# **Group Fights Carolina Racial Injustice**

# Takes Legal Steps **To Free Children** "Kissing Case"

DEC. 19-Conrad Lynn, general counsel for the Com-Vol. XXII — No. 51 mittee to Combat Racial Injustice, a newly formed group, is preparing further legal action to secure the release from

tice, is getting ready to file pa- The newly formed Committee North Carolina juvenile law According to the group's press Price refused.

MIGHT GET OUT **BEFORE THEY'RE 21** 

tried on three charges of as- tin, publisher of the Carolina sault and of molesting three



# them had allegedly been kissed price of her climbing out. In by a seven-year-old white girl. condemning them to indetermby a seven-year-old white girl. The Committee reported on le-gal steps in the case in a gen-eral press release issued today. Mr. Lynn of New York, a well-known civil-rights attor-ney, acting for the parents of the two boys and for the Com-mittee to Combat Racial Injus-tion is getting ready to file pa-

pers in North Carolina Superior to Combat Racial Injustice has Court. He failed last week to undertaken to supply the legal win a modification of the boys' assistance required to restore sentence from Judge J. Hamp- the two Negro boys to their ton Price of Monroe who had families and to prevent victimioriginally sentenced the chil-dren in the "Kissing Case." officials of the city.

permits the judge who presided at the original trial to order **Robert F. Williams (chairman** such modification, but Judge of the group) and Dr. A. E. Perry, president and vice-president respectively of the NAACP

in Union County, N.C., where The two boys were originally Monroe is located: L. E. Aus-(Continued on Page 2)

reformatory of James Hanover Thompson, 9, and David "Fuz-zy" Simpson, 8, both of Mon-ree, North Carolina. Last Nov. 4 the two Negro boys were committed for indefinite terms to reformatory after one of the bell when birse of her climbing out. In the dell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell when birse of her climbing out. In the dell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell when birse of her climbing out. In the dell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the bell were boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the boys dilegedly set a to reformatory after one of the to reformatory after one of to reformatory a Organizing in Detroit

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### What Can We **Expect** from **New Congress?**

By Carl Goodman

How much will working men and women get out of the next Congress in the way of civil rights, jobless pay, housing and other reforms? Something perhaps, but not much. Certainly nowhere near what they need. And the Northern and Western Democrats elected with the votes of the working people are preparing their alibi right now. They'll say they couldn't get past Senator Johnson, Senate Democratic floor leader, or Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House. These two gentlemen are from Texas. They run Congress. And they are experts at balancing between the Northerners and the Dixiecrats.

But are the liberals trying to upset the rule of this pair? Furthermore, are they trying to smash the control of the Southern Democrats over a majority of the Congressional committees? Not according to accounts of maneuvering now beginning on the Democratic side of both houses of Congress on the eve of the start of the new session. Because of the sweep of the Democrats in the Nov. 4 elections, Northern and Western Democrats outnumber Southern seek is to enlarge a number of





Workers at the General Motors Chevrolet Gear and Axle Division in Detroit as they took strike action last Oct. 2 when their UAW contract expired. Today, GM, Chrysler and Ford workers are combatting unemployment and company speed-up of those still on the job.

Ala. Negroes Testify on How Democrats nearly two to one in the Senate and about seven to four in the House of Represen-tatives. Yet all that the liberals Racists Bar Them from Polls I with the Chrysler jobless pick-eted Solidarity House, UAW headquarters, demanding that the International officers act to

# Join with Employed At Chrysler to Fight **Overtime**, Speed-Up

By Albert Phillips

DETROIT, Dec. 13-Chrysler workers in Detroit, spearheaded by men and women from the Dodge Main plant, have given the lead in past weeks to auto workers seeking unity of employed and unemployed union members in the face of interlocking problems.

Since the changeover to new models in mid-September, the Dodge Main plant alone has worked some 96,000

## 7,000 Strike At Chrysler In Detroit

hours of overtime, enough to have brought at least 300 workers off the unemployed list, had

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speedup production standards. demonstrations at Chrysler During the two weeks since the plants throughout the city.

strike began the corporation UNEMPLOYED SKILLED has laid off an estimated addi- WORKERS' COMMITTEE tional 25,000 workers in its

The Chrysler jobless workers plants across the country, claimvere then joined in their caming the Detroit strike has crepaign by a city-wide committee ated a parts shortage that made of unemployed skilled workers. continued production impos-Last month, this group along

plant after 24 hours of fruitless ban

the corporation maintained a 40-hour week. In protesting this policy, the Dodge Local 3 (UAW) Unemployed Committee won enough sympathy from the employed workers to shut down DEC. 16-Over 7,000 Chrysler the plant by demonstrating in workers in Detroit have been front of factory gates on Saton strike since Dec. 2 against urday mornings. The action at company efforts to further the Main plant sparked similar



# Militant's Fund Drive Tops 100% at Close

By George Lavan National Fund Drive Director

DEC. 15 — Today the 30th Anniversary Militant Fund Drive for concessions and compromise achieved full and prompt success with \$19,366 contributed in with him [Rayburn]. Some of the three-month period starting Sept. 15. Every group of Mili- the changes he might want 128 are registered. tant supporters met their quota 100% or over, with Oakland anyway, or at least not be opposed to." Another Congressmaintaining its banner position and hitting 151%. (See scoreboard, page 2.)

We know what energy and devotion the fulfillment of quotas entailed and we are all the more impressed and gratified by the splendid result.

Twin Cities Fund Director Fannie Curran sent a check of \$325.75 right on deadline and reports: "We had an excellent An- noses as well as we. Anyway, tified that only 32% of all pounded by Judge George Wal- advantage of Negroes wherever UAW president Walter Reuther Main and Chrysler workers niversary celebration last Saturday. It was the proceeds from

this affair plus our entire treasury which enables us to send in this payment. Farrell Dobbs really did us a very great service by staying over for our celebration. The spirit and attendance was wonderful and the results unprecedented here for many a year.'

Clara Kaye of Seattle wrote: "We held three house socials in the past three weeks to help raise our fund; also, a number of friends raised their original pledges. With unemployment plaguing us, we feel very happy that we were able to fulfill our quota."

This is the second successful fund-raising effort of Militant supporters and Socialist Workers Party members in 1958. In the Spring Socialist Expansion Fund \$20,678 was raised; with the Guardian, Dec. 9, John T. Mcresults of the Militant 30th Anniversary drive this makes a total of \$40,044 raised by socialist militants this year.

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New York Special Meeting of Militant Labor Forum to Hear

### Conrad Lynn

on the

#### CAROLINA "KISSING CASE"

Mr. Lynn is serving as attorney for Hanover Thompson, age 9, and David Simpson, age 8, who were sentenced to reformatory by a Monroe, N.C., judge until they are 21, because one of the Negro boys was kissed by a sevenyear-old white girl. Mr. Lynn will report on court action he is preparing to initiate in North Carolina to release the boys.

