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Mich. AFL-CIO Calls Lansing Jobless Parley

DETROIT, April 26-The Michigan AFL-CIO has announced it will hold an unemployed conference in Lansing on May 5. According to the announcements, the unemployed will hear reports on legislation and then visit any more than they were heard

next week or two.

They want action, not bull.

entire labor federation.

mained strictly on paper:

legislators. Taking a cue from the recent AFL-CIO conference in Washington, union leaders here seem

to be planning to restrict the their Democratic pals. nature and scope of the Lansing action. Jobless militants have for approach will be shown in the

some time been asking for a mass demonstration in Lansing (among other places). They want a maximum turnout of the Washington conference. the unemployed to express their anger and impatience in terms that the politicians of both capitalist parties will understand.

Washington. But the top union leaders have different ideas. They want to limit the size of delegations to small and "manageable" proportions. They don't want the authentic sentiments of the to say about the McNamara 35jobless to be heard in Lansing hour bill in the Senate.

Predict Profits This Year Will Set New High

promises to organize the unem-Here are a few facts to pon- ployed that Walter Reuther der while waiting in line at the made almost three months ago; unemployment office. Net cor- Many words, few deeds. poration profits hit a record Under prodding from unemhigh in the first quarter of this ployed UAW members who had year. Barron's, a financial week. organized themselves, . Reuther ly, reported April 27 that figures at that time laid out a long for the first three months indi- elaborate campaign that took cate American corporations will almost an hour to read. net a cool \$24 billion this year. Reuther's plan was top-heavy

Manufacturers of textile ma- because he wanted to make sure chinery, for example, are "loom- that he and his machine would ing profits." New machines are have firm control of any and being turned out that find ready all - unemployed activities. He buyers. These include an auto- didn't want them to be "embarmatic winding machine which rassing" to his Democratic reduces man-hours by nearly friends.

60 per cent. Another is a dry- The organizational structure throughout the party. ing machine which operates on he outlined was a little ridicul-high-frequency electronic prin-ous—it almost creaked from the tham, London, unit of the Labor "But the Streatham party in-



NEW YORK, N.Y., MONDAY MAY 4, 1959

The Washington conference Part of International Ladies Garment Workers Union contingent at April 18 Youth March pledged that it would be folin Washington, D.C., against racial discrimination. Mixed delegations from North Carolina and lowed by a big campaign against unemployment by the Virginia participated; 8,000 came from New York; there were contingents from as far away as California to make total number of marchers reach 26,000. Tom Mboya, Harry Belafonte, So far, this promise has re-A. Philip Randolph and Martin Luther King were among the speakers.

It's something like the big **Ranks of British Labor Party Defy Right-Wing over Purges**

The British Labor Party's six weeks in prison for strike of the Hendon North Labor witch-hunting in the United right wing is finding it no cinch activities.

to purge the party of revolution. The Labor Party tops have tional executive committee to open expression of sympathy ary socialists. Two major Labor threatened to "reorganize" both rescind its undemocratic ruling. for revolutionary ideas - the Party units refused recently to the Streatham and Norwood Again, after Brian Behan ad- American public cheered Castro carry out expulsions of Social- units. However, they have not cressed them, 200 building as the symbol of revolution. ist Labor League adherents de- yet acted on their threat. "Mor- workers at Abbey Wood called creed by the party's national gan Phillips [Secretary of the for full freedom of discussion ed against the Cuban was ab-executive committee. "Protest- Labor Party] told the Press that in the trade-union movement sent from his visit. Congressthe-ban" sentiment is growing Gerry Healy . . . has ceased to and the Labor Party. throughout the party. be a Labor Party member,"

The April 25 Newsletter also about "Communist - infiltration" reports that the Brixton branch of the Cuban revolution and o

Castro Wins Cop Shoots Negro In New York Cheers of **Police Station U.S.** People NEW YORK — One more Negro has been added to the list of victims of trigger-

Not since they greeted heroes of the 1905 Russian Revolution, have the American people extended the kind of welcome to a revolutionary they accorded to Fidel Castro during his 11day tour of Washington, D.C., New York City and Boston.

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Mississippi Lynching

Aided by State Officials

In Washington, "High school students shouted from buses, 'Hi, Fidel!'" In New York, . . Dr. Castro received warm welcomes wherever he went." And in Boston, 10,000 people, mostly students, greeted him at a meeting near Harvard University. Thirty-five thousand New Yorkers turned out to hear him at Central Park.

Castro, for his part, played up to his role as a leader of a popular revolution. He did not change from his green "26th of July Movement" uniform into mufti at any time. Wherever he went, his supporters carried banners proclaiming "Long Live the Cuban Revolution!" and "Down with Trujillo!" (Trujil-lo is the Dominican dictator). In radio and TV interviews and all his speeches, Castro spoke about the liberationist aims of the Cuban revolution. Thus despite 12 years of Party unit called on the na- States - designed to kill any

> Not that witch-hunting directmen and TV interviewers pressed him repeatedly for answers

Victim Left

happy cops in this city. Al Garrett, 24, was taken to a Brooklyn hospital in critical condition with a bullet wound in his liver. He was shot in a police precinct house April 17 by Patrolman John Cuzzo. The official police version of the incident is that the wounded man tried to hit the cop with a chair.

Garrett, who was arrested after a street argument with the cop, said: "They never asked me any questions. He (Cuzzo) hit me with his billy and I was running around trying to duck. Then he pulled his gun, and I was still running around. Then he shot me. I fell and tried to get up, but he put his foot on me and kept me down."



A reform movement is shaping up in Capetown, South Africa. The Wednesday afternoon caning of Negroes in the

to be moved down to the basement. Milton Bracker reported in the April 26 New York Times told these police that I wasn't that the beatings, which are ad positive it was him, but it lookministered as legal discipline, have brought many complaints from people in the surrounding I told them Parker looked like

Unguarded In Jail Cell By George Lavan A Mississippi mob opened the

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observance of the period designated by President Eisenhower as National Law Week by lynching Mack C. Parker, a 23year old Negro. This brutal deed speaks louder and truer about "the equal protection of the law" in the U.S. than all the Law Week speeches of Bar Association officials and capitalist politicians.

As usual with Deep South lynchings, there is little likelihood that the murderers will be arrested. Even if some unusual combination of circumstances should lead to their arrest, it is generally acknowledged that, as with the lynchers of 14-year-old Emmett Till, the workings of Mississippi's lily-white "justice" would promptly free them.

CONNIVANCE INDICATED

The bare facts of the Poplarville lynching indicate that Mississippi officials all but issued engraved invitations to the lynch mob, if indeed they did

not secretly connive with it. Parker, a truckdriver, was arrested on a charge of raping a 24-year-old white woman from an adjoining county last Feb. 24. The woman's identification of Parker was far from positive. Since the lynching she has descentral police station is going cribed to reporter's her original identification of Parker as follows: "When I saw the man I

ciples and reduces drying time directives to set up all kinds of Party defeated a motion to sists that he is still a member." for rayon and dyed yarn to five local, regional and state centers, expel Gerry Healy and to susminutes from the conventional staffs and steering committees. pend several other unit mem- unit's defiance of the NEC de- the Contractes Council and he answered. "There are no (Continued on Page 4) 90-140 hours.

Socialist Future Offers You the Best Investment

By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Director

to do it.

Naturally it always gives me only wish I could give more. Now I'm going to let you in the branch in second place and on a secret. Much as I enjoy scoring 92% on the board. And giving to a socialist fund-raising here is what she said: "I mancampaign, I enjoy even more aged to collect some money." opening up the letters containing contributions from others, know how good each one feels umes: "Joe Skivar." about getting closer to the goal.



forerunners since I joined some 25 years ago. I do it ites and demanded the same ment. The whole rank and file And you don't have to be rich most eloquent phrases in the for-Socialism group.] English language.

This week quite a few cor- tham unit defied the NEC, the A number of other Labor a twinge to part with money respondents used that phrase. Norwood unit's executive com- Party and trade-union units because of my early training on Some of them worked out vari- mittee refused to expel Brian throughout Britain have joined its sacred nature. But when I ations that sounded to me al- Behan, also a member of the the protest against the NEC's posed by this bill if you don't think of how it counts for the most like poetry. For instance, Newsletter's editorial board. Be- ban on the SLL and the News- eat, smoke, see anything, do

> Newark, one of the three branches ahead of schedule, did

letter, an SLL publication. national executive committee and shows that every time they ruled that supporters of the have a say they rebuff the League and of the Newsletter bureaucrats at the top. . . . The could not hold Labor Party Streatham decision vindicates membership. The SLL de- our stand against the manufac-I think I've made a substantial contribution in every nounced the ruling as a witch- ture of the hydrogen bomb and fund campaign of the Socialist Workers Party and its hunt against left-wing Labor- for a policy against unemploy-: . must have an opportunity

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right to promote its program because I don't know of a bet-ter place to invest in the future than in the socialist movement. "Enclosed herewith ... "In my vocabulary that's one of the than in the socialist movement. "Enclosed herewith ... "In my vocabulary that's one of the Fabian society and the Victory-with Labor's policy and how it for Socialist movement. "In the socialist movement with Labor's policy and how it the socialist movement." " In within the Labor Party as the of discussing what is wrong A few days before the Strea- Manchester Guardian.)

checks totaled \$94. They looked can develop a boom of suffici- in the 1958 recession.

ike pay checks endorsed over ent proportions in the foreseeto the fund campaign. That able future to absorb those who began in April 1958. But the would be in accordance with are jobless at present plus about figures from April to December the high goal set by the Seattle a million new jobseekers a year. show employment increasing at "Unless such action [reducing a far slower rate than produccomrades. "Our standard," Clara

Kaye explained earlier in the the work-week] is taken," Woy- tion. Production rose an avercampaign, "is one week's in- tinsky says, "more than 4 mil- age of 12% throughout all mancome as the basis of the pledge lion will probably remain un- ufacturing, while employment -with wages considered as in- employed at the end of 1959. increased only 5.6%. In durable "A slowdown of economic ex- goods, where a large proportion come, not the unemployment insurance which is all some of pansion in 1960 is fairly prob- of the unemployed have been rather than 'unemployed.' If This was later legalized through Meany and Walter Reuther op-

able; the best one can expect is concentrated, production inus are getting." When I opened the letter that unemployment will fluctu- creased 16% and employment containing Milwaukee's contri- ate around 4 million during that 6.5%.

