Hurt by Recession Pinch

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# Big Four' Spar 4 Out of 10 U.S. Families Over Unsettled German Issue

By Daniel Roberts

During the last three months, Washington and Moscow have been sparring with each other in the diplomatic ring. Thus, on Feb. 24, Khrushchev slapped down the

seemingly accepted the prohowever, that the meeting be During British Prime Minister Macmillan's trip to the USSR ternated conciliation with sharp denunciation of the NATO powers, then wound up the visit on a cordial note again. (He explained his sharp attack as a political speech on the eve of Soviet elections in which he was 'a candidate.)

#### WAR DANGER

While jabbing and parrying, both sides seek to give the impression that they are eager to bring about a resolution of the German question. Conflict over

### Reformatory Is **Death Trap for** Negro Children

MARCH 5 - Southern racists send Negro children to reformatories "for their own good." This morning 21 Negro boys. trapped behind locked doors and barred windows, were burned to death when fire razed the Wrightsville Training School for Negroes outside Little Rock, Ark. No adult had been on watch at night for a

Bodies were burned beyond recognition. Other children are tween the two German authorimissing and may be dead.

found it safe. He said he would recommend building another re- threat against the Soviet Union. formatory that would be "fire

West's proposal that the issue divided Berlin within divided of divided Germany be negotiated at a "Big Four" foreign Germany — threatens to preministers' conference. But he cipitate war. Both Washington and Moscow urge an easing of posal on March 24, stipulating, cold-war tensions. But each is so deeply involved in Germany enlarged to include the Polish that neither side can offer a and Czech foreign ministers. genuine solution to the problem. The precondition for such a solution is that both pow-(he went there to spar for the ers remove their occupation Western side), Khrushchev al- troops and allow the German people to determine their own

The present German crisis

began last November when the Soviet government announced that it would end its participation in Four Power military control of Berlin, Moscow said that it would turn over its military functions in Berlin to the East German regime sometime at the end of May. Thereafter, British, French and U.S. military officials will have to get clearance from East German instead of Soviet authoridivided Germany — and over ties to bring food and other supplies to West Berlin from West Germany. (Berlin is 100 miles inside East Germany.) The Soviet move is designed List Batista

to win Western diplomatic recognition for East Germany. Following such recognition, the Kremlin proposes that all counries in the war with Nazi Germany sign a peace treaty with both German governments. All Confiscation foreign troops should then leave Germany, which would remain neutral and disarmed. Cuban Government to confis-The two German governments cate all money and property would be free to form a "con- now in the hands of Batista's many, while Soviet property accounts of three former offorms would be upheld in East ficials (\$356,959) in Matanzas Germany. A more complete have been reported confiscated fusion could be negotiated be- by Faustino Perez, Minister in ties. The effect of the Soviet government property. Gov. Faubus said he inspected the building last year and found it safe. He said he would western imperialism's military acquired by merch-Western imperialism's military

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# Calif. 'Friend of Labor' Pays Off His Backers

By Milton Alvin

Less than a month after taking office, the new Democratic governor of California, Edmund G. Brown, has millions of dollars. begun to reveal his attitude towards the labor movement which was largely responsible

measures against the unions. Deploring the failure of Congress to pass the Kennedy-Ives fornia. bill, Brown stated, "We must lead, not follow," as he opened unions in California.

Among the measures proposed by Brown are provisions for Brown's legislative campaign quirements for quorums at such Republican leader Joseph C. ing and recalling officers and in general agreement with the so on. These are presented as message," he said. "It looks like protection of the democratic what I was supporting in the rights of union members but last election." would actually permit a state government department to interfere with the independence of the unions.

Another bill introduced by Democratic Assemblyman Mil- gram. ler, with Brown's blessing. would give the Department of tatorial authority over unions tremely difficult if someone in al issue was present.

Brown's election last fall was crats and Republicans? due mainly to the desire of the

against the unions who support- | ing slap.

ed him. In addition to the antipassage of a list of restrictive of around \$2 billion for the coming year. This is the largest budget ever proposed in Cali-

To raise the additional funds, his campaign to hamstring the will place the heaviest burden on the working people.

A revealing statement in is wooded or rocky. regulating the number of union for restrictive legislation against meetings held each year, re- the unions came from assembly meetings, regulations for elect- Shell. "I can't help but say I'm

> John F. McCarthy, Republisaid that he feels the same as leries? Shell about Brown's labor pro-

Industrial Relations virtual dic- Brown should now begin to ask the current issue of True mag- for years if your tests don't apply to his own personality. themselves if it was worth azine presents a frightening come out right. in shops where more than one while even though they suc- analysis of personality testing, union claimed jurisdiction. To ceeded in defeating Knowland which has become a threat to call any strike would be ex- and his Right to Work program. every wage earner. A man who Would it not have been more the plant claimed a jurisdiction- effective to run candidates in try or painting may lose out machines and then "analyzed" opposition to both the Demo-

majority of California voters to didates hadn't won in this elec- trial society is greater than any by personality-testing outfits is pictures in the 'AVA Pattern didn't get hired because this is a bad choice, but you have retire the arch-reactionary Sen tion, the scare an independent other in history, including that tests made by these meth- Universe,' to see how the ap- revealed that he was submis- to be alert to realize that Aris-William Knowland to private labor campaign could have of Greece, will be spotted as a ods are practically worthless plicant checks out. Your 'get- sive and hen-pecked. A deliv- totle is a bad choice, too. Arislife. Brown benefited from thrown into both old parties "radical." widespread union support. He would have made them hesitate came out against the so-called long about provoking the worklaws and another tax gouge.

Right to Work proposition ing people still further by hit- Rastus dialect jokes are funny, personality tests, says: "Frankly, jectives you have checked. Zero achieved only by men who con- mindless automaton, indifferent which Knowland pushed very ting them with fresh anti-labor you are obviously difficult to they stink." However, once in office, Brown As it is, they count on the shouldn't laugh too hard at too developed which may become If you take the AVA test, be tailed instructions on how to to do a day's work, but not too like other Democratic Party union officialdom to turn the many jokes because, as a psy- the most popular of all, as it moderate in checking adjec- beat the tests. "Conjure up the much. Not enough, for instance,

tear gas. The crowds shouting

ported imprisoned.

The British rulers declared a broken. cree, 700 Africans have been African National Congress. placed behind barbed wire in a concentration camp.

land is demanding independ- after living most of his adult ence. Nyasaland and Northern life first in the United States be guaranteed in West Ger- fective later this week. Bank has been a leader-in-exile of

The federation is slated for the most of it." dominion status next year and ants, industrialists, cane and On the side of the NATO coffee planters, ranchers and Nyasaland independence movewith greater autonomy, the former dictator Batista and his white rulers of Southern Rho-Vice-President Guas Inclan, all desia will become even more cabinet ministers since the Ba- oppressive.

The situation in Nyasaland is senators and representatives of so explosive that the British both government and opposi- Colonial Office in London felt tion parties who either held or compelled to announce Feb. 26 that a scheduled visit there by and all provincial governors the Earl of Perth, Minister for God for human rights and dig- on the measure at its next sesand municipal mayors who Colonial Affairs, had been post- nity, Asbury Howard, an ofserved under Batista. Their poned due to fear it would ficial of the Mine, Mill and touch off "heightened violence." Smelter Workers Union and holdings run into hundreds of

worried that the Nyasaland re- League, has been placed on a At the same time Castro has begun to institute his land re- volt will spread into the Rho- chain gang. form program. Under it, 67-acre desias. They are especially con-In a special message to the union measures, Brown demands plots are promised to landless carned with their precarious a libel on the state of Alabama ful demonstration of how solidlegislature, Brown demanded a record-breaking state budget peasants. The government's Ag- position in Northern Rhodesia, and sentenced Howard, who is ly the public supports the Opricultural Development Bank where they have been exploit prominent in the Bessemer area position. The government of moved steadily to the right. Be ist economists as sure-fire prebought 25,000 acres of land for ing rich copper deposits for 68 as a leader in the struggle for Prime Minister Bandaranaike fore election he made a cam- ventives for depression. \$430,000 to distribute among years.

province. Associated Press re- dictatorial power of Prime Min- beat him as he left the court-Brown wants new taxes that ports that 16,000 acres of this ister Sir Edgar Cuthbert Fre- room. land can be used for grassland mantle Whitehead was chaland growing tobacco. The rest lenged when 6,600 African last week on grounds that bond workers struck the huge Kariba had been "improperly" filed.