Monday, December 22-8 P.M. 116 University Place (Off Union Square) Contribution \$1 -Proceeds to North Carolina Defense

By Lillian Kiezel key committees to obtain some-

what greater voice and a few more votes on them. They also humiliation, fear, deliberate not." want rule changes to make it negligence and economic presless easy for Southern Demosure to prevent Negroes from crats and Republicans to bottle registering to vote. Ample eviup even mild civil rights and dence to prove these charges social - welfare legislation. To came from dozens of complain- ported that in Wilcox County achieve their aims, the liberals ing witnesses at the hearing of there are 8,000 Negroes to 22,000 intend to put pressure on Johnthe federal Civil Rights Com- whites but not one Negro is a son and Rayburn but not to mission held Dec. 8. The Combreak with them. They propose mission functions under the registration lists. Mrs. Amelia to go no further than Johnson

and Rayburn agree to go. THEY'LL COMPROMISE As one liberal Democratic franchisement. Congressman, quoted in the Dec.

Lowndes County has a Negro 15 Wall Street Journal, said, population of 13,000 but not a "We're proposing enough single Negro registered voter. changes so there will be room Dallas County has a Negro pop-

ulation of 8,000 of which only

In Macon County (Tuskegee), fied to humiliation and threats who attempts to vote, to main- pletely lawful. man said of the reaction of the whites seven to one, only 510 registering. Only one of the Negro teachers in the public Southerners to rule changes:

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He said ".

warns us whether we have the Commission was forced Alabama officials have used passed [the 'literacy' test] or temporarily to adjourn the production standards for 400 hearings and appeal for a court

> decision. These officials have ECONOMIC PRESSURE now received an order from Fed-J. Ernest Wilkins, only Negro eral District Court Judge Frank member of the Commission, re-Johnson to "produce the records or go to jail." They must appear with the records Friday, Dec. 19.

, the board never in three other counties. Thus

registered voter according to Patterson maintains that 1957 Civil Rights Law as a fact- P. Boyonton who is chairman finding body which investigates of the political action commitall written complaints of dis- tee of Women's Clubs testified: "I know economic pressure has been applied to members of my race [in Wilcox County] and because of this they have not a sovereign state to govern it- national spokesmen for the applied for voter registration."

Other witnesses, most of whom

where Negroes outnumber which prevent Negroes from tain a lower salary scale for

happy about all this. But they ell, executive secretary of the ernor-elect Patterson, registra-elsewhere. In short, he wants cording to the Associated Press, are politicians and can count Tuskegee Civic Association tes- tion records have been im- the right to exploit and take a "union source" has said that ty-three unemployed Dodge we'll try as much as possible Negro applicants have been reg- lace in Barbour and Bullock and whenever the opportunity will intervene in renewed ne- were summoned to appear in listered in the past eight years. Counties and by Grand Juries presents itself."

negotiations on an increase in ment exists.

The UAW brass, who up to

this point had ignored the un-

to issue a public statement de-

workers in the body department. A few hours later they were joined by 2,000 strikers at employed, were finally forced stamping plant and the Chry- ploring overtime as "morally sler foundry. C. Pat Quinn of Dodge Local

3, charged the strike was forced by company efforts to "reinstate sweatshop conditions." states' rights are being violated As soon as the walkout came, in Alabama. The Carolina company spokesmen indicated Times of Durham, N. C. ans- plans for legal action against wers this editorially: "What the the union by charging the average southerner means by strike violated the terms of the states rights is not the right of recently signed contract. Interself or conduct its own affairs. union replied that since the is- plants while a strike at a West He means he wants the right, sue of production standards is Coast Chrysler factory was in without federal interference, to not subject to arbitration under progress.

were professional people, testi- lynch or shoot down a Negro the contract the strike was com-

Negroes are registered against witnesses is a registered voter. schools and for Negro workers of this writing a date for re- corporation went to court to "Of course [they] won't be 3,016 whites. William P. Mitch- Under directives of Gov- in industry, on the farm and sumption has not been set. Acgotiations.

ble" while workers are jobless. The inadequacy of their stand is underlined by contrasting it to their action prior to the April UAW convention. At that time, under great pressure from the ranks-and because the top leaders were coming up for reelection-the International officers defied the contract and prohibited overtime in Chrysler Despite lack of leadership from Reuther the recent actions Negotiations were broken off of the unemployed have been by the company, Dec. 14, and as so effective, that the Chrysler

secure an injunction against further demonstrations. Twencourt. Shortly before, the court issued a temporary injunction against demonstrations and ordered the jobless to show cause why it should not be made permanent.

The International officers, apparently because of "contractual

In my opinion the main task labor bureaucracy as against pled foundation of the move- the most statesmanlike speeches obligations," refused to give of Walter Reuther and David J. legal aid to the workers who McDonald have not succeded in were cited, and they had to go repealing the law of the class outside the UAW's legal departstruggle. And so far, no one ment. They retained Charles has shown a single example in Lockwood, noted civil libertarihistory where the workers suc- an, and another lawyer of lib-This principle holds that there ceeded in transforming a party eral inclinations. The local of the ruling class into a party chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union submitted a

But, of course, the CP lead- friend-of-the-court brief through ership and the social demo- its Detroit Chapter president,

more and more enmeshed in flowed into the corridors of the (Continued on Page 2)

# **Principle of Class Struggle in Politics**

#### By Murry Weiss Reporting last month's Cleve-

basic positions.

of the discussion of the 1958 the socialist principle of the ment. Manus pegged two "hardrock positions" in the discussion of socialist electoral policy: One position held by the Commu-

nist Party advocates "operating At the moment it is hard to see within the Democratic Party where a "middleground" posiwith the labor movement." The tion can lead when fully develother position is held by the Socialist Workers Party "which "hardrock" positions. refuses to support candidates of

'capitalist' parties, and advocates ON SIDE OF challenging them with inde- LABOR BUREAUCRACY

pendent socialist candidates in every possible situation." Mc-Manus said that a large number social democratic concept of ment. To my mind, a new rise class. From this standpoint it To do that it is necessary to lawyers for the jobless. Then of participants in the discussion "took the floor to argue for Party with the labor move- be marked by a return to seri- torically shaped political par- is, namely, within the Demo- anti-demonstration injunction middleground maneuverability between" these positions. Obviously McManus does not cracy. This is not the same thing of snickering and skepticism transformation by the labor of- scheme has been mere talk. The the arguments of the attorneys pretend to do more than iden- as working in the labor move- when principle is introduced in ficialdom-with or without the real policy was set by the labor for the unemployed. Thus the tify the different views. And as ment, More accurately, the CP a discussion will be dispelled. assistance of "socialist" advisers. bureaucrats who have become crowd of workers who overfar as it goes, I would say, it and the social democrats sup- Certainly the youth coming to BALANCE SHEET is a fair summary of the two port the class-collaboration socialism will not fail to make And facts have abundantly the capitalist party structure courtroom were treated to a

working in the Democratic in the socialist movement will is nonsense to regard the his- be where the labor movement he read his ruling-making the ment" really means working ous examination of basic Marx- ties of capitalist rule as subjects cratic Party. However, over a permanent - from a statement with and for the labor bureau- ist principles; the atmosphere for clever manipulation and span of two decades, their prepared before he even heard

principle and practice of the a serious study of the princi- verified Marxist theory. So far (Continued on Page 3)

land Conference of American election experience and of the class struggle. That is why the The SWP openly states that Socialists for the National perspectives for socialist poli- dispute over socialist electoral it bases its view of the structical and electoral action is to policy is a dispute over princi- ture and function of the two clarify the difference between ple and program and not a mere capitalist parties on the Marxist the two "hardrock positions." difference over tactics and principle of the class struggle. As for the middlegrounders, I maneuvers. would prefer to see their view It has become fashionable to is an irreconcilable economic elaborated before commenting. sneer at principles and make and political conflict between of the working class.