"A closer analysis of employbution of \$16 on the fund this year. If a new recession develweek, I was sorry once more ops in 1961, it will start with ment and unemployment that Wayne Leverenz didn't win unemployment of about 4.5 mil- trends," says Woytinsky, "sug- increasing 2% a year, total out- In the postwar recessions, crease-production-not-cut-hours" in the last election. He would lion and raise the figure to a gests that recently there has put must rise 2% annually to though hours were cut to some approach. However, his recomnew peak of 6.5 or 7 million. been a substantial expansion of absorb the new workers assum- extent, the reduction was not as mendation that the work-week have made a wonderful govern-"I see no other way of re- production with little or no re- ing no technological and eco- drastic as in the Great Depres- be cut to 35 hours over a threeor with his succinct way of putversing this trend except by re- absorption of unemployment." nomic progress. "Assuming a sion since unemployment com- or five-year span is inadequate. ting things: "Enclosed is a payadjusting hours of work-shifting from the 40-hour week to a the unemployment of the 1949- year, production must advance "work-sharing." The New York Local, I can

report after personally inter- 35-hour week." Woytinsky reviews the curve ing economy did not absorb un- growth of unemployment." On ion-contract changes must now that the average work-week in viewing Richard Lopez, is buzzof employment in nonagricul- employment in 1955-57. The the other hand, "... unemploy- embody reductions in the work January 1959 embodied 37.6 (Continued on Page 2)

of the Amalgamated Union of his government. "Why are you Building Trade Workers, the worried about Communists?' Commenting on the Streatham bers. Healy is provisional na- cree, Gerry Healy said, "I am the Garston [near Liverpool] Communists in my government. tional secretary of the Socialist proud of the stand my party unit of the Labor Party de- You should worry about our executive said the sound of the His voice was different at the Labor League and a member of [unit] has taken in refusing to nounced the ban on the SLL success as a nation. We are a Labor League and a member of tunit has taken in refusing to and the Newsletter. Earlier this democracy." Said Senator oners was "upsetting" to his the rank and file have had a month, following the expulsion Smathers of Florida, "It is clear women employes. "We can raping a white woman in Miss-In March, the Labor Party's chance of discussing the matter of nine alleged SLL supporters that he hasn't yet learned that clearly hear the swish and issippi is in constant danger of in Leeds, including two members of the Leeds City Council, Communists . . . party units in North-East and East Leeds protested the NEC's purge.

age:

HOW TO AVOID TAXES

A sure-fire way of avoiding taxes was suggested by Hiram G. Andrews, 83-year-old speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives when he commented on a bill up for pass-

to it." "You can avoid all taxes im-CASE OF RURAL IDIOCY

from people in the surrou business district.

blows and reactions of the pris- police lineup."

you can't play ball with the smack of the cane and the lynching, police initially took pleadings and screams of peo-However, this apparently did ple being beaten," he said.

not diminish Castro's popularity here nor the sympathy of ishments are well deserved, but capital. the American people for the I feel the place for them should Cuban upheaval. In fact, to be anywhere but the center of some Americans, the Cuban a city business area." events seemed to contain food for further thought. "How do you make a revolution?" one said: "I sympathize with the and ordered Parker transferred New York taxi driver, for ex- police. It cannot be nice to have to the county jail in rural Pearl ample, asked of his fare, following the Castro visit.

future, I feel good about it and only wish I could give more.

the one but I wasn't certain. Then next day, when I saw his It's the noise, not the beat- picture in the newspaper, it ings, that are at issue. One looked exactly like the man.

> Since a Negro accused of special precautions to protect Parker and lodged him in the

"I don't doubt that these pun- city jail in Jackson, the state But twelve days before the

lynching, Mississippi Circuit Court Judge Sebe Dale suddenly decided that special precau-One genteel white woman tions were no longer desirable to deal out these beatings. But River County, the area of the I wish we didn't have to listen alleged crime. This transfer was carried out with the knowledge

A business man complained that the Poplarville jail is com-The Animal Health Institute that conversations with import- pletely unguarded at night. The is studying cows to learn how ant clients had been interrupted sheriff simply locks the door

Shorter Week Offers More Jobs than New

A reduction of the work-week tural establishments since the number of unemployed remain- ment will increase by 500,000 week. His appeal is both to the normal hours plus 2.3 hours of is contributions from others, not rise to such eloquence this to 35 hours without reduction in end of World War II. He shows ed close to the level during the if production expands by 5 per employers and unions to work overtime. Thus hours actually felt when it came to parting week. But the name on the pay is the only way to eliminate that though employment inwith those dollars and I also money order for \$79 spoke vol- unemployment, according to Dr. creased from 40 million in 1945 million]. The country entered rises 4 per cent." W.S. Woytinsky, a prominent la- to 52.6 million in September, the third postwar recession with

can be changed." (April 17

Seattle was another branch in bor economist, writing in the 1957, the rate of increase taperthe wonderful "enclosed here- April 13 New Leader. He does ed off markedly in 1956 and accompanying letter only says, with" category. The three not believe that the economy 1957 before going into reverse

Recovery from the recession lay-offs in industry." NEW WORKERS

The official statistics do not in the work-week.

ployment in the summer of been done to adjust hours of 1958.

With the civilian labor force technological conditions."

50 recession. But "The expand- 4-5% to prevent the further

preceding recession [3.1 to 3.8 cent while productivity of labor out the problem through "mu- worked already fend to average tual understanding." Concretely below 40.

Reviewing the overall per- he proposes three or five-year considerable unemployment. To formance of the economy and agreements providing for yearly this backlog, fresh unemploy- its prospects, Woytinsky con- reduction of hours until the 35ment was added with the in- cludes, "There is a very slim hour week is achieved. The concrease in the labor force and chance that economic recovery tract would also call for yearly and growth will absorb or re- wage increases of 5% to preduce mass unemployment." The vent loss in take-home pay. solution thus lies in a reduction Most capitalist economists,

tell the whole tale: "... many The last cutback in hours of have opposed shortening the young workers who entered the work, says Woytinsky, was ef- work-week on the pretext that labor market around June-July fected during the Great Depres- it would cut production at a 1958 without previous experi- sion when part-time work at 40 time when this country is in an ence did not find jobs and were hours a week instead of 44-48 economic race with the USSR. classified as 'not in labor force' hours became common practice. Even labor leaders like George this explanation is correct, there the Wages and Hours Law. posed the shorter work-week on was considerable hidden unem- "Since that time very little has this ground until recently.

The pace would be too slow

to absorb unemployment, par-Woytinsky believes that un- ticularly in view of the fact

Speculative Fever On Wall Street

The biggest speculative fever in the stock market since 1929 is now under way, says Richard Phalon in the April 27 N.Y. Herald Tribune. . . . the speculative tone of the market was enough to make some worried Wall Streeters feel they'd seen it all before. . . . It was a rare broker who did not have his own variation on the tale of the '\$80 a week ribbon clerk' who plunked his 'life savings of \$300' down on the desk and asked to be put into a 'good \$2 stock that's going to 50.'" Actually many \$2 stocks are going to 50, says Phalon, "on nothing more than a prayer and a prom-

ise. The April 27 Wall Street Journal also compares today's stock market with 1929.

both liberal and conservative.

The significance of Woytinwork to changing economic and sky's article is that it thoroughly demolishes the "we-must-in-

The 1951-53 boom wiped out productivity growth of 2-3% a pensation reduced the need for



By Henry Gitano

Traditionally in the labor | internal security of our coun- | dealt "exclusively with the emmovement, "labor spies" means try." ployer-employee relation," and

private detectives hired by employers in their war against unions. The Senate Civil Liberties Committee, headed by Senator Robert La Follette, investigated the activities of labor spies in the 1930's and exposed some of their shocking practices. The labor movement used the Senate committee's investigation to weed out labor spies from their ranks.

The labor-spy racket, however, has taken a new form. The services for which the employers used to pay fink agencies are now performed, at taxpayers' expense, by the FBI, as part of the bi-partisan witch-hunt program.

An old-style, private labor-spy outfit once informed a prospective client, "We help eliminate the agitator and organizer quietly and with little friction." The "Industrial Security" program, with its provisions for "security screenings," has been touted in a similar vein.

A 1952 report by the National Industrial Conference Board tells the employers, "Even if you" don't have a trained saboteur in hire, Industrial Security can . . . help you rid your plant of agitators who create labor unrest. who promote labor grievances. slowdowns and strikes and encourage worker antipathy towards management."

BRAND ALL LABOR ACTIVITIES

Note that this employers' organization deems the whole gamut of union activities — and not merely "communism" - to be "subversive" and thus a fit subject for "screening." The Democrats who began the "security" program and the Republicans who continued it have both entrusted the FBI with its administration. J. Edgar Hoover Butte makes no mention whathas thus become the nation's ever of "subversives." number one labor spy.

Testifying for the FBI's 1953 appropriations, Hoover stated: industries our investigative responsibility has increased. We ties which may jeopardize the



(Continued from Page 1) sawing its way toward its goal. out-Macy Macy's, I know, be-Finally, before the editor cuts me short, Chicago, Boston, Los Angeles and the Bay Area sent raised. the kind of letters a fund campecially tuned to. The only U.S. Attorney W. Ford Maddrix talking was the kind money could not seriously challenge the agents handcuffed their victim faces: "When I'm working, I'm does-but they were welcome UE's charge that the FBI had words planted labor-espionage agents

did not apply to the FBI.

Although Hoover claims that keeping union activities under It is noteworthy that the Jussurveillance is only incidental to sleuthing on "subversives," action during the hard-fought the record testifies otherwise. Westinghouse Corporation strike Thus during the May 1958 Smith-Act trial of Julius Hellman in Butte, Montana, it was revealed that Arthur Moralez, a cal, Radio and Machine Workers, of the jobless. paid FBI informer, had been reess of the Mine, Mill and ges against alleged "commu-

Henry Gitano Wins Citation from American Legion FBI WIRE-TAPPING

The following endorsement appeared in the March 15 issue of the American Legion's 'Firing Line":

"The Socialist Workers Party (SWP), a sizeable splinter group of the CPUSA. has been viciously attacking the Federal Bureau of Investigation through a series of articles appearing in recent issues of The Militant, the SWP's official weekly organ. Edited by HENRY GITANO. the articles are clever distortions of the daily operations of this efficient investigative arm of the United States Department of Justice. The author utilized numerous sources of information to write his story, including the following: American Civil Liberties Union, National Lawyers Guild, 'The FBI' by place." MAX LOWENTHAL, The Nation and CYRUS S.

