a beeline and establish a whole and rest. We don't have to they don't really see the dif- General Electric Company, the united socialist ticket and you'll bother about that movement ference between the two par- biggest monopoly in the world, ist Workers Party is antibe just as you were before. anymore. That my friends is ties . . .

But if you're interested in pro- the simple and easy solutionorganized labor . .

candidate, that gives us all an movement is going to be a dif- comes to a matter of remem- is in effect the essence of fas- vigorously in that connection. \$6; 49 1/2 % had none.

"We were told one time to two weeks ago, two months anyone who wants a full slate bring our ideas as good with ago? Why was it said then that is of the Socialist Workers one as with five. . . . and I tell you the truth, I committed that great sin two

"I was very active in the International Workers Order. Some of you maybe heard what You know the Republicans at the beginning they started to destroy it - Dewey started it vote for the Democratic party and Harriman finished it. They even took away the cemetery from us - even our dead. Not "First, I am very glad to be years ago. I went into the only the seven million dollars that we the working people saved for so many years and that they took away from us and robbed us. They took away even the dead - our beloved dead that live in the cemetery. They took away our cemetery, you now, the people, our peoin Japan to its own final des- ple - the progressive people are angry. They say, My God, in my organization and I said, clear. Let us vote for the So-

Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Charles Wilson, who lorded it over the Eisenhower administration-who first introduced him into the American government? Franklin Delano Roosevelt. John Foster Dulles, probto deprive Vice-President Nixon of what glory he may be entitled to-first became the

Mitsubishi Company put over We're talking about the ter-

rible thing that might befall truction. governor instead of Averell velt's death-until 1952 when their political start? Who introduced them both into the there were four secretaries of United States government? ficials of the House of Morgan . . .

responds to the dead body of up, by God, as a hero of the riman, when he was Secretary Taft-Hartley act. cause some of these gentlemen

Another Wilson, Charles A. have been opposed to certain Wilson, chief executive of the policies and principles of the Soviet Union, that the Social-

was made economic czar by the Soviet. But nothing is said at cession began, the average We sneer and we laugh at same Harry S. Truman. And all about the anti-sovietism of skilled and semi-skilled worker moting independent political ac- if it were a solution at all. But the millionaire cabinets, the he's the man that once said we Harriman-probably one of the had \$212 in savings and 26% tion you must participate with unfortunately it is not such. domination of the government should have a permanent alli-Because it seems to me that by big business, but we have ance between government, spokesmen] and the one who 'Now, when we say a single the building of a socialist very short memories when it business and the army. Which has expressed himself the most skilled and service workers was

Talk about dominance of the the biggest city in the world, House of Morgan in this coun- and here when it comes electry. From 1944-that was the tion there is nobody to vote year before Franklin Roose- for. So last year I took it up Eisenhower succeeded Truman, at least let our conscience be state. Of those, three were of- cialist Workers Party. I don't care if they are Trotskyites or

anything. But they are work-Averell Harriman, multi-mil- ers - they are socialists. I ionaire, scion of a railroad may not agree with everything system, every tie of which cor- with them. And we went in my district; I know there was some Irish laborer, is boosted many votes there. I voted, and my wife, and many friends. Communist Party. Averell Har- and many neighbors. I told them they should vote. But of Commerce under Truman, what I want to say is this - I worked as hard as he could to am in favor, and the people I induce Truman not to veto the talk to, we shall have a full slate if possible in the state of New York.'

WORKERS' SAVINGS

Early in 1957, before the re-

Excerpts from Speech by Vincent Hallinan

there at the start.

(The following are excerpts ficult, arduous and patience being who put those people in cism and is exactly what the and sold it. So, I want to tell from speech by Vincent Halli- taking task . . . And I say to these people are you telling me now that Socialist Ticket Conference. He the socialist movements of the the Empire State of New York

a full slate is feasible and now Party. This is an old, old story

spoke Friday evening, June 13. past were invalid? Are you if Nelson Rockefeller is elected telling me that the work of Debs for instance was value- Harriman . . . . Who gave them In discussing with some of less and useless? Are there to

Davis is concerned, I see no Party . . . I was told, "But be no more movement until reason why he shouldn't be- Hallinan, socialism does not suddenly by some spontaneous come a member of the five-man enter into the mainstream of decision of people like Meany ticket — of course based on a socialist program which I labor class." I said granted. ment decides to go socialist?... That one should support a

> read books. What we want is man because he is a Democrat to put socialism into the think- or a member of the Democratic

contradiction in term. People

S. Truman—a Democrat.

ably the most hated man in the world-although I do not want

dictator of American foreign policy when he was placed in the position to do so by Harry

We have heard here that be-

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## **Fascist Menace Revives**

The lesson of France has world-wide significance. The destruction of parliamentary democracy by de Gaulle poses once more for mankind the question of Fascism. True, de Gaulle's regime is at present not fascist, but represents a stage in that direction. But behind him-in the racist organizations of the Algerian colons, in the brutalized paratroop battalions, in the emergence in France itself of remnants of the Petainists and their merging with new anti-Semitic, semi-fascist and outright fascist groupings-lies the ominous threat.