## **Nyasaland Crowds** Face British Troops

MARCH 4—The African struggle for freedom from imperialist rule reached a new high last week in Nyasaland when demonstrators faced British planes, guns and

for the independence of Nyasa- hydroelectric dam project Feb. land responded with sticks, 20. The strike was called after stones and whatever else they 14 Africans and three whites could lay hands on. Yesterday plunged 200 feet down a shaft at least 23 were killed by Brit- to their death. The Africans ish forces and scores wounded, charged that unsafe conditions Despite British violence, the in- were responsible for the tragdependence struggle has grown edy. in intensity since the first dem-They also demanded that

onstrations Feb. 19. their wages be raised from 41/2 The latest killings came as cents an hour to 14 cents. The roops fired on crowds gathered | Prime Minister declared that at a local jail demanding the "agitators" were responsible for release of nationalist leaders. the strike. British troops were Some 250 nationalists were re- flown in and a week later the strike appeared to have been

state of emergency yesterday During the strike, Whitehead and Dr. Hastings Banda, leader decreed a ban on the African of the Nyasaland African Na- National Congress in all three tional Congress, was seized by countries and the Zambia Afrithe British and flown to South- can National Congress of Northern Rhodesia. In that area, un- ern Rhodesia. The latter is a der a Feb. 26 emergency de- pacifist-led split-off from th

The British hope, by the arrest of Dr. Banda, to deprive Nyasaland and Southern and the independence movement in Northern Rhodesia comprise a Nyasaland of leadership. Dr. federation from which Nyasa- Banda returned home last July Rhodesia are British protector- and then in England. Since 1951 whites, is a self-governing col- The temper of that movement ony. The rigged federation set- is reflected in Dr. Banda's decup gives the reactionary white laration for the Africans just settlers of Southern Rhodesia prior to his arrest: "In Nyasapolitical control of all three land we mean to be masters, and if that be treason, make strikes by declaring any service ernment had placed the city's

# Sentenced to Cartoon

For reprinting a cartoon of a The British imperialists are president of the Bessemer Voters

> A court branded the cartoon Negro voting rights, to \$105 fine insisted otherwise, claiming that paign pledge to repeal the se-

Discussing Berlin Crisis



British Prime Minister Macmillan (left) holds animated conversation with Soviet Premier Khrushchev during recent discussion over Berlin crisis. In center is an unidentified interpreter. The talks ran warm, cold and warm again. Diplomats now say some kind of summit meeting may result from the Macmillan-Khrushchev negotiations.

## Stage Political Strike in Ceylon

MARCH 4 — Trotskvist-led unions in Cevlon vesterday conducted a one-day general strike as a political protest against pending government legislation that would take the country a long way+

toward police-state rule. national security act would empower the government to break cree would permit it to call

striking workers back on the gers to protect. out the armed forces and muster job under penalty of jail and fines. The security amendment tinued. "The Ceylon Daily News was rammed through the House brought out one edition which of Representatives after police had been printed before middragged out members of the night yesterday. None of the body belonging to the Trotsky ist Lanka Samasamaja Party publish today." because they protested arbitrary shut-off of debate. The the government claim that Negro in chains appealing to Ceylon Senate is slated to act. sion March 10.

#### WORKERS STAY HOME

strike, Dr. N. M. Perera, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, ported for work today, behav- tory to meet another similar hailed the action as a successverify Dr. Perera's estimate.

The report said, "There was biguous."

no violence. Most workers A proposed amendment to the legal holiday. Much of Colombo stayed home as if it were a It added that while the gov-

"essential." An "emergency" de-transit system on "a war footing," there were "few passen-

"The strike hurt Colombo's newspapers," the dispatch conafternoon papers were able to

The Times dispatch confirms "some" unions did ignore the strike call. "Ceylon's Communist Party had no part in the general strike, although it, too, has been critical of the amended At the end of the one-day security act. Members of the maintenance programs were not Communist-led trade unions re-

> ing in effect as strike-breakers.' Since it won power in 1956,

### Survey Finds Stabilizers **Did Not Work**

By Alex Harte

Four out of every ten American families have been directly hit by the economic recession. This fact, indicating something of the real impact of the recession, is the chief finding of a national survey made last October but not made public until last week.

The survey, described in an Ann Arbor, Michigan, dispatch to the March 1 N.Y. Times, was directed by three nationally recognized experts in economics and sociology at the University of Michigan.

They are Prof. Fedele Fauri, Dean of the University School of Social Work and Chairman of the U.S. Dept. of Labor's Federal Advisory Council on Employment Security; Dr. William Haber. Professor of Economics and authority on unemoloyment insurance; and Proessor Wilbur Green.

Their report says that 40% of the American people suffered reductions in incomes, in he period preceding the date of the survey, through layoffs, part-time employment or other financial setbacks.

The government's figures on unemployment, which are fairly well publicized, give only a weak reflection of the conditions produced by the capitalist

At any given time within the year preceding October 1958, there were 4½ to 5½ million unemployed. But in one out of bread-winner had been unemployed at some period during the twelve months, the report savs.

Among persons covered by unemployment compensation, says the report, benefits amounted on the average to only 37% of normal weekly earnings, instead of the 50% which even Eisenhower puts as a bottom requirement.

The findings, says the report, 'indicate that the existing builtin stabilizers in our income - and still are not - satisfacrecurrence" of economic decline.

Bandaranaike's regime has been widely touted by capital-

American capitalism, despite 346 peasants in Pinar Del Rio In Southern Rhodesia the and six months in jail. A mob thousands of workers had not curity act. Now he demands it its gigantic war spending, has stayed off the job. Facts report- be made even more sweeping. clearly not solved the problem ed in a New York Times dis- The attitude of the Communist of mass impoverishment, which An appeal was denied hearing patch from Colombo today Party toward the government Kerl Marx singled out as a has been characterized as "am- deep-going tendency, in capital-

### Child Did You Like "Alice in Wonderland"? too well we wonder. Does he sonnel man. No psychologist is people with too much 'life force' Eagle Scout at 13 and won the required. The growth of personality Congressional Medal at 20," he testing is particularly dangerous

By Joyce Cowley

Archbishop Makarios re-

turns to Cyprus after Britain,

Greece, Turkey made island

a republic. British exiled him

for advocating union with

A new law authorizing the

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The immediate targets are

tista coup of March 10, 1952, ali

sought office from 1954 to 1958,

mine owners.

Did you like "Alice in Won-

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Shouldn't laugh too hard at too death.

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#### "THEY STINK"

to score well. But if he scores and quickly graded by a per-dead employees are undesirable, tio Alger type who was an evening.

required.

"The AVA test," Gross re The AVA - trained personnel man, using stencils and charts, clerks—are safe. then converts the answers into On many of these tests, the a little zig-zag picture of the the "brain pickers," as Gross questions like this: "Which man freedom, winds up demanding results are computed by IBM subject's personality. The result calls them, did to an applicant do you admire most . . . Wash-- which plots Aggressiveness, for a job as milk delivery man. ington or Lincoln? Julius Caebecause of "latent homosexual- by psychologists who never see Sociability, Dependence and He completed the sentence sar or Aristotle?" It is self-eviity." An applicant who fails to the job applicant. The opinion Stability — is then compared "Most women are . . . " with dent that Lincoln, who signed Even if the unions' own can agree that our present indus of psychologists not employed with hundreds of typical job the words "very smart." He the Emancipation Proclamation, Dr. George Bennett, president up-and-go' or what AVA calls ery man should be able to make totle was a thinker. If a man Your sense of humor is ex- of the Psychological Corpora- life force is measured simply a good impression on house- starts thinking . . . amined, too. If you don't think tion, the largest publisher of by counting the number of ad- wives, which is evidently What the employer wants is a

politicians began by moving other cheek for another sting- chologist put it: "We like a man can be given in three minutes tives. While dead or nearly image of a happy stable Hora- to go to a union meeting in the

LIFETIME PROBE

One testing firm, described as -factory workers, truck driv- inclinations is considered by workers, too, can get ideas. ers, office workers or sales

Here's an example of what

love raw meat but you dislike job.

radical. Radicals are unmasked by

to horticulture, philosophy or The Gross article gives de- art, with enough physical energy

Congressional Medal at 20," he testing is particularly dangerous says, "and answer as if you in a period of rising unemploywere he." You are not tired at ment. Workers who admire the end of a day's work. You Greek culture or attend con-"psychologists to management," rarely see a dentist because certs may become psychologicaltays with their victim for his your teeth resist decay. If you ly unemployable, because the million, as 60% of major cor- 'kind' to 'cruel' and 'lazy.' The entire life, "probing" him twice are a man and don't want any boss is afraid they will get a month, at lunch or dinner, in questions raised about it, you ideas and make trouble on the

But management has overseums; the man with cultural looked one thing. Unemployed testers to be as dangerous as a They may conclude that free the individual opportunity and an "ideal worker" difficult to distinguish from a robot.

#### Next Week

Our next issue will feature special articles on the growing problem of unemployment, including proposals by the Socialist Workers Party for effective measures to combat the effects of the recession. Help to give it maximum circulation by ordering extra copies. Bundles of five or more are only six cents a

By Harry Ring

"Productivity Drive." "Industry Aims to Hold; Expand Recession Gains as Production Climbs." Firms Hire More Selectively, Add New

Machines, Revise Employe Communications." Those are the headings the Wall Street Journal used in its lead story Feb. 24. Just in case the Wall Street Journal isn't sold outside your unemployment insurance

office, here's a summary of its cheerful report on how big business used the recession to get more production and higher profits out of fewer workers. "The present surplus of workers in many

lines makes it easier for management to pushproductivity-boosting programs. Most employes will work a little harder when they know a number of their friends have no job at all."

Regular WSJ readers seemed to know that already. "We're getting more work from fewer men. And we're going to get even more work from even fewer men." That was the blunt way an industrial relations director of one big appliance manufacturing outfit put it.

The Kawneer Company, an architectural metal work firm in Niles, Mich., figured a few things out for itself too. "We noticed that every time we had a layoff, our productivity picked up and we had the same production from fewer people."

#### Skin Them With TV

"Employes' attitudes can slow down or speedup production," said a production pusher for a Chicago chemical company that boosted output eight to ten per cent last year without extra workers or new equipment. "We'll hold our production gains, too. We have convinced our employes of the necessity for doing so."

These boys have single-track minds on profits, but they're quite flexible when it comes to skinning a production worker. For example, the Anaheim, Calif., plant of the Hallamore Electronics Co. invested \$40,000 in a television system. Three days a week at lunch every worker in the plant enjoys TV, "unless he hides in a closet or eats with his eyes

There aren't any Westerns or sportscasts. The closed-circuit system programs company products, efficiency measures, and company policies. The Journal doesn't say whether or not the program includes shots of the local welfare office, but it notes that "whatever the workers may think of the program" production has gone up.