principles seriously and use class on the one side and the them as a guide to action. I like industrial working class along crats will say they have no Harold Norris. The ACLU oped except to either of the a good joke as well as the next with all other working people illusions about taking over the agreed with the unemployed person but I cannot help ob- on the other. The class struggle Democratic Party for labor. It that they were being deprived

sly jokes about those who take the monopoly-capitalist ruling

serving that the spoofing of in modern society leads to the is only a question of helping of their constitutional right of

principle became popular al- struggle for power and finally the labor movement break with free speech and assembly. As I said in my article last most in direct proportion to the to the establishment of the the Democratic Party and form At the trial, the presiding democratic rule of the working a Labor Party, they will claim. judge continually heckled the

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# Monroe, N.C. — As Two Young Socialists Saw It

publication.-Ed.)

MONROE, N.C. - Peace and she meant. happiness prevail in Monroe, North Carolina; at least, that's his door. He is a big man, about patched one right next to the what the local papers say. Two six feet tall. Even so, we felt little Negro boys, aged 8 and 9, his power more in the way he row street. It is easy to see how sit in peace in reform school talked and was talked about by because a white girl kissed one his friends we met later. "White play together. of them. A white farmer is folks don't like all the publicity back in his fields in happiness Monroe's been getting recently," after having severely beaten he said. "They've set up a comrape her.

community for ourselves.

Monroe is a small town, (pop. the two boys. 12,000) situated 35 miles west of Mr. Williams took us for a town in the North or West. Hanover and Fuzzy went be-Trees line the streets cutting fore they were taken off. through rows of small, two-

comfortable terminal waiting ing. room marked WHITE we knew ONE-WAY STREET this was the South. The COL- A small cafe, owned and op-ORED room, segregated by a erated by Negroes, attracted steel fence, was dark and dis- our attention. We were surprispeople.

asked, on the telephone, for way business. A white man is Robert F. Williams, president free to go wherever he pleases, of the Union County chapter of but if you have a dark skin, the National Assn. for the Ad- you go where the whites say vancement of Colored People. you can go." "Welco

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City	Quota	Paid	Percent				
Oakland	\$ 340	\$ 512	151				
Connecticut	300	310	103				
St. Louis	80	81	101				
Allentown	112	113	101				
Buffalo	1,500	1,515	101				
Milwaukee	250	252	101				
Boston	450	450	100				
Chicago	1,000	1,000	100				
Cleveland	750	752	100				
Denver	50	50	100				
Detroit	600	600	100				
Los Angeles	4,600	4,600	100				
Newark	265	265	100				
New York	4,500	4,500	100				
Philadelphia	528	528	100				
Pittsburgh	10	10	100				
San Diego	300	300	100				
San Francisco	440	440	100				
Seattle	550	550	100				
South	200	200	100				
Twin Cities	1,742	1,742	100				
Youngstown	300	300	100				

Robert Williams greeted us at

the pregnant wife of a Negro mittee to lure industry down group of small, unpainted share-cropper in an attempt to here and they don't want busi- shacks. They looked as if they nessmen scared away." The would crumble if you blew on These are the two events Monroe newspapers back up his them too hard. They probably which prompted us to go down and get a view of the peaceful statement by charging big city newspapermen with "bad re- standing there for 100 years. porting" in their stories about

Charlotte, N.C., textile center of walk around the neighborhood. other. A bullet shot through the the South. Its main street looks He showed us the school where front door can go right through like the center of any suburban his two boys go and where the house and out the back without stopping."

Wingate Avenue School is story stores and businesses. just barely large enough to of the nearest such house. Mrs. There is a white frame Protes- hold the hundreds of Negro Thompson, Hanover's mother, tant church in the background. children who walk from all THE MARK OF THE SOUTH parts of the "happy" commun-But when we entered the ity to go to school each morn-

at the counter. Mr. Williams ex-

cafe, Dr. A. E.

(The following story by Nora gle," said Mrs. Williams as she Perry, vice president of the Roberts is reprinted from the opened her car door when she Union County NAACP, drove Dec. 15 National Guardian. The came to pick us up. "You are up. He offered us a lift across author and Joan Garrett, both now behind the iron curtain of town to meet the mothers of the aged 16, went to Monroe for the hatred." The looks we got from two boys in the reform school. Young Socialist, monthly youth the white people who saw us Monroe is laid out in sections, riding with her pointed up what branching out from the center, like a patch-work quilt. Negro

and white neighborhoods are other, separated only by a narchildren cross the street to

#### SHOT-GUN SHACKS

We stopped in front of a

Mrs. Simpson, mother of

eight-year-old Fuzzy, came out

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pointed to a large brick school American Activities Committee building a few hundred feet away. "There are a lot of decent white folks between the

N.C

all lying here in this cemetery.'

The sheriff was standing in

the bus station as we prepared

to leave. He asked a few ques-

tions about us but not of us.

then stood watching us from

across the street as we left.

From the back of the bus win-

dow, we could see the Union

County courthouse. A white

cross of electric lights shone

from its top over the peaceful,

Captain Hugh N. Mulzac,

who was Independent-Socialist

happy community of Monroe,

Captain Mulzac

In Hospital

Negro children and that school," he said. "Unfortunately they're

**Racist Target** 

N. C. 'Kissing (Continued from Page 1) Times (Durham); Rev. C. K. Steele of Tallahassee, who headed the bus protest movement in that city; Carl Braden, Field

Secretary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund. G. L. Weissman of New York City is secretary. Conrad Lynn, the group's general counsel, resides in Rockland County where he is attorney for the NAACP. His law offices are in New York City. (Organizations were listed solely for purposes of identification.) The Committee's address is Suite 1117, 141 Broadway, New York 6, N.Y. Judge Price's refusal on Dec.

10 to modify the sentences of Hanover Thompson and David Simpson exhausts the remedies in the North Carolina juvenile courts. Because the Superior Court of Union County is not presently in session, Mr. Lynn intends to institute action in the court of an adjoining couny. He will return to North Carolina soon, the committee announced. 'SEPARATE BUT EQUAL'

A principal point being made by Lynn in his brief is that

young Thompson and Simpson did not receive due process of law or a proper trial even under the latitude permitted in juvenile cases. What took place rather was a "separate but equal" trial. The judge first held a hearing for the whites involved in the case-the sevenyear-old girl, a playmate and their parents. Later in the day, he conducted a trial for the Negro children. Though their mothers were permitted to be fore the trial.

last July about his work in the integration movement. The SCEF is a southwide group working to end all forms of segregation and discrimination. If sent, was not allowed to enter convicted, he faces a possible the courtroom. one-year prison sentence, a \$1,-

000 fine, or both. He was released in \$1,000 bond pending preliminary hearing.

