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The American labor movement has been recently subjected to its severest mauling since the merger convention of 1955 which unified the AFL and CIO into one federation numbering some 14.

monious labor-management remillion members. The unification of the rival lations."

federations was heralded as the ' The Meany letter is larded dawn of a new era for the or- with platitudes -- "our counganized union movement. The try's free collective bargaining ganized union movement. The try's free collective bargaining anti-labor offensive following system," "our democratic way of the engetment of Taft-Hartley in life." etc., etc. This approach is the enactment of Taft-Hartley in life," etc., etc. This approach is 1947 and the McCarthyite reac- intended, presumably, to empha-1947 and the McCarthyite reac-tion in the fifties provided the main impetus toward unification. agreement on the really impor-United into one body, the union tant issues between Wall Street Washington and Meany. Then heads promised a reversal of the trend toward union retreat and why fight about secondary issues like wages, hours and working stagnation.

Four years have elapsed since conditions - which can all be resolved by a friendly chit-chat the merger. Drawing a balance of the four-year period in its acbetween labor and industry count of the recent San Franstatesmen?

cisco AFL-CIO convention, the Sept. 19 issue of the magazine. Business Week, observed: "Four years ago, unions in the old AFL other. But what of those, who and CIO counted on their mer- having gone through the hard ger into AFL-CIO to give them school of experience, persist in clinging to their illusions? They, the brawn and muscle for new successes." What has been the abor statesmen! For it was none result?

"It (AFL-CIO) has suffered serious setbacks in bargaining, participated in a summit meet- vices. ing at the very birth of the AFLorganizing, legislative, and political fields. It has had very CIO in 1955. The occasion — a Congress of few off-setting successes. And it American Industry, held in New faces growing problems."

There is no question, in the York in December 1955 with view of the publication, which George Meany as guest speaker than 600 members at Vernon, speaks for big business, that the on the subject: "What Organ-AFL-CIO has the "potential ized Labor Expects of Manage- the company action and exmuscle." "Used effectively," says ment." It was the month in pressed the opinion that the BW, "the muscle could give la- which the formal merger convention was held. The unity conbor economic and social power. But the muscles haven't been vention was preceded by months starve the steelworkers into subused effectively. Some of labor's of fevered outcry by the employtop leaders complain, in frustra- ers over the use to which labor tion, that the muscles are there intended to put its augmented - but they are flabby and unpower trained.

Nothing could be more calculated to underscore this flabbiness than the addlepated action can industry, that the men at the tion, ruled it out of order as this week of AFL-CIO president head of the AFL-CIO "actually George Meany writing a letter have very little power." For into Eisenhower, proposing that stance, Meany elaborated, "they conference of labor and industry anyone to go on strike. And," he USW, denounced the layoffs as "Injunction Ike" call a summit have absolutely no power to tell chiefs "to consider and develop added, "it may interest you to guiding lines for just and hard Continued on Page 4) a violation of the intent of the Supreme Court back-to-work guiding lines for just and har-(Continued on Page 4)

**Steelworkers** LOS ANGELES. Nov. 9

Workers in the Maywood and Vernon plants of Consolidated Western Steel, a division of U.S. There is an old proverb that Steel, were hit with layoffs on says: Experience is a hard teach- returning to work under the er but fools will learn by no Taft-Hartley injunction. The

company laid off 378 at Maywood and 103 at Vernon. The Maywood plant employed 1,850 before the strike; Vernon, presumably, are enthroned as 520. The company has been engaged primarily in work on other than George Meany who rocket and missile launching de-

> The company attempted to justify the layoffs with the excuse that it had lost contracts as result of the strike.

At an angry meeting of more Local 2058 officials dencunced layoffs were just another effort on the part of the company to mission and to smash the union. A motion was put "To refuse to return to work until all of the laid-off men were recalled."

"No Experience"

In his speech, Meany hastened while expressing sympathy with to assure the top brass of Ameri- the union spirit behind the moconflicting with the International's constitution.

The following day, Charles J. Smith, director of District 38,

Local President M. L. Sierras

Mexican Students Fight Bus Fare Hike

THE MULTANT.

On Mississippi Negroes

WEEKLY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKING PEOPLE



Mexican students at Guadalajara use an overturned bus as a platform during a protest demonstration Nov. 5 against a sudden five-centavo fare hike. The students stopped 97 buses from operating but were attacked by federal troops who wounded 12 of them. The cost of living has been increasing sharply in Mexico. A five-centavo increase, which is four-tenths of a cent, doesn't sound like much unless you know that even a skilled Mexican worker makes only about \$2.40 a day. Most workers earn a lot less. As for students - it's the principle involved.



He said Governor Brown had | Defenders of civil rights in iff who cold-bloodedly shot down | As part of the "Save Willie been asked to have the State New York are anxiously await- two handcuffed Negro prisoners Reid" campaign, Harlem radio

# Whitewash of Lynchers Mack Parker Case Sets Off More Killings

#### By George Lavan

ment of the guilty, which fol-

ast spring, at first gave pause

to the white supremacists, mak-

As a consequence of the unpunished lynching of Mack Charles Parker in Poplarville, a wave of racist killing and anti-Negro violence is sweeping through Mississippi. The world outcry for punish-

owed the Poplarville lynching They'll Gladly Eat An Ice Cream Hat

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ing them wonder if perhaps the For Secretary of Labor lays were past when they could kill Negroes at will. But the Mitchell, unemployment is a subsequent emergence of the numbers game in which you eat an ice-cream hat when known lynchers — not only unyou guess wrong. But the scathed but as local heroes-has members of the special Senreassured them that the old ate Committee on Unemploydays still remain. Mississippi's ment Problems were told crime statistics are not endanwhat unemployment really gered: a white man runs much means at a Nov. 17 hearing in greater risk of arrest and pun-McDowell County, a West ishment for killing a deer out of season than for killing a Virginia coal mining area devastated by chronic unemployment.

In the past month alone Ne-"Unemployment has caused groes have been killed in emotional upset among pup-Clarksdale, Philadelphia and ils. . . . This has been our Corinth, Miss. The first two of worst year as far as children these killings are listed as lynchnot having clothes and school ings by the Nov. 21 Afro-Amersupplies," said a statement of ican, a leading Negro newspaper, 20 school teachers. Rep. Kee which further reports that state (D.-W.Va.) said he had heard authorities have taken even less reports of children taking interest in these two cases than home part of their free school the Parker lynching. The lunch to feed their parents. hird killing—that of a 15-year-"Men are making moonshine, old boy by eight white teenagers cutting hot wires in mines to -may also fall into the category sell them for copper - even of lynching. In addition a Negro stealing food from garbage pastor in Rolling Forks narrowdumps," reported Howard ly escaped a mob and in Tupelo Chambers, a local sheriff. the threat of mob action hung

Gov. Coleman has made no

reply. Booker T Two days after Mixon's death Negro, was found naked and un-27-year-old Luther Jackson was conscious on the highway near killed. He and a girl friend were Clarksdale. Taken to the Coasitting in a car parked on the homa County Hospital, he died street, when a cop came up and on Oct. 23, 12 days later, with-A telegram from NAACP head out having regained conscious- affidavit, sent to the U.S. ordered them out. Mrs. Thomas' Department of Justice by the him a victim of a hit-and-run Mississippi NAACP, gives the accident, without, however, offollowing account. "At the time I was getting out nakedness and evidences of ter- of the car, I heard a shot. When I started to go the same way ... quest of any kind was held, I heard a second shot. It all happened so quickly. When I and state police claiming that arrived at the scene . . . Mr. Jackson was lying in a ditch. sustained in nearby Quitman He had been killed instantly. I began to cry and said, 'You have Relatives in Memphis, Tenn., claimed the body, had it examshot him for nothing.' I knelt down beside him and the officer ined by physicians and photoknocked me back. I hit him back ordinarily would have brought graphed and then engaged J. F. ... He went to his car and call-Estes, a lawyer of the same city. ed City Hall . . . and said 'Come Estes requested Mississippi on down here, I think I have Gov. J. P. Coleman to investi- killed a nigger. Neshoba County authorities gate Mixon's death. "There is no question in my mind that this ruled that the cop had justifiably man was murdered and prob- killed Jackson and then fined ably lynched," he told the press. Mrs. Thomas \$40 for drunk-"The body shows every evidence enness, resisting arrest and asof having been dragged over a sault and battery.

for days over the Negro community.

Negro

#### Roetan Goal Its Month Ahead

#### By Reba Aubrey, Campaign Director

Makac

Dec. 16, 1773. That's an important date in American history. That was the day a band of American revolutionists dumped a cargo of tea from a British ship in Boston harbor. A poor way to make tea+ but a good way to demonstrate cause I want to use the space against a government tax; it be- remaining here to discuss some-

came known as the Boston Tea thing special, thought up by Party and it helped make Boston V. R. Dunne. A veteran of 55 years in the famous as the cradle of liberty.