"Sometimes, however," the Journal notes, "merely pointing out the problem isn't sufficient." It reports an exciting discovery made by Bell & Howell, the big Chicago camera manufacturer. The workers in the lens department were told that the company had decided to buy lenses from other companies whenever the price was lower than their own cost of production. The lens department, fearing layoffs, boosted production by a solid 30 per cent. "Now we are even exporting lenses," chortled a Bell & Howell spokesman.

#### Put Machines In, Men Out

Automation, improved production methods, consolidation of jobs and standardization of parts are used to step production up and the payroll down.

Bell & Howell has done most of these things, including making interchangeable parts for cameras in various price ranges. The "productivity" drive paid off in a payroll trimmed from 4,071 workers down to 3,736, although sales increased 13 per cent over 1957.

More efficient machinery is used n to jack up production but to break down union-established job classifications. The Ohio Boxboard Corp., of Rittman, Ohio, recently installed a die-cutting machine for corrugated boxes that requires only 15 per cent of the operator's time for loading. On the old one, loading occupied 85 per cent of his time.

'We insisted that he use the time saved to work with other crew members in removing finished pieces from the machine," reported the industrial relations vice-president. Three workers on the machine are now producing 30 per cent more boxes than previously. None of them, he piously adds, works as hard as he did before. Of course, if the market doesn't expand, one of the three may soon be working at finding another job.

Across the country, when sales go up, it's becoming standard practice to put the established job force on overtime rather than add more workers.

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Gould-National Batteries of St. Paul prefer overtime at premium pay to hiring new workers. They hold that "It is better to use

people." Fieldcrest Mills, a North Carolina textile the most revolutionary indusoutfit, had its 500 workers on three and four trial working class in the world. days a week last year. This year sales took a sharp upswing but not a single new worker the conservative grip of its was hired. Instead the 500 are on a six-day present bureaucratic leadership week. The personnel manager says, "We see and begin a political struggle no reason for changing this policy."

Unemployment in Detroit is near an official mark of 200,000; but last December those still on the job were putting in an average of 40.9 hours, a 7½ per cent increase over the same month in 1957. "It's only natural," a the entrance of the American Michigan Employment Security Commission spokesman explained philosophically. "Management's first move is usually to add overtime hours. Later, if it is necessary, it will add stations to a production line."

When production expands to the point where companies are compelled to put on additional workers, they keep the number down as low as possible. Those who get through the personnel screen have been carefully inspected for strong muscles, low militancy, and willingness to cooperate in keeping their pay checks

The St. Paul battery company that prefers overtime to new hires, takes an occasional new hand. They put applicants through a dex- ing to the American ruling class terity test and accept only the most nimble.

A popular new practice is to take hiring trend will find its culminating immediate and urgent needs and its closest allies. out of the hands of the general foreman who expression right here in the without coming into collision might possibly put on a new man just because he needs him. A production supervisor this is a thrilling and breath- The fight for a shorter work- for every day in the year and makes the decision so that a double check is taking perspective. Because with kept on squeezing extra work out of the ex- the establishment of democratic which is a fight against the riods.

### "Upper Third" Only

Things are getting rougher for collegetrained technical workers, too. Scouts for the third" of college classes, ignoring "the run- of a nuclear war; the end of movement and the Negro peo- have no independent policy of of-the-mill" graduate. "The mediocre student may get a job all right," concedes the WSJ, but . . . he will undoubtedly have to accept rulership over his own destiny. less money than the premium prospect."

Bright as the picture is for enterprising worth working for, isn't it? capitalists, the Wall Street Journal doesn't tell the full story. For example, in the auto through the class struggle which industry, the combination of speedup and im- is the central feature of our proved machinery has built up an army of epoch and all the events of our permanent jobless since well before the 1957- times. We of the Socialist Work-58 recession. A Feb. 28 statement issued ers Party base ourselves on the jointly by the federal Bureau of Labor Sta- inevitable sharpening of the tistics and the Automobile Manufacturers As- class struggle in the U.S. Amersociation reveals that since 1953 one out of ican capitalism cannot be the every five auto workers has been permanently center of world reaction and displaced. In 1957, it took only 630,100 work- counter-revolution without orers to produce 6,113,344 cars. In 1952 it re- ganizing a barracks state, a milquired 767,100 workers to turn out almost the itarized economy, a handcuffed same number of cars, 6,116,948.

porations, it has a different meaning for the recruits to the reserve army of laborers In Detroit, for example, there are now twice as tradition and temperament will many people on city welfare as there were not submit to this fate. a year ago, and two and a half times as many as at the bottom of the 1954 recession. In January every tenth person in the city had to go to a government depot for a handout of free federal surplus food.

#### Let Them Move Away

What lies ahead? According to Samuel C. class, its war drive, its witch Employment Security Commission, "Detroit has tion to maintain the system of developed a hard core of about 200,000 un- exploitation at all costs. The labor movement must go employed who just aren't going back to work bureaucracy of labor has a in the plants."

What to do about it? "The best that In proportion to its separation could happen," MESC's Mr. Stearn believes, "is from the daily life and interfor workers to move away to better diversified ests of the working masses, it

The thought was echoed in a Wall Street ic interests as well as ideologi-Journal editorial branding labor proposals for cal and political ties with capifederal aid to depressed areas as "an attack talism. In proportion to its on change - on the mobility of capital and strangulation of union democlabor, the free-wheeling attitude that helped racy it has come under the so much to make America prosperous."

Now all the 200,000 Detroit jobless need is ment, its FBI and its twocarfare and a place to free-wheel to. Mean- party system. while the entire labor movement had better get down to fighting for a shorter work week and adequate unemployment compensation for the duration.

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# How to Make a Recession Pay Off Does Backing Democrats Help Socialism?

That, in our opinion, is the

The labor movement has been

"working" in the two-party

The labor officials themselves

started out with this logic. They

Then as willing captives of the

ourselves from the great major-

ity of the rank and file of

Along come the CP and SP-

SDF leaders, echoing this argu-

For all their differences on

other questions the SP-SDF and

this crucial problem. This is

this debate, David McReynolds,

"I am in no way alarmed if

sition on this question. Even

where Communists and Social-

ists are in general agreement

and where the Trotskyist move-

tarian path of continued isola-

tion from the main stream of

I think McReynolds oversimplifies his problem. The division

in the radical movement over

the question of class struggle

versus class collaboration poli-

cies in politics, does not place

all "Communists and Socialist" -including many affiliated to

the CP and SP-SDF - on the

class collaboration side. On the

contrary, there is the deepest

dissatisfaction in the ranks of

the CP and SP over the policy

of aping and tailing the labor

bureaucracy on the political

field. That's the reason why the

leadership of the CP and SP-

SDF are so busy trying to dis

guise their policy and cover it

with tricky and euphemistic

The CP, which has long had

the problem of putting over its

policy on the main body of

radical workers in the U.S., has

developed a whole system of

formulas.

American political life."

system.

Militant:

HOLD SAME VIEW

policy socialists should work

By Murry Weiss

The great problem confronting the socialist movement in the trained work force we have and get a the United States is how the higher rate of efficiency than to add more American working class, the most powerful and potentially is going to tear itself loose from for its own class interests.

In view of the fact that the crisis of world capitalism is undermining the economic foundations of capitalist America, working class into the political arena will inevitably lead to a contest for power between labor and its allies on the one hand and monopoly capitalism and its political parties on the other. The world trend is inexorably

anti-capitalist and anti-imperialist. No one records this fact more vociferously than the spokesmen of American capitalsm, who respond to each new impulse of the colonial and socialist revolution with agonized outcries. What is most frightenis the prospect that the world United States. For us, however, definitive victory of socialism in

the world is assured. capitalism means the elimina- which is the fight to forge an tem?" It is simply a proposal tion of the nightmarish prospect hunger, disease, prejudice and tyranny; the beginning of man's This is certainly a prospect

But the way to socialism is labor movement and an increas-Good as that may appear to the giant cor- ingly pauperized working class.

Herein lies the paradox of the American labor movement: Obsharpest antagonism to the capmovement is tied at its summit Party-Social Democratic Federto the destiny of the capitalist ation. hunt, its unvielding determinastake in the capitalist system! has developed common economdomination of the capitalist A free-wheeling attitude is a great thing, government, its State Depart-

#### POLITICAL STRUGGLES

For those who remember and for those who

want to know what it was like. Bartolomeo Van-

zetti and Nicola Sacco — America's most famous

victims of the witch-hunt in the twenties. Let

Jim Cannon tell you about that fight. The love

radicals everywhere felt for the two anarchist

rebels, the fierce wish to save them from the

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the capitalist authorities insist on burning the

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French Bonapartist Gen. Charles de Gaulle in a Feb. 24 speech at town hall square in Perpignan sternly tells people of sacrifices they will have to make in their living standards to restore "grandeur" of France. His program to put the burden of the crisis of French capitalism on backs of the workers is creating growing dissatisfaction.

class cannot fight for its most | decided by the labor movement with the labor bureaucracy. week at no reduction in pay, particularly during election peworkers rule in this country the general lowering of living The victory of socialism over ployed; the fight for civil rights, "work in the two-party sysalliance between the labor that the socialist movement able speed-up of the production ment says to the labor bureaulines, which becomes even more crats, "Please include us in your intolerable as the number of policy;" under this policy the layoffs increase—all these are socialist movement abdicates tions of modern capitalist Amer- political policy of the labor of-

ica. They require a political ficials every inch of the way. program of struggle; they de-mand the political organization of labor and its allies; they re- system long enough. The probquire the complete independ- lem before us is how to free ence of labor from the capital- the movement from this buist government and parties. And, reaucratically imposed formula. freeing of the unbounded en- the policy of the labor officials ergy and initiative of the work- by adopting their policy as our ing class which can be brought own can only result in a chain about only through a demo- reaction of betrayal. cratic reconstruction of the

were going to outwit the capit-All these struggles, therefore, are in the first place struggles alist liberals. They were going against the policy and power to show how cleverly they of the incapacity of the SD-SDF of the bureaucracy. And this is could capture the Democratic exactly the issue on which we Party for labor; and they ended No one would complain about have basic disagreement with up being captured themselves. jectively it is thrust into the American Stalinism and Social Democratic reformism repre- capitalist Democratic Party maitalist system, yet in the form sented respectively by the Comof the bureaucracy of labor, the munist Party and the Socialist support and a popular base for

We see the road to a socialist America as a road of class through an anti-bureaucratic internal revolution in order to defeat the policy and misleadership of the class-collaborationist bureaucracy. We see as the basic strategy for American socialists the building of a new left wing in the unions that will create a new leadership selected and tested in the class battles that lie ahead and spearheading the formation of a labor party.