EATON. Smelter Workers' Union. An ofon Moralez' oral report of a meeting of the union's Local 1 in

the Subversive Activities Control Board to have the independesignated as "communist-infilmust keep abreast of all activi- testified that he was hired by



FBI paid Wright more than the sawdust is a weekly table Wright testified, he sought union men. support against milk-price inout-Macy Macy's. I know, be-cause I can't resist some of those pre-inflation, even pre-war (World War I) prices. Then he would report

What Unions Are Saying on Unemployment

By Alex Harte and Flora Carpenter

"AFL-CIO Sets Off Massive ttack on Unemployment." "The Bitter Face of Unemployment — Endless Lines of People Seeking Work-Frustrated Jobless Face Grim Future."

THE MILITANT

"This Is Happening in Amertice Department began its SACB | ica-Misery, Despair and Want." These are some of the headlines in the April 11 AFL-CIO of 1955. The majority of strikers News. Two-thirds of the arbelonged not to UE but to the ticles, an editorial and a car-International Union of Electri- toon are devoted to the plight

Unemployment has received (AFL-CIO), whose leadership porting to the FBI on the busi- had carried through many pur- extensive coverage in virtually every issue of the paper since the middle of last February, just nists." The Justice Department, prior to the AFL-CIO national however, sought to smear the council meeting that decided to entire strike by singling out UE

as "communist-infiltrated." (Last | call the April 8 Washington jobmonth, the Department withless conference. Such sustained, serious treatdrew its action against UE.)

ment of the problem is relativey new for this staid and conservative voice of the top union

FBI spying is not confined to brass. It reflects a concern that alleged "subversives" nor to alis now finding expression in allegedly "communist-infiltrated" most every publication of the unions. In 1948, John L. Lewis, various international unions and president of the United Mine most of the local ones. A sam-Workers, accused Attorney Genoling of the union press makes eral Tom Clark of using FBI clear that throughout the labor men to tap UMW telephones. movement significant unemploy-"Surely," said Lewis, "old Tom ment in a period of peak prohasn't forgotten the day he sent duction is recognized as a prime one of his gumshoe men in to problem.

tap our telephones in our office What to do about it? Most and our boys threw him out on union papers support the AFLhis ear. They caught him right CIO program put forward at the at the control box in the base- Washington rally. The AFL-CIO

ment, tapping her up, and they News is pressing for action on threw him out." the legislative front. Central de-Again, at the National Maritime Union's council meeting in law, federal standards for un-

February 1954, NMU Vice-Presi- employment compensation, feddent Warner complained that, eral aid to depressed areas, and additional federal standards to with investigators who have to stimulate production. been snooping all over the

Hoyt Haddock, the union's istration and its do-nothing ap-

union gave Negroes and Puerto Congress with the support of ficial FBI memorandum based Ricans preferential treatment. the union officialdom. Then "came the FBI with the same story, only the FBI went the early thirties the top AFL nological Unemployment." the

government's maritime "screentrated," Isaac Alexander Wright ing" program. Evidently, this doesn't protect the union from the FBI in 1942 or 1943 to spy FBI spying into its internal af-"communists" and on fairs.

Finally, there is the case of how burgh area. The government the Hat and Millinery Workers over a period of 15 years, the Rose, once proposed creation of Among the ways of heaping up \$27,000. During that time, by J. Edgar Hoover's fgumshoe a "Labor FBI" — was victimized "FBI Jails Organizer in Louis- ployment" that fall heaviest "on

that have been written into 1957. Heaviest fire is directed state systems . . . this critical Warner reported that against the Republican admin- job of providing for the unemployed and maintaining the na-Washington representative, had proach to unemployment. But tion's economic health cannot be entrants to the labor force, the expressed concern over a charge there is also a note of irritation left to the states. It's a job that report adds: "Even assuming a by government sources that the over the Democrats elected to needs doing now, by the 86th more rapid growth of the na-Congress. that a reduction in working Under the title, "Shorter To those who recall that in Work Week Solution to Tech-

further. The FBI said, 'You will bureaucrats opposed unemploy- same issue reprints from the go back to New York and you ment insurance as not in the April 13 New Leader an article Again, in proceedings before will bring us back information American tradition, the present by economist W. S. Woytinsky organization of salaried emconcerning this matter.'" The stand of the AFL-CIO News which marshals data in support NMU officials are expert red- may sound almost radical. An of the demand for a 35-hour "In these very important key dent United Electrical Workers baiters and cooperate with the April 25 editorial declares: week. (See page 1 for a review "Since 1935 the unemployment of this article.)

"My Job Has Disappeared"

An impressive roundup of in- | periencing a rising tide of reterviews with unemployed possession of automobiles, TV Union — whose president, Alex unionists in key areas of the sets and household appliances." country was featured in the In Milwaukee, the manufac-April 11 AFL-CIO News. ture of heavy machinery "has suffered cruelly . . . Many of A report from Cleveland desthe unemployed are growing incribes "the tortures of unem-

creasingly bitter as they find

"I spent a long time Mrs. Marybelle Hathman, learning how to operate practically every machine in my department and I think I'm as good a mechanic as the next man. Now I'm told my job has disappeared because it can be done guicker and cheaper by as if he were a desperado. Before just barely living. When I'm not automatic machinery. Not only am I without a job, but I've apparently wasted all those years in learning how to do something for which there is no longer any market." Worried attention to the jobless problem is also found in sue cites figures from various says, "fewer workers were be-



Scene from Shakespeare's Othello presented free of charge last summer at the Belvedere Lake Theater in New York's Central Park. This year City Parks Commissioner Robert Moses has aroused indignation by denying further use of the lawns to the theater unless admission is charged to help "keep up the grass." To counter city-wide sentiment favoring free Shakespeare, Moses is circulating a McCarthy-type unsigned letter accusing Joseph Papp, sponsor of the presentations, of having a "Communist" background.

compensation system has de-|clares: "Shorter Hours Needed|as compared with a loss of \$10 teriorated badly and is no long- for Full Employment." On the million the same month a year er capable of meeting the needs basis of a long term study, it ago. But the rail barons are mands are for a 35-hour week of the unemployed. It is time, reports that in the decade ahead still complaining about losing found in the highly automated therefore, for a complete over-"steel production and mainten- their shirts as a result of alhauling of the system, including ance employment is not likely leged "featherbedding" practices of the lost production jobs have to exceed an average of 500,000 of the unions. At the same time 'The halls have been flooded increased government spending repair the glaring deficiencies as compared with 535,200 in the rail lobby is trying to push a measure through Congress to

Pointing out that 14 million reduce federal unemployment new jobs will be needed by and retirement benefits for rail-1965 just to provide for new road workers.

tional economy, it is apparent

hours is also essential to achieve the amount ascribable to techfull employment." The report also says that the

steel union must undertake the ployes "in order to halt the declining role of the union as a representative of the industry's work force.

Railroad workers are likewise trying to cope with chronic unemployment. Less than half the number of workers are employ-

ed on the railroads today than in the twenties. But contrary to the carefully cultivated public so hammer at the jobless issue. impression, the railroad magnates are still, doing all right profit-wise. "Rail Freight and Profits Soar, But Jobs Just ing for Working People, That's of similar committees through-Creep Along-Traffic Goes Up What!" "The Jobless Take a out the labor movement and co-Five Times as Fast as Employ- Beating - Congress Versus the ordinated activity by such ment," reports the April 18 is- Unemployed" are the titles of groups. sue of Labor, voice of 17 rail- three recent editorials. The

Coast International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, reports that the thirteenth biennial convention of the union, then in progress, devoted major attention to automation and unemployment.

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A resolution on automation, he paper said, suggested a combination of approaches, "including tax on new machines to meet the needs of displaced workers, a shorter work week without loss of take-home pay, early retirements, substantial serverance pay, extended vacations, industry-wide seniority and retraining.

Automation and decentralization have dealt a heavy jobless jolt to the electrical industry. The April 13 IUE News, voice of the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, AFL-CIO, gives excerpts from a report to the union's international executive board April 7 by Pres. James Carey:

"In the electrical machinery and equipment industry real output has been increasing two and a half times faster than employment. The recession resulted in a job drop of 162,200 for production workers and 12,-000 for non-production workers. After nine months, 53 per cent of the lost production jobs had NOT been restored. All nonproduction jobs over the same period were completely restored and 7,600 new jobs were added.

"The situation of lagging employment in our industry is lamp plants. Some 69 per cent NOT been regained in this industry.