The political descendants of labor and socialist movement, those tea makers have got me including leadership in the hisenthusiastic enough to make a toric Minneapolis Teamsters motion that another date go strikes, Comrade Dunne is down in history - Nov. 16, 1959. known for his keen interest in That was the day the comrades strategy and tactics. So it's quite natural that he of the Boston branch of the Socialist Workers Party completed began to take a friendly interest in the progress of our "Gentheir quota in the Socialist Publications Fund — in full and one eral" who stands for contribumonth ahead of time! tions sent by Militant readers

For the benefit of the histordirectly to us instead of through ians, the following is the text SWP branches. Up to now, the of the document that accompa-General has been lagging behind nied that wonderful-looking almost everyone else. In a letter this week Comrade check: "I just can't believe we were able to fulfill our pledge Dunne told me why. The speed so soon. Previously, every time at which a general marches, he a fund drive would start, some says, is determined by how well unforeseen difficulty would his ranks are organized. Our arise. Everything moved smooth- General represents "an imporly and speedily in this drive. The tant group of independent socomrades did realize the im- cialist fighters," who may not portance of getting the money in agree with every bit of our proas soon as possible. We are most gram but who would like to see the distribution of socialist lithappy.

That was signed by Franklin. erature expanded. So, says Com-Revolution seems to have its get organized? eyes on another one coming up. All of us, I'm sure, will take

that and feel it as an inspiration to step up our efforts. Philadelphia fund director David Stevens hit the target top, brass buttons and all. square in the center, I think,

way mark we will have to go application for membership in second volume of Isaac Deutfull steam ahead to finish in full the General's army - just 'to scher's biography of Leon Trotprove how right Comrade Dunne sky. and on time." James Boulton likewise as- was. Along with a book order,

sured us that while only 50% D. S. of Long Island, N. Y., in- praise for Deutscher's book. of the Milwaukee quota is in, cluded \$10 to be forwarded to which covers the crucial strugvirtually the entire amount has the Socialist Publication Fund. | gle in the twenties between the | wrong. been subscribed and the heat is So how about you? Won't you on for the last half.

A number of other branches aim" - to win peace through so- Trotsky. are doing well also but I'll have cialism?

(See scoreboard, Page 2.) to mention them next week be-

Department of Employment in- ing the decision by Gov. Nelson in the "Little Scottsboro" case station WLIB made 60 spot anvestigate the layoffs. Smith A. Rockefeller on whether or "for trying to escape" when the nouncements a day urging letpointed out that if the employees not chain-gang fugitive Willie U.S. Supreme Court ordered new ters and telegrams to Rockefelhad been notified "when such Reid will be returned to Florida, trials for them. alleged cancellations of orders After hearing pleas by Reid's at-

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took place they would have been torneys on Nov. 10, Rockefeller petitions on Reid's behalf have eligible for unemployment bene- announced he would give his de- been sent to Rockefeller by the fits," and "they could have been cision in a week. That time has Committee to Save Willie Reid. looking elsewhere for permanpassed and still no word. In that week the Governor's from New Yorkers, the Commit-

ent employment." Workers on strike in Calioffice has been deluged with tee has forwarded to Rockefel-

petitions, telegrams and letters | ler petitions from some 150 Florfornia cannot draw jobless beneurging him to revoke the extraida residents urging that Reid fits. Those laid-off can. "The company knew well in dition papers against Reid. not be sent there. Among the advance of the court ruling These papers were signed by Florida petitioners are Rev. C.

whether these reductions were former Gov. Harriman, a Demo- K. Steele, head of the Tallahasnecessary. By keeping the em- crat, but have been continued in see Inter-Civic League, which ployees in the dark until the force by Republican Rockefeller. led the famous bus boycott, and moment of the court ruling, the The refusal of the U.S. Supreme student leaders from Florida company has indeed struck a Court on Nov. 9 to review the Agricultural and Mechanical low blow to the workers and Reid case, made them automat- University, the Negro institution their families who already have ically operative. near Tallahassee.

The petitions read: "We most been suffering months of job-Among resolutions passed asking that Reid not be extradited earnestly urge that you not a maximum one-year sentence, lessness due to the company inwas one by the state convention make New York State and its Sheriff McCall had Reid senstigated shutdown," Smith said. The Steelworkers Union is of the AFL-CIO, meeting in residents parties to the racial in- tenced to 15 years. He has altaking the cases up with the Buffalo. Rockefeller addressed justice perpetrated against Wil-Department of Employment and this convention the day before lie Reid by extraditing him to chain gang and two years in continuing strike relief to its the resolution was passed. It de- Florida. His extradition can New York jails awaiting extraclares that to put Reid into the mean slow torture or possibly hard-hit members.

Meanwhile the layoffs at the hands of the notorious anti-la- sudden death. Neither you nor wo U.S. Steel plants continue. bor, anti-Negro sheriff of Lake the people of New York can Management rumors have it County, Willis V. McCall, may wash their hands of the responthat at least another 700 will go be tantamount to signing Reid's sibility for what may happen to foodstuffs today, the government a car, and there were other in- liam Roy Prather, 15-year-old death warrant. It was this sher- Reid if he is extradited." in the next few weeks.

ler. Thousands of messages are

Thousands of signatures to believed to have resulted.

Roy Wilkins told Rockefeller ness. The state police declared that turning Reid over to Flor-In addition to these petitions ida and the jurisdiction of Sheriff McCall "will be sending him fering any explanation for his to his death." Wilkins added, "If returned to Florida Reid will rible physical torture. No inhave to serve out 13 more years of his sentence plus at least five Coahoma County authorities years for having escaped. His escape and efforts to block ex- Mixon's injuries must have been tradition practically guarantee that he will not be allowed to County, which has no coroner. live out his term."

Reid's troubles stem from a gambling fight in 1950. For what

ready served two years on the dition.

dications of mutilation." So far (Continued on Page 4)

**Deutscher's Biography of Trotsky** liews on WO

By Alex Harte "Was Trotsky right and Stalin single person to read."

wrong?" "Was each of them | Weiss described the book as a The Boston family that made its rade Dunne, how about passing both right and wrong?" "Are "splendid work" that "honestly contended, demonstrated that pression of the Kronstadt re-The Boston family that made its rade Dunne, now about passing boin right and wrong? Are spiendid work that honestay the division of views cannot be bellion, he said "was their he continued, only in terms of was a necessary one. divided into "right" and Hungary and its suppression was compatible?" These were typi- the facts" of a crucial period in "wrong." It is rather "a case of led by Trotsky." The General can make that cal themes discussed at a lively Soviet history. He said he dismixed right and wrong against

Stalin at first resisted.

\$150 quota if just 20 readers will symposium held in New York agreed with many of the author's special pride in a success like agree to contribute \$1 each, an- Nov. 13 under the auspices of interpretations, but welcomed mixed wrong and right."

other ten agree to contribute \$5 the Young Socialist Alliance. what he saw as a shift by Deutand five contribute \$10. In fact, The discussion was led by scher away from a belief that it will put him right over the Murry Weiss, editor of the In- Stalin, despite his crimes, had Moore contended, was not deternational Socialist Review, and played an essentially progres- mocracy versus bureaucratism, The very day we received this Dr. Stanley W. Moore, a consive role and that the present when he said (with an accom- welcome letter on tactics and tributor to Monthly Review and ruling group in the USSR is to industrialize Russia, which panying check of course), "we strategy, the manager of Pioneer former professor of philosophy capable of self-reform. realize we're behind and now Publishers came upstairs with at Reed College. The topic was Dr. Moore said that Deutscher that we have passed the half- what was obviously the first "The Prophet Unarmed," the presented us with a "paradox" - the paradox that while Stalin even though the program had

was contemptible in his meth- grave bureaucratic defects. the ods, he was proved right in his Left Opposition lost its reason Both speakers had warm

rising Stalinist bureaucracy and

help the General in his "war the Left Opposition led by Dr. Moore held that "of all

the Soviet Union met the prob- forced upon the Bolsheviks un- in spite of Stalin. lem of industrialization, Moore der Lenin and Trotsky. The sup-

The historical roles of Stalin and Trotsky can be understood, the conflicting social forces they

tion, he said, fought to preserve While he did not believe the Left Opposition had provided a The basic, issue dividing the workable alternative to Stalin's Stalin and Trotsky factions. industrialization program, he continued, history might establish that Trotsky had fulfilled but the need for a forced march the worthwhile function of "bebureaucracy. ing right against your time.'

Stalin's contribution, he added, But after Stalin swung over to was contradictory -- "on a sysa program of industrialization, tem of slavery a civilization was built.

Weiss contended that the presobjectives and Trotsky, while for existence, he argued, and ent development of the Soviet fact that the opposition was dehighly commendable from a those who went over to Stalin economy did not come as a result feated did not prove its program moral viewpoint, was proved had not "capitulated" but simply of Stalin's role but despite it was wrong or that there was no Moore's exposition as confirmathought out the logic of their He cited Khrushchev's revela- historical justification for its ex-The great merit of the present pro-industrialization position. tions of Stalin's ignorance of istence.

volume, he continued, is that it On the issue of democracy, agricultural problems and dicta-Deutscher criticized Trotsky. poses and grapples with the un- Moore said that while Stalin had torial orders that led to costly. Weiss said, for what he considanticipated and complex prob- committed grave crimes in this military blunders during World ered to be Trotsky's failure to arable, he argued that this demthose writing on Marxism today, lems besetting a revolution in a sphere, the need for suppressing War II as examples of how the follow through with sufficient

Deutscher is the most important | backward country. The way that | democratic rights had also been | Soviet Union had forged ahead | vigor in the opposition to Stalin

which Lenin had started. But Deutscher's criticism indicates his realization that the struggle

The principal historical justirepresented. The 'Left Opposification of the role of the Opposition, Weiss concluded, is that the political rule of the Soviet throughout the period of ideoworking class as the best means logical shamples and destruction of developing the economy while of workers democracy under the Stalinist faction usurped po- Stalin it kept alive the body of litical power to ensure the grow- Marxist ideas that had produced ing material privileges of the the Russian Revolution. That struggle, he said, ensured the

The Soviet Union, under concontinuity of those ideas and made possible the rebuilding of litions of backwardness and isolation, Weiss maintained, pro- a movement around them as duced not simply the rise of the represented by the present bureaucracy but also the work- cadres of the Fourth Internaing-class opposition to it and the tional.