The crash of Hitler's and Mussolini's regimes in World War II was so resounding that most people throughout the world concluded that fascism had been destroyed for all time. This belief was reinforced by the official propaganda guise given the war by the victorious coalition headed by the U.S., Great Britain and the USSR. But the real motivating contradiction between Wall Street and the British Empire on one hand and the German, Italian and Japanese governments on the other had been that of an imperialist power struggle. On the part of the victorious capitalist powers the democracy vs. fascism theme had simply been a propaganda cloak to presuade the toiling masses that the war was being fought for progressive and humane ends.

Nonetheless at the end of the war it seemed that fascism had not only been physically destroyed but discredited beyond redemption in the eyes of mankind. The existence of Franco's regime in Spain was regarded as an anachronism and in-

creasing U.S. support to it deplored as inconsistent with the outcome of World War II. Similarly the recrudescence in for the independent voter in Germany and Italy of neo-Nazi and neo-Fascist parties were considered echoes of alternatives to the two machine the past rather than signs of the future.

It must now be understood that the assumption that fascism was a relic of the barbarous past which mankind no longer had to fear, was mere wishful thinking. The bitter truth is that fascism of the delegates strongly favorremains a recurrent threat as long as ed a full socialist slate and capitalism survives. The bitter truth is wanted no part of Harriman. that already there are incontestable signs that world capitalism is approaching a their conviction that socialists that world capitalism is approaching a could not compromise with the cycle similar to that which followed the capitalist politicans. Their first imperialist world war — a cycle in points were greeted by cheers which in country after country the capit- and ringing applause from the alist class will seek to solve its problems delegates. with the bloody ax of fascism.

Most ominous is the rapidity with which these fascicst harbingers appear. The swift growth of McCarthyism in this country showed an incipient tendency towards fascism even before the onset of a serious social crisis. The shamefully porting a single independent speedy surrender of capitalist democracy to de Gaulle's "strong-man" rule in France and the concomitant emergence of a fascist movement is a second warning. support, four presiding com-

To the recognized nightmare shape of things to come under decaying capital- and Sidney Gluck, introduced ism-depression, and nuclear war-must an amendment midway in the now be added the horror of fascism. The debate that the continuations battle of the working class for socialism today is more than ever the very battle for the continued existence of human cul- Passage of the amendment ture and humanity itself.

This is especially true of Harriman, a banker and a capitalist, who has never proven to be a traitor to his class. A lesser effort than putting up a full slate in effect shows disrespect the state who wants genuine

parties. Our objective should be to place such an alternative permanently on the ballot by striving for a minimum of 50, 000 votes."

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ing committee for a full slate,

John T. McManus said: "Both

machine-parties pursue brink-

of-war policies. Neither offers

to do away with Jim-Crow.

Both are witch-hunt parties.

ecommendation of the presid-

THE MILITANT

Throughout the debate it was clear that the great bulk

At the same time it was demonstrated that the vast ma-

jority were deeply concerned with exploring every possible avenue to win the Communist Party's participation in the campaign despite its stand that it would not go beyond supcandidate.

#### AMENDMENT

In a special effort to keep the door open for winning CP mittee members, Morris Goldin, Henry Abrams, Babette Jones committee be empowered to further explore the feasibility of designating a ticket. would have avoided recording

a definitive expression of the viewpoint of the conference. Speaking for the committee majority — McManus, McAvoy, Rubinstein, Zaslow, Stryker and DeHaan-Murry Weiss declared

that he fully appreciated that cern for winning CP support was shared by all. But, Weiss said, "I don't see how we can

maximum of unity on a minimum program is for an over-

### **Clasping Hands in Solidarity**

... N.Y. Socialists to Oppose 2-Party Rule



Members of Presiding Committee at United Independent-Socialist Conference join hands to sing "Solidarity, Forever" at end of the parley. The conference members, too, joined hands for the singing of labor's anthem. This is custom of British labor and socialist gatherings.