A Louisville journalist, Bra- front accusers and witnesses. place for Mrs. Thompson to a white landlord, let alone de-Indeed, the mothers were not move her four children and be- feat it. On Dec. 15 the landlord frame-up in retaliation for his in the Kentucky "sedition" case even permitted opportunity to longings, the Justice of the gave Mrs. Thompson an ulti- desegregation work. The State speak to their children private- Peace prepared to run through matum to move by mid-Jan- Supreme Court overturned the wife, Anne, he had purchased ly and learn their versions of the final formality of ordering uary. a house in a restricted section the story. The two boys had the constables to carry out the

of Louisville and resold it to been held incommunicado in order. Andrew Wade IV, a Negro. The the jailhouse for six days be- Accompanied by Mr. Lynn, gal counsel has been retained tion.

## **Carolina Times Urges** Defense of Dr. Perry

(The following is an editorial, "The High Cost of Justice in the South," that appeared in the Dec. 6 Carolina Times, a militant Negro weekly.)

The second trial and conviction of Dr. Albert E. Perry vice president of the Union County branch of the NAACP, reminds us of the high cost of justice in the South and the price one must pay if he takes the leading role in trying to advance the cause of his oppressed people. If Dr. Perry were a pauper he would have no alternative but to serve the term in prison to which he has been twice sentenced. That he has taken an appeal to the North Carolina Supreme Court only goes to show how expensive it is to get a fair trial even in certain sections of North Carolina.

We will not attempt to argue here whether Dr. Perry is innocent or guilty of performing an abortion. The trial of such cases is the function of a court and not that of a newspaper. We do think, however, that the mere fact the jury in the recent trial deliberated for more than four hours lends weight to the doubt that Dr. Perry is guilty. Any Negro or white person who has lived in the South is satisfied that no jury of 12 white men would take four hours to deliberate over the case of a Negro physician performing an abortion on a white woman if there were not some doubt in their mind as to his guilt.

We think Dr. Perry's case has reached the proportion where it transcends the fight for his freedom per se. It rather appears to us that it now has taken the status of a struggle between southern prejudice, backed by Ku Klux Klan influence and progressive Negro leadership. Therefore, the expense of the appeal should be borne by a committee arranged for that purpose and not entirely by Dr. Perry.

Like the Walker-Lassiter case, progressive white and Negro leaders should join hands to see that the case of Dr. Perry is decided on the evidence and not prejudice. This newspaper would like to see the NAACP or some other organization organize a committee for Dr. Perry's defense. Justice in such cases comes high, but when the expense is shared by all of us it makes it easier for those who seek it.

Robert F. Williams, Dr. A. E. present, having been informed While in Monroe last week. Perry and a delegation of Neof the trial a few minutes be- Mr. Lynn also prevented the gro citizens, Mrs. Thompson fore, they had no time to se- eviction of Mrs. Thompson, appeared before the Justice of study of the record of the two cure counsel. Robert F. Wil- mother of the older boy. Al- the Peace and contested the trials of Dr. E. A. Perry, vice-

NAACP, for whom they had house for ten years, the pre- demonstrated that it was full of NAACP, who shortly after leadvious week the landlord had gross technical flaws, and the ing a campaign to desegregate refused the rent money and Justice of the Peace was forced Monroe's only city-owned swim-Thus, the committee says, the served her with eviction papers. to declare it void. This is be- ming pool, was indicted on a Negro children and their par- On Dec. 12, coldest day of the lieved to be the first time a charge of performing an aborents were denied counsel, de- year in North Carolina, with Negro tenant in Monroe has tion on a white woman. Dr. nied the right to hear or con- snow on the ground and no contested an eviction order of Perry and the other NAACP

Racial Injustice reports that le- cently ended in another convic-



locally to act in Mr. Lynn's absence in such cases, as well as in the Dec. 19 hearing of the case of a white man accused of brutally beating a pregnant Negro woman in a rape attempt before her five children.

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This alleged rape attempt occurred the same week as the "Kissing Case" trial. "The different treatment accorded the Negro children accused of an act that anywhere else in the world would be considered trifling, and that of the white man accused of a serious and violent crime," says the Committee, "symbolizes the racist dual standard of justice." Releasing the white man in low bail, the judge told the press that it was hardly likely he would be charged with intent to rape but on a lesser assault charge. "He was drunk and just out to have a good time," was the jurist's comment.

The Committee to Combat Racial Injustice, after studying local conditions, decided it would be prudent to have the complainant accompanied to court by counsel, lest she herself be victimized or, at the least, intimidated from testifying fully. Mr. Lynn retained legal counsel for the committee who will aid the woman with advice as she requests it and will endeavor to prevent the charge against her assailant from being dropped completely -that is, not sent to trial. It is this latter outcome, says the committee, that people in Monroe believe will happen if she does not have counsel.

Mr. Lynn, at the committee's request, is also undertaking a liams, local president of the though she has lived in her eviction order. Attorney Lynn president of the Union County leaders maintain the case is a conviction resulting from the The Committee to Combat first trial, but a second trial re-

### CARL BRADEN "These are called 'shot-gun' **Braden Indicted** shacks," said Dr. Perry. "There are three rooms, one behind the

For Contempt **Of Congress** 

DEC. 11-Carl Braden, heroic Louisville fighter against Jim walked toward us from down Crow and a field representative the street. Both are domestic for the Southern Conference workers, supporting their chil- Educational Fund, surrendered dren by themselves on the \$20 today to the U.S. Attorney's ofthey make each week working fice in Atlanta, Ga. on an inin white homes. Mrs. Simpson dictment for contempt of Consaid sorrowfully: "I miss my gress. He charged the Justice Fuzzy and I want him home Department with harassing mal, seating no more than 10 ed to see a white man sitting with me. They won't even let Southern fighters for integrame see him until he's been in tion. Braden was indicted Dec. We felt the cold stares as we plained: "Segregation is a one- that reformatory for a month." 2 for refusing to answer ques-As we talked, Dr. Perry tions before the House Un-

den gained national prominence

three years ago. Along with his

house was bombed by racists

but Kentucky authorities tried

unsuccessfully to frame Braden

Answering the present indict-

ment Braden declared: "When

-or even one of them-is har-

The unemployed workers

ment issued just prior to the

Chrysler Main plant strike, the

crime and for "sedition."