In the floor discussion, a young man pointed to Dr. tion that Stalinism had necessarily developed directly from Bolshevism, Holding that socialism and democracy are insep-

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# HUMAN GUINEA PIGS

Of 700 chemical additives in rough surface, probably behind On the night of Oct. 31 Willists 150 as possibly poisonous.

#### Page Two

Monday, November 23, 1959

# So Your Tax Dollars Go Up in Smoke By Harry Ring It all goes well, 75 new hos-It all goes well, 75 new hos-It all goes well, 75 new hos-

will be at the bottom of the ocean by the end of 1960.

That isn't a literal fact, but the government does hope to have the dollar equivalent of those 75 hospitals - three Polaris nuclear submarines - under water by that time.

Those three machines of death, and the 75 hospitals that could have been built in their place, represent only a tiny fraction of the staggering price the American people are paying for a war budget so huge that it defies comprehension.

These are among the startling facts presented in the November issue of the Washington Newsletter of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Under the title "What Happens to Your Tax Dollar?" The Newsletter analyzes 1959 Congressional appropriations and shows what they mean in terms of the social progress sacrificed to "balance" the arms budget.

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EXPENSIVE GADGET South Korean dictator Syngman

Rhee.) A substantial portion of the more than \$82 billion for gov- arms budget was earmarked for ernment expenditures. To try to long-range ballistic missiles and indicate how much that is, the tactical nuclear weapons for Newsletter observes: "If trans- | "limited" war. According to Senlated into dollars laid end to end, ator Leverett Saltonstall (R.-

it would make more than 32 Mass.), the appropriation "emphasized offense and avoids over-Of that \$82 billion, nearly two- emphasis on defense to give us tracts. thirds - \$51.6 billion - was al- the greatest deterrent for our

of that went to equip and finance "our dollars invested," he doesn't the military machines of such mean we can expect a return. "free world" champions as Quite the contrary.

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defense and less than \$3.50 a year to share with other 'waste." The Newsletter offers residents the knowledge of some facts on this that received why they are Christians." only passing notice in the press. -Henry Smith Leiper, in The word "waste" is actually Social Action, March 1959 ambiguous. For the business in-

terests involved, it's something quite different. For example, turning out a gallon of fuel, ac-Rep. F. Edward Herbert (D.-La.) on Science and Astronautics. revealed on June 3 that private contractors had overcharged the

Far greater sums are poured Air Force \$30 million on 14 conout just to keep military plants ing \$3.8 billion was poured down and installations going when the drain. This topped consid-Senator Paul Douglas (D.-Ill.) there is no use for them even by erably the \$3.4 billion spent last reported April 30 that the De- Defense Department standards. year by all the people of the partment of Defense last year Rep. Alvin O'Konski (R.-Wisc.) United States on books, maga-

sold \$6 billion worth of surplus charged recently that at least zines and newspapers. property for about \$200 million. two dozen military bases around I Incidentally, the next time you

Even that \$200 million never the country should be closed see a B-70 jet bomber streak got back into the treasury. The down "but political pressures through the sky just remember Department spent just that from senators and congressmen that the prototype of that plane amount on two chemical plants and the Chamber of Commerce represented 37 new \$4 million and then closed them without frighten the military authorities schools that weren't built.

# **Businessmen Reach for 'Bonbons** Like Germany's Volkswagen Plant

Volkswagen is on the order of to denationalize state-owned in-By Flora Carpenter the day.

terialist thinker placed in his social-economic setting. Cloth. \$1.25. Last spring Herman Lindrath, WHAT HAPPENED IN HIS-TORY. by V. Gordon Childe. A Marxist interpretation of the story of human society through the decline of the Roman empire. Paper.

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CENEDAL LUCT

Bonn's program to end gov- toward the complete restoration nical and cultural fields is a tribute to the Rus-

called "people's capitalism" was one side or the other. actually a sham to offset mounting opposition among the workster's vast Ruhr war industries ers to the break-up of Government-owned property.

sale of Volkswagen.

billion a year."

But the government has developed a substantial apparatus for dealing with those who sable figure in capitalist society. Mistrusted bewould apply a different kind of cause he does not, simply by being an intellecpressure - those who are optual, have a property stake in capitalism and is posed to the suicidal war prepliable to be oversensitive to its misdeeds and arations. abuses. Indispensable, because no modern so-

Congress appropriated this year the not insignificant sum of \$124.211.000 for the nation's secret political police, the FBI. The bulk of that money is used by J. Edgar Hoover and his snoopers and paid informers, for the harassment and attempted intimidation of those suspected of heretical views - and who is more heretical than those who oppose or simply dare to question the government's war plans? The Newsletter seeks to indi-

cate how much of our money is drained off for weapons by listing the major items for which our national income goes.

Food is the only thing we spend more for than war preparations — \$67.4 billion in 1958. For arms we shoveled out \$45.9 billion. Only \$26 billion went for clothing and shoes and \$18.4 bilcording to the House Committee lion for medical care and death

can society" and outlines an approach which he hopes will win their allegiance. expenses.

Whether this writer is himself an intellec-For weapons research and testtual — and he makes it clear that, unless specially hired for the purpose, intellectuals have generally left capitalism to fight its own ideological battles — or one of the "thoughtful businessmen" to whom the Harvard Business Review

is addressed is not manifest. In any case, he is shrewd enough to know that intellectuals cannot be won with the old stuff. Arguments for capitalism couched in terms of Adam Smith's 'invisible hand" guiding private interest to bring about public advantage can only raise a smile these days. Something more sophisticated is required which does not disguise the fact that the economy is ruled by the big corporation and is sustained by supports driven into the system by the state.

The intellectual is a mistrusted but indispen-

ciety can be operated without the skills and

abilities which the intellectual possesses. The

intellectual may become a hired man, swallow-

ing his humiliation and selling his talents in the

market place to men he despises for purposes

which he deplores. But often he has some op-

portunity for independence and is able to adopt

a critical stance towards the institutions of cap-

concern among the upholders of capitalism. How

is it that normally well-fed people, benefiting

from capitalist "freedom" become radicals and

Calvin Hoover in the September-October Har-

vard Business Review. He regrets the "almost

total lack of enthusiasm on the part of so many

United States intellectuals for an economic and

political system under which they have fared

so well." He seeks an explanation for what he

describes as "the passivity and sometimes out-

right hostility of intellectuals to modern Ameri-

The latter fact has often been a cause for

The question has been raised again by

italism.

socialists?

This is the capitalism Hoover wants to put over, but he spends a good deal of his space in showing how bad the Russian system is and assuming that there is no choice between the Russian model and American-style capitalism.

That many intellectuals have been attracted dustries is just another move by Russian achievement in the economic, techmakers by their revulsion at Stalinist methods Volkswagen will be placed on of terror rule by a privileged bureaucracy and sale, at first, as "people's by the ruthless repression of free enquiry and shares." This gimmick was used discussion is also a fact. One of the historical last March when the government crimes of Stalinism is that it has been a barrier began selling Preussag, a Prus- to the enlistment of many more eager young sian mining company, to work intellectuals to the cause of socialism or has ers at \$35 a share. What Bonn turned them into time-servers and cynics on

There is also a grain of truth in Hoover's implied gibe at the "irresponsibility" of intellectuals: "Modern capitalism," he says, "makes it possible for the intellectual to enjoy the Bonn retained ownership of thrill of being a critic at little or no cost." Such 72% of Preussag which will be is the impression one derives from reading The Nuremburg court said of put up for sale later on in the some of the radical magazines. There are, unhim: "The Krupp firm was a stock market. The same will be doubtedly, what might be called tolerated critics, who know they will not have to justify

By Tom Kemp

better understanding of the true nature of the economic and political systems which are in all-out competition in the world today." It is obviously extremely important for him that the choice should be kept as one between the bureaucratically degenerated Soviet Union and U.S. capitalism.

He seems to assume that intellectuals only want a good material standard and about as much scope to express themselves as they get in present-day America. He is the dupe of his own unmeasured confidence in capitalism and therefore does not begin to plumb the sources of the critical tendencies of the intellectuals. He does not see that they often set off (and sometimes continue) with a preference that their abilities should be used for mankind and not to serve the profits of the corporations. He does not understand their reluctance to devoting time and talent to seeking for more effective means of destroying life when they might be used to extend man's command over nature. He does not consider their concern that the techniques involved in the mass media should be used for the perversion of the cultural values they have been taught to respect. He does not see the basic contradictions which weave complex patterns through the consciousness of the modern intellectual.

