Government Threatens Steel Strike

AFL-CIO Convention Must Plan Fight Against **Taft-Hartley Injunction**

By Carl Goodman

The overriding task before the AFL-CIO convention which opens in San Francisco this week is to effectively answer the big business assault on labor.

In making plans to strike back against the employers, the AFL-CIO can count on the loyalty and combativity of its own rank and file. That was proven beyond shadow of doubt by the turnout and militant spirit of the New York Labor Day parade - the biggest demonstration of its kind in American labor history.

The steel workers too by their tenacity on the picket lines have demonstrated that labor's ranks are in no mood to be pushed around by the bosses.

The AFL-CIO executive council has discussed plans to help the steel workers financially, with a fund of \$25 million, and these will be presented to the convention for adoption.

Financial aid will be extremely welcome to the steel workers, whose strike is crucial for the entire labor movement. Pledges of money will buttress them in their resolve to hold out against the companies until the latter abandon their outrageous demands and agree to a decent settlement.

But another danger, besides the one of being starved into submission, confronts the steel workers at this time - namely government strikebreaking by means of a Taft-Hartley injunction. It too must be acted on immediately.

On Sept. 7, Secretary of Labor Mitchell announced that the steel strike would create a "national emergency" at the beginning of October and that he would recommend to President Eisenhower that he use the Taft-Hartley act. The steel workers would thus have undergone privations for nearly three months only to be driven back to work without a contract at the moment when the strike was proving its effectiveness. That at least is the aim of the steel companies and of the Administration.

But the steel workers are not duty bound to submit to the government's machinations. The workers have no moral obligation to yield to laws and decrees of a flagrant class character. The AFL-CIO should call upon the labor movement to back the steel union in defying any and all strikebreaking attempts by the big-business-dominated government.

The employer offensive is spearheaded by the federal government — not only in the executive branch but in Congress as well. And labor shouldn't go along with AFL-CIO President Meany and other top union leaders in placing the blame for anti-labor legislation on a coalition of Republicans and Dixiecrats. Meany seeks to whitewash the Northern and Western Democrats elected with labor's backing. But how is it possible to cover up for labor's so-called "friends" after the Senate's 95 to 2 vote for the anti-labor measure stripped away their last pretenses of being on the unions' side?

The truth is that the AFL-CIO electoral policy, which seemed so successful last November, has turned out disastrously. It should be corrected at the forthcoming con- of the injustices perpetrated

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Civil Rights Commission Urges Laws

Although the Federal Civil Rights Commission reported to President Eisenhower, Sept. 8, that the U.S. government needs new laws to uphold the U.S. Constitution in the South, civil rights legislation has been shelved by Democratic and Republican Congressional leaders. A rider attached to the foreign-aid appropriations bill extending the life of the Civil Rights Commission for two years is just about all the Negro people can expect out of this session of the 86th Congress.

The Commission has been under heavy attack from Southern Democrats ever since the report was made public. In mct, they may try to filibuster the Civil Rights agency out of existence. The Commission's recommendations to Congress were mild in ight of the serious grievances it had compiled. Thus it failed to recommend that Part 3 (the section of the 1957 Civil Rights Bill

mit the Attorney General to bring injunction suits to end school segregation. Here is one example reported

by the Civil Rights Commission



At 10:03 on Sept. 7 a contingent of actors and actresses swung up Fifth Avenue to open the first New York Labor Day Parade in two decades. They were given the opening spot in the parade because many of them had matinee performances to get back to.



venuon. Labor must have its own representatives in against the Negro people. In Congress. For that it must have its own independent party. Plans for launching it in time to contest the 1960 elections — from President to Congressmen — should be By Art Sharon up in their strike meeting to could not limit the contract to

Record Turnout Shows Will of Ranks to Resist **Cold-War Against Labor**

By Harry Ring

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 — "I didn't know there were so many union men," said a bakery worker on his way home from the Labor Day Parade held here today. His reaction was shared by

many of the participants and spectators. It was the first Labor Day march in 20 years and a lot of people were getting their first full-size picture of what the New York labor movement looks like.

It was an impressive sight. For eight and a half hours organized workers marched in a solid mass up Fifth Avenue. They were giving an effective answer to the employer-inspired propaganda that the unions have a

captive" membership and are vithout public support. It was the biggest unioncity's history. At least 115,000 unionists turned out and marched with manifest pride in their

organizations. Nearly half a million spectators clapped, cheered and waved as they went y. www. Thousands of workers finished McClellan - Look, No Rackets."

he mile-and-a-half march and then joined the crowds to see and cheer other union contingents.

the avenue.

000 strong.

CHEER STEEL WORKERS The march was organized to is now in its tenth month. register opposition to the mount-

Sidelights **Of Labor Day** Parade

A Puerto Rican worker stopped briefly in front of the reviewing stand and waved his poster under the noses of Gov. Rockefeller, Mayor Wagner, Cardinal Spellman and ILGWU President David Dubinsky. The

sponsored demonstration in the sign read: "Disgrace! New York Stands Low on Country's Wage List." The International Association of Machinists had a group of

workers tossing a tennis ball over a banner that read: "Hey * * *

The Textile Workers Union float carried giant photographs of a woman striker at Henderson, N. C. being manhandled by two cops. The Henderson strike

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elections — from President to Congressmen — should be made at the San Francisco parley.

Defy the Taft-Hartley injunctions! Build an Independent Labor Party! This two-point program can chart a course to victory.

Laotian People Hostile To U.S.-Backed Regime

By George Lavan

The lead story in the Sept. 8 Wall Street Journal is a report from Laos with the headline; "People's Indifference Saps Regime's Strength." Aside from the geographic

provide a very shaky ally," the to fool the stockbrokers. "Since number one reason: "The civ- by anti-government sentiment ilian population in many places in many areas, the presence of is completely indifferent to the foreign troops might only agcentral government and in other gravate the situation. Furtherspots is frankly hostile."

An example of how people in Laos regard their government which is so popular with who are farmers in the daytime U.S. newspaper editors today is given in the Wall Street Journal report. In a belated effort to win popularity, the Laotian aganda attacks, Brigadier Genarmy set up a number of teams eral John Heitges and his 150composed of a half-dozen or man America-Laos Training dozen soldiers to go around to Advisory Group have donned villages to repair bridges, temples and do similar good works. "Some of these villages are so hostile to the govern- pouring out State Department ment," the article relates, "that propaganda about "Red aggresarmy teams are not even permitted to enter."

The WSJ correspondent in what is going on in Laos is a renewal of the civil war which Laos reports that most observers believe the rebel Pathet the 1954 Geneva settlement Lao's aim is merely to regain was supposed to have ended. the northern provinces of Laos Moreover, the State Departwhich they ruled until a few ment propaganda is designed bor. But it was always a ous part of the whole law. years ago in order to bargain not only to prepare U.S. public powerless and starved stepchild [It aims to place a government further restricts labor's right to the House, 214 Democrats voted the civil war there. On the prime responsibility for re-kinother hand, "some experts here dling the civil war in Laos. also concede that the Pathet Lao could aim for a complete

military victory if they gather sufficient momentum and the Department and the Pentagon

FARMER-GUERRILLAS

try's Big Business-kept press In payment Washington has vision" over union finances, (Continued on Page 2) may labor under the delusion

them.

ble Negroes are registered to that restored union strength to ment. vote in the South as against 60% this area. As in 1934 it was a of the white population. It movement that got no sanction recommends that the President from on top but arose from appoint temporary Federal reg- deep wells of working class an- of their foes, the rank-and-file security. They have their foot istrars who would register Ne- ger. But unlike the movement teamsters went a good distance. gro voters in those areas where of '34 it had fewer illusions and They secured a victory after important issue. local boards had disfranchised it faced, as its most formidable most everybody predicted dire

This and two other Com- leadership.

