

It was after one a.m. when we walked out into cold deserted Madison Avenue from radio station WMCA. Willard Uphaus had just talked to an estimated 125,000 listeners in the New York City+

area. He had told the story of Chocorua, a nearby favorite of his refusal to turn over two amateur hikers.

small packages of three by five "It only makes out like it's a index cards, containing the mountain, you know," Dr. Upnames of summer camp guests, haus said, relishing his own to a "subversive" hunting at- stride, "it's only 3,000 feet tall." torney general of New Hamp- The hotels being full with a pre-Christmas invasion of busishire "And you could face life in- ness representatives, Dr. Uphaus

prisonment?" Barry Gray had finally stretched out on a couch asked him.

"Yes, that's about it, I guess," living room, much more con-Unhaus had answered. tent, he said, than he would Dr. Uphaus had answered. "There are not many people have been in an expensive hotel who could do such a thing; I room.

doubt if I could myself," Gray had concluded. "We wish you the best of luck."

Knowing Dr. Uphaus' preferences, we shunned a cab and from the shelves and over took a walk in the brisk night breakfast we thumbed through air. We commented on the re- it to find, in Thoreau's speech, ceptivity at the radio show to "Slavery in Massachusetts," his his clear statement against in- comment about an injustice of forming which he said was his time when a Massachusetts based on the First Amendment court had sent a fugitive slave guarantees of free speech and back to the South. association, on his conscience

and on the Biblical injunction not to "bear false witness." The program had been a crack in our almost total wall of silence in the commercial press, and radio-

TV We also talked of New Hamp- ers at the steps of the Merrishire and the World Fellowship mack County Court House in camp at Conway and of Mount

## **MD** Fee Just **Down Payment**

The American people are now fifty friends and supporters of paying more for prescriptions Dr. Uphaus including his wife than for medical fees.

Ola whom he had married in According to the Social Se- 1938 when she returned from curity Administration, the pub- seventeen years as a missionary lic paid \$4,362,000,000 in 1958 for to China.

pills, potions, powders, eye Rev. Lloyd C. Worley, pastor glasses, etc. In the same year of the First Methodist Church they paid doctors \$4,300,000,000. of Hartford, Conn., asked the Since the 1947-49 period, medical group to bow their heads in care has gone up 53% in cost. silent protest. Then he read No other item on the price in- aloud the First Amendment and dex has risen so much, reports sections from the Bible which the Bureau of Labor Statistics. has also been Dr. Uphaus' text

Are the profits of the drug during his four-year refusal to manufacturers so sacred that inform on innocent people. America needs to force the sick But the camera angle was not and the aged to foot that kind quite right and a spokesman for of bill? It would seem high time half a dozen newspaper photogto turn to socialized medicine. (Continued on Page 3)

## 5 Congo Parties Push For Independence

Five Congolese parties, meet- | headed by a federal parliament ing in a united-front congress elected by universal suffrage.



Editor: Readers of the Militant will be interested in a report of a

On Tour

Detroit, Mich

talk I had with George Breit-

man, a former editor of this

Mainly we discussed the

As his friends know, George

has been ill the last few years,

and was in a hospital during

my visit. He didn't want to

tion on the state of his health;

he has arthritis and associated

ills, which he assured me were

cause they incapacitated him

spend much of our conversa-

Thoreau's Words

paper now living in Detroit. In the morning a well-worn volume of Thoreau came down changing political climate which is becoming apparent in the motor city as in every town I have visited. But in view of the circumstances of our meeting a few comments of a more personal nature also seem in order.