He does not understand, consequently, why intellectuals should frequently sense that there is something in the Russian system which is absent from American capitalism. He says that Russia is widely believed, by intellectuals, to be a "worker's state"; he puts up an argument against this, but that is not the main point. The idea that society should be operated by and for the workers by hand and brain is a simple, logical and powerful idea which often survives a higher education. It is this which has to be argued against, and here he conspicuously falls down.

The kind of antiseptic, cleaned-up capitalism with a Sunday School halo which he recommends can never exist. Capitalism came into this world dripping with blood and filth from every pore. No detergents or deodorants have been invented which can clean this away or cover it up to its dying day.

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#### **Uneasy About Capitalism?**

No doubt the fears expressed by Hoover about the present allegiance of American intellectuals is more than a little exaggerated. That such concern should be expressed in the journal of the leading business school in the very citadel of world capitalism is highly significant and surely represents an unconscious uneasiness about the system itself. It is probable that, for the time being, most intellectuals have made their peace with capitalism, and many former radicals bend their efforts to holding the system together. Others have settled for relatively innocuous and oblique criticism or for the polite reformism of the right-wing intel- ... lectuals in the British Labor party, who get a pat on the back from Hoover.

Material prosperity has played a role here; it was otherwise in the thirties, and it will be otherwise again. The role of Stalinism is also crucial; it has, for many, destroyed the faith in the possibility of a workable alternative which will safeguard the things intellectuals consider valuable.

But the choice is not either Russia as it is, or American capitalism. "Intellectuals," writes Hoover, "do not accept the proposition that the alternative to capitalist organization and direction of production is administration of the economy by a hierarchical bureaucracy . . ." Indeed he offers no reason why they should -except the degeneration of the USSR. Socialists. who can explain what happened to the Soviet State in the twenties and thirties, showing the origin and role of Stalinism, have great opportunities for work among those intellectuals who follow this line of thought. They can show, too, that the task of building a working-class movement as first step to the new society, can offer satisfactions and possibilities far exceeding those provided by accommodation or shame-

can big businessmen who want to sink their teeth into this

But the Adenauer regime State Department's attitude is found Volkswagen, worth a cool the case of Alfried Krupp. Krupp \$644 million, rather sticky. The was one of the capitalist archi-

state of Lower Saxony (where tects of Nazism and Hitler's war most of the autos are made) has machine. This capitalist monengaged the Bonn government in a jurisdictional battle over armed Hitler's Wehrmacht and possession of Volkswagen for reaped untold profits from the

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The top AFL-CIO brass is cur- mittee — and then some." rently touting Sen. John F. Ken- To these provisions written by position of opposing everything cated. Eisenhower used them to nedy (D-Mass.) as a particularly Kennedy, Landrum and Griffin in this bill, but there are certain deal a foul blow at the steelgood friend of labor. Walfer added the clauses against "sec- things in the bill that are wrong. workers' strike. But they are Reuther invited him to address ondary boycott." Did Kennedy I do not see how the President is otherwise not too sweeping. the recent United Auto Workers really fight to keep these secconvention. A recent AFL-CIO tions out of the bill? Not at all. strikes that will affect the health pamphlet thanked Kennedy and He proposed the compromise and safety of the people under four other Democrats for their amendments that bridged the efforts in behalf of labor in con- Senate version, bearing his nection with the Landrum-Grif- name, and the Landrum-Griffin fin "labor-reform" bill. As can- bill that had been passed by the

A Modest Fellow

"The Kennedy compromise embodies the restrictive provisions of the House bill with a few exemptions," reported the Aug. says a few comforting words to 31 Wall Street Journal. These the victim just before the hang- exemptions for the garment and man drops the trap. In the case building-trade unions are what earned for Kennedy the labor leaders' gratitude. But the exemptions were never seriously challenged by Landrum and Griffin. The "labor-reform" bill as it finally passed through Congress was substantially the Kennedy "compromise." Kennedy is

really too modest when he declines to associate his name with bill are not those written in by law justly merits the title of Landrum-Griffin but those au-Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin. thored by Kennedy. These give

the Secretary of Labor broad This is not the first, time that powers to "investigate" and Kennedy has acted as the hangman's assistant in labor legislaharass the unions. "While only a court test can tion questions. When the Taft-

tell for sure," says the Sept. 11 Hartley act was being shaped in Wall Street Journal, "many sea- Congress, Kennedy, then in the soned labor lawyers are begin- House of Representatives, coning to believe the law may give tributed his share to the incluthe Secretary of Labor much of sion of the 80-day injunction to the same investigatory power of "cool off" strikes.

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didate for president, Kennedy House. carries the good wishes - if not

yet the endorsement - of the labor leaders.

Kennedy is friendly to labor all right - just about as friendly as the hangman's helper who

nedy built the scaffolding, tied and soaped the knot and oiled the springs on the trap door. All Landrum and Griffin did was

push the lever on the trap door, while Kennedy said a few solacing words to the labor move-

ment.

Actually, the most damaging sections of the "labor-reform"

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### Logical End for Social Democrats

At its national congress at Bad Godesberg last week, the German Social Democratic party voted 324 to 16 to drop advocacy of socialism from its platform. This means that the party program will now conform to the true nature of the German Social Democracy, which even before World War I had become a capitalist reform party — or more precisely, a bourgeois labor party, to use Friedrich Engels' definition. On Nov. 15, the party congress adopted a new program including the following points:

(1) Class warfare is definitely discarded. The Social Democracy will no longer claim to be a working-class party but a party that promotes the welfare of the entire "nation."

(2) The party declares itself on the side of "democracy" in the battle against "world Communism."

(3) Nationalization of industry is abandoned as the solution of economic problems. The emphasis is on regulation, vaguely called "public ownership," and on promoting economic freedom including the free initiative of employers.

(4) The Social Democrats come out for "national defense." Military conscription is opposed only as long as Germany is divided.

(5) In foreign policy, the program supports strengthening the United Nations and including a reunified Germany in a European "security system"-presumably a military alliance such as NATO represents and to which West Germany already adheres.

None of these programmatic positions do violence to any previous practice of the Social Democratic leaders.

Abandonment of class-struggle principles? From 1918 to 1932, the German Social Democrats repeatedly entered coalition governments with capitalist parties in the "interest of the nation." Again after World War II, they formed coalitions in several German states.

Defense of capitalist democracy against Communism? The Social Democrats lined up with the big industrialists, Junkers and pro-Kaiser army officers in 1918 to crush the Berlin workers who were moving in a revolutionary direction. They were accomplices in the murder of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, the heroic German Communist leaders. This was the criminal basis on which the Weimar Republic-the Social Democrats' proud achievement — was erected.

No nationalization of industry? When and where did the German Social Democracy, when it held office, ever move to expropriate capitalists or infringe on their profit-making in any way? When the Social Democrats were in power they broke strikes, clubbed demonstrations, witchhunted working-class militants - in short administered a capitalist state. They took no steps whatever leading toward socialism. "National defense?" The German Social Democratic leaders enthusiastically supported German imperialism in World War I and backed the Kaiser's war effort to the hilt.

program all along. Evidently they never thought socialism good for anything else but vote-catching and holiday speechifying in those periods when the majority of workers were strongly socialist-minded.

Just the same, one might think that the German Social Democrats, of all peopple, would have developed an insuperable conditioned reflex against touting capitalism. For German capitalism brought Hitler to power, and despite the loyal services that the Social Democracy had previously rendered big business, Hitler filled the concentration camps and gas chambers with a goodly number of Social Democratic adherents, including many lowerechelon functionaries. Furthermore, in the days when Hitler was advancing on the road to power, but had not yet seized it, the Social Democrats clung all the more tenaciously to their capitalist allies in the vain hope that these would block the Nazis. They refused to mobilize the working class for struggle against the Nazi storm troopers for fear that this would drive the capitalist liberals into Hitler's arms. The Social Democrats (and the Stalinists, too, from their side) paralyzed the German working class, and Hitler conquered without a struggle. Surely, one would think, the consequence of their treacherous politics and the horrors of Nazism would have been branded forever in the memory of the Social Democrats, rendering them incapable of ever coming to terms again with capitalism.

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By Daniel Roberts

The shift has been marked by

people ousted during the Octo-

ber 1956 revolution against Stal-

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missal of prominent "liberals."

Thus Julian Tokarski was

n the recent personnel changes.

In June, 1956, Tokarski, then minister of motor industry, re-

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Again, Eugeniusz Szyr was

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#### Retreat into a Rat Hole

But hidebound labor bureaucrats, such as lead the German Social Democracy, are incapable of learning. Their younger replacements have no interest in learning. As Leon Trotsky wrote in 1940 about the Social Democratic breed not only in Germany but everywhere, these "opportunists know but one policy — that of passive adaptation. Under the conditions of decaying capitalism nothing remains open to them but the surrender of one position after another. The whittling away of their already miserable program, the lowering of their demands, the renunciation of demands altogether, continuous retreat further and further back until there is no place left to retreat except a rat hole."