mission proposals have riled the Southern Democrats. The other file Teamsters fought scabs and the best that their officials other and of their opponents. two recommendations are (1) broke the unrestrained power were able to negotiate. (For in- They cannot be treated anythat federal funds be withdrawn of the bosses to establish strong stance, they will get a \$2.40-a- more as the silent, indifferent by the Federal Housing Admin- unions. The sons faced the day raise for the first year of and intimidated drivers, swampistration and the Veterans Ad- same arrogant employers, but their new contract and another ers, helpers and platform men. tian government itself would "rescue," the WSJ doesn't try ministration from those builders to get within striking distance \$1.80-a-day in the second year Their enemies have to treat ers headed by Harry Van Arswho violate state or city anti- of them they had to first con- instead of a \$2.00-a-day in each them with new respect, and dale, chairman of the AFL-CIO article says. It lists as the the rebellion is partly fueled discrimination laws; and (2) that tend with the enemy within. federal grants be withheld from These young men took to the ated.) colleges practicing racial segre- streets and bridge approaches Second they served notice on past, must now be observed to white shirts, they marched 20,-

and stopped a large city's com- their officers and the trucking the letter. gation. New civil rights legislation is mercial traffic. They felt their bosses that they were not gobadly needed in the field of vot-strength and knew the extent ing to be the meek victims of ranks of this union so deeply some of the city's lowest paid more, it is highly dubious ing rights, the Commission said. of their power. When they got a changing industry. They whether outside forces would

cause, wrote the white, the Ne-ity as that exhibited in the recently concluded San Fran-cause, wrote the white, the Ne-ity as that exhibited in the recently concluded San Francisco teamster strike. It was alliance of union officials, ise by Joe Diviny, President of The Commission found that reminiscent in many ways of judges, editors, employers and Local 85 and third vice presiapproximately 25% of the eligi- the militant battles of 1934 agents of the federal govern- dent of the International Teamsters Union, to set up a committee of rank and filers and

TANGIBLE GAINS

But despite the machinations to meet the problems of job in the door on this extremely And finally they achieved a

opposition, the official union defeat. First they came out of gain that is not spelled out in their action with tangible ma- any contract. By their action The fathers of the rank-and- terial gains over and above they took the measure of each

of three years as first negoti- their contractual rights, that Central Trades Council which

The 'issue that stirred the

Unions that have organized (Continued on Page 4) (Continued on Page 2)

officials to prepare a program

ng anti-labor drive and to Though Puerto Rican and demonstrate "arm-in-arm" soli- other Spanish-speaking workers darity with the striking steel were well-represented, there were few Spanish-language workers.

There aren't great numbers signs. A couple of hand-crayof steel workers in New York, oned ones said: "Equality for all but their contingent in the workers." Local 471 of the Inparade was greeted by an im- ternational Union of Electrical pressive ovation all the way up Workers did carry a Spanishlanguage banner reading: "This

Five hundred local unions Union is for All the Workers."

affiliated with about 45 international unions participated. The A photographer was busily biggest turnout was credited to focusing on the parade. A man the International Ladies Gar- who had just finished the line of ment Workers Union, the larg- march asked him, "Why don't est union in the city. About 21,- you take some pictures behind 000 of its members were there. the wooden horses. They're all The second largest contingent workers, too. This is their pacame from the International rade too and they should be Brotherhood of Electrical Work- counted in."

Eleven thousand copies of the special Labor Day issue of the were ignored so often in the sponsored the march. Clad in Militant were distributed to the unionists as they came off the line of march.

Hospital workers who waged (Continued on Page 2)

AFL-CIO leaders 'compromised.'

they were in favor of 'labor re-



By John Thayer

Congress has put onto the law-While the mass-circulation newspapers of this country are

George Meany describes as "the most damaging anti-labor bill in the Communist Party. since the Taft-Hartley Act."

Under the law the Department are emerging ever clearer that of Labor is to be converted into

elections, membership lists and

provision is made for investibooks what AFL-CIO President gating union officials for past troduced by the AFL-CIO's fair- times most favorable (from the

prison records or membership presidential nomination and was MOST DANGEROUS SECTION

This whole section of the new suggested it be called the "labormanagement reform bill.")

their way back into a unified opinion for the possibility of of the government. Now it has cop, detective or stool pigeon in picket and to boycott stores sell- for the measure. government as provided for in another Korean-type war, but been given great powers - every union meeting and in ing scab-made goods or plants or the 1954 Geneva settlement of also to cover up Washington's against labor. Labor Secretary every union committee. The pos- sites utilizing scab-made ma-

The right to picket in drives much as \$10 million more in ap- ers in attacks on unions at criti- to organize companies is seri- anti-labor bill since the Taftpropriations for his department's cal moments - as in the midst ously limited. Any picketing Hartley Act," claim they sup-

Laos. Premier Phoui Sanani- gation of and interference in in- litical alliance with the admin- where the picketing union has pretend to accept this counterkone and the other Laotian of ternal union affairs is to be per- istration in Washington against lost a recognition election within feit and pass it along as good While readers of this coun- ficials are the merest puppets. manent. This includes "super- opponents within their unions the preceding year. This means coin to the members. This is be-

Irules. The Secretary of Labor is tion of the new anti-labor law to the employers, cannot get a "friends". in Congress whom ership of the AFL-CIO. Instead to "supervise" trusteeships im- cannot be blamed on Griffin and charter to form a union of their they are preparing to support in of taking a strong stand, as a As its Labor Day gift to the posed on union locals by the Landrum, current Congressional own choosing and to picket. This the next year's Congressional matter of principle, against any working people of America, international union. Moreover, whipping boys for the AFL-CIO is reinforced by new gimmicks and Presidential election cam- restrictive labor legislation, the bureaucrats. It was originally in- allowing employers to choose paigns. Whether the Democratic lib- They should loud and long that

haired boy, Senator Kennedy, company point of view) for aspirant for the Democratic holding representation elections. The bill in its final form was the core of the bill that bore his passed 95 to 2 in the Senate and name. (Kennedy does not now 352 to 52 in the House of Reprewant to have the anti-labor sentatives. Every Democratic measure named after him - he Senator, not on a sickbed or out of the country, except Morse of Oregon voted for the bill to hob-Another provision of the law ble the unions still further. In

COVER UP FOR LIBERALS

The Democratic liberals who voted for "the most damaging

conference or insured its passage can best be gauged by the reaction of labor's most venonous enemy in Congress, Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona. According to the N.Y. Times (Sept. 3), Goldwater "said the final product was better than either the House or Senate bills. He was almost courtly in his tribute to Senator Kennedy for he latter's patience and fairness as chairman of the joint conference.' Commenting on the new anti-

abor law as it headed for passage, John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers Journal (Aug. 15). made the following cogent observation:

"Some of the credit for the of the Mine Workers, three victory in the House of the anti- voted for the anti-union measure It is noteworthy that this sec- union which has sold them out the truth publicly about their union forces can go to the lead- and three voted against.

erals, headed by Senator Kenform.' Then, when both houses nedy, watered down the bill in of Congress made it clear they would pass really vicious legislation, the AFL-CIO boys, all bloodied up by their so-called friends as well as their enemies in Congress, switched and started trying to talk the politicians whom they had 'sold' on 'labor reform' into going along with them. It was too late. It was snake."

something like trying to 'compromise' with an angry rattle-While Lewis took a principled stand against "labor-reform" from the beginning, the fact that he too backs capitalist politicians contributed to the

victory of the anti-labor forces. Of West Virginian Democrats elected mainly through the aid

that workers, victimized by a cause they are afraid to speak

Mitchell has informed Con-sibilities it allows for govern-terials.

PUPPET GOVERNMENT

and guerrillas at night. . . .

sion" and "invasion," the facts

civilian clothes. . .

The fact is that the State law.

or against rival unions.

a Department of Investigation anti-labor law is hypocritically and Harassment of Labor. The referred to by the press as a "bill Labor Department was created of rights" for union members. in 1913 as a sop to organize la- It is probably the most danger-

gressmen that he may need as ment collaboration with employ-

expenses in enforcing the new of strikes - are enormous. No whatever will be illegal for a ported it to water down its

less unlikely are secret deals be- union at a plant represented by viciousness. Incredibly enough, popular support needed to win." are the real government of Department of Labor investi- tween union bureaucrats in po- another union or at a plant the top AFL-CIO bureaucrats

Socialists in Michigan Push 1960 Ballot Drive

By George Breitman

Page Two

DETROIT, Sept. 6-The long counties. hard job of putting a socialist As it started the second month small organization. It takes de- 50,000 people. of petition-collecting the Social- votion to socialist principles, deist Workers Party reported that its members and friends have Fortunately, SWP members and reached the half-way point in friends have enough of these their campaign for a line on qualities to make up for their the 1960 ballot. small numbers.

The state law requires submission of 12,708 signatures of work, taking days off from registered voters, with at least work, giving up their week-100 from ten counties and no ends and vacations, they have more than 35% from any one been walking up and down the county. On the basis of past streets of 20 Michigan cities experience, when the authorit- in an exceptionally hot sumies arbitrarily disqualified thou- mer, asking everyone they

geles and Hawaii.

Tomorrow.'

West Coast Vacation School

Enjoys a Capacity Turnout

BIG BEAR LAKE, CALIF., Reconstruction Period through

Sept. 7 — Socialists, trade un- the Populist upsurge. Two lec-

ionists, and their families are tures have been delivered by

gathered here for the ninth an- Arne Swabeck on "Ten Years

nual encampment of the West of the Chinese Revolution."

cussion on the present steel Activities Committee.

between the Negroes from the on Sunday.

sands of signatures, the SWP meet to help put the SWP on is aiming at 32,000 from 16 the ballot.