"The need for a substantial reduction in the work week . . . is amply demonstrated by our industry . . . A work week of 32 hours rather than 40 hours The paper charges that the

is needed to keep production oropaganda campaign against workers employed in our in-"featherbedding" is a smokedustry.'

screen in a drive to steadily re-During the thirties, the Interduce rail employment beyond national Brotherhood of Electrical Workers mounted a nanological advances. It reports tionwide campaign for the 30that many lines are closing hour week. The April 15 issue down small stations, consolidatof Electrical Union World, ing others, and reducing sernewspaper of New York Local vices Torturing worn-out equip-3 of the IBEW, gives special coverage to the "Shorter Work ment, they are cutting back on car-repair and car-building pro-Week Committee" set up by the grams. By these and other N.Y. City Central Labor Counmethods, they have wiped out cil of the AFL-CIO under the 600,000 jobs in the industry leadership of Harry Van Arssince the end of World War II. dale, president of the council The last three issues of the and business manager of Local

United Mineworkers Journal al- 3. The paper reprints a leaflet distributed by the Shorter Work "Ike's 'Rising Prosperity' Will Week Committee at the Wash-Not Feed Hungry Americans." ington jobless conference. "What's 'Up' on the Hill—Noth- The leaflet urged form The leaflet urged formation

The paper also reports the oposal made by van Arsda

As you can see on the score- the union. He was placed on the national total up to \$5,781. cited laws against labor spying. That's 36% of the goal. He pleaded that this legislation

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to the FBI which union locals Representative Alfred May, achad supported the issues he had tive in the organizing strike mother of three children, who

against the Louisville Hat Com- worked as a sorter at a woolen On the basis of admissions pany, was jailed by three FBI and waste mill until she was paign director has an ear es- made by his own stool pigeon, men who converged on his home laid off just before Christmas from the front and rear. The FBI in 1958, describes what she

being taken to jail overnight, working, I know what it's like Total for the week was \$808. to concoct "evidence" against "May was again handcuffed and to be in hell. Can someone do chained, with the handcuffs at- something to find work for poor board below, that brought the defensive when union attorneys tached to the chain around his people like me?" waist." Since then, May has been How does the Hathman fam-

sentenced to nine months in jail ily get by? "Soldiers and Sailors Relief pays the rent," reports the and is out on hail ... the only basis of the in- AFL-CIO News. "Food and a the IUD Bulletin, publication

dictment" against May, says the few clothes are paid for with of the AFL-CIO Industrial Un-April 15 Hat Worker, "was a an Ohio unemployment compen- ion Department. The April isconflict of words spoken at a sation check of \$24 a week." Board hearing resulting from an After the checks run out, the industries and areas to indicate employer appeal. Contradictory Hathmans "and thousands like the extent of technological untestimony at NLRB hearings is them" will have to look to city employment. "Everywhere," it an every-day occurrence. The welfare and "hope" for another implications of the May case for job.

In New England, the paper put of goods and services rose reports, the new greeting is to new high levels."

'Are you working?"-not "How The Bulletin reports that rail are you?" In the textile indus- shipments are running ahead of

try, long a major source of jobs last year, "Yet, in February of In an editorial, the Hat Workin the area, production has this year, rail employment was plummeted 55% in the past down to 839,000 against 888,000er lamented that "it would be! tragic for the Bureau and a real eight years. "New England's in the depths of the recession loss to the nation if the FBI at distressed areas are now ex- a year ago." this late day and juncture should

turn from its normal tasks to a labor dispute . . .

serve as a club for employers in Following the March 15 editorial, the FBI went to see the

the entire labor movement are

'HAT WORKER'S' LAMENT

thus enormous.'

Hat Worker's editor J. C. Rich regarding May's arrest. Rich was pleased that the FBI had taken this trouble . . . Known of this union who are still unas something of an admirer and barassed to see it make a boor of itself in my own front yard." be called back because tech-The FBI agents said that in ar- ated their jobs, or so reduced

forming a police task, and they place for them." denied any harsh treatment. On the manacling, neighbors noticed ing than in 1956. It estimates ing photographs of May's prem- workers who lost jobs in Chica- the job than there were two fear of using the legal weapons ises. "During the trial one of the go in 1955 because of moves to years ago. arresting officers was also no- more modern plants are still

ticed coaching some of the wit- jobless." nesses who appeared against The Bulletin's lead article de- baker explains: "It's just an-

May. for the wheels of Justice to move Party in particular, a mandate tonnage." in the railroading expedition." to move forward. With the ses- The April Steel Labor de- and permanently on the wel-

ing required as the nation's out-

"Output Rises; Jobs Decline"

The Bulletin quotes Steel-|sion half over, it is time for the workers President David J. Mc- Congress to demonstrate that it Donald on the situation in that is responsive to the people's industry: "As of today there needs, regardless of the position adopted."

are more than 200,000 members of the Administration.' A more militant view of the Unemployment in the steel fight for a shorter work week employed despite the produc- industry is analyzed in detail is expressed in the March a partisan of the FBI, I was em- tion boom. There is a good in Steel Labor, monthly voice MESA Educator, voice of the chance that many may never of the United Steelworkers. Mechanics Educational Society, "There's No Real Recovery AFL-CIO. An editorial declar-Rich was sadly disappointed. nological advances have elimin- Without Full Employment — es: "Big business and industry Steel Output Rises But Job and politicians, as always, must resting May they were only per- crew sizes that there is no Gains Decline," reads the lead be FORCED to make changes headline in the March issue. in the hours, wages and work-It's the same story in meat Otis Brubaker, the union's re- ing conditions of the working search director points to the class. This cannot be done by convinced that the FBI had in- Worker estimates that there are example of Buffalo where a re- the hat-in-hand policy being deed manhandled May. After 23.700 fewer jobs in meat pack- turn to full steel production has pursued by the present leadermeant between one to two thou- ship of the AFL-CIO. Strong, an FBI agent scouting and tak- that 4,200 of the 7,000 meat sand fewer workers back on forceful leadership, that has no

> Pointing to new technical now as urgently as at any time processes in the industry, Bru- in the past.

"The work week must be reclares, "It's Time for Perform- other way of saying they are duced drastically or large seg-An editorial on April 15, ance." In its opinion, "The getting more productivity per ments of our people must restates: "It took exactly ten days American people gave the 86th man hour which means simply sign themselves to the status of from indictment to conviction Congress, and the Democratic less people turning out more second-rate citizens doomed to be permanently unemployed

magazine is pushing for the Carloadings in March were up aid-to-depressed areas bill in- at the conference in behalf of 12% over a year ago but less troduced by Senator Paul the N.Y. Central Labor Council people are working than in Douglas (D-Ill.) and for enact-March 1958. Class 1 railroads ment of federal standards for netted \$20 million in February unemployment compensation.

'Strong Leadership Needed"

"Unemployment: National | fare rolls ... If industry will not Problem," reads the front page make it possible to employ all of the April 1 issue of Advance, our work force, then industry published by the Amalgamated should be forced to pay a work-

Clothing Workers of America. er his full wages for as long as The article urges passage of the he is available for work." Karsten - Machrowicz jobless The Black Worker, official or- their long militant tradition, compensation bill, "along with gan of the Brotherhood of was expressed in a front page \$1.25 federal minimum wage Sleeping Car Porters, hits out

35-hour work week to absorb the curtailment of passenger thousands and thousands of service on the fake plea made workers thrown out of jobs by by the railroad companies of the kind of shop level action automation."

The issue features a speech port of current efforts by rail ment as it took in 1936 to shake in favor of the 35-hour week unions to win amendment of the tyranny and fear of the by Joseph Salerno, vice presi- the Railway Transportation Act boss. Let's not expect the ruling dent of the union and New Eng. so as to require an increase in class to become suddenly reland regional director. "Legisla- railroad passenger service. The editorial also warns: "Lation is better than strikes," Salerno said. "A 35-hour work- bor in every area of industry agenda. week law would prevent strikes must give special attention to for reduced hours. It would es- the question of the reduction of tablish uniform hours for all hours of work. Unless hours in day and week at no reduction industries and help promote in- all forms of production are in pay. Stop all overtime, put dustrial peace. It would protect drastically limited, millions of everyone to work." fair employers against the un- workers will be added to the

fair employers whose workers jobless throughout the nation would be forced to strike in because of the march of autoorder to obtain the shorter work mation."

week if no legislation was

that the national AFL-CIO undertake the organization of the jobless. The various publications of the United Auto Workers, which

has been hit heavily by unemployment, are giving major attention to the problem, with the shorter work week and improv-

ed jobless compensation standards their major demands.

Something of the mood of the workers in this union, with article in the March 2 Searchwith broader coverage, and a in a February editorial against light, the paper of Flint Chevrolet Local 659:

> "Friends, it's going to take vanishing profits. It urges sup- now to alleviate the unemploy-

pentant and start treating us right because that isn't on their

"Come on, let's get going and shove hard for a shorter work

> HENS AND MIDDLE MAN "Our hens are eating better than we are," say upstate N.Y.

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Politics of the Kennedy-Ervin Bill

The passage of the union-backed Kennedy "labor regulation" bill along with the revised McClellan amendments by a 90-to-1 vote in the U.S. Senate April 25 raises the problem of the labor movement's policy on two basic questions: union democracy and union independence from government control.

In our opinion the most fruitful approach to the politics of this bill is offered along the following lines:

(1) No law which permits the capitalist government or any of its agencies to increase its control over the unions is of benefit to the rank and file of the labor movement.

(2) No matter how such a law may "sweetened" with provisions apparently designed to protect the democratic . rights of union members, workers should oppose it. Government control of the unions is contrary to the very essence of union democracy.

(3) The struggle for union democracy is absolutely indispensable. It is the number one task of the American labor movement.



The fight for union democracy is a fight to preserve and expand the capacity of the organized working class to defend its economic and political interests in the struggle against the capitalist exploiters. For that very reason it cannot be entrusted to the mortal enemies of unionism -the capitalists, their political parties and their government.

Unfortunately the present leadership of the unions will not and cannot view the problem this way. This leadership follows the policy of class collaboration, the policy that led it to support the Kennedy bill in the first place.

The chain of events that led to this false step is instructive.

For two years Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) has been bombarding the country with his Senate Committee investigations into union racketeering, treasury looting, dictatorial rule, goon tactics against the rank and file, taking bribes and gifts from business men, etc., etc. The big-business press has had a field day, conveniently overlooking the crimes of its moneyed backers. But many of the facts were ugly, as only too many unionists already knew from bitter experience.

The tragic irony of this is that Mc-Clellan hasn't the slightest interest in union democracy or in "clean unionism." He was engaged only in creating a national atmosphere favorable to such unionbusting legislation as state "Right to Work" laws and federal laws that would put a government dog collar on the unions. Taking advantage of the fact that the union leadership was badly compromised by all their nefarious practices, he converted "union democracy" into a banner of the anti-union campaign. At the same time his investigations were used as a club to soften the union leadership into agreeing to go along with at least some of the planned legislation.

ficial to enforce these guarantees by tak ing injunctive action against a union.

In other words, in the guise of sharpening the provisions guaranteeing democratic rights to rank-and-file unionists, the McClellan amendments sharpened the pro- a history of the dramatic strike visions giving the government power, struggles in Minneapolis, Charles through the Secretary of Labor, to practically seize control of a union.