The CP and the SP-SDF, on the other hand, are deeply committed to the policy of conciliation and would-be partnership with the labor bureaucracy. This draws a sharp line of demarcation within the radical movement which finds its concentrated expression in differences over electoral policy.

#### ELECTORAL POLICY

The electoral policy of the who said in a letter to the Socialist Workers Party is directly counterposed to the electoral policy of the labor bureaucracy. Our policy calls for a Party is similar to my own pobreak with capitalist politics and the formation of an inde- Communists can be right on pendent labor party. We say the labor movement should stop supporting the political representatives of the labor-exploiting capitalist class and put ment is pursuing its own secup its own candidates on a program that is democratically

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double-talk to say: Oppose cap- | And in the long run, each way italist politics by voting for of acting probably makes its capitalist politicians. The SP- contribution to the development SDF has its own brand of "flex- of independent politics in the ible" policy.

Early in 1957, at the SP and party secretary: "We are organinto the electoral field." And til the class struggle intrudes. who was Goldberg assuring with this quite unnecessary promise that the SP-SDF wouldn't "rush rashly?" He ex-

plained: "The expression of fear in some corners [I wonder where? MW.] that a new socialist party would interfere with labor's political action is unfounded. Carrying out our document on political action, we will not nominate for public office candidates in opposition to those endorsed by the legitimate labor movement."

This took care of the key problem of SP-SDF political action policy; namely, that it should be clearly understood that there is no intention of opposing or even inadvertently USED IN 1936 hampering the political policy of the labor officials.

But McReynolds now claims that his own SP-SDF-supported candidacy for Congress in the But what is all this talk we crat, Farbstein, demonstrates standards through the creation hear from the leaders of the that the SP-SDF has somehow of a permanent army of unem- SP-SDF and the CP about overcome the policy outlined by Goldberg and is not bound by any commitment to non-interference with the political course of the labor bureaucracy.

I'm sorry. But this isn't true. And the argument of McReynold's is simply too flimsy to bear serious examination. The real contest in the New York political fights under the condi- its duty to fight the ruinous State elections was on the level of state-wide offices. Any party that wanted to express its political position in the contest was bound to define its attitude towards this basic line up: the two capitalist cold-war politicians, Harriman and Rockefeller on the one side and the Indeyes, they require above all the Clever schemes for changing pendent-Socialist candidate, Mc-Manus, on the other. Whom did the SP-SDF sup-

> not the socialist candidate. Against the ISP the SP-SDF threatened legal action that could have invalidated its ballot rights. Nor is it a question to qualify for the state ballot. that. But the fact is that Mc-Reynolds or some other candidate of the SP-SDF could have chine they worked to provide waged a write-in campaign for governor just as easily as for Congress—and with a lot more They argue the necessity of radio and TV time. If the conthe policy of captivity by the sideration was, as McReynolds privilege of individual state fact that the workers-deprived says, to wage a socialist educaof any other choice at the polls tional campaign, then certainly their individual members to than two sets of capitalist poli- this was the logical step. But to support candidates for public ticians—vote for capitalist poli- run against Harriman would ticians. Then they say, "It is have brought the SP-SDF into not our wish but the wish of a conflict with the policy of the the working people who vote labor officials and this they Democratic. We cannot isolate simply would not do.

NO POLICY?

To say that the SP-SDF simply had no policy on the gubernatorial contest is an evament. "It is an unfortunate fact sion which leaves room for the of life," they say, "but we must slick game of one hand not face reality. The American knowing what the other is doworkers vote for capitalist poli- ing. This "flexible" policy is exticians. We cannot isolate our-plained by one of the recent selves from this reality. We additions to the camp of the must work in the two-party social democracy from Shachtman's former Independent Socialist League. Michael Harrington, in a pamphlet called "The New Left," says:

"Certainly, a politically conthe CP hold the same view on scious unionist who believes in socialism and working for a Policy. recognized by my opponent in labor party through labor political action in the Democratic Party belongs in the socialist movement. And so does the worker, or student or intellecthe position of the Communist tual, who feels that the best way to act is through cooperation on immediate issues, but who refuses the conception of some questions. This is one case actual entry into the Democratic Party.'

In the manner of an elderly sage, Harrington can see virtue in both positions: "The democratic socialist community is broad and flexible enough to contain both points of view.

United States. How fortunate! It is merely a SDF merger convention, the problem of division of labor. late Louis P. Goldberg said as Some people follow a policy of capitalist politics; others a polizing a new political party icy of working-class politics, which is pledged by our unity and the socialist movement can agreement not to rush rashly accommodate both policies-un-

> This article is a condensation of Murry Weiss's presentation in a debate Feb. 27 with David McReynolds of the Socialist Party -Social Democratic Federa-

Actually it is not a question of a patient attitude towards some worker who mistakenly thinks a labor party can come out of following the policy of the labor bureaucrats. It is a question of accommodating the SP-SDF to the needs of the labor bureaucracy and hoping thereby to win entry into the 'community of labor."

Harrington's prescription was known long ago to the rightwing Social Democrats and Stalinists. In 1936 it was used 19th District in 1958, waged as a device to liquidate the against a labor-endorsed Demo- mass socialist vote in New York State and help the union bureaucrats deliver the vote of the socialist-minded workers to the Democratic Party.

William Z. Foster remarks on this in his January Political Affairs article:

"In the Labor Party work, inside the old parties and independently, a major effort should be concern with dovetailing the work in both spheres. This was one of the strong points of the earliest years of the New York ALP. The workers in the ALP could work in complete harmony with their brothers and sisters who had not yet taken similar steps by breaking with the old organizations and setting up independent organizations." And just incidentally, the leaders of the CP and SP could work port for governor? Certainly with their brothers and sisters in the labor bureaucracy in putting over this mockery of political independence on the radical workers.

The policy of the SP-SDF is, of course, soft and flexible in only one direction—towards the labor officials. Towards the worker who wants to support a socialist candidate as against a capitalist, the policy is rigid and harsh.

And this is written into SP-SDF law as follows:

Flexible: "It shall be the and local organizations to allow office who have been endorsed by liberal and labor groups.' (Section 7, SP-SDF Memorandum of Understanding, adopted late 1956.)

Rigid: "In no event may state or local organizations or individual members support or endorse nominees of the Communist. Trotskyite or other totalitarian parties." (Adopted at the May 30, 1958, Detroit convention of SP-SDF.)

That sums up the position of the Social Democrats with respect to electoral policy. At the same time the slanderous charge of "totalitarianism" raises the extremely important question of the relation between socialism and democracy.

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### Hoffa's "Argument"

Sitting in a penthouse of the luxurious Eden Roc Hotel in Miami Beach, James R. Hoffa, president of the Teamsters Union tossed off an "argument" against the demand for a shorter workweek at no reduction in pay.

Hoffa took issue, in his press interview, with AFL-CIO President George Meany, who said last week, "If our efficiency and technological improvements are making possible the production of more goods with fewer people, then we've got to have a shorter work week."

Meany's statement, backed by a demand of the AFL-CIO Executive Board for an "immediate" 35-hour week at 40hours pay, was prompted by the pressure of militant unionists and the unemployed.

Hoffa's argument against shortening the work-week ran as follows: Say that the average factory wage is now \$79 a week. Say that hours were reduced by gradual steps over a three-year period from 40 to 32 without reducing pay. That would be "all that most employers could absorb," since it would be "equivalent" to a pay increase of close to \$16 a week. Therefore, Hoffa reasons, most employers couldn't afford to raise wages. Therefore take-home pay would stay the same. Therefore living standards would not be any higher at the end of the three-year

That's where Hoffa got militant in his Miami penthouse: "I don't think any group of workers is going to be willing to stand still at \$79 for three years. Definitely the Teamsters aren't."

First of all, why should unions agree to "stand still" at prevailing wages while they demand a shorter work-week to take care of the unemployed? Certainly not for the reason that Hoffa suggests; that "employers" couldn't afford a wage increase after reducing hours. The capitalist class has been squeezing huge extra profits out of workers on a 40-hour week. They do it through automation, other technological advances and murderous speed-up.