Many of them are now Getting that many signatures hoarse as well as bone-tired. ticket on the ballot in Michi- in hot, humid weather is a big No wonder, for it is estimated gan is making steady progress. achievement for a relatively they have spoken to at least The response? It varies, of termination and hard work. course. But it is generally

> friendly, even from people who Going out before and after or Republicans.

won't sign. There is little or no redbaiting. Most signers are not socialists yet, but they think it is "only fair" that socialists should have a place on the ballot, or they think they

may want a chance to vote for something besides Democrats The average rate of signatures per hour so far is lower

than it was in the previous SWP petition campaign, early in 1958. In that campaign, a majority of the signatures were collected in front of unemployment compensation offices, at a time when unemployment was very high. Peti-

tioners say the jobless are still the ones who sign soonest, but most of them have exhausted their compensation and can't be reached at the offices.

Coast Vacation School. They Still to be heard are two Maybe one or two out of a have come from Vancouver, lectures by T. Edwards on "The Seattle, Oakland, Berkeley, San Great French Revolution of hundred say they are socialist Francisco, San Diego, Los An- 1789," and three by William F. sympathizers. They wish the eles and Hawaii. Socialist education is combin-Warde on "The Philosophy of petitioners good luck and urge Materialism." Warde will also them to keep up the good ed with vacation relaxation give two lectures on "Aliena- work; some of these also ask to be sent socialist literature during the eight-day encamp- tion in Modern Society."

ment at this mountain resort. Joan Jordan of San Francis- by mail. Many of the others Today's Labor Day highlight co will speak on "Women and express agreement with specific was a lecture by James P. Can- the Unions," a discussion on socialist objectives, like the 30 non, National Chairman of the "Unions and Political Action hour week at 40 hours pay, Socialist Workers Party. A vet- in Canada" is slated and Evelyn racial equality, a labor party, eran of 52 years in the labor Reed will give two lectures on etc. "The Origins of Marriage."

Thanks to this work, the this country, we hear gloomy people of Michigan will have warnings in some circles that Frank Wilkinson, secretary calism, Yesterday, Today and of the Citizens Committee to a chance to vote socialist next Preserve American Freedoms, year, if they want to, and so-Earlier, a group of steel will report on the fight to abolcialists will have a better opworkers conducted a panel dis- ish the House Un-American portunity to convince them

The encampment, which al-Whites and the Reconstruction Period" by Geoffrey White of ready has capacity reservations, by writing the Socialist Workpetitions or can send donations allel in our history," complains Berkeley traced the relations will conclude with a banquet ers Party, 3737 Woodward, Detroit 1.



(Continued from Page 1) and most exploited workers en- best-disciplined unions in the more than 10,000 marchers, a also missing. large number of them Negro and

and socialist movement, Can-

non discussed "American Radi-

strike. A lecture entitled "Poor

Puerto Rican workers. nition last spring received warm the need to fight back in deapplause as they strode proudly fense of union rights. This is individual poster proclaiming officialdom of the movement. their membership in Local 1199,

RWDSU. sport Workers Union The Tra

participate. One of the biggest, (Continued from Page 1) joyed good turnouts. District 65 city, their participation would such a magnificent battle for of the Retail, Wholesale & De- have added great impact to the union recognition got a lot of ap- viet Union-the image of Ruspartment Store Union, provided march. The longshoremen were plause. They had two ambu-

But despite the division in the their own illness: "Hospital wardness and slavery?" labor movement, the present em- Workers Are Sick of Sweatshop a 46-day strike for union recog- creating recognition by labor of Recognition." Local 490 of the Paperhangers system that issued from the up the avenue, each carrying an becoming manifest in the top warned: "We Hang Paper. Don't Russian Revolution of 1917 was refers to the conduct of cops Let Congress Hang Labor."

In its call for the parade, the * * * ILGWU paper, Justice, declared: The biggest hand of the day "The parade up Fifth Avenue est contingen carried banners calling for the will be a huge picket line against of Steelworkers. They carried a 30-hour week at 40 hours pay those who are seeking to under- streamer declaring: "The Ameriand others declaring, "TWU mine unions at the bargaining can Labor Movement is opposed

Many Americans are now reluctant to accept cold-war propaganda accounts of what is happening in the Soviet Union. More than a million people visited the Soviet fair held in New York this summer. This group of visitors is studying a model of an automated factory. **Magazine Sees Public Opinion**

material well-being . . . the American public is going "soft on Communism."

ocratic weekly. The New Lead-Pipes sees nothing but disaster for the "Free World" in that the American working er backs the cold war and the this line of thinking. He therewitch-hunt. It expresses the fore proposes a new formula opinions of a number of union for attacking the Soviet Union. different to the bureaucracy's fficials.

"The evil of Communism is totalitarian rule? Need we fear What has happened, Pipes not that it is less productive that we will become a nation asks, to the old picture that than our system, or that ... of "Babbitts" worshipping inmost Americans had of the Soit cannot create a decent dustrial growth "divorced from sia as "a sort of vast Lower standard of living, or even that its human context"?

lances with posters explaining Slobbovia, an epitome of back- it does not offer the individual the rights and liberties we in Certainly, it was true that the West consider natural. It Hospital workers who waged ployer-government attack is Wages. We Want Full Union only a few years ago, the is rather that it denies respect how many people who attendfor truth, tradition, privacy, fairy tale that the economic old age, good manners, taste." "Good manners," I presume, a total bust and was based in in Harlem; "truth" might re-

It would also appear that lications from the big business about the workers' living ress to the New Leader con- standards and political freeince then many working people in this country have ned the American people into changed their opinion on this believing that the Soviet Union score. Pipes dates the change was like "Lower Slobbovia"; Says America Needs a Third table or in the legislative halls." to all forms of dictatorships, es- to the fall of 1957 when the and "taste" might refer to our This kind of sentiment was pecially industrial dictatorships." old prejudices were shot sky- TV commercials. It is unlikely high in the rocket blast of that the American people will Sputnik. support the cold war for the Since then reports of Soviet sake of these noble goals. strides in science, medicine and But that is the New Leader's education have won American worry. Let its writers explain working people more firmly to if they can that, though the the idea that the Soviet Union basic thesis of cold-war propais indeed a modern industrial ganda—namely, that Communpower. ism means backwardness and Now, this changed public slavery-turned out to be a ion. opinion has Pipes quite wor- lie we should nevertheless conried. He writes: "In the minds tinue to prepare a war of nuMonday, September 14, 1959

The American Way of Life

Dr. Hosler and Form 2153-X

It's quite easy for an American to get a publication from the Soviet Union through the mails. All that's required of him is that he fill out a form stating that he

has "subscribed to, or otherwise solicited," material "which con-tains political propaganda as Early this summer Dr. Hosler Early this summer Dr. Hosler defined by the Foreign Registra-

was informed by the associate general counsel of the Post Of-But it wasn't that simple for fice Department that the magaa noted Cleveland heart surgeon, zine had been mailed last Jan-Dr. Robert M. Hosler.

YES, HE LIVES THERE

Battered but still fighting, Dr.

Hosler, who does live at 13421

Lake Shore Boulevard, replied:

"I have lived at this address 10

A return letter advised him

that the package had obviously

been incorrectly addressed since

uary to 13421 Lake Shore Boule-Dr. Hosler's tale of woe began vard in Cleveland and asked to after a trip to the Soviet Union be advised if that was the docwhich he had made in the sumtor's address at the time and mer of 1958 on the invitation of whether the package might still the Soviet Ministry of Health. be at that address. While in the USSR he was in-

terviewed and photographed by the Moscow News. He was promised that a copy of the Englishlanguage edition would be sent to him.

tion Act." Simple.

The issue didn't arrive, and the doctor addressed an inquiry years." to Moscow. A prompt reply assured him a copy had been mailed but that a duplicate would be

he stated that he had NOT lived sent. Finally last January the New on Lake Shore Boulevard for ten York Post Office advised Dr. years, but nevertheless the Post Hosler his magazine had ar- Office would make every effort rived and would be forwarded to locate it for him. as soon as he signed the inno- Meanwhile Warburton wrote cent little form having to do Sen. Lausche, "We are at a loss with "foreign propaganda," etc. to understand how his old ad-Not caring for the "affidavit" dress, that he hasn't used for character of the form but anx- 10 years, would appear on the ious to get the magazine. Dr. parcel sent in January" from

Hosler signed and returned the Russia. form. But still no Moscow News. A few days later Dr. Hosler An inquiry in March brought received — not the Moscow information that the magazine News, but a printed copy of the had been forwarded to Cleve- Foreign Agents Registration Act. land. It was suggested that he Today, he has given up hope file a tracer with the Post Office of ever getting that Moscow there. Dr. Hosler followed this News. He would like to get back advice only to be informed that the Form 2153-X that he signed. the tracer had to be filed in New Maybe he isn't too sure about York.

what Warburton told Lausche Now exasperated, the doctor — namely, that "the mere fact wrote to his Senator, Frank that Dr. Hosler filled it out . . . Lausche, who plunged into the will not cast any reflection on fray. The Senator's inquiry his character or reputation as a brought a lengthy, detailed let- patriotic American citizen." ter from HerbertWarburton, the

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Becoming Favorable to

By Bert Deck

American public accepted the

the main on slave labor.