Nevertheless the McClellan "bill of rights" amendments cannot just be dismissed. Sinister as they are with their sition he took in the strike crisis pending on how fast the teacher of 1934." present government - control gimmicks, some of them would be sound if they were put into effect by the union movement itself and if they included the basic principle of unyielding opposition to government intervention in union affairs, including the "investigations" of such com-, mittees as the one McClellan heads.

Kennedy's tactic in response to Mc-Clellan's move was what might be expected from a leader of the Democratic Party. As a capitalist politician on McClellan's side, he was unwilling to expose Mc-Clellan's real game; but as a presidential aspirant he wanted to preserve his "friend of labor" image. His solution to this dilemma was to appear to be a better witch-hunter than McClellan and at the same time more pro-labor. McClellan's amendments, he argued, would help the "Communists"; while the ostensible democratic aims of McClellan's amendments would be better served by the Kennedy bill, the Taft-Hartley Act and state laws ing.' already on the books.

However, in the U.S. Senate crass

interests count, not persuasive arguments. McClellan had succeeded in passing his amendments when Nixon broke a tie vote in his favor. How was Kennedy to alter this? His group of Northern liberals-the that nowadays would be considlabor-backed Democrats-turned to their ered somewhat tender. Southern brothers. They suggested that injunctions used to enforce McClellan's the daughter of a Wisconsin amendments could also be used to enforce shoemaker. His father, an itincivil-rights measures in the South. The erant worker, was an immigrant racists understood. They arranged a com- from County Clare, Ireland. promise between Kennedy and McClellan.



In the process the Senate adopted several other amendments, including one "that substantially hardened the ban on family lost the small house they 'hot cargo' clauses and provided for man- had been struggling to buy. datory injunctions against unions when- Things looked bleak in Kansas ever an employer complained that the City for the Irish immigrant union was seeking such a clause."

The mother took the three-The amended version of the Kennedy once more, he'd beat the daytion stirred the entire radical year-old Ray and his older power. bill now goes to the House. There big- brother, Bill, to live with her light out of me." Ray smiled, movement to its depths. New age of 70, you don't have any "When I arrived at the camp, I was met by a man that turned out to be the union steward. He was pretty big so I took him alignments appeared. Some of regrets?" "Of course. I suppose everybusiness forces are already clamoring for parents who had settled on a the addition of more anti-labor, govern- farm east of Little Falls, Minwhere speakers and organizers wither. Ray, together with some one has some regrets. I wish I didn't talk about the union right ment-control clauses. At this point we nesota. When Ray's father could cannot say what the final version will be. move about, enough money was off. He first introduced me to were needed." of his closest associates, became could have done more.' some of the benefits of unionism. The tendency of the capitalist system the farm and the family moved He took me down to the bath in its present-day stage of complete dom- into an old log house. house. They had a stove going and plenty of hot water. All new ination by big business is to absorb the Aside from more children, the men had to scrub themselves unions into the government apparatus. family continued to be blessed and boil their clothes -- some-

By Harry Ring

Vincent R.Dunne became nationally famous in the bitterly fought teamsters strikes of 1934-35 that transformed Minneapolis from a notorious open-shop fortress into a stronghold of unionism. This was one of the key victories that inspired workers from coast to coast and contributed significantly to the great up surge that culminated in the organization of the CIO.

In his book, "American City, R. Walker, judged Dunne to be the principal leader. In sketching Dunne's role, Walker wrote

that "his whole life and character prepared him for the po-

This has stuck in my mind since I first read it. What was get through as fast as you could. it in Dunne's life and character that prepared him to lead one of ing your education was your America's most crucial union- height and weight. The faster you grew, the less education you organizing struggles?

On April 17 Dunne celebrated got. The average was about six his seventieth birthday and 55 years. I think I had five." Then came his first "man's years of continuous activity in job. Ray graduated to this at the labor and socialist movement. He was in New York that the age of eleven or twelve. He week end and the editor of the had the reins on a team pulling Militant asked me to interview a water wagon for the threshing machine at harvest time. Like him. I decided to satisfy my own curiosity about Ray's early any boy of those days, Ray was proud of the trust placed in him "Did you have any idea as a "You took care of your team.

That was the special charge. A youngster that you would beteam was valuable, you know. I come a workers' leader?" I asked you hurt a horse, that was a him by way of an opener. terrible thing. Besides, you fell He seemed a little taken aback. in love with the horses. You "I had no thought of ever becoming a leader. That was only wanted to take care of them." "I don't know if I can underaccidental. I was surprised to stand that," I said to Ray. "Beobserve people looking at me and thinking of me as some kind of leader. It was a strange feeldidn't you miss school?"

"But you seem to have handled the responsibility all right." "I did the best I could."

packground.

That turned out to be one of the threads in the fascinating hand you felt a little bit superior to them. pattern of his life. He was loaded with responsibility at an age

He was born in Kansas City, Kansas, in 1889. His mother was passing responsibility. It was a Coming up one day from repairing cables for the cable car

company, Ray's father stepped accidentally into a hole and broke a knee cap.

In those days there was no workmen's compensation. The when he got out of the hospital.

The young evolutionist gradu-, From Los Angeles, the IWW | members of the Communist ated next into a revolutionist. It trail took Ray into the South. In Party. was in the lumber camp that Louisiana he worked in a saw Ray heard about the Russian mill. It was unorganized and second term on the Minnesota

Revolution of 1905. Speakers conditions were fierce. Ray district committee of the party. from the IWW, the Industrial Workers of the Worker, occas- those who wanted to do some- of the central committee, Canionally came through for a friendly visit with the steward defeated and they lost their jobs. and other comrades and they It was Vincent R. Dunne's first in and supporting the Trotskyist brought ideas that widened the attempt to organize a strike. world for the lumberjacks. One of them told about the uprising

"When we heard about this SICKENED BY we regarded it as part of our JIM CROW

Russia fighting the same enemy." The IWW had done well in inspiring the young lumber worker with the view that the

wasn't just for wages and bet- hand plates out the back door to capitalist exploitation as whole. Then came 1907 and the

off in droves. Many were paid legal tender, they found themselves stranded in a Montana winter. Ray and some of his comrades

headed toward warmer climate and rumors of jobs in the Pacific Northwest. At eighteen, the young worker enjoyed his first ride on a passenger train — "on

top, that is.' In Seattle thousands of jobless were camped waiting for something to turn up. The IWW campaigned militantly for aid to the unemployed and Ray became one of the "agitators." He learned how to speak from a soap box. He felt a policeman's stick. ing a pavement kid, I never He was arrested in one of the drove a team of horses. But historic "free speech fights." The local capitalist politicians

Ray laughed. "You didn't reconceded to the pressure organgret that so much. Sometimes ized by the IWW and authorized you missed playing with the a state road-building project. other children, but on the other But this meant work for only some of the unemployed. Ray

headed down to California, using "Besides, you knew that you the type of transportation to were earning money that you which he had now become accould send home to your mothcustomed. It was a dangerous er, and that was an all-encomway to travel, for besides the hazards of riding the blinds, the responsibility you liked. You tops, or the rods, railroad dicks didn't feel that you were put were free with their clubs and upon or abused by it. You were would not hesitate to shoot.

proud to bring home a whole In Los Angeles, the 18-yeardollar, even two sometimes. It old agitator was sentenced to a went a long way.' road gang and he helped briefly At fourteen, Ray got his in laying out what he later rec-"cork shoes" and struck up an ognized as Sunset Boulevard.

acquaintance with logs in the After a few days he was made a Minnesota lumber camps. At trustee and the ball and chain fifteen, he had ranged far was removed so that he could enough to reach the Montana fetch water for the men. A few camps. That was a significant trips with the bucket brought year in Ray's life, for unionism him to an old Wobbly — at least had not reached Minnesota, but in Montana the Western Federa-

he seemed old to Ray. "He told me if I came back tion of Miners was already a

found himself the center of It was then that three members thing about it. But the effort was non, Shachtman and Abern, On an Arkansas road gang, he saw how brutally Negro prison

of the Russian people against the ers are treated, "far worse even than white prisoners."

own struggle, our comrades in In Clifton, Texas, working as second cook in a restaurant, he

got another taste of racist prejudice. "I had to stand there and of the organization that even-American workers' own struggle serve whites at the counter and

ter conditions but for an end to | Negroes who had to pay for whatever was given them. I had to listen to these fellows at the counter plan and organize rapes 'money panic." Men were laid for Saturday nights, picking out revolutionary socialism, Ray and the Negro girls they were going in script, and since this wasn't to get. For three solid months I listened. I was pretty hardened from my association with itinerant workers in the lumber camps and harvest fields, but 1 gle that ended by bringing the was sick to my stomach. These

into the union. were things I had heard about but never seen. It seemed to set SMITH-ACT VICTIM my radical thinking so that it

Then came World War II and never changed." Two years after leaving Mona conspiracy among Teamsters' tana, Ray finally made it back boss Tobin and state and federal to his family in Minnesota. They government officials to smash had moved to Minneapolis. "I the militant leadership of the was happy to be in the Twin Minneapolis teamsters. In 1941, Cities where the Wobblies had Dunne and 17 other leaders of their biggest local. But I was no the union and of the Socialist longer just a Wobbly, a syndi- Workers Party became the first calist, even then. I knew about victims of the Smith "Gag" Act. Debs and about socialism. I had The sentence of 16 months in heard it discussed in the jungles, Sandstone penitentiary did nothon jobs, in the box cars. I had ing to change Ray's mind about absorbed a lot. And my experithe evils of capitalism and the ences on the road made my bedesirability of socialism. He came out as convinced as ever lief in socialism deeply inof the correctness of his socialist grained.'

As a skilled teamster, Ray went beliefs, and he turned even more to work for various express comenergetically to the work of building the Socialist Workers panies. Attempts to organize under the AFL were frustrated be-Party. Today he is chairman of the cause of the conservatism of the small craft union. Ray kept up Socialist Workers Party in Minwith the IWW and plunged nesota; and at 70 he feels that deeper into the study of social- he still has energy to keep going at the task he chose as a youth

In 1914 he married. He and Jenny reared two children of their own and three adopted about a socialist victory in children. Ray took care of his America being postponed more family obligations, but his main than you expected?" I asked. goal in life remained the advancement of socialism.

much about when it would come exactly, although I would sure Activities consisted of recruitng, organizing meetings, adver- like to see it soon. For me the tising speakers, such as Debs. main thing was to work for it: who came to town, selling lit- That's a job and a responsibility erature, and reading everything in itself. You're working for a possible about socialism.

cause, for the future. That's In 1917 the Russian Revolu- enough." "And looking back from the

advanced age.