The open renunciation of socialism by the Social Democrats does not end the His refusal touched off the agement of the plants. The gime of workers' democracy. struggle for socialism - especially not in Poznan general strike and dem- Zeran workers criticized a gov-Germany, where the working class has onstration. He was dismissed ernment proposal for a general experienced the barbarism of decaying shortly thereafter. capitalism on a scale worse, perhaps, than

"And don't worry about the cranberries. There's hardly enough to kill a mouse!" **Gomulka Shifts Back Further Stalinist Methods of** 

| industries-often in other areas | merging them into "workers' During the last three weeks of the country-that have man- self-government conferences" pronounced shift back to old- power shortages. dominated by the trade-union The pretext for the shift to a and party functionaries in the line Stalinist methods has taken

tough line is that the regime's shops. place in Poland. It was detailed liberal course has landed the in a series of ten dispatches to the New York Times by its economy in a crisis. This may Warsaw correspondent, A. M. indeed be the case. But a return to the Stalinist whip as the Rosenthal, who on Nov. 11 was chief spur to production will alordered to leave the country beso land the economy in crisis, as cause his reports had "probed Polish experience during the Six alterations in the plans so as to too deeply" into Polish affairs. Year Plan from 1949 to 1955 The correctness of the reports, testifies. Police terror and buhe was told, was not in question. reaucratic misrule brought severe dislocations in the plan and sure, made the bureaucratic rehe appointment to key economic a falling productivity of labor. and police positions of leading On the eve of the October evolution the most class-conscious section of the Polish working class, located in the ocialism. Zeran district of Warsaw, for-The bureaucracy, both when applies the Stalinist whip and mulated a program to take the named deputy chief of planning when it doles out a few reforms,

economy out of the blind alley of Stalinism. The Zeran program called for

workers' councils elected demo-Poznan workers for higher cratically in each factory. The wages and lower work quotas. councils were to take over manwage increase as impractical. "We don't want," they said,

# The American Way of Life

#### And Now the Butcher's Thumb

America has been faced with some agonizing reappraisals in recent weeks. What about that TV set after all? Was it a good investment? True, it's cheaper entertainment than going to the movies, but+

what about the morals of our office by Wagner. The post is children? Is it good to expose a strategic one in the eyes of hem hour after hour to such the Tammany boys. Inspectors under Loughran

put the arm on the butcher

shops. About once a year or so

they insinuated that it was

about time to change brands on

the scales they were using. This

meant a lucrative commission

from the scales manufacturers.

In addition they insinuated that

butchers who felt compelled to

cheat their customers in order

to make a profit, had better

The shakedown was \$50 or

\$60 a month, and as many as 500

or more shops are rumored to

The butchers used ingenious

ways of working the public for

the benefit of themselves and

the Bureau of Weights & Mea-

sures. Those with dexterous

thumbs exercised them regular-

ly while weighing up an order.

Some, not so dexterous, hid the

reading on the scale from the

customer's view, an illegal

practice. Others rigged wire

contraptions that permitted a

heavy toe to substitute for the

thumb. Still others used loaded

Hand Faster Than Eye

Butchers, adept at card fricks

and similar sleight of hand,

weighed tender prime meat on

verted it into tough commercial

meat right through the wrap-

counterweights.

share their profits with the

squad of inspectors.

have been involved.

corruption as was evident in the auiz shows?

Then came another shockeroo. Just as the Thanksgiving season opened, a conscientious government official-that rarest of all rarities — warned housewives that America's cranberry crop was contaminated with a cancer-inducing chemical weedkiller.

While the American people, for the first time in the history

> poison included in food put on the market is small in quantity, lots, and has demonstrably caused cancer so far only in odents?

What about that most important of all questions in this country, profits? The profits of the cranberry growers? If they're to be hurt by a sudden reaction among buyers, which they hadn't foreseen when they used aminotriazole in their bogs, isn't t in the interest of the general oublic welfare to grant them unds out of the U.S. Treasury? After all, this is something important, not a mere matter of workers running out of unemployment insurance or being

denied relief checks. While people from coast to coast wrestled with these questions, New Yorkers were given still another jolt. Once again they were reminded that you did not generate enthusiasm for can't trust a butcher and you York's stores. "I don't care if thus advancing on the road to Yorkers knew this already, so Who did they pay off?" "It's it hurt to find out that they had getting so you can't trust even

Fred J. Loughran has been xeeps a tight lid on the great arrested as a ring leader in this few weeks on the moral front. creative potential lodged in the tale of tainted politics and Some people are even beginning working class. As the Zeran short-weighted meat. He was to wonder if it wouldn't be workers realized, this potential appointed director of the city's wiser to stop looking for morals

Rule

Instead of the workers' dem-

ocracy the Zeran workers had demanded, Gomulka offered higher wages, reduction of work norms, some relaxation of the former Stalinist discipline and favor consumer-goods production. Police rule also was attenuated. All these reforms, to be gime more bearable. But they boosting labor productivity and

of the country, contemplated a Thanksgiving without cranberries, some searching questions were asked. In the interest of maintaining the health of the private enterprise system is it moral to take a chance with the health of the public, if the

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the scales, then with the magic words, "Presto, change-o," constrikers losing their wages or ping.

Mayor Wagner, of course, has passed the word down the line to keep investigating "until everything is cleaned up." Loughran looks like a promising candidate for the fall guy. It is remarkable what cynical remarks are heard in New can't trust Tammany Hall. New they do release the cranberries.

paid a few million dollars for their bargain prices." "Who is there that isn't fixed?" It's been an unusually rough

can be freed only through a re- Bureau of Weights & Measures in the American Way of Life. by Mayor O'Dwyer and kept in - Paul Abbott



THE MILITANT

# Headlines in Other Lands

would be held indefinitely.

The bad feeling between the

New York Times, Gen Somoza

has said: "The Government fur-

nishes the university with

money, but there is no reason

why it will have to continue do-

ing so when all these students

the reminder.

Support of a European "security system"-that is, a military bloc of imperialist nations? Many Social Democratic leaders, forced by the Nazis to flee Germany, took shelter with British and U.S. imperialism and supported the ruling classes of these countries in their predatory World War II aims.

#### "You Just Do These Things"

But while betraying socialism in deeds, the Social Democrats clung verbally to Marxism during the last fifty years. Time and again they rebuffed those who advocated that the party frankly admit it had abandoned socialism and stood merely for reforms. "You don't say these things. You just do them," is how a shocked party bureaucrat once answered a theoretician who proposed to bring the Social Democratic program in line with its practices. Because of current political conditions in Germany, the party leaders finally decided to "say these things" as well as do them.

The German Social Democratic leaders believe they can catch more votes in the 1961 elections without a socialist platform than with one. Repeated Social Democratic and Stalinist betrayals have lowered the support for socialist ideas among the workers-especially the younger people. The boom of the past decade has also conservatized the working class. The Social Democrats have lost three elections in a row to Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democratic party. A non-socialist platform, the Social-Democratic leaders hope, will attract some liberal middle-class votes.

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The fact, however, that the party leaders have decided to drop their socialist verbiage for current vote-getting purposes shows how lightly they took the socialist the proletariat of any other country.

Germany is the country where Marxism first won a mass following. For decades before the degeneration of the Social Democracy, the German Marxists | With avoiding a repetition of ad- losses in production, and, what Stalinist-type methods of ad- losses in production, and, what taught and led the international socialist ministrative "pressure" and is more to create condition movement. Afterwards, the great left-wing more with upping the produc- which would enable the factory leaders - Luxemburg, Liebknecht and tion quotas-especially of heavy [then working at a loss] to earn Mehring — contributed their imperishable page to the history of world socialism.

Again, Germany is the industrial heart of Europe. The prospect of a social- ski, nicknamed "Gen. Gaspipe," increase in their real earnings," ist Germany has inspired the European who was given the post of a Warsaw radio station reported manian people want to exercise working class since the turn of the century of intelligence. Before the Octo- A section of the Polish Comcapitalism and will make possible the flowering of socialist democracy.

The Social Democracy's open rejection of socialism does not detract one iota from the genuine Marxist tradition or the glowing prospects that socialism offers the signed from the Communist German and European working class. does is to end a big lie. It disposes of the claim that socialism can be attained under Social Democrats offer a road to socialism.

Class-conscious workers and rebellious young people eager to fight for a world without war, poverty or oppression, but fooled in the past by the socialist pretensions of the Social Democracy, will now feel freer to contribute their talents and energies to the building of an authen- him as their spokesman. tic party of socialism. The economic boom won't last forever. It will give way to a depression, and when it does, this will shatter the illusions among the working people that they can obtain economic security under capitalism. A German revolutionary-socialist party - with its principal rival, the Social Democracy, selfdisqualified as a socialist pole of attraction — will be able rapidly to gain the adherence of the masses and organize them for the socialist transformation.