As the final preparations for some sort of ill-defined but of our "manners," "truth" and receiving Soviet Premier very real interdependence be- "taste." Khrushchev get underway in tween our freedom and our

THE MILITANT

They Wanted to See for Themselves

"We are in the midst of a wave of pro-Soviet sympathy industrial development. Won't Pipes now wishes to scrap, is they should. Those who'd like of an intensity and grass roots the American people, who now based on very real social exaccept Soviet technological perience. Political freedom canto help can get nominating appeal probably without pargains as genuine, see in them not survive for long if most Richard Pipes, an "expert" on the basis for the Russian peo- people are poor and if only a Russia, in the Aug. 31 issue of ple achieving material well-be-The New Leader, a social-deming and political freedom?

There is no evidence that Pipes' fears are in any way justified. Witness, for instance, ed the Soviet Exhibition in New York and recorded their impressions in the guest book combined their favorable reacfer to the way in which pub- gains with searching questions

minority can enjoy comforts and luxuries. Need we fear, as Pipes does, people in reappraising the So-Advertisement viet economy will become in-

USSR of most Americans there exists clear annihilation for the sake

The American working people's mode of thinking which Personal freedom and a good connects technological progress, standard of living go together. material well-being and free-But a high living standard de- dom is fully justified in my pends upon a high degree of opinion. This outlook, which

Party.

Other contingents held aloft carefully noted in a Labor Day banners and posters declaring editorial in today's New York demands was for the establishment of a \$1.25 minimum wage law.

Teachers won a big hand with fight for better schools with derlie this demonstration." higher paid teachers and smaller classes.

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The grafting which U.S. imwould do anything Washington

Laos, Haynes Miller, wrote be- the army and police force are know-how and a democracy of porter, Nov. 13, 1958), "Far least the U.S. Treasury pays very fine country indeed!" from building up Laos as a 30,000 salaries (the army of bulwark against Communism, Laos is the only one in the our policy may actually have world beside the U.S. army served to strengthen the Comwhose expenses are entirely munist position there." He goes

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PHONY IMPORTS ded the military rosters with One of the rackets described fake names in order to pocket was that of phony imports, un- the wages of the non-existent derwritten by U.S. funds at an iroops.

dom. (It's true they didn't inquire about manners or taste.) The American workers have long despised the Stalinist dictatorial rule, and there is nothing to indicate that they are about to change their attitude toward it. But I believe that armed with the understanding that the Soviet planned economy has yielded great technological achievements, they have begun to distinguish between what is reactionary and progressive in the Soviet Un-

Thus the American working people grasp more readily why

it is that, though the Soviet working people oppose the bureaucratic rule, they are attached to the Soviet economic system and will defend the Soviet Union against all attempts to restore capitalism.

An understanding of how the Soviet workers look at their country and its economy can only reinforce the American working people's strong desire for peace and lead them into outright opposition to big business' war drive calculated to restore capitalism in the Soviet

Little wonder then that the cry goes up to hold the line on the cold war myth, or at least to find a plausible substitute for it.

Furthermore, I suspect that the New Leader fears not so much that American workers will adopt Russian manners as that they will draw some revwhen it goes into another tailspin

They fear that the American workers may start thinking as perialism used to buy over the follows: "If we can combine Laotian politicians appears to non-capitalist, planned econ-A former U.S. aid official in have gotten out of hand. Thus omy with American industrial supposed to total 30,000. At labor - then we will have a

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Why Was It Just New York?

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Besides the 115,000 who marched, some 400,000—mostly working people and their families-lined Fifth Avenue for 30 blocks to cheer the paraders.

New York union members made it perfectly clear that they are ready, willing and able to defend their organizations against the employers' attack.

The very success of the march, however, raises two important questions: Why weren't similar Labor Day demonstrations staged in every city in the U.S.?

Why weren't demonstrations held when Congress merely threatened to pass antilabor legislation.

Think of giant marches by the auto workers in Detroit and Flint; of a mass turnout of truckdrivers, longshoremen and seamen in San Francisco; of battalions of strikers parading in all the steel centers.

Assuredly, Congress would not have been so eager to ram anti-labor legislation through, and the steel bosses would not have been so truculent, had a national outpouring of labor taken place a few months ago, then been repeated on Labor Day.

What Khrushchev Should See

"What Khrushchev Should See in America" is assuming the proportions of a national contest. A young boy suggests a football game, a Brooklyn civic group proposes Coney Island, "the workingman's vacation paradise," cold warriors recommend a tour of military installations and an 11-year-old girl is offering a sampling of her mother's borsht, "the best in the Bronx."

The flood of suggestions, some well intentioned, others not, also include a growing number from Negroes who see the public discussion as an opportunity to express some of their bitterness about the Jim Crow system.

Eugene Cannon, Jr., a Negro war veteran from Louisiana, wrote to the New Orleans States-Item suggesting that Khrushchev get a look at the hovels that so many Negroes of his state are forced to live in.

"He should visit North Louisiana parishes and talk to the Negroes," Cannon wrote. Have him learn how many of them are registered voters. Have him find out what happens when they dare try registering.

"Let him see the wonderful Negro sections in the small towns of Louisiana. Don't try to impress him with New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Let him see this wonderful state for what it is."

Another Louisiana Negro proposed that if Khrushchev does visit the state he took away the peasants' surshould by all means be shown the statue pluses - in fact they often took placed at the entrance to the city of Natchitoches. The statue is that of a Negro clad in a dilapidated Prince Albert coat. He is holding an equally dilapidated hat in one hand and scratching his head with the other. Beneath the statue is the inscription: "To the Good Darky."

The Basic Issue in Laos

The fighting in Laos is the renewal of an old struggle. Following Japan's surrender in World War II, the people of Indo-China united in a revolt against French imperialism's attempt to reinstitute itself through puppet rulers. In Laos this fight was led by the Pathet Lao from 1946 to 1954, when the French armies suffered a crushing defeat in Viet Nam. The imperialists then made a deal in Geneva. Viet Nam was cut in two and Laos was "neutralized."

Solemn pledges were made that the Pathet Lao would be given representation in "a government of national unification" and allowed to form a political party. The Pathet Lao is an anti-imperialist movement of peasants and tribal peoples. Because it was allied with the Viet Minh it is described in the capitalist press as "pro-Communist." Mistrustfully, the Pathet Lao laid down its arms on promises that an International Control Commission (composed of Canada, India and Poland) would guard against any arms build-up within the country and see that the Geneva pledges were carried out. But Washington had no intention of honoring the Geneva promises. It squeezed out the "inefficient" French imperialists and brought over the native puppet politicians in order to build up and arm the Laotian army and bring it into working relationship with its SEATO alliance. The long delayed "integration" of the Pathet Lao and its troops into the government and army in 1957 lasted but a few months — until in May 1958 the Pathet Lao won a majority of seats in a by-election, a signal that it stood a good chance of winning the general elections the next year. (It won seats not only in its traditional strongholds in the north but in Vientiane, the capital, itself.)

The U.S. "advisers" called one of their leading "aid" profiteers into the carrying out as an essential base premiership. The two Pathet Lao minist- for the emancipation of future ers were thrown out of the cabinet and then along with other party leaders jailed. The International Control Commission was dissolved and a construction of a police state on the South Viet Nam model begun.

That throughout the country large numbers of common people are rallying to the Pathet Lao banner and are everywhere "indifferent" or "hostile" to Washington's puppet government cannot be italists.) concealed by U.S. newspaper accusations of "invasion." The Soviet-bloc diplomats are calling for reinstitution of the International Control Commission to carry out the terms of the Geneva "settlement." The U.S. State Department rejects this and has jammed through the UN Security Council rifices or undergo severe priva- der their control. the creation of a "fact-finding" committee tions. composed exclusively of its allies and stooges. Laos. Get the U.S. military and political "advisers" and their arms stockpiles out; many shortages themselves. not another dollar in "aid" bribery to the Laotian puppets. Let the people of Laos settle their own affairs, by agreement among themselves or by continuing their revolution interrupted in 1954, whichever way they choose.

China's Communes Are They a New Form of Slavery?

