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# Step Up Smear Reuther-Meany Propose Of Committee in Carolina Case NEW YORK, Feb. 22-North Carolina Governor Iges has stepped up his smear campaign against the mittee to Combat Bacial Injustice. The committee in Jobbless Maeet in Capital **Carolina** Case

Hodges has stepped up his smear campaign against the Committee to Combat Racial Injustice. The committee, in

collaboration with the NAACP,+ sparked the world-wide protest ing Case." Seawell asserted that release of the two boys from thorities to free James Hanover the reformatory "marked the Thompson and David Simpson, the eight and ten-year-old Negro boys incarcerated because mittee had collected money for one of them had been kissed the boys in various Northern by a white playmate.

eral and racist papers in the to the two Negro children or state, Hodges is shouting far their families."

and wide that the CCRI has being continued.

in the Charlotte News, "'Kiss Propagandizes the 'Kissing Case' Fund Raisers Attacked." Case." The Charlotte Observer pitched

it as "Big Money Seen in Kiss-

# **NAACP** Urges Union to Act **Against Racist**

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored yesterday, the CCRI branded People has demanded that the these charges as "downright, Textile Workers Union of Amer- deliberate lies." To expose the ica, AFL-CIO, "take appropri- slanderous charge of monetary ate action" against its chapter gain, the CCRI issued a public in Front Royal, Va., where the financial statement even though figure in the campaign to stop than ten weeks. The itemized public school integration. Charles Leadman, the busi-

ness agent, is collecting a "vol- contributed directly to the untary" contribution of a dol- committee. lar a month from the 1,000

white members of the chapter cit, was expended for travel ex-to subsidize a "private" school penses, legal fees, publicity and

cities but that "none of the Joined by his attorney gen- money had found its way back

Governor Hodges, at state exraised a huge sum of money pense, is sending out, apparentwhich its members are using ly to everyone who ever wrote to line their own pockets and him on the case, a letter acthat the committee is a "Com- cusing the CCRI of "exploiting" munist Front." At the same the case, along with a large time vilification of Mrs. Thomp- sheet of reprints from the son and Mrs. Simpson, the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal mothers of the two boys, is & Sentinel. These articles bear such headlines as "Propaganda A speech on the case Feb. 16 Campaign is On - Communist in Charlotte, N. C., by Attorney Front Shouts 'Kiss Case' to General Seawell was headlined World" and "Communist Front

> The articles assert that the CCRI has raised "substantial amounts of money" and that "there has been no accounting of the amounts collected." They claim that the CCRI has raised "at least \$15,000 as of now' (Feb. 8) and that "the NAACP, the Simpson and Thompson families have not received one dime from the Committee."

In a statement issued here a total of \$1,270.13 had been

This money, plus a \$300 defibeing used to facilitate the boy-printing, stationery, mimeo-cott of the high school where cott of the high school where graph supplies and postage. No shut down "uneconomic" mines cleared by police."

The CCRI statement points

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"It May Be the Only Way"



In these two candid snapshots, Pres. Eisenhower appears to be seriously considering AFL-CIO Pres. Meany's recent ironic suggestion that the only alternative to providing effective aid for the jobless is "to shoot ten per cent of the population."

# **General Strike Hits Belgian Coal Mines**

FEB. 25 — While the Belgian government deployed troops in the Congo to preserve its rule against the rising freedom movement, it was hit at home by a general strike of more than 100,000 coal miners+

that lasted almost a week, end-|pite police brutality. A Feb. 18 local business agent is a leading it has been in existence less ing yesterday. The government Reuters dispatch described the answered the strikers in much strike scene this way: "Road report shows that as of Feb. 15, the same way it has answered traffic was at a virtual standthe Congolese fighters for in- still in the Borinage because of dependence — with troops, the hundreds of barricades set clubs, tear gas and jailings. up by the miners with torn-up

An estimated 23,000 miners cobblestones, overturned railwalked out in the Borinage coal road cars, trees and railroad basin 12 days ago when the tracks. Strikers replaced road Negro students have now been salaries or wages were paid by in the area employing some 6;-00 men. On Feb. 18 the Socia

# Dodge Local Unemployed Study Action

DETROIT, Feb. 18 - The unemployed members of Dodge Local 3 organized themselves long before Walter Reuther and the UAW executive board established an organizational structure for this purpose. (See other story on page four.) A meeting of the Local 3 unemployed committee today showed the value of such activities. The meeting, held in Local 3's hall, was attended by at least 300 members — which is more than the usual attendance

at the local's monthly membership meeting. Seven or eight leaders of the committee sat on the platform. None is an official of the local. The atmosphere was completely democratic. The members were attentive and demonstrative in their reactions. It was plain that they came because they feel the committee's activities will have an important part in determining whether or

not they get back to work. Chairing the meeting was Edith Van Horn, who gave a report on the UAW executive board's administrative letter telling how unemployed committees are to be formed. She was one of the delegates from the city-wide UAW Production and Skilled Workers Unemployed Committee who had appeared before the UAW ex-

ecutive board on Feb. 4, urging it to throw the union's full weight behind a militant program to combat unemployment. (The city-wide committee has unctioning since last No





Greek Premier Karamanlis (left) shakes hands with Turkish Premier Menderes after they reached agreement with British to make Cyprus an independent republic. Britain will retain military bases. How Cypriotes, who wanted island returned to Greece, will react to deal remains to be seen, but they held joyful demonstrations over release of hundreds of British-held political prisoners.

# Discuss Way To Dramatize Work Needs

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By Harry Ring FEB. 25 - The Executive Council of the AFL-CIO opened the possibility yesterday for effective action by the union movement in behalf of America's unemployed millions. Caught between the demand by jobless unionists for such steps as a big march on Washington and their own fear of head-on collision with the high command of the Democratic Party, the Council sought a compromise-a "mass conference" in Washington to dramatize the plight of those out of work.

United Auto Workers President Walter Reuther, speaking on behalf of the international executive board of his union, began by proposing a march on Washington. This was opposed by AFL-CIO President George Meany, who thought that a legislative conference was going far enough. After some argument, agreement was reached on holding a mass conference in Washington.

Preparation of the gatheringwas assigned to a special committee headed by Reuther. The committee was empowered to 'develop plans for the calling of a mass conference in Washington to effectively dramatize the desperate plight of millions of unemployed workers and their families and to petition the President and Congress to take immediate, effective steps to get America back to work." A date has not yet been set for

the meeting. If can safely be assumed that

assigned.

It was also charged Feb. 20 activity has been carried on by that Leadman has engaged in volunteer workers. collusion with the local plant tion fight. NAACP labor secre-tary Herbert Hill revealed that more, the CCRI explains, besix Negroes have been fired, two demoted and several determined the case it assumed the rethreatened with firing. Among those facing dismissal is the local NAACP president who is father of one of the Negro stu- out that the effectiveness of the dents assigned to the previously mass protest evoked by its ef-

all-white school.

**Castro Probes U.S.** Companies

#### By Lillian Kiezel

Two American-owned public utilities, Cuban Electric and Cuban Telephone, are being investigated by the Castro government as part of a general probe into gov-

ernment contracts with private concerns. Minister of Communi-cations Enrique Oldufsky de-best land in Cuba. Castro's land private best land in Cuba. Castro's land private best land in Cuba. Castro's land clared that the government will reform program calls for dividexamine high rates and defici- ing up government-owned land tervene in company operations. which will be bought from the Talk persists, nevertheless, that plantation owners by the government. the two utilities may be nationalized.

revealing the scandalous deal out the revolutionary storm, prices. have been uncovered by the others with rival interests apgovernment. Cuban Electric has pear less concerned about moves workers fired for political oppo- people. sition to Batista.

seized plantations belonging to tries can market in the U.S.

block this trend. R. Hart Phil- ed: "For the most insignificant fighting capacity has not been to prevent resurgence of Gerlips of the N.Y. Times reported reasons they threaten us with lost. When four of their leaders man militarism and would guar- revolutions, whose prospects All foreign troops would leave Feb. 21: "Today he moved to taking away the sugar quota. I were arrested in one area, they antee world peace. Instead, dihalt premature seizures by de- am tired of that."

cupy land now will lose their he declared: "If Russia wants and fire hoses. rights when the official distri- sugar we'll sell it to her. We With the mines solidly shut, Soon after World War II lent their support to Anglo- Germany. Fusion of the two asks. "It is the Germans, them- working people to intervene in bution program gets underway." have a right to solve our prob-United Fruit and other U.S. lems." have a right to solve our prob-lectiveness of their action des-ed its preparations for World tracking and defeating the post-tracking and defeating the post-track

the committee since all of its Trade Union Federation ist called for a general mine strike

in solidarity with the Borinage A contribution of \$135 was of the American Viscose Cor-poration to penalize Negro workers active in the integra-tion of the American Viscose Cor-made by the committee to the Thompson and Simpson fam-ilies. This amount was not government and mine operators make them the victims of a growing crisis in the industry. The strikers did not win their demand that the shutdown order be rescinded. Instead, their

leaders accepted a compromise under which the government will guarantee to resettle and find work for those displaced.