It will thus turn out that the Social Democratic leaders performed an unintended service to the socialist cause by produce as much as before but them the right to federate. He owners who remained loyal to ia, Poland and the Soviet Union. contributed to socialism for fifty years.

recently appointed Deputy Pre-mier. Szyr was a prominent lead to inflation."

economist of the pre-October The Zeran workers pledged "to **Eisenhower Finds** days. Since then he has urged double production as compared the regime to concern itself less with the present level, to elim-**Canal Zone Strife** Just a Big "Puzzle"

profits for the state . . . Com- the anti-American demonstra-Another old-line Stalinist once rades at Zeran do not want tion in Panama City, Nov. 3. The

again raised to eminence is promises from above. They want State Department, however, Lieut. Gen. Kazimirz Witaszew- to work by themselves for an seemed to know what it was all

and will inspire it again. For Germany's ber 1956 revolution, Witaszew- munist party voiced the sentiindustry and culture, functioning in a ski served as deputy under Mar- ments of the Zeran workers. In socialist united states of Europe, will lift shall Rokossovski, Moscow's ap- a number of articles these CP the living standards of the European pointee at the head of the Polish militants spelled out the implimasses far above the levels reached under after October together with bis a group of the levels reached under after October together with bis a group of after October together with his program. One of them declared that "the movement for work-

Among those who have been ers' self-government should demoted in recent weeks are carry in its wake a whole chain Edward Ochab, ousted as Min- of transformations in the poliister of Agriculture, and Jerzy tical and economic structure of Morawski, who reportedly re- the state."

"... if self-government is ac the differences between the two sent a telegram to Pres. Luis Soparty's top committee because tually to have authority, then countries while the threat of vio-What the latest move of the party leaders of opposition to the appoint- there must take place now or in lence exists. And Under-Secrement of the old-line Stalinists. the very near future a wholesale Ochab was a principal figure in transformation of individual tary of State Rubottom resorted ed be freed immediately. the Polish regime at the time of councils in individual enter- to the U.S. government's stock a Social Democratic leadership, that the the Poznan rising. Following prises into a system of councils accusation that "communists" of the National Guard, charged . . The realization of this caused the Nov. 3 demonstrathese events he embraced "de-Stalinization" and paved the scheme, however, cannot be ac- tion.

way for Wladyslaw Gomulka's complished through an artificial Panama gets \$1,980,000 in accession to leadership of the fusion of the workers' councils 'rent" per year for the Canal Communist party in October with the existing administrative Zone. This is less than one-1956. Morawski was raised to apparatus which was born in fifteenth of the Canal's yearly students and the regime has bethe top rungs of party leader- the past era. For there is a revenue. Panamanians have de- come so deep that, according to ship during the October events. fundamental difference between manded that their country get Paul F. Kennedy in the Nov. 14 Insurgent workers and youth bureaucratic centralization and 50% of the tolls. adhering to the CP'looked on democratic centralization."

The Zeran workers were in The latest changes in person- the forefront of the upsurge nel reflect the conclusion of a that brought Gomulka to power. debate over economic policy He was compelled under the cir within the party's Central Com- cumstances to legalize the work mittee. In the debate, Gomulka ers' councils that had been orranged himself on the side of ganized throughout industry. those calling for a "tightening However, Gomulka and the up" of the economy and for Communist party leaders most closely associated with him did

As a result of the tough pol- not mobilize the workers for a icy, the government marked up further assault on the system of the price of meat 25%. Over- bureaucratic privileges and rule time work has been ordered by command.

eliminated in the factories and From the first day he came to work quotas during the normal power, Gomulka sought instead out payment. But the Tibet com- border in October, according to eight-hour day increased. Work- to limit the functions of the mittee recommended that the information the U.S. State De- atomic fallout brought down in ers consequently will have to workers' councils. He denied

openly renouncing socialism. In fact it is without benefit of overtime pay. forbade them to take over the the Chinese. Factory rolls have been ordered functions of the trade unions or cial Democratic pie-cards and fakers has primed in a number of indus-trice and markers thus lower of industries, and workers thus lopped of management. Finally, in 1958, volving about 900,000 of Tibet's Nov. 16. off face the need to relocate to he virtually dissolved them by population. The main tasks at At the meeting, Khrushchev is three other counties.

present, in the pastoral areas, | said to have briefed Tito on his involving about 300,000 herdstalks with President Eisenhower men, are to "oppose rebellion" and with the Chinese Commuand abolish unpaid forced labor nist party leaders. Tito is conand slavery. sidering an invitation to make The official policy toward the

an official visit to Moscow posmonasteries, many of which are sibly in December, according to the State Department's informaalso large landowners, is to buy tion. Khrushchev is said to have out the land of those that took initiated the meeting with Tito. no part in the revolt. The state

will also grant them subsidies American Plane Oil if their income becomes insufficient because of land distribu-Adulterant Poisons tion. Able-bodied monks, however. are expected to take part 10,000 Moroccans in production.

Nearly 10,000 cases of paralysis of the arms and legs have occurred in Morocco recently. They were caused by mineraloil poisoning. Surplus stores of the oil, used normally to rinse airplane engines, had been sold A new round of conflict beto Moroccan merchants by the

tween Nicaragua's students and the Somoza brothers who rule U.S. Air Force base at Nouaseur formed Panama this week that the country is in the offing. The near Casablanca. The merchants there could be no "settlement" of National Student Federation has fraudulently used it to dilute olive and peanut oil and resold it for cooking purposes. moza demanding that three university students recently arrest-

Physicians say no cure has been found for the paralysis. The situation has been officially pro-Gen. Anastasio Somoza, chief claimed a national disaster. The merchants involved face the that the three students were death penalty. found by policemen "near an

A spokesman for the U.S. Air unexploded bomb" and that they Force stated that the oil was sold as machine oil. "Its subsequent use is not our responsibility," he said.

> **Note British Fallout Coincides with Rise** In Leukemia Deaths

Deaths from leukemia in five counties in England rose by 50% between 1950 and 1957, reports the Lancet, a British medical journal.

Leukemia, or cancer of the blood, is almost always fatal. The increase of its incidence in the counties in question is Premier Khrushchev and Marascribed by a British medical officer, Dr. Phillips, to strontium 90, a radioactive element in the rainfall. The medical officer pointed out that four of the counties are mountainous areas This was reported by Robert S. with high rainfall.

Increase of leukemia by 38%, 25%, and 19% was reported in

To Start in Tibet The Chinese Communist party's regional committee in

ing Oct. 18 to start redistributing land to peasants belonging most-

state compensate those land- partment received from Ruman-

Land distribution will first be Allen and Paul Scott in their

Land belonging to feudal land-

Tibet decided at a meeting end-Report Khrushchev

Land Distribution

do is fight us."

President Eisenhower said he

was "puzzled" by the violence of

about - namely, that the Pana-

control over the Canal that cuts.

through the middle of their

country. The State Department

government to prevent a march

Panamanian flag in the Canal

Zone touched off the Nov. 3 dem-

Secretary of State Herter in-

onstration.

has warned the Panamanian Defiant Nicaraguan

on the Canal Zone scheduled for Students Challenge

students who sought to plant the Somoza Brothers

owners who participated in the

And Tito Held ly to feudal lords and monaster Secret Meeting

anti-Chinese rebellion last shall Tito held a secret conferspring will be confiscated with- ence on the Yugoslav-Rumanian

## Letters from Our Readers

#### **Asks Us to Define Technical Terms**

#### Editor:

I am a new contact to socialism and as such I find certain terminologies difficult. Would you please explain in understandable language the following:

(1) secondary boycott, (2) plenum, (3) neo-fascist, (4) empirical, (5) sectarian, (6) Fabian. E. W.

> San Diego \* .\*

Most newcomers to the socialist movement find it difficult at first to learn a new set of words seldom used in everyday and it is difficult to substitute than their wages.

simpler words for them. And sometimes, we must admit, socialist writers don't explain things as simply as they might. We hope the following brief definitions will be of help. (1) Secondary boycott: A

union engages in a secondary boycott when it pickets a business firm that is handling the of the party. products of a strikebound company. Anti-labor legislation has put sharp restrictions on such acts of union solidarity.

(2) Plenum: A full meeting of all members of a regularly established body, such as the national committee of a political

break down sales resistance.

comfortable experience.'

"It's got to sell, not just entertain."

modern car.

Do you still have the backward notion that

Mitch Leigh, president of Music Makers.

That's only the beginning. They want you

Real musical brains go into the composi-

music is to entertain? Wake up! Music is to

Inc., explained this to the Wall Street Journal.

Modern jazz in a TV commercial, he said, can

implant in your mind the idea that a Ford is a

to believe the Ford is roomier. As actors jostle

into a "non-Ford," the music changes meter.

"Each meter change gives the viewer an un-

referred to as plenary sessions. (3) Neo-fascist: New supporters of the fascist program of Hitler or Mussolini.

(4) Empirical: A person is "empirical" in a bad sense when he relies only on what he can see, hear, feel, taste or touch

life. Many of these words have a his workers, through their labor, special technical meaning in the furnish him with the bank roll, labor and socialist movement including considerably more

capitalism.

#### party. Such meetings are also | Cranberry Fetish Editor: The Cranberry Growers As-

animals.

Health Flemming for disclosing to the press the contamination of the cranberry crop. The crop had been contaminated by the

and resists fitting such facts into a broad theory or system of scientific thought. Empirically, it is obvious that the sun crosses the sky from east to west; scientific-

ally, we explain this fact by the revolution of the earth on its axis from west to east. Another example: Empirically, the boss pays his workers their wages out of his bank roll; scientifically,

(5) Sectarian: The tendency to They cried about the terrible disregard anything in reality loss they faced because they that does not fit preconceived ideas. In political usage this means a program or stand that disregards important facts in the daily class struggle, therefore leading to unwarranted isolation

Editor

Lull-a-Buy Baby

By Herman Chauka

cake mix.