Secondly, to "stand still" in the face of continuing inflation means taking a wage cut. Many unions have already adopted and partially won the demand for an escalator clause as an answer to this

Thirdly, there are millions of unorganized workers in this country whose wages must be brought up to standard if for no other reason than to safeguard the union scale. The unions can't "stand still" to do that. They have to press ahead.

Defense of the standard of living has always meant an all-sided struggle to raise wages, shorten hours, improve conditions, and organize the unorganized. With a "hard core" of permanent unemployment now reappearing in America, this struggle has become more important than ever than ever.

Against Johnson's Dictatorship The shorter work-week at no reduction in pay, together with an escalator clause in contracts tying wages to prices, can lay a solid foundation for pressing the historic aim of the union movement: raising the standard of living of all workers.

### The Robert Thompson Case

Communist Party leader Robert Thompson is in danger of being returned to prison to complete a four-year contempt-of-court term meted out to him for jumping bail after his conviction under the Smith "Gag" Act. Upon serving part of the contempt sentence, he was released on bail in 1956, pending Supreme Court rulings on other similarly excessive sentences for contempt of court. The Justice Department is now seeking to have Thompson's bail rescinded.

The Communist Party is correctly calling for wide protest against this newmove in violation of Thompson's civil liberties. But at the same time Communist Party leaders seem incapable of refraining from slandering supporters of the Thompson case even if it risks injuring his defense.

Writing on the case in the Feb. 15 Worker, Arnold Johnson recalled that in 1953 a prisoner in the New York House of Detention by the name of Pavlovich fractured Thompson's skull with a lead pipe. Johnson blandly stated that the assailant was "a Yugoslav Trotskyite." Two weeks later, an unsigned news story in the March 1 Worker repeated that Pavlovich was a "Trotskyite."

The CP leaders did not dare print such a slander of the followers of Trotsky at the time of the assault. The official Communist Party statement on the attack said Pavlovich was a "fascist." (Daily Worker, Oct. 26, 1953.) A news story in the same issue described him as a one-time member of the Yugoslav "fascist Chetnick brigade." As late as Dec. 28 of last year, Ben Davis described him accurately in the Worker as "a fellow prisoner crazed by the anti-Communist hysteria of the McCarthy period."

While Thompson was in the hospital

Without a word of debate, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill March 2 aimed at reviving the government witch-hunt.

The measure, which was backed by the arch reactionary American Bar Association and the Department of Justice, is intended to counteract recent decisions of the Supreme Court against the infamous Smith Act.

Sponsored by Francis E. Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat who heads the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the bill seeks to get around the Supreme Court's 1957 decision in a California case that the word "organize" in the Smith Act signifies the actual organization of a group to teach or advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence and not a continuing process of organization.

"The term 'organize,'" the Walter bill reads, "with respect to any soliety, group, or assembly of persons, includes the recruiting of new members, the forming of new units, and the regrouping or expansion of existing clubs, classes, and other units of such society, group, or assembly of persons."

The bill is clearly unconstitutional, for it seeks to deny free speech and the

the CP leadership did initiate a whispering campaign that Pavlovich was a "Trotskyite." (This was in the days when they bers of the Democratic Party in put into the record a long list gest money out of it and what still called Tito a "Trotskyite," too.) But that august body. in print they did not go beyond asserting that Pavlovich "was being defended by the Workers Defense League, a Trotzkyite of the Senate Feb. 24 "that the n't say the half of it. Johnson Proxmire's friends believe, that organization." (Daily Worker, Oct. 26, typical Democratic senator has runs the Senate through two Johnson kept him off the Sen-

Every politically literate person in the termining the legislative prolabor and liberal movements knows that gram and policies of this party in the legislative program and the "Steering Committee" which described by the legislative program and the seniority. the Workers Defense League cannot truthfully be called a "Trotzkyite organi- respond to this exposure of his ments. Johnson is chairman of zation," whether by way of praise or de- one-man rule of the Democratic preciation. To the extent that its leaders machine? "With wry amuse-ment," the March 9 U.S. News can be classified politically, they are & World Report said. "Senator a single one of the major ingenerally regarded as having a liberal or Johnson has no plan to hold dustrial states has representa- Bolivia Explodes Social Democratic viewpoint. The organization has opposed the Smith Act; and a number of those prominently associated with it, such as Norman Thomas, have joined in amnesty appeals for Smith Act son's high-handed methods in Half the representation is from quoting the arrogant and cyni- a provincial governor, a high-position, Rhee's District prosevictims belonging to the Communist Party.

Workers Defense League, the organiza- it, but each time they worked Proxmire's revolt was not en- people, touched off a miners tion, which is quite active in deportation up enough courage to say tirely motivated by love of strike and mass anti-U.S. demcases, did give Pavlovich legal aid in the something in public, they democracy. One of his pet bills onstrations in La Paz and other Immigration Department hearing before thought of Johnson's control is a measure to help small oil Bolivian cities. the attack on Thompson. It did not par- over committee appointments, companies who are fighting the ticipate in his defense against criminal

For our part we will continue to do everything we can to help Thompson from going back to prison and to arouse maximum support for his defense. We think this case deserves backing from everyone interested in building a united front against the witch-hunt in general and the powers there positions. German Chan- is a welcome development. It Smith Act in particular.

As for the Communist Party leadership, we suggest that they begin practis- "inflexible" position which ing elementary labor solidarity and elementary honesty by refraining from smearing those who have differences with from West Berlin. They insist their policies.

right of assembly. When the witch-hunt bill was called up, a single objection by any member of the House would have juncture favor a "flexible" ap- in 1953 against the "regime of blocked it. No objection came. Out of 153 Republicans and 283 Democrats, not a tion, including a pullback of foisted on them by the Kremlin. single member spoke up. Not one.

The liberals of both parties were affected, it seems, by a malady to which they are peculiarly susceptible in test situations. The symptoms of this disorder, which strikes whole groups like Congress with remarkable swiftness, are weakness of the spine, swallowing of the tongue, paralysis of the knees, and complete amnesia for even such recent and dramatic of Washington, the Western events as a landslide order from the powers agreed among themvoters to stop playing the McCarthy game. | selves that they "might be will

As this witch-hunt bill goes to the Senate unchallenged by a single labor-endorsed Democrat, we think militant union- ready to offer firm guarantees ists should write it down as one more les- that the access routes [to West son on the need for independent political Berlin] would remain open." action. A single representative of the American labor movement in the House the State Department over the could have stopped Walter and forced a country's fate has aroused sendebate that would have given the voters timent for negotiations between a chance to let Congress know what they the two German governments think about starting up the witch-hunt to bring about unification. again.

But there was no representative of labor there. Not one.

the German people to bring der.

But Johnson did not do much. brave speech about the dictatorial control Senator Johnson One of his lieutenants, Senator vestigation" of "tight money" of Texas exercises over mem- Neuberger of Oregon, simply to see who is making the bigof occasions when Proxmire had the effect has been on the cost William Proxmire of Wiscon-"buttered up" Johnson for near- of living. This is opposed by sin made headlines for this feat ly a year. The fact is that Proxmire did- interests. It was for this reason, when he declared on the floor iterally nothing to do with de- powerful committees, the "Pol- ate Finance Committee although tic Japanese tea house to spec- ing them at starvation wages to icy Committee" which schedules he was entitled to the appoint- ial playgrounds and wading run new harvesting machinery

PROXMIRE UNBUTTERED

"Very becoming - but the Russians thought Mr. Macmillan looked

And how did Czar Johnson termines committee assigneach commitee. The combined membership of these two committees is 24. Not

"cloak-room" conferences about Southwestern states.

jobs, and pork-barrel legislation. giant corporations for a bigger bcy March 3 in their attempt to and terrify those who attempt One Million Jobless Not a single liberal Demo- share from the country's oil break up a demonstration near cratic senator backed Proxmire pools.

"Big

(Continued from Page 1) powers there are reportedly East and West German efforts many, and more particularly, that unification of Germany German government by any NATO power.

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tion to this rule among the lib- exposed neck.

erals in Congress. But last week

one of them finally made a

between the East and West and without capitalists. German governments.

The current position of the U.S. State Department seems to lie between the British and Adenauer-De Gaulle positions. Thus through the intercession ing to recognize the East Germans as 'agents' of the Soviet Union provided Moscow were In West Germany, the spar-

ring between the Kremlin and

WORKERS' ROLE

about reunification through joint cellor Adenauer and French could encourage the German President de Gaulle hold an working class in both parts of Germany to intervene decisive-"inflexible" position which rules out any foreign troop ly in the process. The German earth." It continued, "Last week working people have been prowithdrawals from West Ger- working people have been prepared by their struggles during the last several years to take a hand in the matter. The West German workers waged a milithrough "free elections," and tant campaign first against said. We're wasting money. The they bar recognition of the East German rearmament and more recently against West Germany becoming a nuclear power. The British imperialists at this East German workers revolted neighbors divide up the coun proach to the German ques- gendarmes and bureaucrats" troops in both West Germany The most class-conscious among and East Germany, some form them declared themselves for a of diplomatic recognition for united workers' Germany freed East Germany and negotiations of foreign occupation troops

Kremlin - each for its own March 5 speaks of "the agitareasons — fight this program. tion of labor union extremists Washington wants capitalism some of them Trotskyite.' ultimately restored throughout Germany (and beyond that Free World Realty throughout the Soviet bloc) Atomic war lies at the end of Under Chiang this road. The Soviet bureaucrats, on the other hand, fear a democratic German workers' state because it would help undermine their dictatorial rule over the Soviet working people.