In fighting for continued operation of the mines, the strikers were bucking not only the Belgian government but also the other countries belonging to the European Coal and Steel Community. The "community" is a common market operation including Belgium, France, Italy, spokesman Djuro Pucar dethe Netherlands. West Germany rides Khrushchev's latest

and Luxembourg. Stalin-type attack on Titoists The other members of the as "revisionists." 'community" have been pressuring the Belgian government

to lower coal costs by shutting down "uneconomic" mines in the Borinage basin in order to meet the competition of U.S. coal being dumped on the ency of service but will not in- first and then uncultivated lands European market. To ease the

Although the sections of Cuban Telephone was in- American big business with placed miners. Instead the gov- gain credit before world pub- the West German capitalist ders and the U.S. armies, on accord such recognition.) volved in a \$3-million payoff to holdings in Cuba are acting ernment handed the money over lic opinion for relaxing cold structure. West Germany was rebuilding the Soviet military Batista after he granted them with caution and circumspection to the operators in the form of war tensions, they must offer then remilitarized. Today, Wash- forces, and on diplomatic moves been a distinct tendency among tions force or a "[West] Gera rate hike last year. Documents at the moment in hope of riding a \$6-a-ton subsidy to lower a solution to the problem of ington looks on the German seeking a status-quo pact with U.S. ruling circles to make man militia, fully supported by

Belgian coal came into heavy both sides have become so deepsurplus. Seven million tons were ly involved in Germanyhastily rehired hundreds of that might provoke the Cuban left unsold at the end of last though each for completely year and the figure is expected different reasons-that neither

Senator Ellender, Democrat to rise to 14 million by the end side is able to offer a basic so-Meanwhile the workers and from the sugar-producing state of this year. This brought the lution. This results in new peasants are pressing their own of Louisiana, for instance, issued abrupt government decision to acrimonious disputes between demands. The strike situation a thinly veiled threat last week shut down the most unprofitable them. is still of major concern to when he said that Castro is re- mines with brutal disregard of In common, U.S. imperialism

Castro and American big busi- sponsible for delaying extension the fate of the 6,000 men in- and the Soviet bureaucracy of the quotas under the United volved.

flouted the German people's In Oriente province groups of States Sugar Act which assigns | The Borinage miners have a right to self-determination when peasants are reported to have the amount of sugar other coun- stirring history of militant strug- they carved up Germany at the

United Fruit and to be dividing | Castro was reported by As- socialist tradition. In this strike Stalin and Churchill claimed them up. Castro is seeking to sociated Press to have answer- they demonstrated that their that this policy was necessary marched 2,000 strong to the vision of Germany planted a

burns to this day.

Yugoslav Communist Party

By Daniel Roberts

een vember as coordinating body of several unemployed groups like Local 3's.)

Her report, expressing satisfaction over the International's active entry into the unemployed fight, was accepted without discussion.

The next report was given by activities:

(1) Its appearance Monday tions. before the DSR (transit) commission, requesting that workers getting welfare or jobless compensation be allowed to ride the city-owned buses at a halffare of ten cents. (2) Its participation in the re-(2) Its participation in the re-cent Michigan AFL-CIO legisla-tive conformation in Langing Wayne State University. tive conference in Lansing, where it backed the AFL-CIO

proposal for payment of jobless compensation for the full gates, calls for "a public works (Continued on Page 4)

Europe.

**Michigan Socialists** Name Candidates

DETROIT, Feb. 21 - The So- | tion through college; extension cialist Workers' Party, meeting of academic freedom; more stu- that will shake the complacency Manatee Smith, a co-chairman in state convention here today, dent voice in running the in ruling circles. of the city-wide committee. He nominated a slate of candidates schools; an end to) racial distold about some of its recent for state educational offices to crimination in fraternities sorbe filled in the April 6 elec- orities and housing facilities;

> The SWP nominees are Robert Himmel for State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Evelvn Sell for University of Michigan's Board of Regents; Rita Shaw and Harriet Talan

The party platform, unanimously adopted by the dele-

fully subsidized public educa- Detroit 1, Michigan.

the top union brass will do everything it can to limit the size, militancy and demands of the projected assembly. However, unemployed unionists have been chafing at the lack of action and may seize this opportunity to stage a demonstration

#### SAME POSSIBILITIES

Union militants, worried about and pay raises for teachers." the heavy unemployment in In accepting the nominations, every important industrial centhe candidates talked on vari- ter in the country, can be exous planks in this platform. pected to do everything possible Harriet Talan, a 23-year-old to assure widest publicity to Senior at Wayne University, the project; to organize fundstressed that she was accepting raising and the transportation the nomination because she be- needed to get the biggest poslieves "students should have a sible jobless delegation to Washvoice in governing the schools ington. Many of them will unthey attend."

doubtedly work out dramatic Campaign literature may be send-offs for the motorcades.

# **Divided Germany – A Ticking Time Bomb**

War III in which it aims at re- war revolutionary wave. divided Germany. But, in truth, capitalist class as a principal imperialism. Accordingly, the concessions in the direction of NATO guarantees," replace the collaborator in the war drive. Officers of Hitler's Wehrmacht East Germany into its buffer ern powers have reached agree- ing troops in West Berlin. lead NATO's armies in Europe. zone. Property relations were ment among themselves that Mansfield wants "talk, a great Finally, West Germany today transformed by bureaucraticholds the biggest concentration military means, and, as in all nize the East Germans as German authorities on the

working people including the totally subservient to Moscow,

The most far-reaching progle and a strong revolutionary end of World War II. Roosevelt, of defense against U.S. imper- of the two German governialism's war threat. The Stalin- ments. The treaty he proposes ist bureaucracy, however, stood to the West would keep Gerin mortal fear of working-class many neutral and disarmed. WANTS 'TALK'

How are the "differing eco- of foreign troops would nomwere particularly favorable in German soil. Capitalism would Europe at the close of the war. be guaranteed in West Gernomic and social structures" in inally leave settlement of the creeing that peasants who oc- In a TV speech on Feb. 19 local jail in the face of tear gas fuse for World War III which Instead of helping to achieve a many, while Soviet property the two parts of Germany to be problem in German hands. This socialist Europe, the Stalinists forms would be upheld in East "fused in peace"? Mansfield could encourage the German

Soviet bureaucracy integrated the Kremlin's plan. "The West- French, British and U.S. occupythey might be willing to recog- deal of talk," between the two 'agents' of the Soviet Union problem of German unification. provided Moscow were ready Finally, he proposes a mutual to offer firm guarantees that the pullback of Soviet and Westaccess routes [to West Berlin] ern troops "from the points of would remain open," reports imminent contact in Germany the Feb. 22 New York Times. and Central Europe.

Neither Khrushchev's nor posal came from Senator Mike Mansfield's proposals would reforeign control over either part of-Germany. But Western recognition of the East German government and a withdrawal

Mansfield (Mont.) assistant move German division or end Democratic floor leader in a Feb. 12 speech in the Senate.

### obtained from the Socialist In the past, for example, the period of unemployment, and program to build more schools; Workers Party, 3737 Woodward, Detroit workers have packed (Continued on Page 4)

governments. Settlement along tion, if they are to be made in Attempts by both the Soviet storing capitalism throughout When U.S. imperialism these lines would begin with peace." He proposes accepting resistance of the workers af- and U.S. governments to ease the Soviet bloc. By means of launched the cold war, the U.S. recognition of the East the East German government. fected by this, the Belgian gov- the cold war have brought the the Marshall plan and of heavy Stalinists relied on strengthen- German government. (Current instead of the Russian troops as ernment was given \$120 million German crisis to a head. Both investments by major U.S. cor- ing the buffer zone they had Soviet moves in Berlin are de- the valid authority in East Berto retrain and re-employ dis- sides realize that if they are to porations, Wall Street rebuilt erected between the Soviet bor- signed to pressure the West to lin. (This accords with the So-In recent weeks there has poses that either a United Na-

of American military bases in other East European countries, the Kremlin foisted a regime of Victory of the European "gendarmes and bureaucrats,"

German, in their independent on the people. struggle for socialism, would have provided the Soviet Union thaw he is seeking, Khrushchev with its most effective means now proposes "confederation"

In line with the international

### Page Two

### THE MILITANT

# Penn. Taxes Rocket to New High Dobbs, Browder Debate Marxism's Validity

By Fred Halsted

with revolutionary trimmings."