Total t	hnough			
Dec. 26		8,867	\$19,366	103

South Nassau Communities Hos- the Justice Department is dopital, Ocean Side, Long Island. ing with its left hand while it Messages can be sent to Capt. claims to support integration Mulzac at the hospital. with its right."

prominent civil - rights fighter, the participants in this struggle

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Comptroller in the Nov. 4 elec- tees and the power of the gov-

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the campaign, then was recent- come discouraged and the move-

ly taken ill again. He is at the ment is set back. That is what

# **Detroit Auto Jobless Organize**

(Continued from Page 1) workings of capitalist justice. DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM

General

now setting up a city-wide or- on public works at union wages. some departments . . ." ganization which will discuss Noteworthy by its absence in COMPLETE REVERSAL further steps to be taken all these discussions is the usu- Ford workers who have jobless have responded to the against the injunction. Also on al demand made by labor's top through the years been detheir agenda are such items as brass-namely, more "defense" manding a cutback in producdemonstrations at City Hall, appropriations.

mass visits to congressmen, etc. While the jobless committees for those UAW members work- top UAW officials have offered Dodge Local 3 Unemployed began with the question of over- ing at Dodge is far from rosy, and to accept Ford standards at Committee told the strikers: time, their members are aware their grievances at Dodge Main Chrysler if that company will "The unemployed are with you of the limited nature of even a plant have caused them to strike utilize Ford technique. While 100% in your fight against satisfactory settlement of that for the last two weeks. (See the rank and file were, as usual, speed-up. We know that the story page one.) issue.

welfare aid under consideration parable to the sweatshop days and wages and conditions to first-hand experience with the by Detroit Mayor Miriani — a of long ago. While the speed- the level of the highest. "friend of labor" endorsed by up is primarily the principle the CIO - there is discussion sore spot, the Company has al- have an attitude different from

The unemployed workers are about demanding employment so eliminated relief time in that of the UAW brass. Just as tion speeds, will hardly be en-

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Demands have been raised for the 30-hour week with no re- Dodge Local 3 president, "The the UAW leadership adopted as well as the employed. duction in pay and for legal company...instituted a vicious the worst conditions prevailing abolition of compulsory over- speedup program during the 'no as the standard for the industime. Af the same time that the contract' period in our plant. try. This is a complete reversal committees are talking about This speedup plan has led to of the traditional union apthe need to act on a 5% cut in conditions in our plant com- proach of bringing up substand-

### not consulted on this offer, it is struggle you are waging is in In the words of C. Pat Quinn, just another instance in which the interests of the unemployed "Every job that is speeded up

means increased misery for the worker in the shop and it means one more jobless worker added to the unemployment rolls.

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"We will support you on the picket lines if the Company forrequests from Militant-support- of the election campaign and number of Militant subs to as you supported us when we people who we think should demonstrated at the plant gates for our jobs.

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## **Reuther Recoils from Labor Party**

In a Dec. 9 speech, AFL-CIO president George Meany threatened that if the antilabor offensive continued, the unions would form their own political party. But just in case anyone had hopes that he might have meant business about it, his associate, Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, set the record straight at a press conference the next day:

"I think Mr. Meany was misunderstood," said Reuther. "The American labor movement is committed to work within the framework of the two-party system. A labor party is wrong because it would further fragmentize our society. We need less division and more unity.'

The statement would make any conservative European labor official blush. But it is typical of the narrow mentality of American labor's top brass and accurately states Reuther's own credo. Long ago, Reuther abandoned his socialist views. Since then he has pursued class collaboration on both economic and polical fronts. Like Meany, he has spared no effort to keep the unions "committed" to the capitalist parties.

Nor can it be argued that Reuther has tried to advance labor's basic interests within the two-party system. An advocate of the cold war, he is among the noisiest supporters of the ruinous armaments program. For example, at the same Dec. 10 press conference, he asserted that "meataxe slashing" of the arms budget is "foolhardy and could turn out to be disastrous." The statement was made with the approval of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union them out on a Georgia green. Department which he heads.

Yet despite such reactionary pro-capitalist positions as these, it has become exaggerated, however. Recent increasingly fashionable in some radical circles-most particularly with the leaders of the Communist Party and the Socialist Party-Social-Democratic Federation-to try to paint up Reuther and the wing of the union bureaucracy he represents as "progressive."

If socialists want to advance their aims in the union movement, the CP and SP-SDF leaders claim, it is necessary, above all else, not to become "isolated" from such "socially conscious" officials as Reuther. They argue that it is impractical to even think of an advance towards independent labor-political action without paper, specified a narrower are to believe Schmidt's re-rise above immediate material and-dagger crew openly boastthe leadership of the Reuthers.

Reuther's latest declaration - and his record of class collaboration of which it is a part-demonstrates the very opposite. If the ranks of labor are to be unshackled on the economic and political field, it will come only on the basis of the development of a broad left-wing movement in the unions based on a class-struggle program.

The spadework for the creation of such a left-wing in the unions is the job of the most class-conscious militants and particularly of the socialists. And the job won't be done by misrepresenting the Reuthers as "progressives," but by exposing them for what they really are-Big Business' little helpers in the unions.

### The Powell-Schuman Case

The new year threatens to open on the keynote of a political heresy trial in San Francisco in which fundamental issues of free speech, free press, the refusal to recognize China, the crimes of American imperialism in the Korean war, and the prosecution of the cold war are all wrapped in one explosive package.

After six postponements, requested by the government, the Powell-Schuman "wartime sedition" trial is set to start Jan. 19 before a federal jury.

John W. (Bill) Powell, his wife Sylvia and Julian Schuman published the China Monthly Review in Shanghai during the years of the Korean war. Powell had inherited the publication from his father who died shortly after World War II. The publication was concerned mainly with internal developments of China. According to an article by Laurent B. Frantz in The Progressive, the Review also reported and commented editorially on what was going on in Korea, saying "among other things, that the United States was engaged in 'aggressive acts,' that the Chinese and North Koreans were defending their homelands, that the Chiang Kai-shek regime was corrupt, that the United States had used the fighting as an opportunity to test bacteriological weapons, and that the Korean truce talks were being intentionally stalled by U. S. negotiators."

tention that the Review's charges were false. This entailed the right of defense

attorney A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles to go to China to gather evidence. The State Department refused him a passport. Judge Goodman threatened to bypass the State Department and send Wirin to China as an "officer of the court." The State Department was forced to break all precedent and issue a passport to Wirin.

However the State Department still refuses to enter into the normal "judicial assistance agreement" with the Chinese government. As a result the possibility of gathering the necessary evidence and witnesses is blocked.

The Powell-Schuman indictment is Farrell Dobbs appeared in the out at 30 cents an hour. Then year old Dobbs. based on the 1917 sedition act. Conviction would mean a penalty of 20 years impris-Writer.-Ed.) onment on each of the 13 counts. The 1917 act was once called by Professor Zechariah ated the social earthquake in Chafee "the deadliest blow ever struck at 1934 that changed Minneapolis a free press in the United States." Under from a bitter anti-labor "openthis act almost 2,000 socialists and pacifists were prosecuted for opposing World week. War I and Eugene V. Debs was sent to prison for making an anti-war speech. Because of the touchy issues involved in the case the government has been handling it like a hot potato. Yet it is reported that Attorney Brownell regards candidate for president three the case as a "political must." The American Civil Liberties Union intervened in the case two years ago charggot 8,148 votes. ing that the prosecution represents "a serious threat to fundamental liberties." The Powell-Schuman Defense Committee, force within the Minneapolis which has valiantly fought for the harassed defendants through all the tortuous ing Teamsters union - and the legal and witch-hunt persecutions, is appealing for funds to continue the fight at the-road organization which this crucial point. Contributions should propelled men like Dave Beck be sent to the Powell-Schuman Defense and James R. Hoffa to their po-Fund, Charles Mattox (treasurer), P. O. Box 1808, San Francisco 1, Calif.

ly he tangles up his English. He doesn't get alarmed over the way Dulles teeters at the brink of war. All he asks of life is a few simple necessities such as a putting iron, some golf balls and leisure to try This popular image of Eisenhower appears to be somewhat information that came to the New York Times through unacknowledged channels in Washington indicates that the President is bothered these days about a question of world import - the drift toward military dictatorship in countries under U.S. influence. The disclosure appeared un-

der a headline suggesting that a poll had been taken of the emotions of some 170,000,000 Adams Schmidt, who wrote the world is sixteen.' special dispatch to his newsgroup: military regimes in the free such results; it was not a policy Administration.'