By Daniel Roberts

THE MILITANT

In their attacks on China's rural peoples' communes, U.S. big-business propagandists have decried the Chinese CP's "exploitation" of the peasantry. In the same vein Assistant Secretary of State J. Graham Parsons denounced, July 18, the organization in China of "slave labor" into a "barbaric commune" system and the mobilization of "a vast population on a slave labor basis.'

Let us consider these accusations, beginning with the charge that the CP regime exploits the peasantry. The horrendous crime alleged against the Chinese regime is that it extracts maximum surpluses from agriculture to feed growing industrial centers, to provide an increasing supply of agricultural raw materials for industry, and to engage in foreign trade for modern industrial machinery.

Now, the regime does take surpluses from the peasants without giving them any equivalent in consumer goods. It also demands that the Chinese peasantry supply consumer goods for themselves through the multiplication of their handicrafts.

LANDLORDS TOOK 70%

Before the Chinese CP took power, landlords and usurers 70% of the peasants' product and sometimes more. This led solely to the landlord's personal enrichment. It didn't help to improve the land or to industrialize the country. There is no question that this was murderous exploitation, but U.S. bigbusiness spokesmen never refer to this aspect of China's past. (They backed the Chiang Kaishek regime that protected the peasants' exploiters.)

The Chinese revolution freed the country from these parasites. It cleared the ground for a long-term program of industrialization which the regime is generations from want, illiteracy and despotism.

In order to industrialize, China has no alternative but to take surpluses from the peasants and transform them into capital accumulations. (It must also accumulate capital by extracting surplus labor from the workers. Before the revolution this surment. plus value went principally for

Of cou were during the nearly hundred years granted long-term credits, say they dominated the country. for 30 years, it could develop They won't help China now, beworkers) make tremendous saction, as well as in their own self-interest China in exchange for grain but extend friendship and aid to rev-



Though in total area China is about one and a third times as large as the United States, 90% of its 650 million people live in an area about a fifth of the size of the U.S. These areas are the Si Valley, Szechwan Red Basin, Yangtze Lowlands and Delta, Yellow Plain, and Manchurian Plain. Total arable land in China today is about 300 million acres as against 400 million acres in crops in the U.S.

it refuses to recognize the People's Republic of China diplomatically.

'OPERATION RATHOLE'

This country does send bilions of dollars abroad annually.

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tionary governments to the teeth

the enrichment of foreign capblocked the possibilities of over-all industrialization in China Korean 'Detainees' industry, train a large body of cause they hope that the revolu-In the not too distant future, But where exactly is China to the British and American workthe right of all peoples to self-determina- and technical instruction to farmers governments that will bath, should oppose all interference in it to extend long-term credits on lands. But China cannot stand the scale the Chinese people still and merely wait until this need. The Soviets have too happens. It must proceed with industrial development in order esser extent Great Britain, pos- enable the country better to hold

erm credits to China. In fact, many of the measures adopted, vitally necessary irrigation, by the Chinese CP regime and flood-control and water-consercondemn the CP's bureaucratic vation projects without which methods of rule (I will deal with China's agriculture cannot prosthis side of the question in a per. Manpower is China's prinsubsequent article), they can- cipal resource. The tools at not dispute the legitimacy of China's disposal are primitive. the government's drive for big But the pooling of millions of agricultural surpluses nor for laborers produces amazing re-

accumulation of these surpluses. SEMI-MILITARY DRIVE

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Much U.S. aid to other countries to construct a huge number of munal labor to keep up and ex-

tend river dikes, canals, reser voirs, etc., date from that time. One of the marks of the corruption of the Chiang Kai-shek regime (as of many decadent dynasties in China's past) was that it neglected the public works.

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On the other hand, we can suppose broad popular support for the current mobilizations and for the commune program as a whole — because it is in ine with peasants' tradition and because the peasants know it will lead to fuller harvests.

ASIAN REACTIONS

It is noteworthy in Asia, the Chinese communes do not appear quite as horrifying as they seem to the big business spokesmen in this country. According to William Stevenson, writing from Hong King in the June 25 Toronto Globe and Mail, 'Peking's drastic measures have some attraction for underdeveloped, over-populated nations anxious to take short cuts and plagued by chronic food shortages [°]. . .

Stevenson cites a recommendation to the Indian government of Ford Foundation experts who proposed "an all-powerful authority ... with a chain of command reaching into the humblest and most remote villages. Only in this way, they say, can India increase her rate of food production by the 300 per cent necessary for survival. In other words, say a number of distinguished Indians, the Ford team is recommending the use of a semi-military organization. And that takes us back to the communes."

Stevenson also cites a system of cooperatives among farmers and fishermen in Hong Kong. "The army introduced the system and the colonial government administers it. Eventually control will be handed to the farmers but not for some time." He concludes: "The Hong

Kong experiment has been ... Furthermore, the CP was not under constant study by Peking. the first regime in the country's history to conduct these mobili- It is a paradoxical but signifi-As for Parsons' charge about zations. They are traditional in cant development. Here is the "slave labor," it is purely grat- China, whose intensive agricul- last of the old-style British uitous. There has been a vast ture has always rested on such colonies, dedicated to free enterprise . . . obliged in the The old Chinese state arose 40 course of events to introduce

self speaks of it as "semi-mili- centuries ago because a central- compulsory cooperatives as the only way to deal with the evils not at all equivalent to slavery. bilize huge forces for the public that hamstring Asian agricul-

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Headlines in Other Lands

president of the National Con-, African racists. Indicating that sultative Assembly; Mahjoub boycotts would probably be the

It used to send funds to mainland China too when Chiang Kai-shek was in power. These funds are now sent to Chiang at his new location on Taiwan. (His vearly allowance from the U.S. at present comes to about \$100 million.) But the money Chiang received when he ruled the mainland didn't go for indus-

hole operations" that arm reac-

but stymie industrial develop-U.S. and British imperialism

skilled workers and modernize tionary reconstruction of the Korean "detainees" to go to charter advocates "nationaliza- white South Africa to mend its its agriculture without demand- country will fail, that the re- North Korea has alarmed the tion of vital sectors of the econing that the peasants (or the gime will collapse and that they U.S. State Department. The "de- omy," agrarian reform, evacuaobtain such long-term credits? ing people will end the blockade factories. Originally they num-From the Soviet Union? The of China. They will replace big bered two million. Now 600,000 General Strike American workers, in solidarity with USSR has supplied machinery business rule with workers and are left. of avoiding another Korea-type blood it lacks accumulations enabling olutionary peoples in other the cold war. Walter C. Dowling, The United States, and to a to entrench the revolution and issue of where the "detainees" will go.

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The possibility that Japan will Basri leader of the guerrilla re- marshal our buying power and allow about one sixth of the sistance movement. The Union's labor power, we may induce can bring China once again un- tainees" are Korean nationals tion of foreign troops and "liquiwho were forcibly uprooted by dation of the remnants of colonthe Japanese imperialists during ialism" in the economic, military though racial segregation is World War II to work in Japan's and technical domains.

These impoverished displaced In Calcutta Hits persons have become victims of **High Rice Prices** A general strike in Calcutta

recently intervened in negotiations between Japan and South Korea which will decide the

Although 95% of them originally came from South Korea, many of them would prefer to go to North Korea which they believe to be economically thriving. In fact last winter they were on the verge of leaving for North Korea when the South Koreans threatened Japan with reprisals. Their departure was then canceled.

cutta where police fired 14 times fight. Colonel Ben C. Limb, South into the crowd. Approximately Korea's ambassador to the United Nations, claims that only two cities. 35,000 wish to go to North Ko-

rea, but North Korean sources Rains Bring Relief maintain that the figure is 117, To Drought-Stricken

Areas in China

Radio Peking announced Sept.

North. Climatic conditions were

described as the worst in many

decades. As People's Daily, Chi-

nese Communist Party organ

stated last July, "The agricul-

tural production of our country

is highly dependent on natural

Dowling intervened on the South Korean side. The net result is that all 600,000 Korean "detainees" remain in Japan, pending settlement of the dis-

Resistance Fighters, **Unionists** Form

Party in Morocco

A left-wing nationalist move ment in Morocco, representing 600,000 workers and 5,000 armed units, has been consolidated into the National Union of Popular Forces. The coalition was once part of the Istiqlal (Inde-

pendence) party that won libera-Urges Boycott tion from France in 1956. The left-wing split from the party **Against Racists** last winter because Istiglal leaders sided with the upper classes of Moroccan society and with

the monarchy. Congress, is appealing for eco-Leading the National Union nomic action rather than "vio- jailed some labor agitators withare: Mehdi Ben Barka, former lent" struggle against South out due process of law."

changes.

Victims of Cold War Ben Seddik, head of the Moroc- Institute used and added: "If we can trade unions; Mohammed El the future he added: "If we ways."