(6) Fabian: The Fabian Society was organized in England in ated, is more important in a 1884. It proposed to achieve so- commodity - producing society cialism by gradual changes in than the health of the individual

sociation hit at Secretary of (Continued from Page 1) know that I am president of unlawful use of a weed killer this great organization that has that produced cancer in test such tremendous power and I never went on strike in my life; The law specifically denies I never ran a strike in my life; I approval to any compound that never ordered anyone else to produces cancer or impairment run a strike in my life, never of vital organs. Permission had had anything to do with a picket been granted for use of the line. So," he concluded, "if that weed killer after the crop had is the type of power people have been harvested. They used it in mind, they should get another while the berries were growing. fellow for president, because I The growers association has have no experience with that the nerve to charge Flemming type of power."

with irresponsibility with his To allay any suspicion that he press statement. These responintended any change in the essible people would market the tablished order Meany expoundcrop with its contamination. ed his credo to the assembled corporation chiefs. "In the final analysis," he assured them, won't be able to sell the crop. "there is not a great deal of dif-This is a striking example of ference between the things I what Marx called "the fetishism stand for and the things the of commodities." Here are cran-NAM (National Association of berries, a product of man's la-Manufacturers) leaders stand bor, standing over the producfor. I stand for the profit system; ers, threatening them with ruin believe in the profit system. I if they are not disposed of with believe it is a wonderful incena profit. The sale of the comtive. I believe in the free entermodity, even though contaminprise system completely. I believe in the return on capital investment. I believe in management's right to manage."

After establishing basic agreement on what he considered all

the fundamental issues, Meany asked, "what is there left for us to disagree about?" And answered: "It is merely for us to disagree, if you please, as to what share the workers get, what share management gets from the wealth produced by the image of real class around their new deluxe particular enterprise." That's all! Merely a disagreement over the Not that the ordinary jingle is dying - as division of the national income. you may have thought, or hastily hoped. Jingle Nothing to get excited about -Mill, a New York firm whose production methfor as Meany observed to the ods would make old Henry Ford's eyes glint, NAM gathering: "We have so has three writers and a quintet that turn out much in common that it seems rather silly to be fighting over The year Jingle Mill started, only 3,000 the things that we do not have jingles were produced. In the coming year, pro-

in common.' duction is expected to hit 8,000 jingles. The best Irony itself stands incredulous and disarmed before such seem-The company has a stock of some 500 tunes ingly artless simplicity. If any that are used over and over. The client selects thing, the hard-headed NAM business fraternity are materialists. All of the ideological fluffindividual freedom, liberty, equality, democracy — is intended to deceive the people into supporting an economic system pased on the exploitation of human labor. Such pap is useful for indoctrinating a boy-scout troop in the virtues of the so-NAM where all virtues, values and principles are measured in



BUSINES

(6) Not only disavow the set- | president of the AFL-CIO. For ting up of a labor party — which under the "code of conduct" Mr. Meany did - but "refrain elaborated by the employers" from the preparation of arbi- group, the ability of the unions trary blacklists as a means of to effectively "disagree" over exerting political pressure," as who got what share of the well as other forms of political wealth produced by labor would

be rather limited - to say the activity. All of this was summed up in least.

a five-point "Code of Conduct" But perhaps the bosses have mellowed in the intervening four and presented to Meany as management's contribution to the years? Perhaps they have befurtherance of "just and harcome more amenable to reason; monious labor-management remore susceptible to persuasion; lations." All, peculiarly enough, more benevolent and considerate revolving around the one small of the interests and needs of lapoint of disagreement so lightly bor? If so it is the best kept sedismissed by the newly elected cret of all time.



(Continued from Page 1) | said, fought for workers democonstrated that Bolshevism and racy throughout. He also recalled Trotsky's consistent political socialism were incompatible. In reply, Dr. Moore argued struggle against all those who Paul Henry Hunter who barely that just as capitalism has ruled contended that the USSR was not a workers state. under various political forms, Another member of the audihistory has shown that social-

ence held that it was necessary ism can, too. The belief that soto restudy the view that the cialism and democracy were intem." But at a confab of the separable, he said, had led Karl continuation of the Marxist pro-Kautsky and the Second Inter- gram resided in the Trotskyist movement. History has shown, national to the rejection of socialism and this same concept he said, that "by some miracle. dollars and cents - well, really! had led some of Trotsky's sup- socialism has risen and conrelations men have been campaigning to counter public aversion to use of chemical and bacterio-board chairman, who spoke on:

# Twin City Strike Puts Bus Travel In Deep Freeze

NUMBER 47

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 14-Following an overwhelming vote to reject the last company offer, 1,260 Twin City Rapid Transit Bus Drivers, Mechanics and Clerical Employees walked out on strike Nov. 9.+

Minneapolis and St. Paul work- crease in the now expired coners are giving wholehearted en- tract.

dorsement to the strike, and no Moreover, the Board of Direcone seems to miss the absence tors is determined to relax of buses from the Twin City work rules and past "company area too much. Co-operative practices" which the union won car pools have been formed to in years of negotiations. As in get workers to their jobs and steel and packinghouse, work traffic has continued to run rules loom even more important in the present controversy than The Board of Directors of the do wages.

TCRT had just been granted a Feeling against the bus company is strong among Twin City fare increase, effective Oct. 9, riders, who have been irritated and have applied for a second by one fare increase after anone from state authorities. The bus workers thought they were other, continued worsening of entitled to a modest wage inservice and deterioration of buses. Add to this a scandal so

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The union is asking 16 cents smelly that it forced the ouster an hour increase. The company of the former Board of Directhas offered a mere 7 cents but ors. Indictments are pending for illegal sales of property involvtied this to elimination of an 8 ing kick-backs. cents an hour cost-of-living in-The bus service is missed



(Continued from Page 1) 'emergency." However, workers Negro youth, was killed when got up an hour earlier to leave shotgun blast ripped away for their jobs by car pools, and part of his face. Lavelle Powell traffic was helped by the ab-17, a friend with whom he was

smoothly.

crease.

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follows:

sence of buses. walking home from a Halloween Department store sales in the party was wounded. The killers downtown area fell off a reportwere a group of teenage white ed 30 to 40% the first day of the boys who had been riding strike, but are now said to have around the Negro district of picked up some. One local radio Corinth that night shooting at station is devoting a good por-Negroes. The actual firer of the tion of its morning time broadweapon was Darnell Glidwell, casting offers of rides down-17. Alcoln County attorney H. town from various outlying Ray said charges would points. A Twin City reporter probably be filed against the said he had received 17 offers white youths but did not indi- of rides within 20 minutes and cate the nature of the charges. drivers were disappointed when The Nov. 14 Chicago Defender he informed them he was merefeatures an interview with Rev. ly making a spot check.

This is the first time Twin eluded a mob in Rolling Forks, City bus drivers have gone out Miss. Hunter described the on strike since their organiza-background of the situation as tional drive in the thirties which

was sparked by the Minneapolis "I was offered \$50 by this Drivers Union. The present white fellow to tell him what strike promises to be a long one went on in meetings of the Na- with union and company far tional Association for the Ad- apart, and federal and state mevancement of Colored People diators unable to bring the parand other Negro organizations. ties even close to agreement.

relations men have been campaigning to counter was Charles R. Sligh, then NAM the destruction of democracy, Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung check which he had made out is just getting underway and underway and "even a murderer and half to me and became enraged."



as many as 40 jingles in an afternoon.

jingles are at the cash register.



TV QUIZ SHOWS FIXED TO INCITE **CLASS WAR?** — J. Edgar Hoover's gum shoes

Announcer and Orchestra." With quiet pride,

the composer said, "We wanted to build up an

#### a tune and Jingle Mill dubs in the message on the already recorded music. That way a capitalist can choose the type of music most suited to his product — "peppy, dreamy, calypso,

members of society.

John H.

New York City

Don't get this new industry wrong as you drink in the commercials. As Mr. Leigh told the Wall Street Journal, "This isn't a new way to brainwash the public. It's like the mood music used in motion pictures."

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are exploring the possibility that some of the participants in the rigged quiz shows were either "communists" or connected with "communist fronts," according to Variety, which peddles the inside dope in the show business. The need for such an investigation is pointed up by one of the letters from an ad agency to a quiz show sponsor now in the files of the House Subcommittee on Legislative Oversight. The letter proposes: ". . . let the farmer become champion and find a good city slicker to compete against him in another contest." Clearly a move to widen the gulf between town and country. \* \* \*

IT'S NOT ILLEGAL, BUT - Arthur D. Foster, III, a 27-year-old resident of Baltimore, has been walking through the poor section of the city, knocking on doors and handing people \$25 or \$50 as a gift. He reportedly came into a large inheritance recently and simply wanted to give it away. Police heard about these unusual doings and the young man was promptly hauled off to jail. The money was checked to see if it was good and he was grilled at some length. He was finally released. A puzzled police officer said, "There's no law saying a man can't give away money if he wants to."