"Only he is guiltless who stands in contempt of such a court," Thoreau had said in 1854. I met Willard Uphaus again

four days later when I arrived with a group of ten New Yorknot so serious as irritating be-Concord, N.H., for the unique

'purge hearing.' The Court House is a square white brick building set off from Concord's main street by a gently sloping lawn. On the steps as our contingent

"I don't like to talk about it," he said half-jokingly. "Everybody tells me I am very objective. But when I hear

somebody else talking about drove up was a group of about his illnesses, I feel sorry for him. Because I am objective, I have the same reaction when I hear myself talking about mine - that is, I begin to feel sorry for myself. Of all human emotions, I think self-pity is

from time to time,

the most destructive." So, mostly we talked about politics and the current problems facing revolutionary so-

cialists. But along the way l learned a few other things. George noted that while the hospital has Negro employees,

it has no Negro patients - in a city where more than a quarter of the population is Negro. So he made inquiry and learned that it is the hospital's policy not to admit them. Then he asked to see the head of the hospital and lodged a protest. His next step will be an appeal to the hospital board of direc-

His room showed signs of other activity typical of a socialist organizer and educator: a pile of newspapers and magazines, many books and some notebooks. Five of the books were by or about Frederick Douglass, three about Samuel Adams.

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**Outrage Shocks West Germans** 

Unidentified woman enters synagogue in Cologne, West Germany, Dec. 26. On its walls are swasnikas caubed the night before along with the words, "Juden Raus" — "Jews Get Out." West Germans were deeply shocked by the anti-Semitic outrage, says Sydney Gruson in the Dec. 27 New York Times. Cologne police arrested two members of the German Reichs party, one of whom they say, confessed to the desecration. The Reichs party is an anti-Semitic outfit, but under public pressure, it expelled the two and dissolved the Cologne district headquarters. The federal government is now weighing whether to ban the organization.

## Labor Party Is Still **Kerosene** Fire In New York Main Political Need **Kills an Infant**

#### By Tom Kerry

Variations of the policy of "re- comprising, on the one hand, warding friends and punishing "loyal" Democrats of "liberal" enemies," has dominated the persuasion, and on the other, politics of American union lead- conservative Demo-Dixiecrats ers since the time of Samuel and Republicans.

Gompers, when it was openly It is a neat scheme — slick proclaimed as the policy best and polished - as Reuther's suited to the needs of the work- brainstorms usually are. But what makes Reuther imagine ing people.

With the expansion of Ameri- that the Dixiecrats are at all concan industry, the growth of the cerned about accommodating unions, the increasing interven- him? In domestic politics they tion of the government in labor- have made the South a haven for management disputes-especial- the run-away shop, have stymied banned. A law was also passed y with the advent of Roosevelt's union organization and exert a requiring all buildings housing New Deal - the policy under- downward pull on the national more than 10 families to have went a subtle transformation. wage level. In national politics central heating by Nov. 1, 1958. Organized labor became part of they play a balance-of-power Buildings housing three to 10 a coalition within the Demotra-tic party. To reward "friends" ist ruling class. In Congress, by Nov. 1, 1959. tic party. To reward "friends" ist ruling class. In Congress, by Nov. 1, 1959.

**Use of Troops** Is Continued At Albert Lea **New Twist in Strikebreaking** Seen in Packinghouse Battle

### By Carl Feingold

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 25 - Labor circles here are discussing the new twist in strikebreaking seen in the packinghouse strike at Albert Lea against Wilson & Co. The pat-

tern encountered by the local Packinghouse Workers ran like tryside and prevent strikers gan against the strikebreakers, line.

this: First, the company hired from seeking to persuade scabs scabs. When militant action be- that it is unsafe to cross a picket

Price 10c

step two was taken. Democratic It was in response to this re-Gov. Freeman called out the quest that Gov. Orville Freeman National Guard to restore "law called out the National Guard, declared martial law and closed and order." To make it look good, the down the plant. However, in a

roops closed down the plant few days the governor permitted for a few days. Then the militia it to be reopened "temporarily" reopened the plant "temporar- to permit scabs to finish processily" so that the scabs could pro- ing some meat that might spoil. cess meat said to be on the Strange as it may seem, the verge of spoiling.