But creation of a united and independent German socialist state would deal a mortal blow of war will be banished alto-Growth of sentiment among gether by a world socialist or-

Most worms are reputed to on the Senate floor. They wait- | This would be done by cutturn at one point or another. ed instead to pick up the head ting the "depletion" allowance There seemed to be an excep- after the axe dropped on the of the big companies to 15% while permitting those with incomes less than \$1,000,000 to take 271/2%. Proxmire also wants an "in-

> all the big commercial banking 'Steering Commitee" which de- seniority.

The American Way of Life

families had to camp in the the four-day National Conferfields because they could find ence of Farm Labor Services.

They had come up from Arimass of surplus labor.

Some workers claimed that the ranchers encouraged this influx to guarantee a well-stocked reservoir of cheap labor when the radish, onion and tomato harvests ripened.

The children are the main sufferers among these migrant families huddling in the fields. One family alone has 18 sons and daughters.

There are flu and ringworm. Some have been sleeping without shelter other than the trees. Temperatures drop to freezing bringing the farm labor pickets

Zouno, 40, was given an old ers of America, the National tent for his family. "It leaks Agricultural Workers Union, the when it rains," he shrugged. Agricultural Workers Assn., and But it's better than staying out of doors. Wind comes up at night and it just eats you."

FEAR TYPHOID

break of typhoid. The migrants study of the farm labor probhad to drink water polluted by lem as "too slow." cattle from the irrigation ditches. The Governor of Nev- hungry; we want action now, ada proclaimed a state of emer- he said. "There were between gency and rushed medical aid 140,000 and 150,000 braceros to eliminate the threat of an (Mexican nationals) imported

announced for a new 15-million and undercut the wages of dodollar, 10-story, 1,200 room ho- mestic farm workers. tel for Las Vegas. It will include every conceivable feature the meager protections given for luxury living from a stock domestic farm laborers. The brokerage office and an authen- corporate farmers are even us-

Las Vegas! Cadillacs, mink LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24 coats, juicy steaks, glamorous More than 200 farm laborers, show people, roulette, luxury mostly of Mexican-American descent, rode from the rich agricultural valleys of Southern Logandale is 65 miles north- California to throw a picket line east of this center of pleasure around the Hotel Biltmore here. and treasure. Last week almost They came to dramatize their 1,000 ragged, hungry homeless protest against low pay, bad men, women and children squat- living conditions and unemployted out there. These farm labor ment at the opening session of

Their main target was Eisen-

hower's Labor Secretary James zona because the cotton crop P. Mitchell who addressed the had to be plowed under due to conference on farm problems. weevil infestation. When they Mitchell suggested that domesgot to Nevada, they ran into a tic agricultural workers be given the protection of minimum wage and maximum hour laws and that the use of foreign workers be reduced or eliminated. He said his department has been studying legislation along these lines to be ready

some time this year. A spokesman for California's corporate farmers warned that the same labor standards could not be applied in agriculture as in industry.

"TOO SLOW"

Four organizations joined in to the conference. These were One migrant worker, Richard the United Packinghouse Worka Mexican-American civic group, the Community Services Organ-

Clive Knowles, UPWA international representative, con-The authorities feared an out- demned the Labor Department's

"Our people are desperate and epidemic. Typhoid spreads. . . . into California alone at the peak That same week plans were season last year to take the jobs

These braceros do not have which displace unionized work-

- W. F. W. ers.

Headlines in Other Lands

None of the dozen largest states. In Anti-U.S. Wrath

determining party policy." They the South and another eight cal attitude of a U.S. Embassy ranking military officer or a cutor's office in Seoul filed According to a spokesman of the have held any number of are from the Mountain or official towards the desperate security officer." (A professional charges against a newspaper economic plight of the Bolivian man.)

Police killed a 15-year-old the U.S. embassy in La Paz. This led to a mass funeral demonstration.

A March 3 AP dispatch reports, "The miners, also a target of the article went on strike for higher pay, paralyzing the Government-owned

The Time article said the U.S. gave Bolivia "more Yankee aid dollars per Bolivian didates, investigations and disa United States Embassy official added up the results and made a wry face. 'We don't have a damn thing to show for it,' he only solution to Bolivia's problems,' he went on to wisecrack 'is to abolish Bolivia. Let her try and the problems."

March 4 the AP reported a demonstration before the La Paz U.S. Embassy the night before and noted, "The government said Victor Villegas, a Workers Revolutionary Party, led the mob and ordered his Both Washington and the arrest." A N.Y. Times editorial

"A group of prominent Taiat a small, inconspicuous tea dockyard superintendent, was regulation nationalizing 15 house. Singly and in pairs they He ran for safety. arrived through winding alleys and back lanes." This is how a "clandestine press interview" was gathered according to N.Y. For Foes of Rhee Times reporter MacGregor.

Asking that their identity be ence the following:

democracy here how could death was also upheld against there ever be democracy on Yang Myun San. And lesser the mainland under the Nation-sentences were approved against

interview: "The secret police hold the lution."

Taiwanese in a grip of fear to build up an opposition party. "Court justice is weighted In Great Britain heavily in favor of the Nationalists. The Justice Ministry controls both high and district

courts.' "Insurmountable pressure is brought to bear on voters by subtle threats and other meth- is now higher (except for the ds. In districts where government workers do not poll 80% time since the hungry thirties. majority for Nationalist can-

Malta Dockworkers Fight Mass Layoff

Malta dockworkers moved nto action when 6,000 of the in two months . . . If various 12,000 employed at the naval yard received dismissal notices. The layoff came when the naval the unemployment rate is now yard was given to a private British firm. The Maltese General Workers Union and the Labor Party, led by Dom Mintoff, denounced the take-over because it was decided by the British government over the Nationalizations member of the Trotskyite head of the elected Maltese government. Britain recently suspended Malta's colonial constitution in response to a political upheaval on the island.

During a three-hour demonstration, cars belonging to dockdrydock; stones were hurled at businesses in Indonesia as "not the offices of C. H. Bailey, the valid." Meanwhile, the Indo-British firm that is taking over; nesian Cabinet in Jakarta, also Rear Admiral J. Lee Barber, on March 4, approved a draft stoned as he went to his office. Dutch-owned electric and gas

Death Sentences

South Korea's Supreme Court "The fact is, democracy has Rhee's notorious National Se- and dynasty oppressing here for been stifled here. If there is no curity Law. The sentence of more than 20 years."

An article in the Latin Amer
alists?" (A businessman.) four other leaders of the Pro"No Taiwan native has ever gressive Party.

ican edition of Time magazine, been a Cabinet minister here, In another move to crush oppublisher, Han Chang U, and Other facts revealed at this his editorial writer, Choo Yo strange "speak bitterness" press Han, for an article which allegedly "implied violent revo-

Newsletter, paper of revolutionary socialists in the British Labor Party reports Feb. 21: "According to the official figures, unemployment in Britain 1947 fuel crisis) than at any By mid-January there were 621,000 registered unemployed, an increase of almost 90,000 in one month. Of this number. 287,000 have been on the dole for more than eight weeks. There were 172,000 workers on short time at the beginning of the year, an increase of 13,000 kinds of concealed unemployment are taken into account.

**Dutch Imperialists** Squawk About

The Dutch government protested March 4 against what it called "the unheard-of massive violation of the rights of Dutch subjects in Indonesia" in a note to Jakarta. The protest referred yard officials were burned; a to the law promulgated last Defire engine was toppled into a cember to nationalize all Dutch companies.

> **Opposition Unites** Against Somoza

The leaders of Nicaragua's to Washington's plans for World kept secret, these upper-class Feb. 27 upheld a death sentence two major opposition parties War III. It would bring the day Taiwanese, who declare them- imposed on Chu Bong Am, head signed an agreement Feb. 24 much closer when the threat selves to be anti-Communist, of the outlawed Progressive creating a united opposition to told the secret press confer- Party. Chu had been found the Somoza regime which they guilty of "espionage" under characterized as a "dictatorship

### Letters from Our Readers

#### Geopolitical Service For U.S. Air Force

the "American Way of Life" was converted to a grant in column Feb. 23 missed by a 1952 and RAND moved into its mile. He quoted Kahn of the own building in Santa Monica, "Physics Division of the RAND Calif. Corporation.

appears in last week's Nation. on a cost-plus basis, RAND's As you will see it has nothing bill to the Air Force in 1958 ers of both hand and brain. to do with Remington Rand. It | was \$13 million.

the Nazi geopolitical center. story. I enjoyed his series on outfit in which high-priced, the FBI and also that little ed- high-domed individuals-enginitorial on sacred Edgar. A. Sharon

San Francisco

Abbott admits that he rarely reads anything outside such magazines as the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. In the January issue he saw Kahn's Are the Lowest optimistic report on how an atomic war could be made into Editor:

(Feb. 14) explain that "RAND" lowest in the world.

In his article in the Nation capacity. exposing RAND, Gene Marine In our country the biggest since it was first published. says that the organization was consumers are the idle rich. Al-

Integration of Negro students into white

This question has been called to public

schools has raised a further problem. What

about Negro teachers? Is integration complete

attention once again by the NAACP in a

brief filed Feb. 20 in a case going back to

1955. Eleven Negro teachers were discharged

in Moberly, Mo., that year after schools were

integrated and Lincoln school, where Negro

students had been segregated, was abandoned.

firing the Negro teachers was that integrated

schools required a smaller staff. This did not

deter the board from hiring three inexperi-

admitted that the Negro teachers, whose ex-

perience ranged from one to 30 years, met all

enced white teachers.