### SIXTEEN GENERALS

What kicked off the worry is the fact "that in the last six at the topmost levels of Govmonths generals have taken control of the governments of seven countries - France, Iraq, Lebanon, Thailand, Pakistan, Burma and the Sudan. The to-





General Franco (left), Spanish Dictator

people: "U.S. Laments Rise of tal of generals heading govern-llife and in Government at high Army Regimes." But Dana ments in the non-Communist levels.

"Such low standards of living The Administration, if we that public interest could not "The sudden spread of port, did not intend to achieve needs

> Government's position as world of political parties prevented benz government. leader in the contest with the development of the concept of Communist bloc makes it in- loyal opposition.'

escapable that responsible men THE REAL REASONS If the real reasons for the poernment should be asking why the democratic system is ailing in so many parts of the world and what, if anything, the United States should be doing

about it.' The information coming down Schmidt's pipe line is that the Eisenhower Administration 'does not consider itself responsible, much less to blame" for the most recent instances in which generals have become heads of government whether by legal or illegal means. But the fact "that the President of the United States is a general probably adds to the sensitivity of the Administration."

leaked the reasons going the for the fragility of democracy in the "free" world. These include the following:

independence and sovereignty -aims now sought in vast areas of the world-are primary demands of democracy.

That is why the freedom fighters from Indochina to Guatemala continually point to the American Revolution of 1776 as one of their sources of inspiration. If they are forced, in some cases, into undemocratic military forms of organization, that is explainable as a consequence of the imperialist efforts to crush them.

White House lamentations over the unfortunate importance of generals in government are in ludicrous contrast to actual policy. Where peoples in other countries have launched movements for democracy the State Department has opposed them, labelling them "communist" for publicity purposes.

A glaring case was the in stallation of Colonel Armas, a military puppet, in Guatemala in 1954. Eisenhower's cloak-

ed about their role in over-"Weak political traditions, es- throwing by force and violence world worries the Eisenhower aim. "Yet the United States pecially where the multiplicity the democratically elected Ar

Besides putting men like the Guatemalan colonel in power and pouring billions of dollars down the drain to keep in power dictatorial figures like litical rise of the generals are Chiang Kai-shek in colonial being discussed, they were not and semi-colonial areas, Washmentioned in Schmidt's report. ington has backed and reinforc

First of all, since they were ed capitalist regimes in Western offered for consideration, it is Europe whose evolution is ir necessary to assign responsibili- the fascist direction. ty for the lack of literacy, the This has been made dramaabysmal standards of living and tically clear in the case of the absence of parliamentary France, where De Gaulle, traditions in the colonial areas. bonapartist general, is now i These are legacies left by the the saddle. And, of course, the imperialist powers. Whether or fascist General Franco is high not they are the chief causes on the list for dollar hand-outs. in industrially retarded regions The only democracy in the for the weakness of democracy, foreign policy of the Democrats the fact is that since the end of and Republicans, we can con-World War II, the imperialist clude, is the pliofilm packagpowers have sought to reestab- ing that is advertised over the lish by economic, financial and Voice of America

The same confidential source political subversion, by napalm PREPARING FOR WAR The truth is that the bi-par and high explosives, the rule rounds in White House circles that fostered such conditions. tisan policy of both Republicans Both Eisenhower and Truman and Democrats is to build the helped finance these efforts of greatest military machine the the colonial powers; and en- world has ever seen, a machine "A general lack of literacy, gaged in the dirty business that ties together all the mili let alone education; a lack of themselves in the case of China, tary dictatorships, dictatorial experience in parliamentary Korea, Taiwan and Lebanon. regimes and imperialist govern



Page Three

GEN. DE GAULLE

ments in Latin America, the Far East, the Middle East and Western Europe

The aim of this policy is to shore up and maintain capitalism against the world trend toward socialism; and, if the opportunity can be created, to restore capitalism in the Soviet oloc countries.

This policy requires unending shouting about the danger of war and provocative actions to give reality to the shouting. It requires emphasis on military preparedness-constant appeals to the alleged need for stockpiling nuclear weapons and securing strategic places from which to launch them at Soviet targets.

It requires financing the most reactionary military cliques. It requires setting up U. S. bases abroad where the American officer caste, as one of its functions, can bring its reactionary influence to bear in local politics in support of the military cliques. Is it surprising that these cliques move into direct power from the dominant positions that American policy and American money create for them?

### DOMESTIC EXAMPLE

To this we should add, finally, that besides directly opposing democratic movements in other lands and sending dollars and armaments to dictators and military cliques, Washington sets a very poor example at home of its concern for democracy. (We will leave aside the example of a general in the White House, in view of the "sensitivity" over this reported by Schmidt.)

It is only now that America is beginning to emerge from the

Both by example and direct

inspiration, this witch-hunt

touched off similar anti-demo-

cratic manifestations in other

Aside from the witch-hunt,

eloquent testimony is available

from the Negro people, among

others, on how unreconstructed

both Democrats and Republi-

cans remain in boasting about

their love for democracy while

aiding and abetting the worst

enemies of the civil rights and

civil liberties of minority groups

Even the denial of the demo-

cratic right of minor parties to a

place on the ballot in the United

States has its effect abroad. It

encourages reduction of the

democratic process to two-

party, then one-party, and fin-

too. We held a mass meeting at a witch-hunt that was launched

ment fields

countries.

in America.

A Kind of Legend with the Teamsters' (The following interview with he recalled, and barely made strike agitators, including 27-permits to non-signing firms worst witch-hunt of its history,

The indictment of "wartime sedition" was made three years ago after the Powells and Schuman had returned to the U. S. It is based exclusively on the editorial views and comments published in the China Monthly Review.

The legal issues in dispute became intertwined with cold-war foreign policy when the defendants demanded the right to prove the truth of their statements since the indictment rested on the con-

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The CP and social democratic

leaders claim that their politi-

cal policy is the only cure for

the terrible isolation of the so-

cialist movement. But isn't it a

fact that over the past 20 years

and have become organic to it.

take-home pay. One of the men who deton-

ripe when Grant Dunne came shop" ctiy to a union strongalong as a volunteer union orhold came back for a visit last ganizer.'

He is Farrell Dobbs, national ers who followed Leon Trotsky secretary of the Socialist Workinstead of Stalin and who had ers party, a tiny radical group that still hopes for a revolution decided to channel the growing restlessness among the workers to abolish the capitalist system. into union channels. Because

Dobbs, now 51, had been a times on the Socialist Workers ticket-in his 1956 race, he was on the ballot in six states and

But in the five years follow ing 1934, he was a powerful labor movement and the growman generally credited with evolving the stategy of oversitions of power.