- building for socialism.

"But haven't you ever thought

"I never was concerned too

"Dery is not much younger

than Tildy," says France Ob-

servateur: "But this is another

confirmation that the regime hits

the conservative elements much

less rigorously than dissident,

non-conformist socialists or

Communists." (Dery and Hay

were leading Communist Party

intellectuals, who dated their

The case of the publicist

vateur as the most vicious of

was accused - and wrongly,

'There is a backwoods town

Page Three

In 1928 Ray was elected to his

were expelled for opposing Stal-

Left Opposition in the Soviet

"This had to be challenged."

said Ray. "We had to protest this

expulsion, this bureaucratic dis-

regard of all rights in the party.

When we made our protest we

As a consequence, Ray and

some 30 of his Minnesota com-

rades became founding members

tually developed into the So-

reform the Communist Party

and then to build a new move-

ment to continue the program of

his comrades continued their

union organizing work, They

finally succeeded in the Min-

neapolis coal yards in 1934 and

this precipitated the great strug-

bulk of the city's truckdrivers

Throughout the fight, first to

were expelled too."

cialist Workers Party.

Union.

Czar.

VINCENT R. DUNNE

pushed and how much you could do. The important thing was to The determining factor in finish-



The union leaders cowered under the pounding. They opened a campaign to clean out racketeers and wrongdoers under the slogan: "Let's clean our own house before they clean it for us." This, of course, has its progressive side. Every step of the union officials, however inconsistent and limited and for whatever motives, to curb the evils of bureaucratic rule in the unions is a step forward and should be supported. Moreover, in such a development the rank and file can find openings to introduce more basic progressive changes.

But the bureaucracy also sought to appease the anti-union legislation drive by seeking a "milder" version of what McClellan and his Republican allies were presenting. They found this in the Kennedy-Ervin bill. This bill in its original form combined in one package measures that ostensibly gave union members a greater say in their organizations and measures that really gave the government more hooks for intervening in union affairs. And as "sweeteners" some minor amendments of the Taft-Hartley Law were added.

As the Kennedy bill moved through committee, the union leaders hailed it as "pro-labor," apparently crossing their fingers as they said it. When the bill hit the floor of the Senate McClellan played his trump card. He proposed a series of amendments as a "bill of rights" for union members. Among other things these included: The right of members to sue a, union or its officers; the right of a candidate for union office to use the membership list; the right of a union member to bring grievance actions to the Secretary of Labor; the right of this government of-

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The extreme expression of this process with not much more than hardis the corporate unions under fascism. To log home burned down. achieve this "ideal," however, the union movement in its independent form must recalled. "We had to go to my first be smashed. Meanwhile, what we are grandfather's house a quarter of a mile away in the middle of witnessing now in the U.S. is this process the night in freezing weather. at work under capitalist "democracy."

One of the symptoms is government our younger brothers and sis-"regulation" of the unions. Another is the ters. I was about six or seven." transformation of the summits of the unions into a privileged bureaucratized caste that destroys union democracy. As ganized a building bee to put up the bureaucracy strangles union democa new home for the Dunnes. had sheets! racy, it becomes increasingly the instru- Things like that stuck in Ray's ment of indirect control of the capitalist mind.

class and the government over the unions. The bureaucracy is caught in a contradiction. In order to defend its special function as a transmitter of capitalist con- taking what he could find - my impressions sink in and woods.' unions. Yet by trampling on union deunions to such an extent that the ruling grew up we went out to work direct control of the unions, further weakworkers.

Problem of Leadership

face of such a legislative offensive, the place of a man at any task of cleanliness were maintained. bureaucrats, torn between their function around the farm. as administrators of independent union Democratic Party, flounder and fumble are seriously endangered?

government control-and these are interrelated issues-the progressive unionist cannot depend on the labor bureaucracy cracy or another can be forced to take a around the farms slacked off. "I der. correct step, and when they do they went from the first through the "The book made a deep imleadership and a new policy.

times the steward lent a hand. Rank-and-File ships. Among other things their This was to prevent bedbugs and lice from being brought in. Paper Published by "We lost everything," Ray

> FIRST UNION CARD **British Miners**

"Then he took me to the bunk The Bradford Branch of the 1,000,000 Victims house. I had never seen any-National Union of Miners is Bill and I had to carry some of thing like it. In Minnesota the publishing a rank-and-file paper, Face Starvation

bunk houses were dark and The Miner, and distributing it dirty, the chinks' packed with nationally in the industry. The In Algerian War Solidarity was a powerful mud. Here they were light and April 10 issue refutes the claim

force among these frontier airy with high ceilings and made by the National Coal dwellers and the neighbors or- plenty of windows. Everything Board, the government agency was spotless and the bunks even which runs the nationalized coal industry, that it can't afford to "I was amazed at the differgrant the mine workers' de-

ence the union made. I had mands. These are for a sevenknown very little about unions hour day for underground work-"By that time my father had sufficient strength in his leg and except for some talk I had heard ers, a 40-hour week for surface he went back to his former oc- as I made my way to Montana, workers and three weeks vaca-But after the steward had let tion with pay. cupation as an itinerant worker,

The Miner points to the £25 trol over the unions, it must in some building railroads, felling trees then casually asked me if I million (\$70 million) paid every measure defend the independence of the as a sawyer in the lumber wanted to join up, I didn't wait." year to the ex-owners as one That was how the union man source from which the miners'

Kadar's 'Amnesty' Such rough circumstances mocracy it weakens the power of the shaped the children. "As we "The union made all the differ- Miner calls on the top leaderdemands could be met. The **Excludes Left-Wing** ship of the NUM to give leaderence in the world. There was no class can move aggressively towards on nearby farms, on threshing starting out before dawn and ship in pressing the mine work-**Opponents** rigs in the fall, helping with the

ing them as fighting organizations capable plowing in the spring. We used any Sunday work. They couldn't treating and allowing the issues of defending the living standards of the to work by the month - plow, fire a man at will the way they to go to arbitration.

take care of the horses. We could did back in Minnesota. And if drive a team by the time we a foreman cursed out a man, he Swedish Experts were eight or nine years old. We cursed him right back." were useful that way, you see.

By the time we were twelve or ard had other responsibilities be-Is it any wonder, then, that in the By the time we were twelve or and had other responsibilities be-thirteen, we could take the sides seeing to it that standards Of Atomic Weapons

Among other things, he appearperts and edited by Per Edvin "We worked for farmers for ed to be a literature agent with Skold, Minister of Defense durorganizations and their captivity to the \$7 or \$8 a month. That included a stock of books for sale. Some board of course. We worked of the books might even have of the Social Democratic party, prison terms cut in half. But the alliance, which Dulles had, from four o'clock in the morning been called somewhat radical. even though their own special interests until it was dark at night. After As literature agent, the steward Sweden.

The authors believe that the dark, and before daylight, you took an interest in furthering In the fight for union democracy as cleaned the stable and curried young Ray's education and sugin the fight for union independence from your team and milked a few gested some titles that seemed bombs cows. After a quick breakfast — to fit his age level. neans.

but a hearty one, I assure you The first of these was "The - the day's work began." Origin of Species" by an Eng-School was sandwiched into lishman named Charles Darwin. for leadership. One section of the bureau- the winter months when work A dictionary went with the or-

should be supported. But on the whole seventh reader. They didn't go pression on me," Ray said, "I by grades then but the McGuffey read it and reread it throughout

Headlines in Other Lands now being raised, it appears, |ever, Zoltan, Tildy, one-time in favor of participating in a leader of the Small Owners war that could put the human party is being freed because of

race in the same category as his repentant attitude and his the dinosaurs.

Because "pacification requires t, a million men, women and children are virtually menaced by famine" in Algeria, says Le membership from before 1919.) Monde, leading Paris daily, in an April 18 article dealing with Fekete strikes France Obserthe plight of "regrouped" Algerians. The designation covers all. He is in prison because he Algerians uprooted from their nomes and shifted to new areas

at that — of having authored as part of French military oper the "Hungaricus" document. This document, which circulated ations against the National Liberation Army.

widely among Budapest leftwing intellectual circles, sought a revolutionary-socialist program for Hungary. Fekete was also charged with having forwarded a copy to Paris in the spring of 1957.

A piddling and vindictive "amnesty" is what the Kadar Washington Advised egime in Hungary decreed for On How to Salvage political prisoners last month. Individuals condemned to "less" **Baghdad Pact Name** than two years in prison for

allegedly "counter-revolution-ary" acts committed before without a sense of humor is May 1, 1957 — i.e. almost two indicated by the ironic comment years ago - were freed im- in Sovetskaya Rossiya over the mediately. Those who drew collapse of the Baghdad pact. ing World War II and a leader four-year sentences had their The magazine suggested that advocates atomic weapons for the amnesty does not extend laboriously put together to fur-

to "persons who played an im- ther his "containment of comportant role in the preparation munism" and "brink of war" cost of manufacturing nuclear or the leadership of the insur-policy, could still keep its name rection"; that is, the November even though Iraq, the key is within Sweden's 1956 revolution against Stalin- piece, had withdrawn:

ist rule. Two atomic reactors have Consequently — says the called Bagdad in the State of socialist weekly France Obser- Florida. It, too, could put up been under construction in Sweden, and the government is

also participating in a 12-nation vateur — Tibor Dery, Gyula the necessary quantity of Turkagreement to build in England Hay, Istvan Bibo and a number ish, Iranian and Pakistani ofa gas-cooled atomic reactor for of other writers, intellectuals, ficials. It would be more conartists, as well as the leaders venient to supervise them at the production of electricity. the struggle requires the forging of a new reader. You could make two or the entire season. It was a big of both World War I and World cil of Budapest will remain in might be made by keeping the three readers in one term, de- factor in shaping my thinking." War II but powerful voices are prison for their full terms. How- old forms and rubber stamps."