Earl Browder, General Secre-

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20 - made on cigars, tobacco, pipes, Pennsylvania workers - includ- chewing tobacco and snuff. ing the half million now jobless — are stiffening themselves for a staggering new tax load being prepared by the new follow its recommendations Democratic state administration closely when he submits his and a new transit fare hike by budget to the legislature March the Democratic city administra- 2. The governor said he would

The tax program now before the state legislature calls for thread increasing the present three system." In the legislature, both per cent state sales tax to three per cent state sales tax to three and one-half per cent. This will tious," but "inclined to go make it the highest in the along" but "inclined to along" with the new taxes.

a whole new range of goods and which dreamed up all these trast to six per cent nationally. services under the sales tax new ways to squeeze the conand by increasing other taxes sumer, offered no suggestion for in the country classified by the States?" Dobbs said "yes" and any new imposts on business on consumer items.

If passed, the increased sales or real estate. The labor mem- than 12 per cent jobless are in tax will now apply to these bers said they were going along this state. The five are Altoona, previously exempt items: tele- with the tax program "reluc- Erie, Johnstown, Scranton and phone, gas and electric bills; tantly." They asserted that the Wilkes-Barre. repair and service charges, in- "archaic" state constitution pro-

cluding such things as car vided no way out and that it washes; beer, wine and liquor; should be amended. trade-in allowances on cars and Here in Philadelphia the city stantial labor surplus," ten are ter advantage than anyone else appliances. The tax will also be is recommending to the Public in Pennsylvania. Among these had ever been able to do and

50 cents as at present.

#### JOB WELL DONE

fare will remain 20 cents. In million idle? Clobber them with talking about today is a more In addition, the cigarette tax addition a two-cent transfer new taxes and let them pay rigorously thought out continuwill go from five to six cents charge will be granted on one more carfare to look for work. ation of that basically correct and the one-cent tax on bottled bus line and suburban routes At least that seems to be the soda will be restored. A thump- will be rezoned for a further answer of the city and state ing 25 per cent levy will be fare increase. Democratic administration.

bringing it up to 19 cents. Cash

# Committee Smear

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their appeal, the formerly obdutheir appeal, the formerly obtained new general and the journal rate Gov. Hodges was forced doing the articles used by Gov. to order the boys' release. The Hodges, make no direct accusaney general and the journalist temperance." rare, true sections in the re-tion. Rather they 'list' some asprinted smear articles now cir-culated by Hodges are those civil liberties organizations and convicted of performing an "Marx the national and international protest. Its magnitude may be gauged by the protect of annesty or new trials in political cases. gauged by the passages describing with dismay the file of pro-

test letters 'which continue to Party, the first 'listing' against grow without let up and which Mr. Lynn is that he was at- tiated word of the woman who Marx predicted for it. It moved took five hours of this report-torney for the Puerto Rican claimed he performed the aborer's time just to leaf through.' " Nationalists, some of whose tion. The new conviction is Answering the charge that members made an attempt on under appeal.

the CCRI is a "Communist Truman's life and later fired Front," the statement points out shots from the gallery of Conthat this is of the same pattern gress. That attorneys are not

brand the NAACP as "Com- defend and that in the case of mothers. A long list of alleged through denial of their place in and socialist revolutions." munist-controlled." In both the Nationalists . . . Mr. Lynn larcenies is cited as the real the economic system." cases, the committee charges, was the court-appointed at- reason for committing the boys This has not happened in the effort is being made to torney, is carefully left out of to the reformatory, even though America, said Browder, "not shift the issue from racism to the North Carolina 'record,' as the state was unable to produce merely because of the workers

the charge of "communism." Advertisement

In return, the city wrenched major concession from the transit company — the company tary of the Communist Party Governor Lawrence thanked the tax study committee for its agreed not to apply for a new until his expulsion in 1945 said "hard work" and said he would increase until next year. Nine Feb. 20 that "the Communist increases have been granted Party under my leadership was since 1946 when the fare was correctly described by the Troteight cents or two tokens for skyltes as a reformist party 15 cents.

### also go along with a boost in ACUTE FOR JOBLESS

fore an audience of 250 persons These added new living exduring a debate with Farrell penses come as a particularly Dobbs, National Secretary of cruel blow for the jobless whose the Socialist Workers Party. situation throughout the state The debate, arranged by the is acute. The current unemploy-

Militant Labor Forum of New ment figure of ten per cent of York City and moderated by be turned further by including The bi-partisan committee the labor force stands in con-Muriel McAvoy, was on the question: "Does Marxism retain Further, five of the ten areas full validity for the United government as having more Browder "no." Browder said he was "proud to be called a revisionist of Marx." In the 1930's, he said,

he hadn't had time to develop Of the 76 spots across the his revisionism theoretically; country listed by the Labor but "in those days we used the Department as having a "sub- revolutionary trimmings to betslapped on restaurant checks Utility Commission that it grant are Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, under the press of practical over a dime, instead of over a one-cent increase in the cost Reading, York and the Allen- work I made decisions of a of bus and subway tokens, town-Bethlehem-Easton area. revisionist kind. They were What to do about the half

correct decisions and what I'm course.'

Browder said his presentation ideas more fully developed in never had full validity for wealth. But the respite was The first target of the Caro- aggressive, very extreme in his America. Marx himself, Brow-

Dr. A. E. Perry, also a member of the CCRI and a leader in the Monroe cauld aights het in the Monroe equal rights bat-

"Marx made a profound misabortion on a white woman. appeals for amnesty or new abortion on a winte woman. trials in political cases. "Though the charge is not metersed by the North Carolina made that the CCRI is a 'front' Supreme Court. He was then made that the CCRI is a 'front' Supreme Court. He was then identical of U.S. into closer harmony of U.S. into closer harmony and out of food. The workers ployed. convicted again on identical with the Marxist system. Amer-"evidence" — the unsubstanica did not move closer to what further away.'

Browder claimed that when Marx spoke of impoverishment he did not mean anything relaHis Time May Be Running Out



In Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican republic, a look of concern masks the face of exiled Cuban dictator Batista as he studies wristwatch. The ousted dictator has been seeking another hideout. His friend Trujillo now views the presence of Batista as an embarrassment.

the working class, made pos-1 Browder, "has here faithfully sible by the unique history of repeated the very dogmas and the U.S. are themselves limited. formulas which were put forof the debate was based on U.S. capital was able to grant ward 75 years ago, probably in concessions and ride out the this very same hall and 75 years his book "Marxism and Amer- social storm following 1929 by ago there was a greater mass

ica." In his opinion Marxism using up past accumulated movement than today." "The obvious facts are," Browbrief. It took the new imperial- der said several times during (Continued from Page 1) forts is demonstrated "by the fact that even before the at-torneys for the boys had filed their appeal, the formerly obdu-

#### LAUDS REUTHER

"Impoverishment," said From the audience, Browder Dobbs, "must be viewed from was asked why, if conditions the point of view of the class were improving, United Auto struggle. Workers needs are so- Workers' President Walter Reucially determined. Impoverish- ther found it necessary to call ment in this country is some- for a march on Washington to thing less than being naked press for relief for the unem-

react against any economic "I think Reuther is a great downgrading and will fight to labor leader," replied Browder. defend their existing standard "It will always be necessary to of living.

"As for physical destruction," Reuthers who are doing that. said Dobbs, "American capital- I'm sorry that no such freedom ism can't exist for long without exists in countries calling themtive. "He clearly meant dire that either, witness Hiroshima selves socialist." The vilest smear attack, how-poverty, privation to the point and Nagasaki, and Korea and

as the current move of Arkan- to be held responsible for the ever, is reserved for the two of the physical destruction of all the past, present and future drive against living standards sas authorities to officially deeds or beliefs of those they victims in the case and their large parts of the working class interventions against colonial now . ... it was the Reuthers and such labor fakirs who car-"Farrell Dobbs," retorted ried through the witch-hunt

Wagner Proves a Point **Communist Manifesto** 

gainst the best fighters in the visionist Communist Party had rank and file . . . who make a a lot to do with that."

mockery of union democracy, "There is a servility of leadership in the labor movement who do everything in their power to take away the strike today," said Dobbs, "that says powers of the ranks, to tear we must go hat in hand to down the steward system, to capitalist politicians and beg hamstring the workers on the them for crumbs from monopjob and in the political field." oly capital's table. Any capital-As for the march on Washist government here is going to ington, said Dobbs, mass action be controlled by monopoly capis necessary, "but remember ital and socialists have the duty this well: Reuther doesn't mean to help prepare the workers for it. If a march comes off, it will the political and economic steps be because of a big, hot fire necessary to defend their class built under Reuther by people interests. They can't do that by who understand that." putting the capitalist govern-

"It is that same 'impossibilist' ment above the classes. attitude," retorted Browder, "There are increasing mani-"that has reduced the socialist festations today that a new movement in America to insigwave of class struggle is comnificance. You'll never get anying, increasing strike waves and where opposing the great lead- fights for union democracy. Iners of labor or calling them dependent socialist and worklabor fakirs' in the manner. of ing-class political actions re-De Leon' main central to gaining and

Dobbs closed the debate say- maintaining contact with the ing: "The development of the mass of the workers and to United States confirms Marxism pointing toward the necessary par-excellence." In spite of trenext step, a break with capitalmendous military spending, ist politics."

chronic unemployment "is a Dobbs said that such strugfeature of the U.S. economy gles as the one against the now," said Dobbs. "right-to-work" law in Ohio He said that it is not true contain the seeds of independthat a greater mass movement ent working-class political acexisted 75 years ago than now. tion and that socialists would Such a view leaves out the 18 do well to prepare now for the million organized workers of 1960 election campaign to contoday. "The tragedy is," said tinue pointing toward the nec-Dobbs, "that the movement essary next step for the Ameristopped at economic organiza- can labor movement, a break tion in the 1930's, and the re- with capitalist politics.