such statements," meant that

there wasn't "any hope for a

. . would be a narrow, sec-

ple." He declared the CP "will

isolate socialists

minimum basis."

he excoriated the Communist. In his policy speech to the the contention that significant party's policy of supporting the delegates, Davis declared that support could be enlisted on Democrats and their claim that he didn't think the statement immediate issues but that the to do otherwise would mean "went far enough or sufficient- workers are not ready to break isolation from the labor move- ly repudiated the attack." He with the Democratic party and ment. He was vigorously ap- further asserted that Murry that a full socialist ticket would plauded. Benjamin Davis walk-Weiss' statement that "Mr. Hal-|stand in the way of influenced out during the speech. linan had the right to make ing them on the issues.

After Hallinan's speech, Sidney Gluck, of the presiding committee, expressed regret that he had attacked the CP's policies at the public rally. The for a compromise on some movement it was necessary to floor was then given to Arnold Johnson who bitterly assailed

the speech as "slanderous" of ly refuted by the debate that campaign to a candidate for followed. During the seven-hour U.S. Senator would help to his party. He was followed by Murry discussion on the issue of one bring about unity, it was ar-Weiss who declared: "I think or five candidates some 50 peo-

ple took the floor. All view-Mr. Hallinan has a right to his opinion. I think the Communpoints were presented, includist Party has a full right to ing that of the CP, and a its opinion. Not only - as our fraternal atmosphere prevailed the argument that running a party has always said-in the throughout.

face of the witch-hunt, but in the gatherings of the radical Davis said that the Communist man. Speaker after speaker movement . . .. For our part, Party believes that "the nom- sharply assailed Harriman's ination of a full socialist ticket cold war, witch-hunt record we want everybody in-every member of the Communist Party, every leader of the Comtarian and premature move for nothing less than socialist munist Party, together with that would

the whole movement to put up from labor and the Negro peoa real socialist campaign against the capitalist tickets. PRESIDING COMMITTEE STATEMENT

The next morning the pre- the Negro people's movement." siding committee presented a statement expressing regret other top leaders of the CP icy described their futile efforts that Hallinan had stated his left the conference floor and to reach the workers by trying

personal views about the CP did not return. However, a to function in Democratic form. During the two-hour disand declared that it did not number of their supporters re- party clubs. assume responsibility for his mained and participated in the

slate in no way decreased the possibility of winning unity. If five are nominated, she said, there is nothing to prevent the Communist Party later from reaching a degree of unity by endorsing our Senatorial candidate.'

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A number of delegates told the conference that they were expressing not only their own views but those of friends and associates unable to attend. One delegate read a letter of support from Max Bedacht, long-time leader of the International Workers Order. The letter said in part: "Yes, the American workers lack readiness for powerful independent political action. To create that readiness is the job of the revolutionary socialists. They must do it with example, with education through action, and with leadership. If we fail to perform this duty we reduce socialism to the unenviable position of the capitalist Christian religion. You believe in it; you say its prayers; but you condemn all those who want to practice it."

Perhaps the most moving episode in the conference came when a Brooklyn worker with 49 years devoted to the socialist cause told how in the 1957 primary election he had followed the CP policy and voted for Wagner. He then went home, he said and washed his hands to wash off the shame. (See Excerpts from Debate, page 2.) HAIL PLATFORM

The second argument ad-Complete unanimity of the vanced was that since everyconference was registered in real debate or fight for a policy body at the conference wanted the adoption of the draft platwhich we advocate or any hope maximum unity of the radical

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find the most minimal basis for

Virtually no one at the con-

ference seemed convinced by

single candidate did not mean

and declared they would settle

Some delegates bitterly re-

counted how the American La-

dorsed" capitalist politicians.

opposition to him.

kind of support.

. AND FOR FIVE

This assertion was thorough- collaboration. Limiting the

In his statement on policy, left-handed support to Harri-

not go along with any policy bor Party was scuttled to

that will place us in a clash carry out the CP's "coalition"

with the labor movement or line of supporting "labor-en-

Shortly afterward he and Former supporters of this pol-

gued

Evoking hearty response from the audience were the following remarks made by a participant in the debate. "I wish I could say that I spoke for an organized group but I've been investing my time in the Democratic clubs. And those of you who have had this experience, you know that you're spotted as a progressive and they say, 'The envelope stuffing begins over there." And that's all I've been able to do in the three Democratic clubs in which I've held membership. So from now on in, if I'm going to stuff envelopes, they're going to carry a socialist message."

cussion, proposals were made The delegates just wouldn't for improving or adding to the buy the argument that running various planks. But not a Two main arguments were a single candidate was the single delegate challenged its

to one candidate. The first was socialists. A veteran garment After election of the continu-

**Reaction vs. Progress in USSR** 

The secret trial and execution of Imre Nagy, Gen. Pal Maleter and several other prominent Hungarian Communist Party members associated with the November 1956 revolution, marks a new swing to repression by the Kremlin.