Advocate Stockpile

Ray soon learned that the stew-A book written by six ex-

working until dark, and never ers' demands instead of re-

Letters from Our Readers

New Moral Lesson Seen in Bay Area **Bank Robbery**

Editor: witnessing a rash of hold-ups, no less. particularly of banks, big and small. The unusual feature of this

epidemic is that the crooks are TV Programs mostly amateurs. In fact things have gone to such lengths that Not All Bad a few weeks ago a woman held up a bank in San Francisco Editor: and after taking the money from one teller tossed it back ing their TV sets on less and

to another teller. When the police arrived, she grams. However, I recently saw sponsibility was with the com-

how easy it was." The other evening while read- of the propaganda you read in ing in the Chronicle about the the papers.

It was a newscast of the texlatest hold-ups, two sentences caught my eye: tile strike in Henderson, N.C.

"One of the hold-up men was Some of the strikers were interdescribed as a Negro, about 35, viewed.

First, scenes of "strike violsix feet tall, weighing 160. 'The second man was deence" were flashed on the scribed as white, about 40, six screen. This consisted mainly of feet tall, with a pug nose and police and state troopers pourvearing a brown suit." In the picture "The Defiant ground in front of the plant wearing a brown suit." Ones," the two escaped prison- gates and then setting fire to it. ers grew to like and respect Then came the carloads of one another, but their integra- strikebreakers careening around tion was hardly voluntary since the flames and through the they were bound together by gates.

chains. The integration in this, This testimony as to who is San, Francisco hold-up was a really responsible for the violvoluntary partnership. ence connected with the strike I don't advocate burglary, was more than sufficient, in my hold-ups, or any other form of opinion, to counteract the runrobbery, but surely a moral ning commentary about the can be drawn: If crooks can "illegal" offenses committed by

The West Coast is currently integrate, honest folk can do workers seeking to defend their B.S.

San Francisco company.

them to confirm the propaganda about them being responsible Some of my friends are turnfor the violence. They managed instead to show that the reless because of the bad proexplained: "I just wanted to see a program that I thought was pany, its strikebreakers and the excellent in counteracting some cops.

N. W. Brooklyn

Disagrees Editor:

In your April 27 letters col-umn, "E.H." wrote that unions are the main bulwark of capitalism. I agree that union leaders do everything they can to keep capitalism going. But if unions are the main bulwark, then why do they pass anti-union laws? N. K.

New Jersey

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... Lynching (Continued from Page 1) jobs and standard of living miles outside town. No special against a viciously anti-labor precautions for protecting Park-

er were ordered by the judge or taken by the sheriff. And it Then came the interview with was known throughout the the strikers. They showed that county, as well as in adjoining. they understood very well that Forrest County, where the the reporters were trying to get woman in the case lives, that the Negro accused of raping the white woman was in the Poplarville jailhouse.

A possible clue to the judge's sudden action in transferring the victim to a jail that is practically a self-service market for lynchers is that the Negro attorneys defending Parker were laying the basis for an appeal of the case to the federal courts. The grounds would have been the systematic exclusion of Negroes from juries in Pearl River County where only voters are called for jury duty and where Negroes are not permitted to vote. A N.Y. Times dispatch (April 27) from Poplarville notes: "Local authorities said privately that there they were certain that had Parker been been appealed to the federal courts. They conceded that the chances for overturning a convere good.'

State of Mississippi from the

dragging Parker from the unguarded jail and brutally killing him. Thus was the court docket conveniently cleared of the case of Mississippi vs Parker.

LYNCHERS HAD KEY

to be at least two men in the

the U.S.? The Soviet Union? Why, some of our attorney admits that "there had 'WASTE OF TIME' leading government spokesmen are now complaining that the Soviet Union is more of an "economic threat" than a military one. And suppose a war did start, what good would these air-raid drills be?

a theoretical two-megaton H-bomb on Glen Cove had caused 870,000 hypothetical casualties in a Nassau County population of 1,200,000. Civil Defense Chief Robert E. Condon also estimated that 161,000 reached shelters safely the sheriff had left them. They and 25,000 "uncontrolled evacuees" were heading into Queens. Mayor Wagner and Condon thought this drill was "the best we have ever

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1959 **Migrant Workers**

THE MILITANT





Many of the 850,000 farm migrant workers in the U.S. live under conditions similar to these. Yearly earnings of adults in a family average about \$1,700 and are supplemented by children working in the fields. The children thus get little schooling. Added to their parents' economic needs is the fact that many schools do not welcome migrant children.

the dispatch of FBI agents to civil-rights bills presently be The lynch gang either had investigate the lynching. The fore it, containing anti-lynch been well briefed on the layout President replied that the FBI provisions, were unnecessary of the sheriff's office and jail or agents would continue to help because his state's laws providhad with them people person- Mississippi police in hunting ed sterner penalties. Since ally familiar with it. The county for the lynchers. lynching is a form of murder

all states have laws against it; the nub of the issue is that in crowd who knew exactly what But the reality underlying the the Deep South they are not

they were doing." There was no hypocritical statements of these enforced. battering down of doors. The state and national politicians The White House statements courthouse door was unlocked was expressed by a Poplarville and dispatch of the FBI to by key and part of the gang business man, who said about Poplarville also have the aim waited in the courtroom. Others the state police and FBI inves- of forestalling mass pressure for had gone into the sheriff's office | tigation: "Why do they waste strong civil-right's laws. Ardent and without disturbing anything their time when they know that statesrighter Eisenhower only else took the cell block keys even if they catch them, no recently had Attorney General from the filing cabinet in which jury would convict that mob." Rogers further water down the Why, indeed, is there such a administration's anemic civil knew exactly which cell Parker great show of searching for the rights "program." An equally was in and went directly to it. lynchers, and why the state- important White House motive Parker pleaded with the ments from the officials in Missis to counteract as much as poslynchers that he was innocent. issippi and Washington? sible the effect of the lynching

He tried to resist. He was beat- For the racist officials of on foreign opinion. en and dragged by the feet Mississippi it is a clever tactic down three flights of steel with two aims. (1) to soften lynch mob entered the Poplar- ropean powers which sense cost stairs, his head banging on each and dissipate Northern indigna- ville jail, the following statestep, leaving a trail of blood tion at Mississippi's Jim Crow ment was made to a bored Con-



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"The cost of one of your satellites is equivalent to the budget of some of our countries for the next 32 years. You would rather built satellites than to see us advance. And still you expect us to be

our friends and allies."

These were among the remarks that drew applause from packed house at Detroit's Rackham Auditorium April 23 as Tom Mboya, 28-year-old independence leader from Kenya, explained the struggle of 200,-000,000 Africans for independence.

Besides his main public meetng, Mboya addressed the Deroit City Council and spoke at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan. He is on a national tour.

Introduced by Walter Reuther, United Auto Workers president, who acted as chairman, Mboya began by reminding his audience that 1958 was the turning point in Africa's history. No longer is it possible to speak of "darkest" Africa as a place for romantic safaris, he said.

pair of shoes."

again.

to exploitation; he said.

THE "OUESTION" He posed as the "question"

African people's freedom struggle was echoed by the audience. (the continent of Africa is shap-Predominantly Negro, filling the ed like a question mark), the auditorium's 1,000 seats and need for people to understand overflowing into the aisles, the the "human" problems of the stage and entrances, they dis-African people today. Most peoplayed the excitement and enple reach old age in Africa thusiasm which the rise of the without even owning a pair of African people has inspired in shoes. "Our struggle is not to them. get a television set, but just the

simple one of a second shirt or Seek to Deport He was repeatedly interrupted by laughter and applause as he Gov't Kidnap graphically described the failure of the "Western Powers" to appreciate what the people of Victim Again Africa want. They seek an end

TOM MBOYA

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In Portguese East Africa A year ago, on April 19, Wil-"thousands of Africans are shipliam Heikkila, a resident of ped to slave labor camps." San Francisco, was kidnapped Those "who dare to ask quesby U.S. Immigration authorities tions are shipped by the thousand flown out of the country ands to the island of Sao Tome while he was in the process of on the west coast of the contiappealing a deportation order. nent. They are never heard of An indignant public outcry here

and abroad forced the govern-While it is true that the Eu-Less than 24 hours before the ropean powers which "senselessment to bring him back home. At the time the U.S. Immigraago have "developed" us, their Joseph M. Swing, publicly vowvisible out to the pavement "justice" and (2) to forestall gressional committee by C. R. tractive," so that overlords in ported to his native Finland if Brussels, for instance, can enit was the last thing he did. joy themselves while the Afri-Swing wasn't just talking. cans suffer from disease, want Just a year to the day from the and ignorance. date of the abduction, one of his underlings in the immigration service signed an order for It is no longer possible, he Heikkila's deportation on sevwarned, for "colonialism" to eral grounds including past raise the argument that Afri-Communist Party membership. cans must be first "educated" At present his deportation is to self-government. Pointing to blocked by an injunction which Ghana, he cited the fact that at is being appealed in the courts. the time of her independence Meanwhile, Heikkila's attorneys from Britain the country was will appeal the new deportation 20% literate, yet today, five order.

A Mother Stops Running

- By Joseph Keller

I've never had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Janice Smith of Manhattan and chances are I never will. But my hat goes off to her. She's given my faith in humanity and my hope for the future a big boost. There must be a lot more people like her. Anyway, I believe so.

What did she do? She sat in City Hall Park on a bench with her two children. This 23-year-old mother just sat out in the sunlight with Melissa, 4, and Kirk, 2, and calmly absorbed what passes for fresh air here, as the air-raid sirens wailed, all traffic halted and hundreds of thousands of pedestrians scurried into doorways, building arcades and subways.

It was 1:30 in the afternoon of Friday, April 17. An imaginary enemy was supposed to be waging a theoretical attack on New York state with nine two-megaton hydrogen bombs, each equal in destructiveness to two million tons of TNT. Since this was a very obliging imaginary enemy, crowded New York City was to escape a direct hit. One bomb was to drop on Glen Cove, Long Island, about 20 miles from Times Square.

Mrs. Smith didn't budge when the earpiercing sirens let out their howls. And she just kept sitting pretty when a cop came over and said, "You know there's an air raid going on." As she recounted it later:

"I told him I knew it. He told me twice to go to a shelter and then started to take me to a paddy wagon. But, apparently, because of the children, we finally were taken to the police station in a police car instead. I think they didn't quite know what to do with us after they found I had no connection with any organization. They finally just told me to go home."