The next step was taken by the company to help get the labor-endorsed governor off the hook. The company filed suit in They Vetoed bor-endorsed governor off the federal court to regain full use of their plant and the court A Rockefeller structing him to let the company reopen the plant but al-lowing him to use troops to As President maintain "order" as the scabs

The formula, it can been seen, is a neat one. The company the strikers get hurt, but then

that was the object. Spearheading a crackdown-

open and corn dumped.

union leadership approved this (Continued on Page 4)

## By Joseph Hansen

Nelson Rockefeller's announcement that he is withdrawing from the Presidential race has

ernor appears clean because he world it is firmly believed that tries to close the plant down you can buy anything if you but is forced to reopen it under have sufficient dollars, including federal court order; and the the White House. Rockefeller has court is only upholding "consti-tutional law" which provides for dency was his if he wanted it; the protection of that holy of therefore his bowing out was astonishing.

Rockefeller gave as his reason that the "great majority of those who will control the Republican and punish "enemies" was trans-muted into supporting Demo-crats as against Republicans for public office. Today, the policy as interpret-ed by Gompers is thoroughly dis-In other words, the Republican bosses have already decided and the convention is a mere formal-But the decisions of the Republican machine are not final. They are subject to the will of extended beyond the immediate the ruling capitalist oligarchs, as area of the plant gates. Farmers Taft indicated in an analysis of who were discovered to be his defeat at the 1952 Republiscabs found their corn cribs cut can convention. Since Rockefeller is a prominent member of this ruling clique, why would he Sympathy was widespread concede to the lowly hacks of the for the strikers. Support came from other packinghouse **Republican** machine? New York Post correspondent workers in nearby plants. School children were reported Massolo indicated the answer tothat: "Despite his own great to be gathering stones for use wealth most of the nation's in-Officials of Albert Lea and dustrial leaders let Rockefeller Freeborn county appealed to the know they preferred Nixon." Many political commentators they said, to cope with the situ- think that Rockefeller, because ation and were faced with the of his winning TV personality, danger of "riots" and "insurrec- would have a better chance than tion." They asked the governor Nixon to win the election. There-As a war criminal, Krupp was to close the plant down to re- fore, the Republicans are makestablish "law and order," for it ing a mistake in not choosing der martial law the National These commentators leave out (Continued on Page 3)

NEW YORK - On Christmas took the workers' jobs.

charge. A kerosene stove in her keeps the plant open and the been handled by the capitalist apartment had accidentally scabs working under protection press as a major political event. overturned. In the resulting of the National Guard. The gov- The reason is clear. In their Kerosene stoves have long

been used in the slums of America's largest and wealthiest city but in 1957 they were finally

Eve, Mrs. Carleen Cole, 32, was held without bail on a homicide blaze a two-year-old child perished.

Dec. 24-27, voted to demand An economic resolution, drawn "complete, immediate and un- up by the Socialist People's conditional independence" for party, charges that the capitalist the Belgian Congo from King character of the present Congo-Baudouin, now visiting the Af- lese economy "exploits the massrican colony. The five parties es for the profit of individuals." met in the wake of local elec- It demands a state-controlled tions last month in which na- economy based on human needs tional-independence supporters and insists on a law to stop the gained sweeping victories. export of capital.

On his arrival Dec. 28 in Frightened by the swift growth Leopoldville, capital of the Bel- of the national-independence gian Congo, Baudouin was able movement during the past year. to gauge the strength of the na- Belgians in the Congo "approach tional-independence sentiment the new year with dread." says at first hand. Shouts of "Long Homer Bigart in the Dec. 24 New Live the King!" were "drowned York Times. They "have stopped by a mass of Africans roaring: buying cars, refrigerators and luxury items, lest 1960 bring in-'Independence! Immediate independence!" " a New York Times dependence to the Congo and the dispatch reports. Baudouin may new African Government find meet with African nationalist Europeans redundant." leaders during his stay in Leopoldville. The Belgian govern- that a recent outbreak of interment has scheduled a round- tribal war in the interior of the table conference in mid-January Congo and of the revival of triwith African representatives to bal sorcery killings can serve as pretexts for denying the Condiscuss the fate of the colony.