It testifies once again to the fundamental conflict in the Soviet-bloc countries between the working class, the youth and the intellectuals against what the Hungarian Communist writer, Tibor Dery, called a "regime of gendarmes and bureaucrats."

The conflict is born not of "failure" of the planned-production system, but, on the contrary, of its gigantic successes. The workers seek to translate these gains

such creation. Great achievements, such

as the sputnik, are made despite despotic the minority had in no way rule. Yet every industrial and cultural yielded its desire for a full, soadvance renders the conflict between the cialist ticket and that its conneeds of the Soviet system and the bureaucratic oligarchy more acute.

As Trotsky predicted in 1937, "The avoid a clear expression of socialist culture will flourish only in pro- opinion from this body . . portion to the dying away of the state. The best way to achieve a In that simple and unshakable historic law is contained the death sentence of the whelming vote here in support present political regime in the Soviet of the resolution." Union. Soviet democracy is not the de- 81 TO 154 mand of an abstract policy, still less an After a spirited debate on mand of an abstract policy, still less an abstract moral. It has become a life-and-death need of the country." That life-who voted for the amendment by build the unity of purpose who voted for the amendment by build the unity of purpose which is this conference's prime objective." Two main arguments were advanced for limiting the ticket to one candidate. The first was

into greater benefits for themselves by curtailing the swollen economic privileges at the top and by gaining the democratic right to shape the economic plans.

Against them, the horde of office holders - factory managers, party functionaries, bemedaled generals, etc.-whom Khrushchev represents, seek to hang on to their disproportionate share of the national income and to the tyrannical power needed to preserve it.

But the struggle for workers' democracy also expresses the profound needs of the Soviet system itself -- of what Leon Trotsky called the "grandiose problem which may be comprised in the concept of independent, technical and cultural creation." The totalitarian regime stifles

revolution and its slogan of socialist the sponsors of the amendment, democracy.

The revolution was crushed by the ity for greater unity. Kremlin. Nagy, Paleter and other leading The wide support for a full participants have been framed-up and slate was demonstrated after executed. But the clash between the the amendment was defeated. working people and bureaucratic tyranny The resolution for five candiwill not be ended by bloody repressions. Voice vote with only a scatter-All genuine socialists-all genuine par- ed handful of "no" votes. The tisans of the Soviet Union-all defenders solidarity of the participants of the system of planned economy-must was further registered when take sides with the working people against the bureaucratic oppressors. For the victory of the working masses will the victory of the working masses will for the work of shaping the immeasurably advance the construction draft platform. of socialism in the Soviet-bloc countries and its spread to the other countries of convinced socialists was imthe world.

#### favored a full ticket but felt it might provide a better possibil-

That this was a gathering of

pressively evident in the extremely enthusiastic response

to the draft platform which was read to the conference by Dr. Rubinstein. It calls for so-

that Nagy and others would was admitted that he had been tem and its Democratic and quietly, "Someone had to say socialist democracy, not cap- be given safe conduct to their executed on "fabricated Republican representatives, pre- it sooner or later." sents a program on civil liber-

The revival of the blood- ties, civil rights and unempurge of Stalin by the so-called ployment and concludes with a the apparent pro-socialist na- General Maleter entered into "liberal" regime of Khrushchev stirring depiction of America's calling for a socialist slate con- claimed it was his, for didn't was of course utilized by Wash- socialist future. The conference opened with

"voicing demagogic and false representatives flouted Maleter's hang a new anti-Soviet propa- a rally Friday evening which er for a big New York daily and wasn't this an act of surstatus as negotiator and im- ganda offensive. A "diplomatic heard addresses by sponsors of observer" in Washington was the movement, including Mu- ever covered one of these his profession was the oldest, revolutionists, Nagy made many The murder of the Hungarian quoted in the N. Y. Times, riel McAvoy, Richard DeHaan, mistakes — all flowing out of Communist leaders undoubted- June 17, as saying, "I don't Sidney Gluck and Joyce Cowhis training as a Stalinist. He ly is meant as a warning to think John Foster Dulles will ley, SWP 1957 Mayoralty cancounterposed to the power of Hungarians and other dissi- ever consent to meet with the didate. Though not a member the workers an appointed gov- dents in East Europe who Soviet leaders now that they of the sponsoring committee ernment including a majority press for concessions, especially are getting their hands stained Benjamin Davis was also in-