NEW YORK - Opposing the drive for increased city and state taxes as "a fresh attack on the living standards of workers," the United Independent-Socialist Committee has urged a program of in-+

creased taxation of business in- | tax exemption, as Rockefeller terests and alleviation of the proposes, such exemptions be present tax burden on low-in- increased so that a family of four with an income of \$5,000 will not be required to pay

ed for action to win increased

federal aid for such social ser-

vices as schools, hospitals,

roads and transportation, point-

ing out that this could be done

The committee, which led the any tax. 1958 state election campaign of In addition to increased taxes the Independent-Socialist Party, on business interests and stiffer points out: "It requires considlevies on high personal inerable ingenuity to devise nearcomes, the committee has call-

ly 20 new taxes without stumfight for reforms and it is the bling across one that would hit corporations and businesses, but Rockefeller (Republican) and Wagner (Democrat) have man-

gram.

Advertisement

come groups.

aged it." through a reduction of military Figures compiled by the com- expenditures and a graduated nittee demonstrate that the tax on the undistributed profits state's soak-the-poor approach of large corporations.

has been a consistent one. If "We call on the legislature the currently proposed tax hike of our state," the committee degoes through, personal income clared, "to memorialize Contaxes will have increased since gress to re-examine our foreign 1945 by 290% for a couple with policy and the need for huge joint income of less than \$70 military expenditures which are a week. In the same period, taking 60 per cent of our nacorporation taxes will have in- tional budget, and to divert



is the fact that he is counsel the record of a single such act struggles or legislative reforms," for other groups such as the when called upon to do so in but because an open frontier pacifist Fellowship of Recon- court. "Most contemptible," the and other factors in U.S. his-tory developed a different type

PILLORY VICTIMS

Smear charges against CCRI CCRI statement declares, "and of worker and capitalist than

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At yesterday's hearing, Mayor group had existed about 12 groupment of socialist forces. years in the SWP, first forming This was symmetrical to the when Marcy, in opposition to Communist Party position on party policy, advocated support these questions although it took the commission he appointed to of the candidacy of Henry Wal- the form of ultra-left rejection lace on a liberal capitalist pro- of the SWP course.

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# **On the African Revolution**

Elsewhere on the page we have printed a letter from a West African revolutionary socialist criticizing an editorial we wrote on the first All African Conference held last November at Accra, Ghana. The letter is of considerable interest, in our opinion, as an indication of the kind of forces pressing such figures as Nasser and Nkrumah.

Our correspondent focuses attention on a problem which we agree is of key importance: the attitude revolutionary socialists should take toward the African nationalist movement that is developing with such extraordinary speed before our eyes.

As we analyze it, two revolutionary processes are intersecting in Africa:

The first is a bourgeois revolution like the English Revolution of 1642, the French Revolution of 1789 and the American Revolution of 1775.

The second is a socialist revolution, like the October 1917 revolution in Russia. The outlook of this revolution is forcefully expressed in the letter of our correspondent. He is suspicious of the nationalist leadership. He questions their militancy. He attacks them for not measuring up to the democratic norms of their own revolution and for introducing repressive measures against working-class political opposition. He refuses to be bound by their limited aims. He wishes to go forward to a socialist world where all mankind unites in a classless society.

### Complex Reality

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These two intersecting revolutions tend to conflict, as the letter of our correspondent admirably testifies. But they also tend to fuse, for the needs compelling the African peoples into action remain the same whether the revolutionary leaders approach them from the viewpoint of 1775 or from the modern outlook of 1917.

Moreover, the two revolutions tend to fuse because they occur in a world dominated by American imperialism and its satellite powers, all of whom are doing their utmost to put down and drive back the forces tending to upset the status quo. They also occur in a world in which the Soviet Union has become a power of the first order, albeit a power of contradictory character - the successes of its planned economy inspiring revolutions, while the politics of its privileged caste restrains and blocks them.

And the double African revolution bursts into a world already seething with

ly interest in socialism, read its literature and are willing to engage in common actions with socialists.

A reactionary tendency is also operative, as our correspondent emphasizes. This is to rescind the nationalizations, take back the reforms, undermine the revolutionary conquests, attempt to play ball with the imperialists, engage in witchhunts against socialists.

It is this tendency to which our correspondent is particularly sensitive, and understandably so. It is a healthy and correct approach, the basis of political wisdom. But in one's critical attitude toward the nationalists of today, it would seem advisable to recognize more fully that in certain circumstances they can go far indeed, and to give this possibility greater consideration in working out political positions. •

### **Our Interest**

In view of problems of such complexity facing African socialists, as well as socialists in similar areas, it would be inappropriate, we think, for the Militantan American, not African, paper-to attempt to do more than take its stand on the broader issues. At the same time every aspect of the struggle is of the greatest interest to us. Not only because we are for the success of the African revolution Editor: out of international solidarity; but because we think American socialism stands to gain from the advance of that revolution.

We think that we can learn a lot from our nationalist friends and socialist comrades abroad that will help us to solve our own political problems-which are sufficiently complex. And, as participants in able to prove of assistance from our post at the heart of the world capitalist structure

Accra.

Our attitude toward the African revolution is based on the following considerations:

### Where We Stand

against imperialism is progressive and deserves support without reservation. To the conference showed up the NKRUMAH'S DEMOCRACY recall an example from the thirties, inherent weaknesses of the against Italian imperialism, we supported native capitalist leadership Ethiopia, although that land was headed which consists of corrupt by a feudalistic monarch. During World put up an effective and resolute War II, in the Chinese struggle against fight against imperialism. Japanese imperialism, we supported ONE-SIDED China, despite the dictatorial regime of

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Kwame Nkrumah (in striped robe) celebrates with crowd at entrance of building where first All African Conference was held in Accra, Ghana. The placards among which Nkrumah stands are typical of a bourgeois revolution. "All Men are Born Equal," reads the sign over the African leader's head.

# Should We Place Trust **African Nationalists?** strikes impossible. Civil ser-| But the working class of these

I wish to raise some points vants, teachers, municipal work- countries cannot live by polition the editorial of the Jan. 5 ers and other government em. cal independence alone. They Militant on the Pan-African ployees' strikes will be illegal. want to end exploitation by Peoples<sup>4</sup> Conference held in Five to seven weeks notice capitalists and extortion by must be given before strike landlords, money lenders and bureaucrats. They seek instinc-

It is true, as you said, that action is taken. the conference "marked an im- Within that period the govportant new development in ernment will appoint an arbihe colonial revolution." tration board and its decision For the first time most of the will be final. Strikes will be fundamentally and always. the same international struggle to win national, movements were considered illegal if they do not socialism, we hope that we may also be brought together on African have the sanction of a govern-For this reason I am very soil. It broke the isolation of ment certificate! And if the disappointed with the editorial African nationalist movements Trade Union Congress takes of the Militant more so because created by the imperialist any action "which is not conwe colonial socialists have in powers. More than that, the ducive to the public good" the the past looked to the Militant

trade union movements from government has the power to for a Maixist analysis and a various colonies made direct sequestrate its funds! contact with each other., The Ironically the ICFTU which conference also reflected the dewants the colonial trade union sire and determination of the movement to play the part of a African peoples to achieve

"loyal opposition" in these (1) Any struggle in the colonial world unity in the struggle against countries has been forced to foreign imperialism. protest against the bill!

At the same time, however,

As for Nkrumah's democracy - it stinks. One very good example of it is his preventive careerist politicians who cannot detention bill under which a Ceylonese Unions person can be held in jail for five years without trial. This is Move Against

also aimed at the labour and progressive movement although **Reuben's Book On Hiss Case** 

By David Dreiser

THE HONORABLE MR. NIX-'supported testimony. A few ON by William A. Reuben. months previously, Chambers New York: Action Books. 138 had testified under oath that "these people (including Hiss) pp., \$1.75. were specifically not wanted to

In spite of all the efforts in act as sources of information." ecent years to clean up Rich- Thus Chambers entered the rd Nixon, he still symbolizes trial with a cloud over his testi-McCarthvism mony.