The five parties attending the golese demands for national independence. united-front congress were Abako, political organization of the Congolese National Movement; the African Socialist party; the Socialist People's party; and Abazi, the political organization of an ethnical group. Patrice Lumumba, prominent leader of another wing of the Congolese National Movement, was in jail and his wing was not represented. Josef Kasavubu, Abako leader, chaired the conference and Albert Kalondji of the Congolese National Movement was vicechairman. The parley was held in Kisantu, 70 miles from Leopoldville with 200 delegates in attendance

The congress "impressed observers by its tight discipline and determination," says the New York Times. It adopted three resolutions.

The first demands immediate and total independence and sets while an instructor at the Uni-Jan. 5, the anniversary of last versity of Michigan. He defied year's political rally broken up the committee on First Amendby the Belgian police, as the date ment grounds in a move to test for "discussing with Belgium ways and means to pass over quiries into the political beliefs power to the Congolese Governof citizens. ment.'

Another resolution declares that the future form of the Con- gress. On Dec. 7, the Supreme golese state should be a federa- Court refused to review his contion of six autonomous republics, viction

I learned that he was preparing a series of three talks for the local Friday Night Socialist Forum (where I had spoken). To be given in February, they will deal with the general theme: The American Revolutionist - Methods, Traditions and Personal Qualities, together with an evaluation of the three American revolutions. The opening talk will be on Samuel Adams and the First: then on Frederick Douglass and the Second; then on James P. Cannon and the next American revolution. If his enthusiasm about the project is a good indication. Detroit forum-goers are in for something worthwhile in February. I won't attempt in this report to cover all the political

questions we discussed. But I (Continued on Page 4)

## Bakongo tribe; one wing of the Congolese National Movement; Davis Begins Prison Sentence For Stand on First Amendment

H. Chandler Davis, an associate the House committee, Dr. Davis into a booby trap. To retain their regardless of the length of sought to employ concentration editor of America's leading was fired by the University of support the union heads must slavery. mathematics journal, is sched- Michigan despite the fact that he hold out some hope for a fundauled to enter a federal prison was under contract. The action mental change.

Jan. 4 to serve a six-months sen- was vigorously protested by the tence, the Committee of First American Association of Univer- president of the AFL-CIO United Germany. But Krupp officials, Amendment Defendants report- sity Professors. Dr. Davis subsequently come the advocate of a policy of

ed today. The talented young mathema- studied at the Institute for Adtician will be the third person to vanced Studies at Princeton and period for refusing to testify or editor of Mathematical Reviews,

The Belgian authorities hope

inform before a "subversive" journal of the American Mathe- there is genuine progress toward hunting Congressional or state committee.

he House Committee on Unsearch work while in prison. American Activities in 1954 Describing himself as "by profession a mathematician, and by advocation, a citizen and heretic," he told a recent mass meeting here of the Committee of the constitutionality of its in-

First Amendment Defendants that he had defied the House witch-hunters because "I simply His stand brought a six-month refused to be an informer." sentence for contempt of Con-

credited. Although, immediately petuation of the Jim Crow sys- quirement all buildings "schedfollowing the enactment of the tem. Big business, which con- uled" to be acquired for any Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law, trols both major parties, is a di- kind of future housing project. some union leaders publicly de- rect beneficiary of this. There is When questioned about the clared that the labor-Democratic only one power able to effect a tenants freezing if Wagner's coalition had proven a liability meaningful realignment in the recommendation were accepted. and suggested a return to the one-party South --- the organized a City Hall spokesman cynically policy of supporting "friends" in labor movement. And it can be responded: "They haven't froeither party, this was more an done only through the formation zen for the last 100 years.'

American labor politics.

Nevertheless, it is a matter of common knowledge that the lato a series of defeats for the unions on the political arena. If the trend continues - and there is no reason to think it won't — the prospects for the

mulated, with more to come.

Gompers.

policy of coalition, to which the fearful ordeal.