Dulles is quite accustomed to IS MAIN SPEAKER

The principal speaker at the popular organs of the working tinue armed resistance, to or- Latin America. The only atroci- 1952 Progressive Party Presidential candidate, who, flew which corresponded to the So- and reorganize underground Washington get outraged about from California to attend the conference. Mr. Hallinan was

state chairman of the recent But many who hoped that campaign in California in be-Khrushchev meant his denun- half of Holland Roberts, well-The murder of Nagy and ciation of Stalin's frame-up known socialist educator, in his other Hungarian Communists murders in 1956 have been pro- bid for election to the office of tion.

Hallinan warmly endorsed



#### - By William Bundy -

Two tables were set up by whose remarks on the opening the door to the hall and any- night had been restrained, said: one who chose to could register "I just didn't want to count the got the money to." before or at any time during chickens before they hatched. the three-day conference. If But they hatched."

they gave a New York state address and requested a voting The palm for wit and for credential they got it. The literary contribution to the floor was open to all who chose conference unquestionably went to speak. The ability of any to Dr. Annette Rubenstein, tendency or idea to influence member of the presiding comthe conference was limited only mittee. As chairman of conby its ability to get its ad- ference sessions, as floor speakherents down, and hold them er in behalf of the full socialthrough the debate. ist slate and in her presentation of the draft platform, Dr.

There was hot discussion Rubenstein brought in quota- to firmly express the will of the he said, "that the Communist after adjournment of the Fri- tions from the Bible, Shakesday night session. "I'll never peare, Milton and modern so- insisted that many of their cialist opposition to the cold war vote for Hallinan again," said cialist poets. (Throughout the friends in the CP were symagainst the Soviet-bloc coun- one grey-haired woman. "He year, she teaches highly in- pathetic to the idea of a sotries, indicts the capitalist sys- told the truth," said another formative classes on literature.) cialist ticket and that if the Her best witticism was the conference went ahead the CP

story of the surgeon, the phy-leadership would be under sicist and the capitalist who I sat at the press table on debated as to whose was the Saturday when the resolution oldest profession. The surgeon

testing the five top state offices the Bible say that God created was being debated. One report- Eve by removing Adam's rib said, "This is the first time I gery? No, said the physicist, things where the same thing for, according to the Bible, on was being discussed on the the first day God created order floor as in the back room." out of chaos, and wasn't this

the job of a physicist? Ah yes, One militant, elderly woman said the capitalist. But who sat in the front row throughout created chaos?

the debate of the five-candidate In her concluding remarks, slate. When a few speakers Annette Rubinstein said: "They sought to argue in a round used to taunt us on the street about way for a policy of only corners with 'Radicals of the

one candidate, she would hold world unite!' That doesn't sound up her fingers and say audibly, so bad anymore." "One or five, that's what we

want to know." Elinor Ferry took the mike

to close the final session saying: On the final day, delegate "In England, when the radicals" Elinor Ferry announced: "I re- in the Labor Party finish a sesceived a long-distance call last sion of fighting it out on the night, from England. It was floor of debate, they all join Harold Davies. [A left-wing hands and sing a song that Labor Party Member of Par- over here is called 'Maryland liament] He said: 'Have you My Maryland' but over there learned to call each other com- is called 'The Red Flag.' So rade?' I said: 'We're trying.' let's all join hands and sing form. When Nagy lost power in hanged as a "counter-revolu- peal for an amnesty in Hun- ing a socialist alternative to He sends his warmest greet- Solidarity Forever.'" Everyone joined hands and sang two

choruses and a verse. Most peo-Spirits were high during the ple knew the words by heart Big Business. At the same time closing session. Muriel McAvoy too, and they sang them loud.

for a full socialist ticket by heard closing remarks by memobserving "It seems to me this bers of the presiding commitquestion of one or five that tee.