The excuse given by the school board for

Carl Henderson, superintendent of schools

if they are excluded from teaching staffs?

moved out of the aircraft plant

in 1947. The Ford Foundation loaned The article by Paul Abbott in it \$1 million, interest free. This Sends Editor

The outfit has about 800 em-It is obvious from the last ployees, most of them in the paragraph that Abbott thinks \$15,000 to \$25,000-a-year brackthat RAND is Remington Rand. et. A little under 150 are Ph.D.s. The real story about RAND On contract to the Air Force

is the American counterpart of "RAND is generally described, when it's described at all," Put Henry Gitano on that says Marine, "as a super-secret eers and philosophers, physicists and anthropologists — devote their time to figuring out bigger and better ways to kill people."-Editor.

only a "limited catastrophe" American manufacturers conthat would destroy perhaps no tend that they cannot compete forever and they were more rocked the city. more than half or one-fourth with foreign producers in the capitalist-minded than Rockethe population of America. He world commodity market due to feller. thought that readers of the our high wage rates and their Militant would appreciate the low. Fact is that American Karl Marx first said it: "The on a drinking spree with a wage payments in relation to proletarians have nothing to friend. Driving through Brook-The editors of the Nation productivity of labor are the lose but their chains. They have lyn, they spotted elderly Mrs.

is a "trick name" for an agency Inability to compete is not all countries, unite!" set up by the Air Force 13 due to wage rates but to other years ago. "Sustained by pub- factors, chief of which is too lic funds, it 'thinks' for the Air many people who do not pro-Force and enjoys, apparently, a duce. In fact we have more remarkable degree of auton- consumers than actual produc- Liberty Book Club sent us, but she was found. Her skull had ers. This cuts down competitive

What About the Teachers?

By Flora Carpenter

good teaching.

have been denied.'

| formed around a "core of so there are others who eat but | Douglas personnel," then was do not sow or reap.

Joseph Manlet

### "The Power Elite"

I am mailing you in a separate envelope "The Power Elite" sent to me by the Liberty Book big leap forward for the work-

take as well as the Militant. But I failed to see any mention the Sunday Worker and criticize the Militant.

tarian line and became a tail to Rogers was arrested Feb. 25, were arrested for shaking down the Democratic Party. Do they charged with raping and killing a merchant seaman they had think that the tail can wag the a 60-year-old widowed grand- picked up on the street. Twen-

ning to think. They are begin- the past seven weeks as new ning to think socialist. Before revelations of wholesale graft they thought their job was good and corruption in the force

we can put another to good use. been fractured and her nose We have recommended the book and jaw broken.

The action of the school board was chal-

Court in August 1956. In June 1958 the court

handed down a decision which upheld the

School Board, stating that there had been no

racial discrimination involved in the termina-

cision to the U.S. Court of Appeals in St.

Louis. "Discrimination," the Feb. 20 NAACP

brief asserts, "has been practiced in this case

against these teachers based solely on their

color. As such [their] constitutional rights . .

The NAACP is now appealing this de-

tion of the contracts of the Negro teachers.

# THE MILITANT

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# Californians 'Disappoint' Witch-Hunt Group

## Club. I belong to it and agree with them let's make 1959 the big leap forward for the work-I saw a large ad in the Sunday Worker and the National Guardian, both papers that I

NEW YORK — A battery of press agents have been in the Militant. For that I praise plugging away for years to create a favorable "image" of this city's police department as "New York's Finest." The image went up in smoke again+

The unemployed are begin- arrested on criminal charges in

According to police departduced her to get into the car, beat her with the cop's blackjack, raped and then dumped We already have a copy of her in a parking lot. She died suggest that maybe cops should "The Power Elite" which the in a hospital several hours after

No doubt the department -Editor would have liked to pass off this grisly crime as an unfortunate case of a "bad apple" that somehow managed to sneak into the force. But three members of the Brooklyn morals squad have just been indicted for tapping the phone of a the necessary requirements. At the same time bookie in order to shake him he contended that the new white teachers down. Top officers in Harlem possessed "intangible qualities," such as per- have been broken for participasonality which he considered "essential" to tion in a gambling ring.

Three patrolmen have been suspended for being on the lenged by the NAACP in the U.S. District scene of a holdup under sus-

### Detroit Cops Demonstrate Racist Bias

Detroit's cops are racist mindto equal protection and due process of law tion on the East Side.

The Worker took a narrow sec- when Patrolman Francis J. picious circumstances. Two more mother. He was the ninth cop, ty-six cops called before a grand jury investigating corruption on the Brooklyn force have balked at filling out questionnaires on their personal finances. If Commissioner Kennedy means business when he ment spokesmen, the rape-mur- says that he's going to clean It is as true today as when der occurred while Rogers was out the "bad apples" as fast as force ("biggest in the 'free world") should be down to a world to win. Workingmen of Viola Mirman on the street, in- the size of a squad in short or-

The stench created by these revelations led Kennedy to be given psychiatric examinations before entry on the force. The results would probably be interesting but wouldn't bring any basic change. Cops are already given stiff examinations which only one in eight applicants succeed in passing. And they are apparently good church-goers. More than 75 per cent are Roman Catholics.

What counts is that police are the sworn defenders of a social system that spawns crime and violence on an incredible scale-a society where the payoff is part of the natural order of things.

One murder and 90 assaults and rapes take place every day in New York. Robberies, burglaries and larcenies run al most 400 a day. More than 171, 000 people are arrested each year. "New York's Finest" solve only two out of every five major crimes committed. How many of the unsolved ones they commit themselves hasn't been established.

PART OF CAPITALISM

Writing in the March 1 New in a way everybody could see points out that "the subtle way tion in the state to "any tax on when they set out to block an in which seemingly innocent re- family incomes under \$7,500." lieutenants and top officials, and the business man who nur- paigning against plans to im-

A veteran police inspector



picket line of Puerto Rican ing of AFL-CIO Executive Council on island. The 95 workers at the Technicast Manufacturing Co. have been on strike for three months for higher wages. A number of small U.S. companies have set up shop in Puerto Rico on basis of tax exemptions and lower wages than main-

### Socialists Hit Tax on Poor In Michigan

DETROIT—Daily newspapers ed. They showed this last week York Times, Wayne Phillips here last week reported opposiorder to integrate a police sta- lationships can spill over into Candidates of the Socialist extortion and graft is difficult Workers Party in the April 6 In cooperation with sergeants, for anyone save a policeman— election were reported as cam- try and this is providing a fer-Michigan working people.

The four nominees are Robert

vants." They may really be A folder issued by Miss Talan Even then they managed to shocked by the current New says, "A student voice belongs put 85 of the 126 tickets on York scandal. But ask the on the major policy-making countless victims of police bru- board of a university. Who Michigan state law forbids tality in the Negro and Puerto knows better than students Rican communities — ask the what the crisis in education unionists who have stood up means? They have to live with

## 'Witnesses' in Probe Refuse to Cooperate

By Della Rossa

LOS ANGELES, March 1—The House Un-American Activities Committee barnstormed here again last week. It subpoenaed 31 people, grilled witnesses for three days, found none of them responsive

On the first day of the "hearngs" ten witnesses, including several young people, exercised their rights under the Fifth Amendment to refuse to answer questions. Chairman Walter (D-Pa.) said he was "very disappointed." "I thought at least one or two of them would talk. don't know if we're going to get much at all."

and left with the threat, "We

shall return.'

On the second day of the "hearing," A. L. Wirin, the noted American Civil Liberties Union attorney, filed a legal action in Superior Court asking that the subpoena against one of the school teachers be quashed. This, too, discomfited Wal-

By the third day of the "hearngs" Walter had dropped subocenas against five school teachers. But he threatened an investigation "as big as a barn" of Los Angeles school teachers in June. "It might point to leg- by Congressman James Rooseslation to the restriction of em- velt, the House Un-American ployment of some persons in Activities Committee decided to this field," he said. Then he ad- launch a determined countermitted, "It's a delicate subject." attack in Roosevelt's home dis-

Apparently the Los Angeles trict. Times agreed. In an editorial, it result in unreasoning mass sus- ter's pleadings.

the Mexican-American commun- ward toward its ultimate abolity by charging that it too was tion. red infiltrated." Walter is couthor of the discriminatory not without harm. Despite the Walter-McCarran Immigration improving civil liberties climate Law, which the Mexican-Ameri- in Los Angeles, the Commitcan community opposes.

During his appearance here, Particular vigilance must be Walter threatened new discrim- paid to the Committee's threat inatory laws. Because there are to return to investigate further at present no quotas on immilin the field of education and gration from other parts of the the Mexican-American commun-Western Hemisphere, he said, ity." "anybody can enter this countile field for the Red buildup.'

Walter asked witnesses such questions as this: "Will you outline for us the Red master plan for operations among the Mexicans." Delfino Varela, a social worker, told Walter: "My objectives are subscribed to by the entire community. These are to help the Mexican people and disabled people to share and meeting celebrating publimore fully in our democracy. I cation of James P. Cannon's have found hearings of this "Notebook of an Agitator." type are hampering these objec- Reading and program dramatives because they are making tizing "Fifty Years as a Socialpeople suspicious of all civic ist Agitator." Entertainment, activity. Furthermore I sincere- fine food, refreshments. Sat., ly believe that these hearings March 14, 7 p.m. Forum Hall, into peoples, associations and be- 1702 East 4th St. Call AN 9liefs violate the First Amend- 4953 or WE 5-9238 for reservament. .

Frank Wilkinson, of the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms was on give aid to those subpoenaed. Atlanta last year.)