ONE OBSTACLE TO CHINA TRAVEL RE-**MOVED** — The State Department has quietly blotted out a clause from the passports of 31 newsmen cleared for travel to China which the government of that country had branded as an "insult." The section authorized the newsmen to travel "in those portions of China under Communist control." Asked about the action, officials said the change had been made without announcement so it should not be misinterpreted as a change in basic policy toward China.

HOW MANY OTHER SIMILAR CONFES-SIONS? - Charles Baisten, a 17-year-old Negro, was scheduled to go on trial in Chicago Nov. 16 for the slaying of a 16-year-old boy. Police had a strong case. Baisten had made a full confession of the crime, although he later repudiated it. But three days before the trial James Duncan, 18, admitted he had committed the killing and the murder weapon was found in his room. Baisten said he had confessed after police had threatened to mutilate him.

THE LINING IN THAT CRANBERRY **CLOUD** — Lingonberries, a red Scandinavian berry that can be substituted for cranberries, are enjoying a leap in sales. Some New York shops are now charging as much as \$1.95 for a one-pound can, although others are still charging 65 cents. The wholesale price in New York is about 33 cents. \* \* \*

H-BOMBS NOT ENOUGH — The army is seeking reversal of the present U.S. declaration that it will not use chemical warfare except in retaliation. Pentagon officials feel there is a good chance this will be done. A recent budgetary request by the army for \$40 million for research in these weapons was upped to \$55 million by the Defense Department. Army public

logical weapons. One of the press agents' favorites is a chemical that will render the entire ganized Labor." Sligh quickly population of a city "temporarily" insane without damage to property.

MAN WITH A VISION - Joseph Fiala, a Darien, Conn., real-estate broker, claims to have the country's first dealer franchise on atomic fallout shelters. He is handling a steel cylinder, seven feet in diameter and 11 feet long, to be buried in your back yard. The shelter sells for \$1,800. There's an extra fee for burying it three feet underground which is the depth recommended by the Office of Civilian Defense to provide protection against fallout. Batteries, bedding and other accessories are extra. The shelter will hold food and water sufficient for two or three weeks. Mr. Fiala took the franchise because he believes that history teaches that war is inevitable and the shelters have a future.

MACHINERY REPLACES FIELD HANDS -U.S. farmers are expected to spend 15% more for mechanized equipment this year than last. With more machinery they will be able to equal last year's crop with fewer man hours. According to the Nov. 10 Wall Street Journal, in 1958 it took 11.1 billion man-hours of labor to produce America's crops and livestock. In 1950, 15 billion hours were used and in 1920, 24 billion. The productivity of farm laborers today is four times what it was during World tional Guardian, Dr. Annette T. War I. Farmers now have 4.8 million tractors, Rubinstein called for the formathree times as many as in 1940. One farmer tion of a committee to support now supplies food, fibre and tobacco for himself "independent and socialist peace and 23 others. A century ago a farmer supported candidates" in the 1960 eleconly four others.

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'NOTHING UNUSUAL' - After several York and across the country inyears of pleading by tenants of two adjacent terested in working for such tenement houses in New York, the owner and management agent of the buildings were The Independent-Social hauled into court Nov. 13. The New York Post didate for Lt. Governor of New offered this description of the buildings which York in 1958, Dr. Rubinstein was house 200 people in reconverted one-room one of the initiators of the apartments: "For each 50 tenants there is one United Independent-Socialist working bathroom. Water pours through the Committee and, until its recent halls, walls, floors and ceilings. Wall have col- dissolution, a consistent advocate lapsed, ceilings fallen. Rats are everywhere — of a united independent-socialist six tenants have already been bitten." The City presidential ticket in 1960. The Welfare Department, which is paying rents as text of her letter to the National high as \$108 a month for 26 of the families, reported it found "nothing unusual" there. The situation was reported to Mayor Wagner last January, but nothing happened.

IS TIME THE SOURCE OF ENERGY? - A Soviet physicist is working on a theory that the flow of time from past to future is the ultimate New York in 1958, and a memflow of time from past to future is the ultimate source of energy in the universe. According to one Soviet scientist's exposition of the theory, the forward flow of time may be similar to a stream of water flowing down hill, or a produce electricity. Propounded by Dr. Nikolai agreement to dissolve because of more independent congressional mud says: "If not you, who? And Kozyrev, the theory was first presented in a its substantial difference on candidates who would, like Con- if not now, when?" Soviet Academy of Sciences booklet, "Causal electoral policy for 1960. or Asymmetrical Mechanics in Linear Approximation.'

'What Industry Expects of Or workers state. got down to brass tacks. If Meany meant what he said, then, the basis of civil-war measures according to the management spokesman, organized labor the fact that these measures

would: (1) Withdraw its opposition to working class in power to de-'Right-to-Work" measures. (2) Refrain from interfering sault and capitalist counterwith the freedom of scabs to revolution. Whereas the growth

break strikes. seniority rules."

(4) Eliminate all "featherbedrules and conditions.

mad-man like Stalin.

Commenting on this, Dr. Weiss commented that the at-Moore said he felt it was incortempt to justify Stalinism on rect to view the Stalinist buused by the Bolsheviks ignored reaucracy as representing an pickup truck. They banged on much and get the board to make alien class force because in a flowed from the struggle of the distorted way it did represent name. While the pastor hid, his the needs of the working class

fend itself from imperialist as- and of socialism. Weiss maintained that to give was not at home. After they had credit to a Stalin, Khrushchev gone, Hunter packed a few

or Mao for the gains of a pro- things, took a 20 gauge shotgun of an uncontrolled bureaucracy (3) Abandon its "overly rigid under Stalin flowed from the gressive form of property re- and left as unobtrusively as he need of this parasitic caste to lations is similar to the argu- could. But at a bridge on the defend its special interests from ments of supporters of the country road he found they ding" practices and support the working masses. It is neces- trade-union bureaucracy, who were lying in wait for him. As management's right to fix work sary, he said, to distinguish be- contend that because they hold they came for him he fired into

tween capitalist democracy and power, men like Reuther and their midst and fled. He got to (5) Support tax reductions for workers democracy, as it had Meany should be credited for a nearby town and left directly the rich so that they could pro-vide more jobs for the poor. existed in the early years of the gains won by the trade-union from there for Chicago. The northeastern Mis The northeastern Mississippi

curfew was proclaimed, city firemen and some 50 white civilians were armed as auxiliary police and state police pa-It seems to me that both these aims might be furthered - as well as the desire of the more intransigent of us for an independent Presidential campaign by the formation of a committee for the support of independent and socialist peace candidates in

This is a poor second best for a united-independent Presidential campaign, but it would offer him in 1957. some alternative to sitting out an election year; and if July con-

fronts us with a race between a Rockefeller or Nixon and a Kennedy or Humphrey proponent of the bi-partisan war policy, many who now still hope for a more meaningful choice may be very glad to have the opportunity for political work which a committee for the support of independent and socialist peace can-

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didates could offer them. DR. ANNETTE T. RUBINSTEIN I earnestly invite all those in-

selves to an independent electerested in the formation of such tion effort at this time favored a group on a state or national "postponing decision on a Presi- scale to write me. I am sure this dential campaign pending pos- will include many who served sible nomination of a peace can- on the board of the I-SP and the

didate by the Democratic Party." UI-SC, or worked in last year's Others indicated their hopes of campaign. I hope it will also inbuilding neighborhood groups clude many other left indepenwaterfall whose energy can be harnessed to ed the UI-SC board's amicable about the campaign of one or dents and socialists. As the Tal-

> gressman Meyer of Vermont, A number of those members take an uncompromising peace,

the department store sales Hunter subsequently received downtown have been hard hit threats and one night six or by the strike. Storeowners with seven white men with shotguns influence on the board may dedrove up to his farmhouse in a cide that the squeeze is too the door and called him by a half-way decent offer.

mother told the White Citizens Council delegation that her son Calendar **Of Events** 

MINNEAPOLIS

"Labor's Role in the 1960 Elections." Hear Farrell Dobbs, Socialist Workers party National Secretary and 1956 presidencity of Tupelo was on the verge tal candidate; former Minneapof an explosion of anti-Negro olis Teamsters Union leader. violence for three days report. Sat., Dec. 5, 8:30 p.m., 322 Henviolence for three days, reportedly because of the stabbing of nepin. Social evening follows. Auspices SWP. Contrib. 50¢. three white men. An 11 p.m.

NEW YORK "Send-Off" Reception For Bill Price

Join UI-SC friends and others trol units brought into the city. wishing Bill well in his new job The Negro community was combed and Negroes picked up with the Committee for First on merest suspicion. Police have Amendment Defendants. Lloyd now announced that three Ne- Gough and his concertina, regro youths, aged 16, 17, and 18, freshments, gourmet buffet have "confessed" to the stabi served at 5:30 p.m., Sunday 4-7 bings, none of which apparently p.m., Dec. 13, at The Weissmans, are connected. No motives are 325 East 17 St. \$2.50 at the door. given other than that the oldest ("One foot in America friends": of the prisoners said that a why not make an afternoon of white man had badly beaten it? Concert at 2; Buffet with Bill at 5:00.)

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NEW YORK - In a letter published in the Nov. 16 Nations.

She urged that people in New

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I am writing as a former leader of the American Labor party,

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who felt unable to commit them- if not a socialist, position.