Henry Abrams told the coneveryone's talking about is a ference, "It seemed almost imfoolish question. We're socialpossible to get unity. But ists, aren't we? So we put up think we have achieved a goo as many candidates as we've measure of unity and I think

And the great majority of the more can be achieved." Annette Rubinstein said she delegates registered their agreewas "happy we're in business. ment when one independent declared: "If the CP scuttles She reminded the audience of the declaration by Debs that this conference it can move it's better to vote for what you over alongside the IWW because that's where it's headed." want and not get it than to vote for what you don't want In the debate on the amendand get it. ment to avoid decisive action

John T. McManus asked the by the convention, delegates delegates if they "realized how reiterated that the best way of far we have come in two convincing the CP leaders to years." "How Quixotic it would give up their present position have seemed a year or so ago," and support the movement was conference. Several delegates Party, the Socialist Workers Party, the Socialists and the independents would be together trying to reach minimum agreement.

On the floor and on the platform, the delegates who had discussed and debated for strong pressure to give it some three days sang "Solidarity For-

ever" with fervor to close the Dr. Annette Rubinstein said that deciding to run the full conference.



(Continued from Page 1) italist restoration. The official homes. On this promise Nagy charges." Hungarian announcement of the left the sanctuary of the Emmurder of Nagy took note of bassy only to be taken captive. ture of the struggle when it negotiations for the withdrawal charged the prisoners with of Soviet troops. The Soviet ington as a hook on which to 'socialist' slogans."

From the point of view of prisoned him. of non-socialist and anti-so- the Yugoslavs. The threat to with blood just as Stalin's vited to speak. cialist forces in typical "peo- Yugoslavia is underlined by were." ple's front" style. Had he been the new charges that the Yugoa revolutionist, he would have slav Embassy was used by the blood-stained hands-in Spain, turned the power over to the "plotters" as a center "to con- in the Middle-East, Asia and class, the Workers' Councils, ganize strikes, to paralyze life ties he and other officials in viets in the Russian Revolution subversion." These charges were are those committed in the of 1917. But Nagy was not a immediately denounced by the Soviet bloc. Leninist. Nagy still thought only Yugoslav government as lies. in terms of control rather than 1949 FRAME-UP leadership of the workers. TRUCE VIOLATED

In addition both Nagy and repeats the pattern of Stalin's foundly shocked. Pietro Nenni, state superintendent of educa-Maleter made the fatal mistake earlier frame-up in 1949 of Italian ally of the Communist of taking the "new liberalism" Foreign Minister Laszlo Rajk Party, said he was stunned by of the Kremlin as genuine re- who was arrested and then the news. He recalled his ap- the conference aim of present-November of 1956 he took tionary." After the 20th Con- gary and bitterly noted that the two capitalist parties and ings." refuge in the Yugoslav Em- gress of the Communist Party "instead there have come the detailed the record of both bassy. The Kadar government of the Soviet Union in 1956 new executions which reopen major parties as servants of promised the Yugoslav officials Rajk was declared innocent. It the wounds."

Kremlin Kills Nagy, 3 Others.

### VINCENT HALLINAN

## The Speed-Up Issue

Paradoxically, one of the major causes of the current crisis in Chrysler corporation plants organized by the United Auto Workers union (see story page 1) is the fact that the top leadership of the UAW has for years hamstrung the General Motors local unions in their fight against speed-up. Chrysler now insists on squeezing production workers as much as GM does. The near revolt this has created in the union's Chrysler set-up can be better understood in light of the following description of GM conditions excerpted from the May issue of the Assembler, official organ of New Jersey GM Local 595. The issue was published just before UAW contracts with the Big Three expired.

"The corporation describes the present contract as a fine document which has preserved labor peace. It is true that we haven't had many disputes since 1955 when the contract was signed. But is that to our benefit? GM doesn't tell us in its letter that there were over 110,000 written grievances in 1957 and about 155,000 written grievances in 1956, under that contract . . .

"In 1957 GM employed approximately 350,000 workers who became union members. This means that one out of every three employes ran into a situation at work which was bad enough to be written up as a grievance. Does that sound like labor peace? Yes it was peaceful for

the company all right. They went right on producing and raking in tremendous profits while the poor lunk on the assembly line waited as much as six months for the company to do something about his grievance.

"No wonder Mr. Curtice [GM president] likes the agreement! Without it the 110,000 aggrieved employees wouldn't have been so quiet when their rights his grievance was settled. And without it, his foreman couldn't ride an overworked employe until the worker was provoked into losing his temper and found himself out the door!

"We don't need a continuation of the present agreement. We need a new and better agreement. We need an agreement that actually protects us from overbearing foremen, not one that lets them pick on us while our grievance is being processed . . . What we don't need is the reliable tool and die maker. old agreement in which GM's high-priced lawyers found the loop-holes before the books were even printed.