It is doubtful that any other American figure could have partment documents, which aroused the ire among Latin Americans that Nixon did on during the trial as having been his trip last year. He representtyped on Hiss's typewriter, were ed not just Yankee imperialism also presented. After the trial, but the most reactionary wing Hiss's attorneys sought to prove of American politics as well. that forgery by typewriter is He is so tainted that Rocke- not only possible but that these feller tried to avoid appearing papers were specifically forged. in public with him during his They demanded a new trial; election campaign, and the de- but their motion was denied. feat of other Republican candidates has been attributed to an appendix. The book thor-

Vixon's "help." oughly covers the hearings, the Nixon enjoyed a meteoric trial and Nixon's role as onese. He entered Congress in man "judge, jury, prosecutor, 946 a complete unknown and plaintiff, witness, detective and became Vice-President six years press agent for the affair." ater. Yet his greatest admirers Reuben, who did pioneer can point to only one distinc- work in unearthing the real tive accomplishment to which facts behind the Rosenberg-Sothis sudden rise can be as- bell trial, has just filed a cribed. That was his connec- \$100,000 libel suit against Look ion with the Alger Hiss case. | magazine for an Oct. 29, 1957, The Hiss case was not only article on the case. The article the focal point of Nixon's ca- charged that in 1951 the Comreer. but was the only case in munist Party had adopted the which an alleged Communist case as a "cause celebre" and was in any important position that the Party was instrumental in government and was tried in in formation of the Committee open court. Thus the case pro- to Secure Justice in the Rosenvided the sole substance to berg Case. At the time Reuben

McCarthy's charge of "twenty was exposing the frame-up of years of treason." the Rosenbergs in the National Because of its role in the Guardian and was provisional development of the American chairman of the committee to political climate over the last defend them. ten years the case is well worth reviewing. Reuben does tively for a socialist society. **Promising Candidate** an excellent job in this regard. The Nkrumahs, Nehrus and His book originally appeared in Nassers of the semi-colonial For Belt-Line Job 1956: this new and greatly exworld are opposed to socialism panded edition marks its fifth

Bryan Edwards, a 15-yearprinting. old part-time Toronto super-Hiss was tried on a technical market worker, is in danger of charge of perjury regarding losing his job for working too State Department documents fast. He says he likes to "go fighting political lead in the headed by Nixon. Ekiomenesekhenigha

allegedly transmitted to Whit- like crazy" and that crowds of taker Chambers. By the time of customers gather to watch him the trial. Hiss had virtually unpack cases. Then they berate been convicted by the press his boss for being a slave drivand the publicity hungry Un- er. The boss says if Edwards American Activities Committee doesn't slow down he's through. Rumor has it that a Ford belt-The actual evidence consisted line talent scout is hurrying to

essentially of Chambers' un- look the candidate over.

# Headlines in Other Lands party had been using constitu-tional means in seeking inde- Paraguayan Exiles

forces, hundreds

Kenya Rulers Fear

rible happens to me, if I could

be sure the truth in this case

has come out at last and that

Jomo Kenyatta is cleared up as

far as my evidence is concern-

Fresh Interest in

Witch-Hunt Law

encouraging the holding of un- Pres. Alfredo Stroessner, diclawful meetings and demonstra-

pendence. But lately, he charg- Emulate Castro ed, the leaders are "deliberately

ator of Paraguay, is preparing

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discontent, where hundreds of millions of people are determined to catch up and where they see the possibility of doing it through planned economy, even if they must start from a technology not much above primitive levels.

In this context, with all its multiple ramifications, politics for the revolutionary socialist movement, which is only now beginning to recover from decades of Stalinist poison, is extraordinarily complex. The complexity has been further compounded by two tendencies increasingly noticeable among petty-bourgeois. nationalist leaderships since the end of World War II: (1) a greater inclination to display independence toward imperialism; (2) a greater readiness to undertake (if only haphazardly and partially) agrarian reform, nationalizations and even planning. These result from mass pressure, but also from the inability or unwillingness of the imperialist West to give them leeway.

## China and Egypt

To select but two instances: When China erupted in revolution, the Mao leadership, a petty-bourgeois formation which had practiced class-collaboration for some two decades-Chiang Kai-shek permitting-was pushed into power almost despite itself. And when American imperialism scorned every friendly gesture of the Mao regime and instead sent its troops through Korea up to the Yalu river, in what appeared to be a move preliminary to attacking China, this same petty-bourgeois leadership, in contradiction to its own program, undertook the most sweeping economic and social measures. Truman, as well as Mao, deserves credit for this turn.

In Egypt, when American imperialism tried a squeeze play on Nasser, the Arab leader responded with stunning swiftness, nationalizing the Suez Canal. When British, French and Israeli forces tried to seize the canal in a blitzkrieg, Nasser coolly sank cement-filled ships in the waterway as other Arab nationalists blockaded the precious oil pipelines of the imperialists. The invaders had to retreat.

Did Nasser take such measures as a socialist? No, he took them as a pettybourgeois army careerist. Nasser is among the more violently anti-socialist nationalists. Other nationalists take a more friendsupported the Soviet Union against all the left-sounding phrases made imperialist efforts to reduce it to colonial by the leaders of the conference status.

(2) Where a socialist movement exists in the colonial world, we believe that it fact that most of the delegates should cooperate whole-heartedly with all other resistance movements against imperialism, while fighting for the politi- torial you stated: "A detailed cal independence of the working class in preparation for providing consistent lead- unable to express an opinion ership to the struggle. The policy of the on the political shadings and united front should be carefully studied their significance." If this was by socialists, we suggest, for application so then I cannot understand or in this field. The area is large in which socialist and nationalist tasks coincide in the colonial world.

(3) Socialists, we think, should greet and support whatever progressive measures petty-bourgeois figures holding government power may take. This includes participating as socialists in anti-imperialist conferences where that is feasible. If the Nassers, Nkrumahs and Castros Communist Manifesto" was the test their anger at the bloody transcend the limitations of their own program and introduce such measures as imperialism may come to us in CLASS BASIS nationalization and elements of economic different guises and not necesplanning, so much the better.

(4) Due to the well-known hesitations and backslidings of petty-bourgeois nationalists in carrying out revolutionary bourgeois measures in the world of today, socialists should include such measures in their own program for workers' power. Besides agrarian 'reform and help for order to defend capitalism and paper-sabers at the imperialists. small business, these include civil liberties, democratic rights and full political not mean that I defend the and legal equality.

(5) We favor the working class accepting government power if the oppor- to say is that Nkrumah fears tunity offers, no matter how small, impoverished or backward the country may be. By combining democratic measures of that the people of Ghana will the bourgeois revolution with the first take the revolutionary road to beginnings of the socialist order, such a victory could be of world significance.

It might prove to be the final catalyst dragging our feet long enough. It's our turn now. Let's show our appreciation of the heroes of the underdeveloped areas accumulation of industrial equipment as our contribution toward speeding conorder.'

Chiang Kai-shek. And, of course, despite I was surprised to see that it may at times be used against the Stalinist caste, we have consistently you gave a one-sided picture the more reactionary opponents of the conference. You quoted of the illustrious Doctor.

How can people like him and parties like the CPP be trusted but ignored the explicitly antito lead the anti-imperialist communist statements of Nkrumovement to victory when they mah. Nor did you mention the are so determined to suppress their native working class and opposed the use of violence. peasantry? The only reason why At the beginning of your edithey eschew violence in the struggle against foreign exploireport of the proceedings is not tation is because they are scared vet available. We are therefore that the working class might decide to emulate them in the struggle against their own naive exploiters. Readers of the Militant,

agree with your attitude of unthink, should know that a resocritical support for the Mboyas and Nkrumahs. In my opinion lution to compel the Free African States to introduce in their your editorial gave the impresconstitutions fundamental 'hu-

sion that the leaders of the national movements were inclined towards revolutionary by the conference. What is even worse is the fact that the sothought and action. called leaders of African nation-Dr. Nkrumah whom you quoted as "paraphrasing the alism did not do a thing to famous closing words of the show their solidarity or pro-

very person who warned the repressions in the Congo, a few conference that colonialism and weeks later.

sarily from Europe. "We must

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like him.

DEFEND CAPITALISM Dr. Nkrumah and his Con-

numerous betrayals. All I mean But it would be extremely dan gerous for revolutionary socialists in the colonies or in the the poor farmers and workers metropolitan countries to forin Ghana more than he does the get or ignore the class basis of imperialists beçause he knows

tionary character of their leaderships. a socialist Ghana in which there

will be no place for charlatans

needed to inspire the workers of the old duce bills in parliament to pro- oeuvring between Imperialism Nyasaland. capitalist centers to say, "We have been tect imperialist concerns and and the Soviet bureaucracy. their super-exploitative oper- How limited this freedom is ations in Ghana. He encourages can be measured from the rethe imperialists to invest more cent actions of Nasser against which seeks self-governing for capital in West Africa. He has the CPs of Syria and Egypt. the British colony's 2,600,000 lege education, a post and proby adding the world's biggest and best even granted them a tax free Their real interests lie with the Negro inhabitants. Some 7,000 imperialist West however and whites constitute the ruling period of five years. Contrast this with his treat- not with the anti-capitalist minority at present.

ment of the working class. He states. That is what explains struction of an international socialist will soon introduce a bill in their hostility to the USSR and African Affairs in Zomba, the ness is now being tried for per-said he acted "in a most irreguparliament that will make Communism.