In a statement to the Militant at the end of the three-day hearings, Wilkinson said:

#### Socialist Candidate **Backs Teachers** LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25-

NUMBER 10

Peter Buch, Socialist Workers Party endorsed candidate for Board of Education today scored the House Un-American Activities Committee for violating the free-speech rights of Los Angeles teachers. "I am against investigating, screening or firing teachers because of their ideas," Buch said.

Under a four-column headline, "Candidate Hits Red Probe," the Los Angeles Mirror News reported that Buch "appeared outside the hearing chamber" today where the House Committee conducted its investigation and "distributed leaflets denouncing the probe."

"They were met by a rock gently rebuked the committee, wall of resistance from every stating, "Communists reap an one of the 31 persons subpoenadded crop of subversion when aed; not a single witness coefforts to root out disloyalty operated despite Chairman Wal-

"The Committee's back down Besides his attack on teach- in the face of the ACLU court ers, Walter sought to intimidate action is an important step for-

"The Committee's visit was tee's attack aroused old fears.

### **Calendar** Of Events

LOS ANGELES

Meet the author at a dinner tions. Donation \$2.

TWIN CITIES

Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, hand during the hearings to educator, author, lecturer, will speak on the "Outlook For He is currently appealing a United Socialist Political Ac-Contempt of Congress conviction." Sun., Mar. 15, 8 p.m. Antion, himself, for refusing to drews Hotel, Rm. M3. Joint answer House Un-American Ac- Auspices: National Guardian tivities Committee questions in Associates and Twin Cities Labor Forum.

NEW YORK

Myra T. Weiss, Vice-Presi-"Having received an addition- dential candidate of the Socialal \$322,000 from Congress for ist Workers Party in 1952 and pite the mounting national op- ese Communes." Fri., March 13, position to its inquisitions and 8:30 p.m. Militant Labor Forum, the introduction of a Resolu- 116 University Place. Contribu-

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# Notes in the News

AFL-CIO MEMBERSHIP DROPS - Due principally to the increase in unemployment, the AFL-CIO has fewer members today than when it merged in December 1955. According to figures released Feb. 25, the united organization now has 13,100,000 as against more than 15,000,000 three years ago. About 1,400,000 were lost through the expulsion of the Teamsters and two other unions but a million were gained in organizing drives. Both the United Auto Workers and the United Steel workers are down a quarter of a million from their peak strength. Current UAW membership is 1,130,000; USW, 1,000,000.

PITTSBURGH COPS ATTACK PICKETS - Striking UAW members at the Allis-Chalmers plant in Pittsburgh had to stand up against city cops assigned to get two flatcars through the picket line and into the plant Feb. 23. Two police were treated at a hospital for cuts and bruises and one picket for a back injury. Twenty six pickets were forced into patrol wagons and taken to jail.

IN "CONVERTED DOGHOUSE" - J. Edward Conway, a member of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, said Feb. 27 that he couldn't get accommodations in any Adirondacks mountain resort if he were accompanied by Elmer Carter, Negro chairman of the commission. He also cited the experience of two Negro workers sent out on a job in an unnamed "white" community. No rooming house or hotel would put them up. "As a result," Conway said, "they had to sleep in a converted doghouse."

COST OF NUCLEAR TESTS - Responsibility for one-fourth of the mutations occurring in babies born this year can be chalked up to radioactive strontium 90, one of the products from fallout. The estimate was made by Dr. Dell F. Dullum, a California expert on radiologic health. Mutations such as two heads or five legs are generally lethal, but others lead only to crippling defects.

SPIES COME HIGH - Democrats and Republicans are highly budget conscious when it comes to extending benefits for unemployed Americans, but they shut their eyes when the tab comes up for spies. The Central Intelligence Agency is the sole federal department whose budget has never been disclosed. Congressmen estimate that it spends between three to five hundred million dollars each year. Among other feats, the cloak-and-dagger agency is credited with organizing the 1954 armed coup in Guatemala that overthrew by force and violence the democratically elected Arbenz government because its reform pledges were distasteful to United Fruit.

WHAT KIND OF HOUSE? - "Senator Johnson runs an orderly house and most Senators, prima donnas or not, prefer order to disorder." (Rowland Evans Jr. in Feb. 26 N.Y. Herald Tribune.)

COMIC BOOK DECLINE — A leading they "slowed down" through- tures such a system—to under- pose a state income tax on publisher of comic books has come to the con- out the city on enforcing the stand." clusion, according to the Feb. 25 Wall Street law. clusion, according to the Feb. 25 Wall Street
Journal, that "There's no money in virtue."
From a billion-a-year peak, comic-book sales
have plunged to a current rate of 600 million
a year. What caused the drop? "The damn
cleanup did it," a veteran publisher told the
Journal. "Back in 1954 when we set up the
comics code and agreed to cut out horror and
sex — that's when we sealed our doom."
However, it appears that a shift in reading
tastes has occurred. There has been a phenomenal increase in the sales of serious books, including reproductions of classics long out on a normal day. nomenal increase in the sales of serious books,

CAN'T TAKE IT — The introduction of cars of workers. advertising on television has not brought strikes by public employees, but Mayor Louis J. Miriani said reaction appears to have been voiced by Christopher Mayhew, a Labour member of ing with the police on this lines. They will answer: "What say it to deserve a meaningful lines. They will answer: "What say in the decisions to meet Parliament. In introducing a bill to curb adproblem. vertising interruptions to once in 25 minutes, he called them "symbols of vandalism and profiteering" and "one of the nastiest imports from the United States." As a case in point he cited a Western in which an attack by Indians was interrupted to offer a miracle treatment for your scalp.

the absence of government controls. The bald leaves sprayed with the chemical, concentrate expense," which was interpretcountry are now believed to have died from lord's expense. deleterious effects as they slowly accumulate manages on W. 134th St. These included inadequate pastor of a near-by church, ex in the body.

Congressmen squirmed recently when the press to force the tenants to leave ditions dangerous to human slumlord. "If the boarding up revealed how many of them are padding the Wyckoff was arrested Friday life" some of which were noted is for the purpose of protecting political spokesman for the auto bosses, figured been issued for the hundreds of Fire Departments have kept all mented. "But I am afraid it he has no apologies to offer for putting his manages. Violations on some of guard. Despite orders to stay forever, and Mr. Wyckoff, with the payroll; and he accused his fellow con- Though Wyckoff had been families unable to find other what he wanted all along so many members show no inclination to take was really on, that he and his order.

DDT POISONING — Suspicion is growing of mass poisoning resulting from indiscriminate use of DDT by American farmers in eagle population, for instance, is thought to tion over what slum landlords be dying out because its diet includes fish have been getting away with, killed by DDT. Dr. George J. Wallace now Democratic Mayor Wagner took reports in the January-February Audubon action in a flagrant case last Magazine that DDT spraying for insects in a week. He did not help the ten-185-acre tract of Michigan State University at ants; but he did close down East Lansing virtually eliminated robins. It five tenements, ordering them was discovered that earthworms, eating fallen boarded up. He did this at "city it in their bodies. From the earthworms, the ed by some of the mayor's back-DDT goes to the robins where it is concen- ers as an "unprecedented actrated still further, causing death. The pro- tion." Usually such buildings fessor reported that 140 kinds of birds in this are boarded up at the landinsecticidal poisoning. Food consumed by humans carries residual insecticides, mainly applied only to the five tene-DDT, which some authorities believe have ments that Banton L. Wyckoff thousand violations in 20 build- The Rev. Joseph L. Joiner

CONGRESSMAN AT WORK - Some Wagner's solution to this was dows, rotting beams, and "con- might be calculated to help the federal payroll by hiring relatives at juicy Feb. 27 in New Jersey. Eleven as far back as 1937. salaries. But Rep. Clare Hoffman (R-Mich.), a warrants for his arrest had Since Feb. 13 the Police and novated, that is fine," he comthat the best defense was the offense. He said violations in the tenements he five buildings under 24-hour means the buildings are vacated daughter-in-law and granddaughter-in-law on the buildings date back to 1937. out of the buildings, three the help of the city. has got Wed. 8-10 P.M.; Sat. 12-5 P.M. gressmen of singular lack of concern for the sought since November, it was lodging moved back in pending empty buildings which are welfare of their own families. "I only regret not until Jan. 4, when the heat execution of the board-them-up easier to sell and bring a higher care of their own."

else do you expect from cops?" that crisis.' Have No Shame," Declares Captured New York Landlord By Beatrice Allen

Bowing to city-wide indigna-

The New York mayor's order had deteriorated until they be-

family "disappeared."

no shame for my record . . . . I tricity and ordered everybody have cooperated with the courts out within an hour. ation for my record."

and 1958, only \$1,050 in fines just abandon them, inviting a was levied for more than a serious catastrophe."

They had appealed for two ple in them.

A grand jury returned five | years for action on the violacriminal informations contain- tions. Inspectors who did visit ing 425 individual counts against the buildings acted as if they him, shortly before he was ar- were wearing blindfolds. When its investigations in 1959, des- 1956, will speak on "The Chinthe story finally made the New When the slum landlord was York Post, and a shocked pubquestioned at the New Jersey lic demanded that something be police station he said, "I have done, City Hall cut off the election to abolish the Committee tion 50 cents.

in New York for 12 years. I In an announcement to the should be given some consider- press when he decided to nail up the doors and windows, Yet a check by a New York Wagner said, "We cannot let newspaper of the records of these buildings be lived in, bethe Wyckoff management re- cause they are a menace to the vealed that for the years 1957 families therein, and we cannot

toilets, rat infestation, no hot pressed dismay at the mayor's came dangerous to live in water, broken ceilings and win- order. He felt that the move the buildings until they are reprice than buildings with peo-