Unfortunately, Reuther's policy of not help GM workers fight speed-up, and they want to fight it. As the Assembler points out: "Things were a lot tougher through the early history of our union, but we made terrific gains."

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Art Laurent, a member of the Milwaukee branch of the Socialist Workers Party, was found dead on June 3 of a heart were trampled on! Without it he couldn't attack in his cabin at Bay de Noc, Wisconsin, where he had require a man to work like two men until gone on his annual Memorial Day fishing expedition.

> Comrade Laurent was 54 years old. He was a man of memorable and unique appearance and personality. He seemed a colossus - tall, heavy-set - and since early manhood handicapped<sup>®</sup> with a wooden leg. He affected a gruffness of mammer that intimidated people till they caught on to his concealed gentleness, thoughtfulness, even shyness.

He spent his early years working a farm at Thorpe, Wisconsin, taking on the responsibility left him by his father's death, of supporting a large family. When his charges had grown old enough to start on their separate paths to becoming school teachers and professional men, Art with his wooden leg and his mind full of the radical, progressive traditions, migrated to the city. There he rapidly schooled himself into a

He lived a stoical life, hardly touched by the ordinary duce a bill for the 30-hour week pleasures and comforts. He held that everyone was obligated to labor - and to think. He believed in the right of everyone to the full social product of their labor, but they must think and organize as socialists - that is go beyond the credo of retreat in the face of the recession will the International Association of Machinists to which he belonged.

Members of the Socialist Worker's Party first met Art at a Socialist Party picnic in 1944 where they were circulating rights to education and equality. petitions on behalf of the 18 SWPers and union leaders, imprisoned after the Minneapolis Labor Trial, the first Smith Act trial in America.

Art admired the socialist integrity and anti-war stand of "the Minneapolis bunch," as he called them. Soon he subscribed to the Militant and in 1945 joined the Milwaukee branch of the SWP. Orderly in his habits, scrupulous in always bearing a full share of the party's financial burden, he had shortly before his death taken on the post of branch treasurer.

During the height of the witch hunt Comrade Laurent was active in getting workers in his shop to sign petitions for right to vote on the question Senator McCarthy's recall. One of the last lunch-hour "discussions" with the "Republican" tool and die makers at A. O. The real power that can bring such Smith where he worked reportedly ended with him roaring: "I voted for Farrell Dobbs three times and will continue to American workers and farmers. But how vote for him because he's the only labor leader who knows

Comrade Laurent embodied the grass-roots radicalism of which he was a native product. This most precious element let'dealing with "Key to Success," "De- which ne was a native product. This most products clement, and Robert Himmel, in the American heritage, passed on to his comrades, strength- general, and Robert Himmel, velopment of Class Consciousness," "A ened and will continue to strengthen the Milwaukee branch for secretary of state. All three

# ... Auto Ranks Rally Spanish Sailors

(Continued from Page 1) (Following the Plymouth Loan appeal for everyone to join in the Reports are that some locals cal vote to authorize a strike "hard-hitting, inspiring life of a revolu- voted to pay up a year in ad- vote, a UAW release announced vance. A St. Louis local reports "that President Walter P. Reuthat more than 1,000 members ther was personally assuming showed up to pay dues in a the directorship of the Chrysler single day.

There has been no request interim basis." Vice-President voted over two-and-a-half decades in the from UAW tops for a strike Norman Matthews has been in labor and socialist movement as a miner, vote - just the reverse, official charge of this department. Ofa seaman and labor journalist. In 1946 he policy is to keep working un-ficial reason for the personal til the stockpile of 800,000 cars change was Matthews' poor

New York State. He is at present editor head of the Union, told a press Ford Local 325 at St. Louis conference, June 17, that he and Local 551 at Chicago have political asylum in Mexico. registered Negroes. Today only news over NBC and CBS, tellternational Socialist Review. His excel- expects the contract to be voted to strike if and when the They have been waiting for a about 45 Negroes are still reg- ing what the Supreme Court lent pamphlet should be added to your library. It is a fine introduction to social-

# Michigan Socialists Hit **Democrats on Jobless**

DETROIT, June 15 - Frank Lovell and Evelyn Sell, Socialist Workers Party candidates for governor and U.S. senator, opened their campaign at a dinner here last night at their campaign headquarters, 3737 Woodward Ave.

Lovell, speaking about un-+ employment, said, "All our politicians have done is extend the pittance of the unemployed for 13 weeks, and in many cases, not even that. But that is not enough. We want jobs." Lovell said that the answer to unemployment now is the shorter work week with no reduction in take-home pay. He said that if Governor Williams was the friend of labor that he claims to be, he would introat 40 hours pay.