After being carried out of tions." the Ceylon parliament because H. P. Chipembere, a member

struggle for colonial indepen-

Yours fraternally,

West Africa

dence and world socialism.

sponsored witch-hunt measure, ed on members of the African Trotskyist leaders of the Lanka National Congress "to show this Samasamaja Party have turned stupid Nyasaland Government to the working-class for sup- that we are prepared to die for port. our soil.'

The Ceylon Federation of He said that delegates of 32 Labour, the Ceylon Workers branches of the party were pre-Congress, the Democratic Worksent at Blantyre for meetings ers' Congress, the Ceylon Mer- although they "faced the threat cantile Union, the Government of death through the presence Workers' Trade Union Feder- of brutal police and King's ation, the Government Clerical African Rifles.' Servants Union, the Bank Em-

ployees Union and several other in a number of areas. As the unions have staged impressive British rushed planeloads of parades and public meetings to armed protest the witch-hunt bill Africans rolled boulders on air-Unions dominated by the fields and sought to put navi Communist Party, however gational and radio equipment man rights was turned down have abstained from participaout of action. tion in the protest movement. The "Amendment" bill is the

worst ever passed in Ceylon. It empowers the Prime Minister t declare any service "essential" by mere notice in a newspaper Thereafter he can call out the Kenyatta Frame-up armed forces and declare a

> curfew. Under the measure fines up

In conclusion I would like to to 5,000 rupees and five years be alert and prepare ourselves make one last point. Our native in prison can be imposed on rulers live in a very uncertain any employee who refuses to world. Some for the sake of obey an employer's order, even prestige, others for the sake of if it is an order to act as a self-aggrandisement are forced scab, or who fails to show up vention Peoples' Party delegates from time to time to make on the job, even if he has not use the anti-Soviet bogey in revolutionary noises and rattle read the "essential" notice. Anyone engaging in picketing, encouraging others to strike, or in their own country. This does might even nationalize indi- any kind of agitation likely to says that he perjured himself. vidual concerns, like Nasser, or create a strike situation is likecrimes of Stalinism and its call conferences like Nkrumah. wise punishable,

**British Troops Fire On Crowds Seeking** Nyasaland Freedom these movements and the reac-

FEB. 24 - The colonial gov ernment ordered troops to fire These leaders want political on crowds today in the fifth ndependence and a certain day of mass demonstrations de-He is not ashamed to intro-degree of freedom for man-manding immediate freedom for

> The outbreak of violence began during meetings of the claimed that the Kenya au-African National Congress thorities promised him a coltection for his family in return for giving false testimony at Kenvatta's trial.

> > John Ingham, Secretary for The self-confessed false witcapital, said that the Congress jury.

to rush 20.000 members of his Colorado party into the armed they opposed a government- of the Legislative Council, call- forces in case of an armed insurrection

Students have been jailed and tortured on charges of plastering walls with such slogans as 'Viva Castro" and "Down with Tyranny.

A contingent of exiles preparing to make a Castro-type invasion of the country were arrested Feb. 24 by Argentine police before they could cross the Paraguay river.

The demonstrations occurred Somoza Continues **Efforts to Soften Dictatorial Image** 

> Pres. Somoza of Nicaragua is continuing his efforts to change the image of his regime from that of a dictatorship to a democracy. He told the press Feb. 20 that critics "keep talking about the Somoza dynasty. This is a hell of a dynasty. My political enemies publicly advocate

Ruling circles in Kenya are on the street corners the overreported fearful that the ex- throw of my administration. The posure of the frame-up of Jomo papers attack me whenever they Kenvatta will stir a wave of choose, and with some that is fresh support for the imprisonevery .day.'

He complained that Castro of ed nationalist leader. He was sent up for seven years on Cuba and Betancourt of Venecharges that were cooked up zuela have scorned his overtures by the government, it has been to be counted with them as a 'liberal.'

Meanwhile U.S. Ambassador Rawson Moogwa Macharia Thomas E. Whelan left for key witness in the 1952 trial, Washington for consultation. He has been the object of a "Whe-"I know and understand the terrible risk I am taking by lan Go Home" campaign among Nicaraguans who charge him exposing the Kenya Government's misdeed," he said in an with being overfriendly with Somoza. affidavit. "Their secret police

**U.S. Spy Catcher** 

Loose in England happy, indeed, if anything ter-

> An English janitor at a U.S. air base was held at gun point for 35 minutes by an American Army lieutenant who kept repeating, "For all I know you might be a Russian spy." The

Macharia is alleged to have janitor had lost his way in the darkness. He was forced to throw everything out of his pockets including his watch. which was damaged. He received \$28 compensation for this and the lieutenant was relieved of duty. An air force statement lar manner."

may murder me to destroy the facts and the evidence. "All the same, I shall be very

charged.

# Letters from Our Readers

## **Some Suggestions** For a Bigger and **Better** "Militant" Editor:

Recent trends reveal that there is a growing market for a "new" type of journalism. If able departure from the present election field. the editors of the Militant hearken to this development, more professional approach. the way is open for the transformation of the weekly Milithought expanding its influence limited perimeter to which it has been unduly confined.

fessional answer, simply and able a task. easily understood, to the planetshaking problems confronting him; and is rejecting the garpapers which consistently un- but something much more dif- fornia. derestimate his intelligence and ficult to overcome - lack of ficial and slanted news coverage. | that? -Editor.] How can the Militant meet

the need? A few modest proposals:

weekly analysis of current economic, political military trends. Editor: Have identifiable feature writers

deal exclusively with a given of the various united socialist regard despite the differences field week after week. Where formations which appeared in that were so striking there. "We possible use photos to identify the 1958 elections would be ap- need to explore all possibilities your columnists and feature writers.

(2) A weekly summary of the of interest, in particular, about He recounted his own trepinews out of Washington, Al- what views are held in differbany. City Hall should adorn ent parts of the country on the beforehand and the warnings each issue of the Militant with prospects for a socialist presithumbnail sketches of the fig-dential campaign in 1960. ures and issues involved in the

(3) A weekly feature — 10 today — 100 years ago today. This will enable the editors to trace dramatically and visually the course of American labor history in continuity and re- follows:

store an appreciation of the class struggle, its great events election campaign conducted by In answer to a question as to and great leaders.

spot of modest size on the Soviet Union. Here subs to the ed as an example of the validity in the Militant, which he called Militant can be offered for the of socialist unity for practical a fair and correct report of the best question submitted. (5) A workers correspondence stimulating opposition to the preference for an all-inclusive feature: A sub to the Militant "Right to Work" bill within the electoral policy which would can be offered each week for labor and Negro movement. letters covering personal experiences in shop, farm, school, Socialist group as such was dis- "progressive" candidates of the ships, among unemployed, for-

eign lands. (6) A weekly column cover- Seattle chapter of the Ameri- vealed, however, that a large ing the field of science, medi- can Forum for Socialist Educa- number of those present opcine, education all over the tion as a suitable medium for posed support of capitalist poworld.

(7) Short stories of Jack socialist regroupment in this dent socialist political action. London, speeches by Debs, se-lections from Upton Sinclair's indicated its willingness to be-

compendium "The Cry for Jus- come a membership organiza-tice," anecdotes by Jim Cannon, tion locally so that the entry biographies of today's labor and association of UL and S leaders, exposures of corruption supporters will be formalized. along the lines of Spivak, Mur- It was deemed wisest to await row, Steffens can liven up the future opportunities for elecpages from week to week. toral activities before deciding

My suggestions, if applied, I the precise nature of new foracknowledge, require consider- mations and alliances in the

format, with emphasis on a (3) A recommendation was made to the AFSE that it of- with a fight for the 30-hour You may know that in a re- ficially participate in the Comcent survey, public opinion mittee of Correspondence aristant into an organ of Marxist rated newspapermen eighth, ing out of the Cleveland Con- by Edith Fox, secretary of the just below dentists and just ference of American Socialists Local 3 committee. It touched and circulation beyond the above undertakers and TV com- held last Thanksgiving. A report on the Cleveland

mentators, as requiring ability and training. So the job of as- conference was given at a ban-A study of reading patterns sembling a qualified though quet the evening of the conshows that the public is in- limited corps of staff workers vention, Jan. 10, by Dr. Holland clining toward a coherent, pro- does not represent too formid- Roberts, California labor and socialist educator, who polled Jonathon Care close to 400,000 votes last sum- tions in all the industrial cen-

mer as an independent candi-New York

[Our big obstacle is not lack date for the office of Superinbage peddled by those news- of competent "newspapermen" tendent of Instruction in Cali-Dr. Roberts commended the

serve him a daily diet of super- funds. Got any suggestions on Cleveland Conference highly as a milestone in American radicalism. He stressed the complete democracy and thorough par-**Reports on Seattle** ticipation of all tendencies rep-

resented at the gathering, and he made an eloquent plea for a

dations about the conference given him that it was an "SWP

legislation under consideration. convention of the United Lib- see and help a conference of erals and Socialists was held. socialists such as Cleveland deyears ago today — 50 years ago After a lively discussion, the clared itself to be was so strong convention voted to accept the that he went nevertheless, prereports and recommendations of pared to be disappointed but the Executive Committee. High- hoping for a surprise. And the the march on Washington. lights of the decisions were as conference itself proved to be