To this end, Walter Reuther,

Automobile Workers, has be-

the proposal is that "conserva-

to face serious obstacles."

survivors have now been as-Given a continuation of the sured of compensation for their sentenced to 12 years imprison-

ted, what is the perspective for mas Eve that he will grant a also condemned him to forfeit Guard couldn't patrol the counthe future? Merely to hold forth cash payment of 5,000 marks - his property.

are growing more dissatisfied that he or she was a forced la- the charges leveled at the "Ruhr and discontented with a policy borer in a Krupp enterprise. Emperor" was that he had "not NEW YORK, Dec. 28 - Dr. | Immediately after he defied that has repeatedly led labor Moreover, the purse will be paid only accepted but actively

ants was made by the Confer- camps at Markstaedt and Ausch- November - although the steel who seem to have carefully checked how many survivors "realignment." Stated briefly, there might be before deciding on the compensation, said that be imprisoned in a two-month then was appointed associate tives" line up in one party and there couldn't be more than

"liberals" in another. "Unless about 1.200. Public-relations spokesmen for matical Society. He intends to the realignment of forces within request federal authorities to the two existing parties," states Krupp explained that the giant last year. Dr. Davis was hailed before permit him to continue his re- the political resolution adopted company was willing to make the payments even though it asat the recent UAW convention sumed no legal responsibility in "progressive forces will continue the matter, since the West Ger-

man government, as the succes-Admittedly, the most "serious sor to the Hitler regime, was reobstacle" is the Republicansponsible for compensating vic-Dixiecrat coalition in Congress. tims of the Nazis. Reuther's realignment gimmick

However, the public-relations will simply be cancelled. is based on the hope that somehow or other, the Dixiecrats can spokesmen said that Krupp, out be prevailed upon to walk out of of a warm desire to help "heal to depart with nearly 21/2% of

the Democratic party. This the wounds of World War II," last year's profits to compensate Already imprisoned for the would presumably open the way had generously decided to put up surviving Jewish ex-slave laborsame reason are Lloyd Baren- to the establishment in the the \$2,000,000 needed. How mag- ers certainly demonstrates that blatt and Dr. Willard Uphaus. South of , a two-party system nanimous the gesture was can he really is a decent chap.

reached about 500, the strikers from Local 6 of the UPWA began an aggressive campaign. Some 1,000 pickets began massing at the plant gates to stone scabs and company officials. Once begun, such action soon

outburst of irritated frustration of labor's own independent po- Maybe. But according to the and an implied threat than a litical party. This is the key to Fire Department 200 of them serious proposal for a return to the most critical problem of died in the past 10 years from kerosene fires.

common knowledge that the la-bor-Democratic coalition has led Krupp Dispenses \$1,190 To His Jewish Ex-Slaves by strikers.

There may be as many as 2,000 | be judged from the fact that last governor. They were unable, future look very bleak. After Jews still alive who worked as year his industrial empire grossmore than 20 years of coalition slave laborers for Alfried Krupp, ed about \$1 billion, of which Alpolitics a formidable body of the German "cannon king," dur- fried Krupp pocketed some \$80 anti-labor legislation has accu- ing World War II. These pitiful million in net profit.

ment in 1948. The U.S. military was their opinion that even un- Rockefeller. union leaders remain commit- Krupp announced on Christ- court that tried the Nazi backer

the promise of more-of-the-same \$1,190 - to each and every At the time this was consid-

The estimate of 2,000 claim- pose built factories near the new all-time high as of mid- inflationary furnace.

ever, he was ordered to dispose 1947-49 period.

of his vast empire by Jan. 31 of

granted him another year.

when the new deadline arrives An additional 12.1' points have this Jan. 31 the dissolution order

Krupp's slave-labor factories.