The boycott approach is indicative of the growing economic importance of Africans. "Alstrictly enforced in most areas of the community, it breaks down in the shops," reports the N. Y. Times. One shopkeeper'interviewed by advertising researchers said, "If I lost my African trade I'd go out of business in no time."

and nearby industrial center of **British Elections** Howrah Sept. 3 brought clashes with police. The strike in these Called for Oct. 8

two poverty-ridden cities, where British political parties are most people find their homes on the sidewalks, was aimed at the now poised for the forthcoming Bengal State of which Calcutta general elections on Oct. 8. is the capital. The strikers, said Prime Minister Macmillan's deto be Communist-Party-led, cision to have the election this were protesting the state's hand- fall was based on what he conling of food supplies and main- siders to be an advantageous potained that government policies litical situation for the Conservatives over the Labor Party. are creating high rice prices. Nine people were reported kill- However, the Labor Party candidates are preparing a hard ed in Howrah and seven in Cal-

Of 624 members of Commons 800 have been arrested in the the Conservatives now have 338 seats against the Labor Party's 278 and the Liberals' six. The Liberals will have at least 221 candidates in the race and the Communist Party has endorsed 17 candidates. Sinn Fein, a banned Irish nationalist party, will contest all twelve constituencies in Northern Ireland. 3 that rains in the last few days

have terminated drought con-**Mexican Gov't Jails** ditions in the Yangtze and Yel

low River areas of the People's CP Leader in Republic. China has been

Anti-Union Drive plagued this year by floods in the South and droughts in the

Dionisio Encina Rodriquez, secretary general of the Mexican Communist Party has been arrested and charged with "subversion and inciting violence." This action marks an intensification of the Mexican Government's witch-hunt and anti-labor drive resulting from the nationwide railroad workers' strike last March. Resentment against the CP leader's arrest is considerable, reports the Sept. 8 N.Y.

Chief Albert Luthuli, Presi-Times: "Persons of liberal, but dent of the African National anti-Communist views, have accused the Government of having

"How Badly We Were Fooled"

Some penetrating observations about Congress and the labor movement were made by Elmer Brown, President of the International Typographical Union, at the one-hundred-and-first convention of that organization in Philadelphia, Aug. 15. We feel his remarks are worth quoting at length.

Among other things, Brown said: "It is important that I call your attention to the dangerous situation in which the general labor movement finds itself today in the political and legislative fields. After the Congressional elections last November, most of us were enthused over the results of the balloting. And our enthusiasm seemed justified at the time.

"Hadn't we elected the Democratic majorities in the House and Senate, and aren't the Democrats usually considered liberal and the friends of organized labor? How badly we were fooled!

"No sooner than the present session of Congress was convened a great hue and cry rose up on Capitol Hill. Some of the lawmakers — the more conservative ones — cried: 'Let's Get Labor!'

"Others, including many of our socalled 'friends,' said: 'Let's "reform" labor!

"What both groups meant and what they have been doing throughout the session adds up to the same objective:

"Give labor the business! Give rats special privileges over union people." Weaken labor by smearing its leaderships. Bust the union movement by legal strait-jacketing of union activities."

Isn't that an absolutely accurate description of what has happened? And isn't it an utterly devastating indictment of the labor leaders' policy of supporting the Democrats? Wouldn't it lead you to believe that Brown has recognized the need for an end to that ruinous policy and that he will now advocate building a labor party?

Don't get your hopes up too high too quickly. For here is what Brown recommends: "We've got to help elect real friends of labor. Not just pseudo-liberals. We must be more concerned with the candidates' personal philosophy, their relations with trade unions, their records in public life than with their political nomenclature," etc., etc.

For the present at least, Brother Brown has decided not to arrive at logical conclusions.

Eye-Witness Describes A Chinese Commune Drastic changes have been

introduced in the set-up of China's communes since they were started last year. In the Aug. 15 Christian Science Monitor, Ronald Stead cites an eye-witness account of the developments in the Kwang Fu commune, one of the largest in the country, located in Soochow in Central China. Kwang Fu contains 70,000 households, and "22,000 people are actually working land in 22 'production brigades' and 189 'production teams.'" The commune also works mines for iron, manganese and silicate and has 17 factories serving agriculture and

fishing The big change in the internal set-up of this commune as it was established last September, is the introduction of money payments for labor and the restoration of private plots to the members. The new policy has "progressively raised communal morale," according to the Monitor's informant. "Planning was not detailed

sufficiently in advance, and the notion that communes could be run without adequate money for wages was proved completely wrong." The new plan provides for the workers to receive wages on the basis of "each accord ing to his work." At present the Kwang Fu commune bud gets its income as follows: 57.3% for wages, 11.7% for taxes and 31% for accumulation and future development "The commune has three high schools, a broadcasting

relay system, 200 welfare units of one sort or another houses for the aged, kinder gartens and canteens. The di rector said that 20,000 mem bers of the commune eat at canteens, but nobody

obliged to do so provided he can manage otherwise." This commune is "far mor self-contained than any Chi nese cooperative of the past. The current national bud

get has allocated a considerable amount of money "to be used mainly to help improve less efficient communes.'

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Letters from Our Readers

She Only Wanted To Die in Sicily

Editor:

I read where the cops in New Brunswick arrested a Mrs. Nicolina Castagna, a widow 89 years old. It seems that she had put Irate Strap-Hanger away \$3500 in a mattress and was saving it so she could go Bawls Us Out Too back to Sicily, where she was born and where she wants to die. She had received the money from friends, when her late husband went blind two years before he passed away.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Castagna decided to hold these steel tombs during the on to the money for her trip to Sicily. She's been living on wel- ed, the fans stop, and in 90 defare checks averaging \$66 a grees heat it is murder. month

Why should working people, A stool pigeon told the Welwho put in their eight hours fare Dept. about the savings sweating for the boss, have to (she's supposed to be destitute in sweat it out some more in those order to get welfare checks), so hot, antiquated, filthy subways? the police came to her room, It's so bad that you can see the ripped open the mattress and tension mount on the faces of for one don't believe that Chris- ber Pacific Coast Council of found the money. They put Mrs. people around you every time tians are more peaceable than Marine Carpenters issued a Castagna in jail for one night the trains slow down. and took away her money. A All I can say is someone is few days later the judge ordered making money out of this deal.

ther to pay the \$3500 to the Wel- As a woman commented one fare Department. morning as we waited for half They probably figure that it's an hour in a suffocating IRT

a stand on the horrible condi-Win Khrushchev? tions in the New York subways? Editor: These days New Yorkers dread

going to work. It is an every-day occurrence to get trapped in Baptists are going to petition increases. rush hours. The train gets stall-

heaven to make Mr. K. a Christian. The reason given is that for. Here's hoping Mr. K. doesn't ed their picket lines.

other folk.

Mrs. T. L. Texas

Rosa Lee Ingram's Ordeal

By Lillian Kiezel

To Negroes the double stan- him till he spoke to me . . . He sat on the case. An appeal for a dard of Southern Justice is the threw his gun on me and I could new trial was heard by Harper American Way of Life. Martyrs not do anything but stand there. in March 1948. Under mass of the double standard are Mrs. He hit me with his gun. I could pressure he was forced to com-Rosa Lee Ingram, of Georgia, not lift anything with my hand mute the death sentence to life and two of her sons, Wallace and for two weeks and my head imprisonment. Samuel Lee

worried me for two months . . . After 11 years of imprison-The Ingram case made If it had not been for my son, ment in the penitentiary at all three were sentenced to die this man would have killed me Reidsburg, Ga., the Ingrams, on the trumped up charge of ... Mr. Stratford did not die in who had never committed a premeditated murder of a neigh- a pretty good way, but he died crime in the first place, won a boring poor white farmer. from the gun that he hit me pardon and were freed Aug. 25.

Twelve years ago Mrs. In- with. It was his own gun. This is justice for Negroes -"I was trying to do my own Southern style. If the tables had gram, a widow aged 40 and mother of 12 children, was con- work, but I could not do it for been turned, if the woman instantly under pressure from that white man. He caused me volved was white and the man John E. Stratford, who wanted to leave my children." Negro, there would have been

Torn from her children and no indictment to begin with. "date" her. She refused. Finally on Nov. 4, 1947 the anwith no money for lawyers, Rose gered Stratford (a married man) Ingram was forced to face the Ingram, now 51 years old, is reattacked Mrs. Ingram with the lily-white Schley County jury united with her family. But butt of his gun. Coming to her with a court-appointed attorney. eleven years have not changed defense, Wallace Ingram snatch- She and her sons (Wallace and the system that caused hearted the gun and struck Stratford Samuel Lee were then 17 and 14 break to a mother and her deto the ground. Stratford was years old) were found guilty of voted sons. The double standard killed by the blow. . murder without even a recom- in Southern courts prevails.