On the issue of civil rights, Lovell accused Governor Williams of hypocrisy in not being critical of the Democrats in the South who deny Negroes their "I don't see how a man can call himself a liberal and tell people to vote for the Democrats, the traditional party of

Jim Crow," Lovell said. Evelyn Sell proposed that the vote be given to 18-year-olds, saying, "If they're old enough to fight and die, they're old enough to vote." She proposed that all people be given the of war or peace by national referendum. She also said that the American people need a Labor Party.

Three more candidates were announced at this dinner. Larry Dolinski, for lieutenant governor; Rita Shaw, for attorney - J. E. B. are trade unionists.



LOS ANGELES, June 16 An appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for their release on bail has been denied to the Five Spanish Sailors, Department of the UAW on an who have been confined for nearly a year now at the U.S. Immigration Center at Chula Vista on the U.S.-Mexican bor-

der.



EVELYN SELL, Socialist Workers Party candidate for U.S. senator from Michigan and FRANK LOVELL, SWP candidate for governor of Michigan.

# ... Terror in Georgia

(Continued from Page 1) cording to Chief of Police Lee, follows: "Well, Cap, I believe who says he was told by his we ought to be strict about informers among the Negroes, who votes. There isn't a nigger 'This boy made believe he had in Georgia who wouldn't take a shotgun. He aimed it at the over if he could. They all want policeman and shouted 'Bang'!" the power. The nigger has pro-For that he was thrown in jail, gressed under our system and When his mother went to the we sure wouldn't progress unpolice station, "She was carry- der his. Isn't that right? I tell ing on about her boy being you this, Cap, all this agitation locked up," says Chief Lee, is the work of communists." 'We put her in there to cool her down." Young Flagg was viven a beating by the cops and son. Sheriff Matthews explainined \$18 for disorderly conduct. ed: "This [city] administration Terrell County Sheriff Z. T. Matthews and Police Chief Lee we need it, the way things are explain the series of shootings

and beatings as caused by the Negroes' "resisting" arrest. You know, Cap," Sheriff Matthews nonetheless told Washington Post reporter Baker, "there's nothing like fear to

keep niggers in line." Background to the legal lynching and police brutality white man has, all you've got,

The five young men from the Negroes from registering and have gotten worse since tele-Spanish Navy jumped their voting. Terrell County in 1956 vision. They all got television ships last year in order to seek had 3.486 white voters and 105 sets up there and hear all the

thews outlined his views as Officially there is no longer

a curfew for Negroes in Dawdidn't see fit to have one. But going. A man who knows the nigger can tell when dissatisfaction is brewing. Niggers up late at night are suspicious.'

#### THEY HEAR THE NEWS'

Dawson Police Chief Lee said among other things: "The nigger resents everything the is the determination to prevent all I've got. I've noticed things

### **Stands For** What SWP

THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY-WHAT IT IS - WHAT IT STANDS FOR. By Joseph Hansen. Pioneer Publishers. 54 pages. 25c.

This new pamphlet is much more than a presentation of the principles, aims and activities of the Socialist Workers Party. It is a brief but precise presentation of the basic Marxist analysis of capitalist evils and of the socialist alternative of planned production for use.

Socialist literature has supplied abundant material exposing the war-depression alternatives of capitalism. There is a shortage of material explaining the potentials of planned economy. This pamphlet presents the capitalist system as it appears in the United States and then goes further to give the reader a glimpse of what a socialist America would be like.

"Picture our grimy, tenement-cluttered, smog-choked urban areas turned into clean, beautiful cities, filled with modern buildings, playgrounds, grass, pools, flowers and trees! That is only the beginning. The work week can be shortened as automation takes over the burden of labor . . . . Workers can retire young enough to enjoy years of leisure. With life-time security guaranteed—an ample

the fullest, to contribute his best to the world."

a society into being is the mass of the can they do this? The author takes up anything about the history of this country." these questions in sections of the pamph-Party of Action," and "Socialism and the and the SWP nationally. Labor Movement."

Life inside the Socialist Workers Party-internal discussion and democracy, educational work, branch meetings, finances, etc. - is explained in the last sections of the pamphlet. It closes with tionary socialist . . . There is no better life than participating to the best of your ability in the struggle for socialism."

The author, Joseph Hansen, has dewas SWP candidate for U.S. Senator in is depleted. Walter Reuther, health.) of the theoretical Marxist magazine, Inlibrary. It is a fine introduction to social-