A LEGEND

As a matter of fact, Dobbs has become a kind of legend within the Teamsters move-Old-timers still shake ment. head in bewilderment their when they recall that Dobbs turned his back on a promise of \$15,000 a year as a Teamsters general organizer and chose instead the rocky road of revolutionary agitator.

other factors benefited the so- ment. But for this mood to realcialist movement during this ize its progressive potential and In an interview last week, hey day; but can anyone deny turn towards Marxist clarity Dobbs expressed no regrets and that the Debs electoral policy and action on the American pospoke hopefully of a "New was a major contribution to the litical scene, it is necessary to wave of radicalization" which would revive his party as a force among American workers. With closely-cropped gray

OTHER IDEAS

national guard soldiers partrolrect economic action in forcing Dobbs was a coalyard worker employers to terms through

and part-time driver when the strikes and picket lines. In Bill in 1933. He was a North high- sters local 574, the Dunnes school graduate whose first job plucked a responsive chord. had been with Western Electric Co. as a central office equipment installer.

the employers to avenge their RAID UNION HQ "I had a wife and three chil- economic defeat may have dren," he said, "and the issues sparked the entire union drive dawn the next day, soldiers Democrats and Republicans. were strictly economic. I was which was to dominate Minne- raided the union's headquarters Congress and the White House apolis all summer.

"I was fired-and so I became other strike leaders. But Grant witch-hunt throughout industry, volunteer organizer, too," Dunne and Dobbs escaped the schools and the entertain-Grant Dunne, of course, was Dobbs said. "So did many of through the simple device of one of three Communist broth- the others. And everywhere we not replying to their names.

> waiting for us. "The union hall became too again. Soldiers roamed the small for our meetings and we streets, arresting stray pickets

> Things came to a head with- tily established stockade on the n two weeks. The union made fairgrounds in St. Paul. its formal request for recogni- Meanwhile, the nationa tion; the employers quickly re- guard also raided the offices of jected it. Then came the first the employers' Citizens Alstrike wave in May 1934. liance.

> BATTLE OF DEPUTIES RUN It lasted almost two weeksand included the battle of "and we stopped the trucks 'Deputies' Run" in which a again. The stalemate continued special deputy was killed in —and after more than five hand-to-hand fighting. It ended weeks, the employers signed after Floyd B. Olson, the again. The union was here to Farmer-Labor governor, inter- stay." vened and secured an agreement for union recognition.

he employers regarded the ganization in Minneapolis and agreement as limited to the throughout the Upper Midwest But the intransigent radicaltruck drivers; the union insistism of Dobbs and the Dunne ed that it apply to the warehouse and inside employes, as brothers often brought them in- House's real attitude toward well. The argument led to the to conflict with Daniel J. Tobin, then general president of second strike in July.

Again, union picket squads the Teamsters. A "committee of 100," inspirroamed the city streets and the trucking industry slowed to a ed by Tobin, finally ended their the brothers worked in the halt. In what Dobbs remembers influence within the city's was as "the ambush," a truck began Teamsters; shortly afterwards, moving in the market place; Dobbs and other Trotskyists The Teamsters movement when pickets sought to stop it, were tried under the federal

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then, Dobbs recalled, was a rel- the area suddenly teemed with anti-sedition act and atively weak group of unions police armed with riot-guns. penitentiary sentences. Two pickets were killed. Advertisement

The city teetered on the hair challenging a still youthful Minneapolis Central Labor verge of open violence as police began convoying trucks while motorized picket-squads picked off unprotected vehicles. When The Dunnes, of course, had a stalemate resulted, federal other ideas-they believed in di- mediators offered a peace pro-

posal. The union quickly accepted ("not that we liked it," Dobbs ferment began percolating late Brown, then president of Team- added) but the employers turned it down. Then Olson declared martial law and moved The winter of 1933-1934 was troops into the city to enforce a cold one-and a strike at the the mediation proposal.

coal yards soon accomplished "For several days, the troops But the depression caught up the union's principal goal of gave permits only to firms with him in 1932 and he found recognition. But the union "vic- which signed the proposal," the coalyard job. He worked 12 tory" was accompanied by the Dobbs said. "But then they hours a day, six days a week, wholesale firing of many of the opened up and began granting

The military struck back. At of political opposition to the and arrested V. R. Dunne and took the lead in spreading this

Instead, they rallied the pickwent we found the workers ets and began stopping trucks

began using an empty theater." and transporting them to a has-

"But our pickets evaded the military," Dobbs explained, With an estimated 5,000 mem

bers, the local became the focal However, it turned out that force in extending union or

ally despotic military rule. The foreign generals who line up at Washington's free dollar counter, don't need to do much research to discover the White

democracy. If a reactionary governor like Faubus can flout civil rights in Arkansas without disturbing Eisenhower's game of golf, a reactionary general like De Gaulle can feel secure about taking over across the Atlantic without endanger-

ing White House support. giver In fact if a little shrewd cryng out in alarm over the "communist" danger is done and the possibility emphasized that American monopoly holdings might be nationalized should he lose out, the general is certain to get full backing from the White House and Congress in putting down democracy.

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the socialist movement in the U. S. has suffered its worst isomovement? lation and even demoralization? **REVULSION SETS IN** Yet this is exactly the period in

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cialist tickets was the norm.

the capitalist parties. In those | democrats is healthy and pro-

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Again I will not deny that the American socialist move-

which the CP and SP abandoned For over twenty years the the traditional principle of in- principles of class-struggle sodependent socialist electoral ac- cialism have been debased by tion and of refusal to support the opportunist practice of linany capitalist party candidates. ing up the radical workers, so-Of course, I don't claim that cialist and communist, to vote this was the only factor which for the parties of the ruling led to the catastrophic decline; class. Not everyone agrees with but can it be seriously denied the principle of socialist workthat it was a major contributing ing class politics as we have outlined it, but there certainly cause?

It also is noteworthy that the is a widespread revulsion and socialist movement in the utter disgust with the policy of United States enjoyed its high- squandering the precious cadre est prestige and largest follow- of the radical, communist working during the period of Debs ers in the insane pursuit of when the movement held it to influence in Democratic clubs. be an unbreakable principle Such revulsion from the never to support candidates of course of the CP and social



signs of new life and vigor in





FARRELL DOBBS

city's coal yards, this

# The Negro Struggle

### By Frank Krasnowsky

### The Negro Vote on 'Right-to-Work' in Seattle

the Nov. 4 elections confirm the fact that attempts of Seattle business interests to line up the Negro vote against the labor movement failed completely. On the contrary, the Negro workers stood in the forefront of the defense of the unions against "Right-to-Work" Initiative 202.

In those Seattle precincts in which a majority of residents are Negro, Initiative 202 lost by better than a 4-to-1 majority. In fact, the Negro vote in defense of the unions was the one bright spot in the defeat of 202. The initiative lost statewide by less than a 2-to-1 vote, whereas its 1956 predecessor, Initiative 198, has been beaten almost 3 to 1.