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activity and its usefulness in differences. He spoke of his own

(2) The United Liberal and candidacies with support of solved with the recommendation two capitalist parties.

pursuing the objectives of liticians and favored indepen-

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### MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1959

Waiting to Move Up



Acting Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, left, arrives in Washington from a South Carolina vacation and is greeted by Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs C. Douglas Dillon. Both men are candidates to step into the shoes of Secretary of State Dulles who has been stricken by another attack of cancer.

mara retreated from his origi- cisions and program, and ennal promise to introduce a 30- courages them to engage in UAW executive board not only hour bill; that the top union militant activity, they will be lists objectives but also proleaders still refuse to commit able to accomplish a hundred vides "an organizational structo protest growing attacks on themselves to the 30-hour de- times more.

welfare by city officials and to mand and confine themselves These committees didn't wait demand extension of temporary to vague generalities on the for Reuther to give them a sig- unemployed themselves in close subject; that the Michigan AFL- nal or to lead them by the hand. April 1, when it is scheduled CIO, under pressure from the The other unemployed mem-Democratic Party, is no longer bers in the UAW, and in the of their local unions and the insaying or writing anything labor movement generally, ternational union to achieve the were adopted after discussion. about its jobless compensation ought now to follow their ex- goals of the program." ample.

Which only goes to prove that WHY NOT HERE? there are limits on what a few local unemployed committees A five-room apartment in

government housing project in But if the UAW organized the Puerto Rico rents for \$28 a unemployed through all its lo- month. In case of a layoff, the cals, gives them a voice in de- rent is cut to \$8.

Jobless Meet

[Mich.) to reduce the work week (Continued from Page 1) mittee, and of the city-wide Cadillac Square to publicize to 35 hours. For greater effeccommittee through which it has their needs and voice their de- tiveness, they propose an worked, show beyond question mands. If the record is any in- amendment to the bill to make that the unemployed are eager dication, a couple of hundred it a 30-hour week within a year. To popularize this program battle provided they are offered give an impressive message to the unemployed Detroit unionthe departing delegates for de- ists are distributing buttons calling for a 30-hour week at 40 hours pay. The energy which It is too early to determine some display in selling these

the sentiment in union ranks on buttons indicates that they what the aims and objectives of a jobless conference in Washbe. In some areas, however, the jobless have been demanding renewal of emergency federal by the millions from coast to al director. coast. ment compensation for 13 weeks

(7) Committees in each cen-If the rank and file take an ter to deal with various probbeyond the various limits set by sation raised by any official the states. On Eisenhower's to the mass conference in Wash- compensation, legislation. maginative approach like this liems — welfare, surplus food, ington it may turn out to be more effective than either Reuplan new activities. EISENHOWER LAUGHS

Action Program Welcomed by Jobless in Auto

DETROIT. Feb. 18-The UAW "Action Program to Get America Back to Work," partly reported in last week's Militant, suffers from some important defects-particularly in its vague approach to

the shorter work week, its failure to endorse the Michigan AFL-CIO proposal for jobless compensation for the full period of unemployment, etc.

Nevertheless, it represents a enuine step forward. Despite its programmatic weaknesses, it is welcomed by unemployed auto workers because it calls on the whole union to join in action to meet their problems. In an administrative letter to all UAW locals on Feb. 11,

the program adopted by the

cooperation with their employed fellow workers and the officers

The main features of the pro-

posed structure are:

paign. (2) A national coordinator seected from Reuther's staff. (3) Regional coordinators seected by each regional director. mittees on unemployment, conregional director.

information and service center ity. in communities where unemployment is high, to provide guidance in getting help for individual members. (6) Each center to be super-

vised by a steering committee would appreciate appearing at consisting of local union oftion.

unemployed that induced the UAW leadership to go this far. Special credit belongs to the UAW Production and Skilled Workers Unemployed Committee, organized from below.

Workers Party, brought his socialist program to the members of United Steel Work-Walter Reuther explained that

ture . . . designed to enlist the energies and activities of the

(1) An "officers task force" (Reuther, Emil Mazey, Leonard Woodcock) to direct the cam-



(5) Establishment of a UAW





ers Local 2058 here today. He spoke at membership meetings both in the afternoon and at midnight Pointing to labor's key

L.A. Unionists

Hear Buch

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18-

Peter Buch, who is running

for Board of Elections with

the support of the Socialist

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role in establishing free public education in this country, Buch stressed the need for labor winning a voice in the

Between the two union meetings, the socialist candidate spoke before the Cheviot Hills and Westside

Democratic clubs. aimed at solving their own

problems, we greatly magnify

the possibilities of success in attaining our objectives. Deprived of the opportunity to work, the unemployed can turn their otherwise idle hours to constructive and rewarding action on behalf of themselves and others with similar problems. As they succeed in winning their objectives, whether

sisting of representatives from in small matters or large, they will gain new hope and renew their faith in the effectiveness

of common action and solidar-On this point, at least, unemployed UAW members ought to take the leadership at their word, and do everything they





"30 for 40 — Jobs for All." which are being sold by the meeting adjourned. Some observations after the

to expire.

meeting:

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week at 40-hours pay.

on the following:

ton.

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asked the unions to couple this

The third report was made

(1) A proposal that the com-

mittee give wholehearted sup-

port to Reuther's call for an

unemployed march on Wash-

ington. Also suggested were

simultaneous mass demonstra-

ters to express support of the

demands presented in Washing-

(2) Support for the extended

compensation proposal raised by

Gus Scholle and the Michigan

AFL-CIO last month, and notice

to them that the committee

would participate in a motor-

cade to Lansing when hearings

(3) An appeal that all UAW

locals and officials express sup-

port for Sen. McNamara's bill

to reduce the work week to 35

hours, and for an amendment

to the bill further reducing it,

(4) Preparations for a demon-

stration in Detroit next month

federal compensation beyond

All these recommendations

Chris Mazzola then passed

out buttons bearing the slogan.

Most enthusiasm was voiced for proposal.

one year later, to 30 hours.

on compensation are held.

### EAGER TO FIGHT

The activities of this comto fight and can give effective thousand Detroit jobless might any kind of leadership.

Consider what these com- livery in Washington. mittees have accomplished in about four months:

Reopened the fight for the 30-hour week at 40-hours pay, the Washington parley should influencing the UAW and AFL-CIO leadership to promise a ight for a shorter work week. Spurred the Michigan AFL- legislation providing unemploy-CIO into making the most radical demand on jobless compen-

# (1) Provide the reader with Socialist Activities

continuation of the same spirit More news about the activity of mutual respect and fraternal preciated, I am sure, by many of working together and dis-

readers. There is a great deal cussing together," he said.

front." He was urged not to Here in Seattle last month a attend. But his own desire to

(1) Approval of the socialist said.

the committee last fall as a po- his evaluation of the debate on city-wide committee, and the (4) A question and answer litical and organizational suc- political action at Cleveland, cess. The campaign was regard- Dr. Roberts cited an editorial

# a vindication of his decision, he

combine independent socialist

that all participants join in the Discussion from the floor re-

SMOG SOLUTION - Plant chimneys and automobile exhausts are belching such enormous quantities of hydrocarbons and other noxious fumes that air pollution in many American cities is nearing the danger level. However, the capitalist powers that be aren't making much progress with remedial measures. The typical attitude is well indicated by the following quip ascribed to a top Detroit auto engineer: "What Los Angeles needs are filtertipped people."

WALLACE LIKES IKE - Henry Wallace, Progressive Party presidential candidate in 1948 who ran on a liberal capitalist program and proclaimed his love for peace-until Truman plunged the U.S. into the Korean civil war-disclosed last week that he had voted for Eisenhower in 1956. He explained that he favors a man who does "a real, imaginative job on the foreign front in the interest of world peace" and "that's why I voted for Ike." Wallace did not seem to be suffering from stomach distress even though he had swallowed Dulles along with the imaginative Republican general.

BAR NAACP MEMBERS - Imitating the example set by the federal government's "antisubversive" program, the racist-dominated Arkansas legislature adopted a measure making it a punishable offense for any state agency to hire a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The measure attacking the NAACP as "Communist-controlled," is part of a package aimed at driving the organization out of the state. When Gov. Faubus signed the bill into law Feb. 25. Mrs. L. C. Bates, state president of the NAACP, said the measure would be challenged in the courts as unconstitutional.