It is now widely assumed that

After all, Krupp's willingness tion. Under both administrations, the tremendous federal expenditures for war purposes, an average of more than \$40 bil-

## is not very hopeful. The ranks Jewish survivor who can prove ered a light sentence. Among In Pushing Up Cost of Living

The cost of living rose to a | tary spending, have stoked the

The entire period of inflation ence on Jewish Claims Against witz." Many prisoners died in workers had not as yet received extends back two decades to the any wage increases. According to start of World War II in Sep-In 1951, the U.S. High Com- the U.S. Bureau af Labor Sta- tember 1939. The consumer price missioner for Germany, John J. Itistics, the Consumer Price In- index then stood at 59.4 of the McCloy, decided Krupp had dex rose to 125.6 with the 1947- 1947-49 base figure. By 1946, the paid a sufficient penalty and he 49 average as the base of 100. index rose to 83.4, or 40.4% was released after serving three This means it takes \$12.56 to buy higher than 1939. In 1952, the years of his 12-year term. How- today what \$10 bought in the consumer price index soared to 113.5, or 91.7% above the pre-Over 52.7% - or more than var figure.

half - of the cost-of-living rise Today, the official cost-of-liv-When that deadline arrived, since the 1947-49 period occurred ing index stands 109.7% higher Krupp blandly announced he under the Democratic Truman than in 1939. Some 83.5% of the simply couldn't find a customer. administration. The index when total rise since 1939 was regis-The Allied powers graciously Truman left office at the end tered under the Democratic adof 1952 was 113.5, an increase of ministrations of Roosevelt and 13.5 points from the base period. Truman.

However, if the Republicans been added since under the Re- stay in office as long as the publican Eisenhower administra- Democrats did, at the rate the cost of living has been rising since 1952 the Republicans should run the Democrats a very close second in the matter of slashing the buying power of lion annually for direct mili- the American dollar.

camp inmates and for that pur-

# New Technological Equipment Found in America's Bedrooms *Guilty of Daring to Battle for Marxism* (Second of two articles)

- By Herman Chauka

One of the dirtiest forms of invasion of privacy is spreading like a plague. In the trade it's called "bugging." Spying with electronic devices

Latest revelations of the spread of this police-state practice, along with a chilling demonstration of new techniques in the foul "art," came at a Dec. 15-16 hearing of the Senate Constitutional Rights subcommittee which is considering proposals to loosen the already loose federal law against wire-tapping.

Members of the committee were given a rather upsetting personal taste of what these bedroom keyhole peepers, can do when Harold Lipset, a San Francisco private detective put on a demonstration.

Lipset told the committee that it's a simple business to record a private conversation these days. Committee Chairman Hennins indicated that as a Democrat from Missouri he would like to be shown.

The detective showed him. He calmly opened his jacket to show the miniature recorder, about the size of a paperback book, with which he had been secretly recording the hearing. He then walked across the room and picked up a similar device he had casually planted on his way in.

The easily concealed device displayed by Mr. Lipset is included in a price list of "office equipment" circulated among federal agencies by the General Services Administration. Retailing for around \$300, anyone with the money can buy it.

Congressmen were somewhat shook up by the committee hearings, according to Courtney Sheldon, Christian Science Monitor correspondent. "Almost everyone left in pre-Christmas Washington has an ear cocked in the direction of the committee, wondering if their worst suspicions will be confirmed.

"There obviously is concern among some Congressmen," he explained, "that what they League (SLL), which I discussed say in private to some public officials is being last week, is to brand the British recorded. This may prove true in some instances.'

Sheldon recalled that in a recent interview, a Cabinet official remarked that a salesman had just tried to interest him in one recorder the from the Labor party. size of a cigarette package and another that could be stuck to the door of a room to record conversations on the other side.

Testifying before the committee, Paul Williams, a former U.S. Attorney, urged that the of the SLL and stand up for law should permit federal agencies to use wire- their democratic rights. Many tap evidence in court. He cited New York City, British socialists have done exwhere the police have such a right, and said that actly that. They are against if the cops didn't enjoy this right he didn't think the city would be "a livable place."

He couldn't have picked a better example. According to Samuel Dash, who recently made a study of illegal wire-tapping and bugging New York cops made about 30,000 taps in 1957 and less than a thousand of them were legally authorized.

During one of the recent shakeups of New York's graft-ridden "finest" it was established that a favorite police method of blackmailing bookies was to tap their phones for evidence.