This overwhelming demonstration of solidarity with the labor movement must come as a surprise to big business interests, as well as to some self-styled Negro leaders and to the trade-union officialdom. They all seriously underestimated the class consciousness of Negro workers who would not fall for the anti-union line of the employers even when dressed up in racial-equality demagogy.

The Minutemen for Freedom and Initiative No. 202-as the local front group for the National Association of Manufacturers called itself-counted heavily on the just grievances of Negro workers against discriminatory policies in the craft unions to win adherents for their anti-union campaign. They characterized 202 as an act to "preserve freedom and liberty" and managed to get a group of eleven Negro ministers and one bail bondsman to sponsor a meeting in favor of the union-busting initiative in Seattle's "International" community.

Their campaign only succeeded in arousing the anger of the Negro workers. The ministers were deluged by phone calls from their congregations demanding that they withdraw their support for Initiative 202. Negro and white workers transformed the pro-202 meeting into a demonstration against the measure. All but three of the ministers who had sponsored the meeting came out openly against

SEATTLE-The final, defailed reports of the bill. Several of them asserted that their

years. They are only to familiar with openshop conditions in the "right-to-work" states shop conditions in the "right-to-work" states of the South—with the low wages, miserable working conditions and racial discrimination in plants run by employers "unfettered" by unions. They have centered their fight on breaking down prejudice and discrimination their struggle to get their chilin the unions and in opening the doors of the dren into integrated schools labor movement-not in tearing down the house of labor.

Their class consciousness was further revealed by their favorable response to the campaigns of socialist candidates Jack Wright and Domestic Relations Court de-Clyde Carter, running for Washington State clared, at the end of a re-hear-Legislature on the United Liberals and So- ing of the case on Dec. 17, that cialists ticket. It was the Wright-Carter cam- he had jurisdiction to decide if paign committee that opened the attack on a school were segregated, but the pro-202 meeting with a leaflet demanding he reserved decision until the a vote to "Keep the Southern System out of middle of February. Washington State" and calling upon supporters of the meeting to change their position. The Wright-Carter campaigners were also the ty of violating the State Comfirst to alert the labor movement and the Negro community to the dangers to both the union movement and the fight for civil rights dren back in school before they inherent in the divisive meeting. Their efforts helped to make a shambles of the anti-labor

meeting. Union distributors at the pro-202 meeting distributed the anti-202 literature of UL&S along with literature of the unions. Clyde and rot there if necessary, but Carter joined a group of Negro workers and our children will not go to Junministers in sponsoring a successful rally ior High Schools 136, 139 or against 202. In those districts covered by the 120." Wright-Carter campaigners the vote against the "Right-to-Work" bill ran as high as 15 to 1.

The unity in action of the Negro people, the labor movement and the socialists-that is the formula for success in the struggle against the employers and against the system of Jim Crow.

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The children have been kept

out of three of Harlem's Jim-



THE MILITANT



**Bombed** Out



This junior high school in West Virginia was integrated five years ago. But it was bombed by racists last month. Failure of federal authorities to enforce school desegregation has emboldened white supremacists throughout the South and encouraged acts of terror.

### ... Liberals in Congress

children. He announced that ment for them. . . . Beside the not attack the seniority system the Board of Education before at a secret party caucus, and aid the working people in the the finger-pointing and shout- South free themselves from ing will be done in private."

In the Senate, the liberals are even less bellicose. "Their sights," says the Dec. 15 Wall Street Journal, "are set for prodding Mr. Johnson into action later in the session"-after they hope to get some organization of their forces. The attitude of the liberals to Johnson

is best exemplified by the ful- was on. As one leader of the

elbow room.

By Ethel Bloch

It was 2:40 P.M., on December 2-a lovely, clear winter day, and mothers in Chicago were putting on their coats, getting ready to meet their children at school gates.

when fire broke out in the Ro-+ man Catholic parochial school, Our Lady of The Angels. Mothers living in the neighborthey heard the horrible screams of their children trapped in the day was over 87 children had died

unavoidable catastrophes — the lic schools were unsafe as far plagues of the middle ages, which took millions of lives; and earthquakes. These were catastrophe at any moment. true for the early devastating that 31% of all pupils were enfires when man had not yet buildings. But that is not the case with the Chicago school fire. That fire was avoidable. and the materials with which schools, homes and factories.

The Chicago school fire started in the basement, at the bottom of a stairwell. In minutes to avoid any public embarrass- by terror. Yet the liberals do spected a few weeks before and the city records as a "pre-oring-class whites as well) and

standards of the law, then ob- sistant materials. Dixiecrat rule. In Congress, acviously there is something cordingly, even when they have a substantial majority in the badly wrong with the law.

What are the fire laws like? Democratic caucus, the liberals content themselves with pres- NO FEDERAL RULES

suring the Southerners for some

far less than when the campaign ports that there is no national he observed philosophically. some praise for his "modera- House liberals said: "I don't re- say how a school shall be built tion. The equipment, the labor tion" from Sen. Proxmire( Wis.), gard the election as a mandate and furthermore there are no and the know-how are avail-

Michigan's Superintendent of hood later reported that the are fire hazards. Kentucky's Fire Marshal reported that what was wrong was when instead of happened in Chicago could hapthe usual cries of delight which pen in 75% of his state's always filled the air at that hour schools. And New York City has already closed 36 schools following investigation by the flaming building. Before that Fire Department. In 1952, the federal government made a survey of conditions and found There have been numerous that 20% of the country's pub-

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as fire was concerned. That means 35 million children are the deaths resulting from floods in schools which could have a all tragedies which the human School Housing Section of the all tragedies which the second to School Housing Section found race was not yet equipped to U.S. Office of Education found

rolled in two-story schools learned how to build fireproof (same as the Chicago school) and that 37% of these pupils went to school in buildings made of combustible material. Today we have the knowledge So it seems that these buildings, though made of inflamto build completely fireproof mable material, can still pass a state or city fire code.

The Chicago fire-swept school was originally a church built in 1908. It's stairs were of wood it had spread to the first and and it had an open stairwell. second stories of the two story which means that there were building. The heat and smoke no doors with which to close were unbearable, forcing many off the fire from the floor. And children to leap to their death yet this fire trap was approved from the second floor. How just three weeks before the could the fire have spread so tragedy struck. According to rapidly and killed so many in Chicago Fire Commissioner a building which had been in- Quinn, this school was listed in which, according to Chicago dinance" structure. This means votes will be taken in private in Congress and do nothing to Fire Commissioner Quinn, had it does not come under the 1950 complied with all the laws? If fire code which requires enthis building did meet the closed stairwells with fire-re-

> Col. Robert Ewbank, Chicago Building Department Administrator, made the situation clear, Dec. 2, when he said that a building which does not meet U. S. News and World Re- the code as it was revised in port, in its Dec. 12 issue, brings 1950 cannot be forced to bring Now that the elections are to light that there is no federal it up to date. "You can't insist over, the liberals are promising fire-safety standard. It also re- that an old building be rebuilt,'

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Kaplan revised his former order and the children remain out of school. The still-striking parents remain firm in their conviction that their children will receive an inferior education in a predominantly Negro

While the case is being decided, Attorney Paul Zuber is acting as a teacher for all the there will be a hearing with

State Education Commissioner Allen on Dec. 29.

Calendar

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