Rosa Ingram's own words de- mendation of mercy. After the scribe the horror and degrada- death sentence was passed, the are pressing for equal justice. tion she felt: "He could not National Association for the Ad- Four Negroes, convicted of rapmake me go his way, and he vancement of Colored People ing white women, face death unwas mad. The last time he tried entered the case. All efforts were less their sentences are comto make me go his way I cursed bent on saving the three from muted on Sept. 16 by the Board him . . . And that is just what the electric chair.

Petitions, telegrams, letters ever been pot to death in Florida it is about — me not having from all parts of the country and for raping a colored woman. Will him . . "This white man was hiding the world poured into the office the four Negroes get equal jusin my cotton field. I did not see of Judge William M. Harper who tice?

Notes in the News

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Privately operated shipyards from here to the Canadian border are now shut down solid I heard over TV this morn- with various crafts joining in ing that thousands of Texas strike action for adequate wage

About 1,500 members of the International Association of Ma-Christian nations are less apt to chinists walked off the job Aug. go to war. How right Robert 24 demanding a 22-cent hourly Ingersoll was when he said that pay boost. Members of other religion has made more lunatics shipyard unions in the process than it ever provided asylums of contract negotiations respect-

get religion while he's here. I A week later the 2,000-memformal strike call, shutting down

those yards not already hit by the IAM. The carpenters are demand-

ing a one-year pact with a tencent pay hike and have rejected an offer of a two-year agreement including two annual seven-cent increases and fringe benefits.

The Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, representing nine international unions in the yards, is slated to make its walkout official today. The decision came after the membership of the affiliated unions rejected an employer offer by a majority of more than three to one. The offer was essentially the same as the one made to the IAM and Carpenters.

Thomas Rotell, executive secretary-treasurer of the Metal Trades Council, announced last week that his group would consider settling with individual firms for a two-year contract with a 36-cent package increase. Yes, the Ingrams are free. Rosa including a dime an hour to establish a pension fund.

Rotell called upon the Federal Conciliation Service to intervene in the dispute. A government spokesman said this 11. would be done at an opportune Even now, in Florida, Negroes

All told, more than 14,000 tion. I've worked here for alworkers are out.

Ga. Official Dumped In Pool "Scandal" of Pardons. No white man has

SEPT. 9-A superintendent of public parks in East Point, a suburb of Atlanta, Ga., was

onstrate swimming safety rules in a pool set aside for Negroes. The East Point City Council voted five to three for the dismissal of J. Roy Grayson, Superintendent of Parks and Rec-



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They probably figure that it's more patriotic for her to die in this country. New Jersey Irate Strap-Hanger Bawls Us Out Too Editor: In Texas Baptists Baw S Us Out Too



Union bartenders are combating the "Drys" as well as the bosses. One of the banners on their New York Labor Day Parade float proclaimed: "There is no drinking after Death."

Hard Luck, Bad Times And a \$31 Pay Check

militancy and solidarity, 400 of a pre-strike pay stub. "Rate — er replied, "Why do you think down. I don't know what kind cruelly exploited kitchen work- \$1.00." "Gross amount — \$39.17." Castro threw out Batista?" of a police state they think we

"I'm on strike for better wages pany heard about the union, expected to raise and educate and working conditions," says they gave increases. A dime, a my family," asks Jose Rios Tor- Miss Sylvena Scott, a cook with nickel, 15 cents, to some as much res, garbage man at the 666 a gregarious personality and an as a half dollar an hour."

Nathaniel Robinson, food sup- \$1.05. When the union began its "Tell him how you signed us ply and grillman, adds: "I've activities they raised my wages up." She was game. "Well, I been working for Stouffer's for and now I'm getting \$1.20 an went to the ladies' room to get fired yesterday for permitting two years and I'm earning \$1.15 hour. What kind of wage is the pledge cards signed." an hour. My take-home pay is this? No medical plan, no real \$43. I can't support myself on vacations, no job security. That's this, let alone think of getting what we're striking for. It should because they are under, more pull out and that's exactly what

By Tom Leonard ST. PAUL - Twenty-eight hundred members of Local 167. United Packinghouse Workers Union, walked off the job at the South St. Paul Swift plant midnight, Sept. 3. The strike came after a long series of company provocations which culminated in the suspension of 600 men Sept. 2 on charges of slowing down on the job. The victimizations came as the union was trying to negotiate a new contract.

The giant Swift company set the stage for the present strike at a March meeting of the Meat Packers Institute, according to an official of Local 167 who describes the institute as a "rump organization something like the National Association of Manufacturers." At that meeting Swift tried to line up the companies for a united assault against the Packinghouse Workers similar to the one now being made against the Steelworkers. At the meeting a spokesman for Wilson & Co. agreed that this was the year to take the unions

on. But Armour & Co. felt the time was not yet ripe and has renewed its contract with the union. While it suspended the 600

workers here, Swift also tried to get a court injunction against claimed slowdowns in its Des Moines and Denver plants. If they had succeeded, said the above-mentioned official, it would have meant "a worker could go to jail for slowing have!'

Since negotiation opened last July, Swift has made clear that it is not seriously interested in the union began organizing last a settlement and has confronted June. "We felt like we were in the union with impossible deprison. Now they're not God mands. The most outrageous of these would cut wages by 31 any more. As soon as the comcents an hour in the South in return for an increase in the North.

> "If we agreed to that," said one negotiating committee member, "the company would begin shifting all its operations to the South and the guys in the North would be out of a job. On top of that our Southern members would say, 'What the hell kind Swift wants."

shop pay. It was also hoped they The union is demanding a sethave the same people in this Armour agreement with some

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By Henry Gitano NEW YORK CITY - Welded swers "Why there's a strike at approval with a burst of laughtogether by a strong spirit of Stouffer's." It's a large blowup ter as a Spanish-speaking work-

ers have been on strike for union recognition at four Stouffer restaurants here since Aug.

"We've been abused and pushed around. We have no protec-

most ten years. I'm married and

have two children. How am I

Fifth Avenue shop.

narried.". Six picketlines at the Fifth She bit into a sandwich and shon now It would be at sweat-

infectious smile. "I started for

Avenue restaurant, biggest of another striker brought over a would not go for unionism. "We tlement comparable to the new

A picket sign effectively an-|Off-duty pickets expressed their "Net amount paid --- \$31.12." Miss Scott, who prepares At the strike headquarters of chickens, meats and salads and

Local 89, Chefs, Cooks, Pastry operates the cake shop and roll Cooks and Assistants, pickets station on Sundays, added that

union recognition.

OVERDUE

tell the story of their fight for

Carlin, his half-brother, Darrell Amann, and their wives retreated into the Colorado mountains July 26 because they were "tired of people." "We just wanted to be left alone," one of them explained. "We saw all the mess going on in the world and wanted to get away. . . . All you ever know in the city is this back-biting, corruption and crime. We just decided we had enough of that guff." This explanation was made Sept. 4 after the men were arrested for poaching, hunting out of season and killing deer without a license.

A MAGNETIC PROGRAM - The inquiring photographer for a San Francisco daily recently asked: "Do Americans overemphasize sex?" Owen Parker, a salesman, replied: "No, I don't think so. . . . The thing we overem-phasize is faxes. I think we should have more sex and less taxes." . . .

PROFITS AND POLIO — The incidence of polio in the United States dropped sharply after the introduction of the Salk vaccine in 1955. But the rate has been going up in the past two years, with 3,976 cases already areported this year. U.S. Health Department officials have established that this is not due to any lack of effectiveness in the vaccine. About half the population under 40 still have not received their shots. A survey of those inflicted with polio this year revealed that 83.7% had not been vaccinated. The American Medical Association is bitterly resisting mass public inoculations as "socialized medicine." Many private practitioners are charging stiff fees for the shots.

KHRUSHCHEV BOOK SERIALIZED HERE - The Philadelphia Inquirer began publication Sept. 8 of a seven-part abridgment of a book by Soviet Premier Khrushchev recently published in Moscow under the title, "For Victory in Peaceful Competition With Capitalism." The paper said it received Soviet authorization for this first publication in the West and that it is offering publication rights', free to any other paper for use 48 hours after each installment appears in the Inquirer.

GETTING WASHED OUT - The New York Brotherhood of Russian Bath Rubbers, the only union ever to advocate sweatshops, is suffering a declining membership. During the past generation it has dropped from 300 members to 30. There are only six Russian baths left in the city. David Roth, secretary of the rubbers local, says it's because there are too many bathtubs today. He recalled that. the union had several strikes in its early days. "Once we went on strike," he said, "because owners tried to make us bring our own soap."