You see, she went to the park deliberately

each year and I thought to myself, 'Well, this worries of what was promising year there'll be one just plain mother who'll to be a troublesome case by protest, too.'

So she did.

Now Mrs. Janice Smith didn't act on simple impulse. She had done some quiet thinking and had come to some very sound conclusions. She explained:

"I see no reason for war planning and preparation. I think we can work with our enemy-if we, in fact, have one, which I am beginning to question. And I also believe that if we actually were attacked we wouldn't get that much warning anyway.'

Who wants to start a nuclear war with

The Office of Civil Defense reported that seen.

Of course, if some 18,000-mile per hour missiles with hydrogen bomb warheads were launched toward New York City there'd be no air raid sirens. Moreover, they might not be twomegaton but 20, 40, 60 or 80 megatons. I read in a Marquis Childs' column on April 14 that the Pentagon is planning a 60-megaton job. If one of those hit New York City, all that would be left would be a huge hole in the ground, with the ocean pouring in and deadly radiation clouds raining on folks hundreds of miles away. There'd be no one left 'even to compile the statistics of destruction. tions like Mrs. Janice Smith, we are going to get together and do something to stop the whole insane business.

convicted his case would have viction under the circumstances

But in the early hours of April 25 a well organized lynch gang saved Judge Dale and the

to protest. She had begun thinking what it was all about:

"Here I am teaching my daughter to run at the sound of a whistle she doesn't understand. It bothered me. Then I took her up to the school where she'll start in kindergarten next fall, and the principal didn't have time to talk to us before we had to listen to the special air raid program on the Conelrad radio stations.

"We walked home and outside our building children no older than Melissa were talking about how they were going to run for cover, and I got even more aggravated. I decided all of a sudden to go to City Hall Park. I had read about the people who demonstrate there where he was thrown into the ass pressure for passage of a Darden, head of the NAACP in back seat of a car and driven federal anti-lynching law. Im- Mississippi. The Big Business away to what further tortures mediately after the lynching press displayed no interest in Southern Congressmen chorused the statement at the time and may never be known. The official reaction to the that no federal anti-lynch leg- has ignored it since. Darden

lynching both in Mississippi and islation was needed because said: "The colored citizens of RISE IN LITERACY Washington is a compound of their state laws were adequate Mississippi can expect no jus-

I'm not advocating that people go out and hypocrisy and play acting. Gov- and because Mississippi was tice, freedom or equality from make individual protests like Mrs. Smith. But ernor Coleman of Mississippi, demonstrating that Southern of- state and local officials in Miss-I'm glad she did it, because if she was able to one of the worst inciters of ficials were earnestly trying to issippi. Therefore we must look figure out the senselessness and futility of the anti-Negro feeling in the South, enforce them. Attorney General to the Congress to enact the war preparations then others must be doing sent President Eisenhower a Gallion of Alabama told a sub- necessary legislation to guaranthe same thing. And when enough of us think telegram expressing the thanks committee of the Senate Judi- tee equal protection under the that way and have the courage of our convic- of the people of Mississippi for ciary subcommittee that two law.



(Continued from Page 1) |al thousands run out of unem-|for, not friendly letters and pothe threat of communism." "We But UAW militants welcomed ployment compensation every lite appeals behind the scenes. in Africa know all about the power struggle between the it anyhow because he promised week. If Reuther doesn't do it, he East and the West."

should at least have the de-

The reasons the top union

the full weight of the UAW Detroit exhausted its relief ing. On April 21 the State Tax Commission would be used to organize the appropriation last January, and cency to quit pretending that ruled that under this law the sales tax applies jobless and give them some the state took over the bill for he wants to go beyond Meany. voice in the fight against unem- the period ending June 30. Last ployment. week the state informed the

leaders have failed so far to Judging by the situation in city that no funds would be take such an elementary, nec-Detroit, little or nothing has forthcoming beginning this essary and EASY action are: been accomplished in almost week because of a temporary (1) They supported the electhree months. A number of lo-state financial crisis. tion of Miriani and a majority

Before this happened, Mayor of the City Council, and don't for the new fiscal year starting much. ferring the jobless to welfare July 1 that would cut the city's (2) They are scared of the

welfare appropriation from \$8 idea of MASS action by the unmillion down to \$5½ million. employed, and of starting any What has the powerful UAW action that will involve them in done about this crisis? It's ala real struggle, not mere "lobmost unbelievable. bying.

The unemployed can be or-Secretary-treasurer Emil Maare empty shells. The only ganized, and be a powerful ally zey has called it "a colossal ones that organized themselves blunder." And the UAW region- of the employed workers al directors have written a against their common enemies, before Reuther stepped in. friendly letter to the City the capitalists. The UAW can Reuther managed to take some of the heat off himself by Council, now considering the organize them in Michigan. budget, in which they call What's lacking is the will his proposal for a "march" to Miriani's brutal attack on the among the leaders.

jobless "a gigantic risk" and "gamble." And that's all! have to tackle.

WHAT IS NEEDED

employed that Reuther really If Reuther and Co. really believe in unemployed marches,

> have a ready-made opportunity right in their lap.

They can and should call a City and Albany. It seems that the protection bestowed from "robberies, bur- story, but it's hard to swallow mass demonstration in Cadillac he has been collecting \$7 a glaries, and embezzlements." Highest gratitude if you see what is going on Square or around City Hall and was expressed for his protective role against here in Detroit, where Meany turn out hundreds of thous- for meals provided by his wife ands of unemployed, to say at his New York apartment. His the "Communist" danger. Members were ad- has no power to stop anything

nothing about employed work- wife signed the vouchers under defense of the FBI and J. Edgar Hoover, its Detroit is in the grip of an ers who would show solidarity her maiden name. The tax Director . . . Remember, private banking can- acute welfare crisis. 16,000 fam- with such an action. sleuth has been with the de-

lilies are on relief, and addition- That's what the situation cries partment for 25 years.



am I as a representative of my NEW YORK people going to tell them to de-David Dreiser will speak on fend democracy when they can-'Nuclear Tests-Atomic Fallout and Genetic Mutation." Fri., not get the simplest rights for themselves? They want to know, May 8, 8:30 p.m. at the Militant Labor Forum, 116 University

Colonialism must go, he told Place. Contribution 50 cents. the audience. The people of DETROIT

Africa have already made up their minds to be rid of it. The Debate! "Should Progressives question is not "whether" Work in the Democratic Party?" America should support the "Yes," says Carl Haessler. "No," African freedom struggle, but says George Breitman. Modera-"how" and "when." And the tor: Dr. Henry Herrmann. Fri., time to do so is "not five years May 8, 8 p.m. at 3737 Woodward. Friday Night Socialist

Mboya's confidence in the Forum.

'What is this democracy?'"

hence, but now."



Notes in the News

INCREASED FALLOUT IN CANADA -U.S. officials have admitted that the northern states and southern Canada are areas of high concentration of strontium 90. Now the Canadian government has unwrapped a top secret 1958 report of the National Health and Welfare Department indicating that some areas in northern Canada have been even more heavily polluted. When questioned about the report, Ontario. Health Minister Dymond refused to discuss increased contamination of drinking milk due to fallout of radioactive poisons. He said he could see "no point in creating fear and panic of the unknown."

"LUSCIOUS GLOW"- The Food and Drug" Administration has announced that it is "preparing" to ban 17 colors used in lipstick. Two years of tests proved that seven of the alluring coal-tar dyes caused "definite injury" when tested in animals. A spokesman of the agency was unable to specify which lipstick brands are poisonous. A chemist of an unnamed cosmetic house said that the dangerous synthetics might be combined with harmless colors "to produce a lipstick that was given an exotic or poetic name not descriptive of its color."

PREDICT MORE STRAWS IN WIND-The Chamber of Commerce views the recent boost of taxes in New York State as only a "straw in the wind." The Chamber reports that expenditures of state governments have risen from \$7.1 billion in 1946 to \$24.2 billion in 1957. State debts have gone up from \$2.4 billion to \$13.7 billion. Consequently all states are looking for more revenue. The Chamber believes-and it has considerable influence in making its beliefs come true-that the 50 states will levy still higher taxes on personal income, general sales, motor fuels, tobacco and alcoholic beverages.

SALES TAX ON GRAVES - During its recent session the Washington State Legislature extended the 4% sales tax to earth movto grave digging. WIDE TROUGH-The U.S. Treasury pours a lot of swill into the armaments-contracts

trough. The favored ones get a fixed fee, plus whatever they calculate their "costs" to be. The less-favored ones get consolation prizes, it cal centers have been set up, was discovered at a congressional hearing but all they do is function as Miriani had proposed a budget want to "embarrass" them too April 14. Even though they fail to win a con- semi-social work agencies, retract, aircraft and missile companies are "paid

in full" for the cost of preparing bids.

SWEAT-SHOP WAGES—A revealing light was cast on wage levels in some sections of what is going to attract them. the garment industry when the International Ladies Garment Workers Union signed an the centers, and most of them agreement with the Slate Belt Apparel Contractors Association ending a three-week strike UAW jobless organized are the of Pennsylvania blousemakers. The contract called for an increase in minimum hourly pay from \$1.10 an hour to \$1.271/2, with the minimum to go up to \$1.35 after one year.

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ganization lauded their living patron saint for

not exist in a Communist state."

monished to "become vocal and active in our at all.

SLIDING SCALE OF RENT-In Birming-Washington, rather than the ham, Ala., a landlord offers a lease which ties "conference" Meany insisted on. rents to the government's consumer price in-By comparison with Meany, dex. If the index rises, so do rents. If it goes Reuther was able to look militdown, rents drop too. How about a similar sliding scale to protect the wage levels of ant. His organizers tell the untenants?

wants to do much more but his THANK J. EDGAR HOOVER—The cult of hands are tied by Meany and in mobilizing the jobless for ef-

tional Association of Bankers, Accountants, DETROIT SITUATION and Comptrollers. In a recent article the or-

offices, etc.

That isn't the main need of

the unemployed, and that isn't

As a result, few of them go to

America's chief political cop includes the Na- other conservative bureaucrats. fective protest action, then they Some people may believe this