In 1958 the City Transit Authority was caught red-handed bugging the headquarters of the striking Motormen's Benevolent Association.

Individual and family privacy, one of our most basic rights, is fast becoming a thing of offered the dark hint that behind political life considerably less the past with the deepening degeneration of capitalism. If it gets much worse, neither New York nor the rest of the country will be "a livable place."

The main objective of the combined attack leveled by the British capitalist press and the Labor party and union bureaucrats on the Socialist Labor

Marxists as "troublemakers," 'outside agitators," and "irresponsible strike instigators": and, on such charges, purge them

In face of a witch-hunt like this, it would seem the obvious duty of every honest socialist in Britain to defend the members ourges

The Tribune, edited by Michael Foot, has expressed its opinion vigorously. The New Statesman likewise. The New Reasoner, if only in a footnote, explicitly opposed the purge. Many of the Labor party organizations denounced the party leadership and championed the democratic rights of those under reactionary attack.

The Communist party, however, took a different position. It joined the witch-hunters. R. the SLL's left-wing activities can comfortable for them. be found "American imperialist gold.

In the British Stalinist paper, World News and Views, Oct. 24. 1959, one J. R. C. describes the Socialist Labor League as "a disruptive, Trotskyist organizaion." He tries to prove how the recent National Assembly proof does not testify to his program at the Assembly, he

ganization." The SLL is against the cold

unions.



Gerry Healy, national secretary of the Socialist Labor League, addressing recent Assembly of Labor. Seated at left is Brian Pearce, co-editor of Labor Review. At right is SLL chairman Brian Behan.

center of Marxist leadership in | blatant absurdities on the front | advises in an article on "The Palme Dutt, British CP leader, the class struggle that can make page is indicated on page five, Crisis of Trotskyism," "to blame The Political Secretary of the

Independent Labor party, Wilfred Wigham, who is among the the departure of Peter Fryer. most active of a new galaxy of shouters of alarm, expressed it this way:

"The mushroom growth (only a small mushroom as yet) of the to his "prediction" of the crisis tion you are not familiar with the last two years, with the help cialist Leader. In that article, really hinting that the socialist

One group of these intellectual critics of Trotskyism is centered

Khrushchev revelations and the Hungarian revolution

Trotslyism has proved attract tive to them but they have also found it - repellant. They profess to see in the Trotskyist movement the modern continuation of a lot of old evils generally involving discipline, centralism, and so on. They lump together

vate property in capitalist so-ciety? Should revolutionary Marxists give up fighting for the interests of the Labor party rank and file because they have been proscribed by the bureaucrats?

Wigham's moral sermonizing doesn't even have the merit of stating the facts. According to the constitution and by-laws of the Labor party, groups representing differing views on program are entirely permissible. All that the SLL has asked is that the bureaucrats stop violating the constitution and recognize that members of the SLL have the same rights as members of the Fabian Society and the Victory for Socialism group, not to speak of the trade-union bureaucrats t h e m s e l v e s who have built a massive machine to exert their factional views and position

Walter Kendall concludes his article in the Nov. 21 issue with few choice centrist platitudes that deserve to be cut in marble. Socialists, he tells us, should "break away from trying to CAPTURE the leadership of the class" and turn "towards raising the level of its leading members at shop, union branch Labor party level." and l emphasis.) (Kendi

proposes to do this, How while a hering to the ILP's "moral" stand against participating in the Labor party he does not reveal. But aside from this small contradiction, where does the struggle to "capture" the leadership of the class conflict with the struggle to raise

its level of consciousness?

#### A Regrettable Attitude

Before closing, it is necessary to mention another grouping that has joined the campaign against the Socialist Labor League. The May 30, 1959, Newsletter reported that a group of supporters of a Liverpool publication called Socialist Fight united with the right wing of the Labor party to pass an amendment to a resolution protesting the ban on Newsletter and the SLL. The amendment stated: "The League (SLL) could

only hamper the development of the movement in its struggle for socialism." What is shocking in an inci-

dent of this kind is the fact that Socialist Fight considers itself Trotskyist and is associated with Trotskyists internationally who belong to a faction headed by Michel Pablo in the Fourth International.