CIVIL LIBERTIES CONFERENCE - The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee will sponsor a Conference on Unconstitutional Punishment by Congressional Committees at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City Friday evening, Oct. '16. The committee has

DIDN'T GO FAR ENOUGH - Robert also announced it is distributing copies of Supreme Court Justice Black's dissent in the First Amendment case of Lloyd Barenblatt. Copies may be obtained at 25 cents each or 25 by Mayor J. G. Smith. five for \$1.00 from the ECLC at 421 Seventh Ave., New York 1, N.Y.

DEFENDER OF FOREIGN BORN DIES -Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, died in New York Sept. 5 of a brain tumor at the age of 46. He headed the committee since 1942. In 1951 he served a sixmonth sentence for contempt of Federal Court for refusing to produce the books of his committee and those of the Civil Rights Congress were going to put on the demof which he was a trustee.

Lillian Kiezel

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NEUTRAL ON BOSSES' SIDE - In a Sept. 6 sermon, Rev. O. A. Griesmyer of New York's Little Church Around the Corner asserted "there is a great danger looming over labor today that its high aims and purposes may be lost in merely a grab for more and more money." He added that the church doesn't "take sides" in the struggle between capital and labor, but only helps men to see the "Christian implications of their actions."

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MORE DOUGH FOR JOE - The salary of Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, has been boosted from \$19,-000 a year to \$35,000. A union spokesman said Sept. 7 that the new figure is approximate since it is intended to assure Curran \$25,000 take-home pay. The pay hike was initiated by the union officialdom at the same time that a batch of "spontaneous" letters in the union's paper, the Pilot, complained that Curran was litical Action in 1960. Sat., Sept. file attacked their bureaucratic being underpaid. The proposal was approved 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunthree to one in a referendum in which only day, Sept. 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 7,000 of the union's 40,000 members voted. Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. Also approved were constitutional proposals 48th St., (Off Times Sq.) New to reduce the period for the nomination of of- York City. Auspices United Inficers from two months to one month and cut the actual election period from two months to For more information write or one month. This will eliminate many seamen from participation in elections because they UI-SC Newsletter. 799 Broadwill be at sea during the nominating and way, New York, 3. Phone Gr. 5voting periods.

WISHFUL THINKING - A Labor Day Meetings and the Prospects for editorial in the New York World Telegram World Peace will be the subject old weapons of terror just times in the local labor movestates that union leaders are concerned that American workers are improving their living night forum series sponsored by standards so rapidly that they may some day the Militant Labor Forum. Frino longer need unions. "It would be a great day, Sept. 18, 8 p.m. at 116 Uniday," says the editorial, "if progress in justice versity Place (Off Union Sq.) the midst of the strike they opposition. And then too the and production meant a time when there were Hear Daniel Roberts, Associate threw what they thought would rank-and-file leaders wanted no more unions, because unions were no long- Editor, The Militant. er necessary. . ."

ernment's rocket expert.

* * * WANTS TO 'CONTAIN' THE MOON weapons of destruction, "there would be R. Dunne, state chairman, Soto be raised on the moon," said Dr. Wernher Sept. 18, 8 p.m. 322 Hennepin, von Braun in a Sept. 6 speech, the U.S. gov- 2nd floor. Auspices Twin Cities

Labor Forum.

eation for seven years. Gravson was originally suspended because of the incident on Aug. for a dollar an hour?"

The swimming demonstration was actually put on by a Red Cross official to replace a plan-

ned broadcast about safety rules. When the broadcast fell through he went to a pool for white persons and asked mem- still threatens them. Workers puts forward the CP viewpoint. bers of a Red Cross swimming often speak of it as "automa- This paper thought it of cruinstructors' class to come over. tion," by which they mean all cial importance that the ranks said he didn't know the girls rationalization.

one of the girls arrived and or- and overhaul their entire operdered her to leave. The mayor wants the world interference by the union they

and Negroes were not in the to a minority of the workers pool at the same time.



New York State Conference on dawn on them in the midst of Independent and Socialist Po- this strike, as the rank-anddependent-Socialist Committee. phone for a free copy of the 9736.

The Khrushchev-Eisenhower

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admonish the noon-day crowds: she said. "We don't get tips at "Pass 'em by. How would you Stouffer's," she explained, "only like to cook behind hot ranges hard luck and bad times." What started the union drive?



(Continued from Page 1) of the Peoples World, which Grayson, who was present, forms of mechanization and cement a unity with union officials.

the pool. The lesson ended what new methods they please clearly demonstrated that these with a Spanish and Panamanian abruptly when the father of -to merge, reorganize, change workers could not be distract- worker." ed or confused by the issue of ations. For the sake of nonto know that white persons are willing to pay a premium if his boss could sit down and revolution started." teamster was heard to say that have cocktails with a leading Russian Communist then he have a beer with an American many years ago and they just one if he so chose.

SECRET BALLOT ISSUE

Another weapon that was used with some effect was the membership meeting assessments issue of a secret ballot. The trucking boss how to run his that the previously negotiated ting time in after work to help contract had been turned down the strikers maintain picketing by "mob" action, and that had around the clock.

there been a secret ballot, it Mrs. Anna Burnett, a meat overwhelmingly three times in do about it."

To' say that they were all open voting, that it was subshook up is putting it mildly. mitted during the strike for a Privately they are explaining fourth vote, and that in a meeting which was a model of self discipline it was again overwhelmingly rejected.

Puerto Ricans, struck against a timer, reviewing Swift's antiwage scale as low as \$32 a week!) union history, said his father had How did Miss Scott get in- worked for the company too and volved in the organizing drive? had always opposed the union, When I asked for a raise, they but would probably change his told me my work was good but mind if he was alive today. "He I was too fresh at the mouth. I dropped dead on that corner on couldn't get a raise because my the way to work one day," he

The large trucking operators The big red scare never got self, maybe I could get one for pany was an \$11-a-month penonstration until they were in want a free hand to introduce off the ground. It was very everybody. I got me a committee sion."

Another union member had "Communism." In fact, one been reading his paper. He looked up and said "That's how the

The union is providing \$30 a had a right to sit down and week strike benefits plus meals. Those who can't afford to stay out on benefits are placed in union shops.

course I refused it." Backing by the membership of South St. Paul strikers will Local 89 is solid. At an Aug. 17 eceive national and local union benefits after a one-week waitof \$10 and \$20 were approved ing period. In addition a kitchen unanimously. Members are puthas been set up in the strike

headquarters. Meanwhile, Swift & Co. is continuing its efforts to intimi-

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For information phone MO 4-7194.

date union members with perwould have been accepted. The cook, said, "Now the people have sonal letters and other phony papers ignored the fact that someone to talk for them. propaganda. But as one picket this contract was turned down There's nothing Stouffer's can captain put it - "This strike is

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	because they had little confi-	CHICAGO	Newark Labor Forum, Box 361,
	dence in its honesty. Too many	Socialist Workers Party, 777 W. Adams, DE 2-9736.	Newark, N. J. NEW YORK CITY
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	and other circumstances a se-	Forum Hall and Modern Book Shop.	Sat. 11 A.M. to 3 P.M. Phone PR 6-
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but themselves. And what's

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You are invited to attend the

indifference, that perhaps their own, job security depended on this critical issue.

to their cronies-the time servers of other unions around town - that the new laws in Congress tied their hands and prevented them from forcefully dealing with the revolt in their ranks. There is only a small measure of truth in this. Their dence in its honesty. Too many

of the first of the regular Friday simply couldn't work in this ment have rank-and-file-opposstrike movement. They had to ed issues come out on top in resort to demoralizing rumors, a secret ballot, after test votes plain lies and slander. And in on the floor showed majority be a bomb into the ranks. They every member to stand up and inspired, if they didn't actually be counted.

arrange, the printing and dis- | Privately the rank and filers "The Khrushchev Visit and tribution of a phony leaflet recognize that in other unions If the U.S. doesn't continue turning out World Peace." A lecture by V. purporting to be a message and other circumstances a sefrom the Communist Party cret ballot would be valid, but nothing for us to do but wait for the red flag cialist Workers Party. Friday, calling upon the ranks to the criteria must always be the throw out the union leadership. interest of the ranks at that The line of the leaflet was moment. One can hardly quar-

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attitude was very poor. I figured said, "and after 34 years service if I couldn't get a raise for my- all my mother got from the com-Recalling the hardship Swift workers had suffered in previ-

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New York hospital workers, a Rank-and-file pickets are sol-

majority of them Negroes and idly behind the strike. One old-

Miss Scott said. (Last spring iar to the Swift plants.

loaned a lot of money to fellow workers in one strike. "You want to know something?" he added. "The only ones who paid me back were the colored workers. They'd give me ten bucks*a

week until they were paid up, and one offered me \$25 extra. Of