BILLIONAIRE'S OPINION - Henry Ford II accused the merged AFL-CIO Feb. 19 of being "the most aggressive ascendent force in American politics." He also contended that the union movement is holding up "progress" with its "extreme left-wing economic outlook."

URGE \$1.25 MINIMUM - The AFL-CIO Executive Council has decided to urge Congress to raise the federal minimum wage from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour. Although America's powerful unions do not have a single political representative in either the Senate or House, the top AFL-CIO brass are hopeful the measure will pass because they have endorsed many Democrats in past elections. To increase their influence in the halls of Congress they are raising \$35,000 for free lunches, drinks, entertainment and the other items that go into "lobbying" a capitalist "friend of labor" into the mood to grant a concession.

**ONWARD AND UPWARD** — The cost of living in New York City hit a record peak in January. Food prices jumped 1.3% during the month and the cost of medical care and recreation went up along with rents. Prices in the city are now officially estimated as, 21.8%

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higher than the 1947-49 average. The cost of union body — that it be paid clothing dropped in the city last month, but for the full period of unemployso did the temperature and the amount of heat | ment. supplied by landlords.

TEACHERS WIN - New York Evening by holding the first big picket- providing compensation for the School Teachers voted to return to work after the Board of Education agreed to a wage in- Hall in several years, probably year, 2,600,000 people exhausted crease. The teachers resigned Feb. 2 because influencing Reuther - in his they were paid only \$12.25 for a 3-hour session. They will now receive \$18,38 for a 3½-hour session, Starting July 1, they will get \$18 a night for 2 hours and 45 minutes; and \$21 a with the support of their emnight for 3 hours after July 1, 1960.

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FOOD CLERKS BEAT LOCKOUT - Los overtime an issue which the ures on an unemployment chart. Angeles food clerks feel cheerful after beating UAW leadership feels compelled a lockout and winning a 15-cent increase which to champion. brings their pay to \$2.45 an hour. They won

other benefits also such as medical care and a ban on discrimination because of sex, age or national origin. By 1963 pay will go to \$2.79 an hour plus cost of living benefits, but many of the most active members consider the fiveyear extension of the contract unwise.

NEGRO UNEMPLOYMENT-Negro workers have been hit hardest of all by unemployment. January statistics show 13.5% of the Negro labor force unemployed as against 6.2% for whites.

OUR DAILY BREAD-The Atomic Enstrontium 90 than the commission itself deems "safe." However, it assures the public that the sample of poisoned wheat "appears to have been a rarity." On the other hand, a University of Minnesota scientist-issued a public warning back on May 17, 1957, that the area has the there will probably be a 4% \$100,000 which sounds quite cord of expenses, the Treasury highest concentration of strontium 90 fallout in the world as a result of nuclear blasts at the Nevada testing site. He explained: "After the Nevada bomb tests, the wind blows from west to east, and the Midwest is the first area of reasonable rainfall you hit. The strontium is washed out of the atmosphere, gets in our soil I am happy to report that things and then gets in all foodstuffs and water."

"CURVE OF PROSPERITY"-The Agricul- lations are going into effect ture Department put a new loop in Eisenhow- this year. In case you missed 5,000,000 unemployed workers. er's "rising curve of prosperity" when it re- the articles, I'll pass along ported that 5,230,044 persons on relief Dec. 31 some of her tips. were receiving donations of government surplus food to keep them from starving. This business to take full advantage was the largest number since 1942. \* \* \*

KENNEDY REPROVED-When Sen, Ken- somebody's taxes are being re-

nedy, a Catholic seeking presidential nomina- duced? For example, a businessman tion, recently announced adherence to the traditional American view on separation of purchasing machinery or equipchurch and state, the editors of Ave Maria ment can take a 20% depreci-

city sales tax.

took him to task. In line with Vatican dogma ation this year in addition to dangerous as well.'

tion is slated to die April 1.

can acheve.

Revived the tradition of rank and file mass demonstrations been voiced is for legislation line in front of Detroit's City duration of unemployment. Last march on Washington proposal. 650,000 went through the Closed down several plants meager additional 13-weeks working overtime on Saturdays. ployed brothers and sisters, and cians and politicians, these peothus made the fight against ple no longer count even as fig-

Another demand that has ther or Meany dreamed. their state benefits and another

compensation provided by Congress. For Washington statisti-

SHORTER WORK WEEK

Blazed a trail with new types Unemployed Dodge Local 3 of demands, like the one for nalf-fares for the jobless. It is true that Sen. McNa- by Senator McNamara (D.- million jobless.

whose activities have shown what the unemployed can do. (8) Regular meetings of the even on their own. Pressure unemployed in these centers to can and should be continued hear committee reports and through the new structure to insure rank and file participa-(9) A number of such centers, tion, to improve the program

General Eisenhower showed each with its own steering com- and to promote a fighting camthat he was not without insight mittee, in places with heavy paign against unemployment. when he laughed at the idea of unemployment, like Wayne

these labor lieutenants seriously | County, Mich. organizing a march on cold, (10) Area-wide steering com-'foggy" Washington. But Eisenmittees in such areas, consistnower should recall the day in ing of representatives of each 1931 when, as McArthur's aide, center, acting under the regionhe had to cope with the bonus al director. marchers. It will take more than

(11) A state - wide steering the fog of political oratory ommittee in Michigan. emanating from Capitol Hill to

(12) The closest possible coprevent a new generation from workers in Detroit are urging converging on Washington to operation with AFL-CIO counpassage of the bill introduced speak out for America's five cils and other groups.

(13) In states where UAW membership is small, AFL-CIO councils will be urged to initiate similar activities.

(14) Find means of publicizing and dramatizing unemployed problems through mass rallies, demonstrations, etc.

This structure is top-heavy and bureaucratic, like almost tions. Donation \$2. everything coming from Solidarity House. But it does provide a voice for the unemployed and machinery through which

Calendar **Of Events** 

#### LOS ANGELES

Meet the author at a dinner and meeting celebrating publication of James P. Cannon's "Notebook of an Agitator." Reading and program dramatizing "Fifty Years as a Socialist Agitator." Entertainment.

fine food, refreshments. Sat., March 14, 7 p.m. Forum Hall, 1702 East 4th St. Call AN 9-

4953 or WE 5-9238 for reserva-

#### NEW YORK

William Reuben, author of "The Honorable Mr. Nixon," they may be able to organize will speak on "The Facts on the FBI Atom Spy Hoax." Fri.,

In his letter, Reuther wrote: March 6, 8:30 p.m., Militant "By mobilizing the unem- Labor Forum, 116 University ployed workers in activities Place. Contribution 50 cents.







The New York worker will months. ergy Commission confirmed Feb. 17 that a be hard hit by the 1959 tax Corporations, too, will have a bit complicated, but I wonder

sample from the 1957 Minnesota wheat crop proposals of Governor Rocke- an easier time, especially those if there is some way to become contained a greater amount of radioactive feller and Mayor Wagner. State which have been worried about a pseudo-worker? income taxes will be deducted profits; that is, worried about If you are an executive with from his already mutilated pay the threat of a tax penalty be- a comfortable expense account, check and the exemptions will cause their profits are too high. you have nothing to worry be lowered. Taxes on cigarettes The "safety zone" on profits about this year. If your emand gasoline are going up, and has been raised from \$60,000 to ployer is satisfied with your re-

liberal to me.

Because of this depressing If your problem is not excess outlook, I was particularly inprofits but none at all, there is terested in a series of articles something in the new regulain the New York Post by Sylvia tions for you, too. If you were Porter, "How to Save on Taxes." making money in 1955, you can claim a refund on taxes paid lose their initiative if they are that year, as well as 1956 and so fully protected against all are not as bad as they seem

and many new, liberal tax regu- 1957. This is a wonderful idea hazards? How can they get the which should be taken up by Another handy gimmick for the businessman who is not do-Of course, you have to be in ing very well is to donate un-

saleable merchandise to charity. of these new regulations. But This is deductible, not at the isn't it consoling to learn that price he paid for it but at the

inally hoped to get.

**PSEUDO-WORKER?** 

that the state should serve the church, they his regular depreciation. It Porter's tax tips is a paragraph and the jet-propelled planes. argued that to "relegate your conscience to somehow works out that he can on "checking the possibilities your 'private life' is not only unrealistic, but take as much as \$2,267 depreci- of becoming a corporation which want to do with your week's ation on a \$10,000 purchase of elects NOT to be taxed as a pay?

pseudo-corporation." It sounds

effective action.

won't check it. No itemization of dinners, theater tickets or

call girls will be required. One thing frightens me about this tax set-up - are businessmen being coddled? Won't they

full benefit of the rough and tumble of our competitive economic system? If the govern-

ment makes things so easy for him, the businessman may feel rejected and conclude that he has nothing to contribute. On the other hand, when a

full retail price which he orig- | what's left of it — he knows that he provides the sinews of

government and of war. He pays the congressmen's salaries. One intriguing item in Miss He buys the rockets, the bombs But is this what you really