It is regrettable that Pablo has not thought it advisable to restrain his followers from such rabid factionalism. We do not deny the right of Pablo to express whatever differences he wishes with the British Trotskybut to join in attackin them instead of closing ranks in their defense in circumstances the Labor party where the malike these is certainly not in the jority of the British working tradition represented by Leon Trotsky. Wigham comments on the The Socialist Labor League, as can be seen, is faced with a formidable combination ranging from the most reactionary sections of the capitalist press to centrists and sectarians seeking heads who pride themselves on your official policy statement as factional advantage at no matter what cost to the British socialist movement. But the League has demonstrated its capacity to stand up under the assault. It is gaining influence despite the blows thrown from all quarters. And it is winning the admiration of honest socialist fighters everywhere. Who has decided, other than We are certain that the British the "sectarian" pontiffs of the Trotskyists will continue to give

Vaughan. Vantage Press, New and segregation that it is sur- through which "much of the York. 1959. 160 pp. \$3.50. In a chapter entitled "Negative vs. Positive Leadership," the author asks: Why, when the majority of the people in the South are for school desegregation, has owned by all the people; hence, tural workers] each winter." there been such a "fuss"?

He offers his own answer: "We think the answer lies in the fact that strong vested interests profit from racial segregation in the South. We think the stubborn the part of the political leaders of the South is ample proof that they serve these forces of ex-

ploitation." A socialist could not put it better. Yet the author is not a socialist. He is a retired geographical researcher, who worked for the U.S. Army. He comes from North Carolina, where he was born on a farm. Like Anne Braden and Robert Williams and Don West, he addresses himself to his fellow Southerners. Devoted to the South, especially to the poor white, he is gravely concerned about the mistakes being made in the name of segre- which reads like a call to acgation. He believes that if the South is to progress, education of the Negro is absolutely essential. He believes in constitutional government, and is convinced that those fearful leaders who that the great majority of Southerners do, too. He shows that it is to the interests of the privileged few to promote strife between the Negroes and whites, and that this strife diverts attention from the main issue that of assuring a supply of cheap labor.

prising that he does not naturalstance, "The agricultural products and the land upon which they are grown are not equally

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resistance to desegregation on purchase the manufactured proof living."

many must labor to produce goods which belong to another, and for this labor they receive money with which they may buy

a part of their own production. Relatively little cash is left to ducts, which, in our society, are the symbols of a high standard Again, he writes: "The

whole state of Arkansas is a huge orchard in which 480,000 Negroes and 1,450,000 white people labor. They pick the apples so cheaply that sales South?" are good, and a small number huge profits then select another group of cynical politicians to preserve the social atmosphere which is favorable to business." book in a style of exhortation, choose sides." tion. He feels that the problem of racial segregation will be solved by attacking it as the economic problem of poverty, and advise waiting another thirty years for the solution should be renounced. Part of solving the problem is recognizing its nature, realizing that even if there were only one race in the South today, the evil forces of the exploiters would find some means of dividing the people into two groups in order to exploit both. He writes eloquently of the importance of education which will fit the poor whites and Negroes for better jobs. It is his contention that many cannot leave the South because they would not be able to find employment elsewhere because of their low educational level. Yet in spite of all his careful began to develop." thinking and impassioned sincerity, Mr. Vaughan does not come up with a solution to the

FAUBUS' FOLLY. The Story of | So well does he analyze the | Segregation, by Curtis M. economic causes of inequality an industrial commission Trotskyist character of the ormanufacturing of the South ly arrive at Marxism. For in- might be farmed out to small home-type plants on a piece-

There should be an all-out effort to teach the Negro personal property management, slums should be abolished, fivemillion new one-family homes should be constructed in the next five years.

Where will the money come from? "Money is merely a symbol, a bookkeeping device for measuring the accomplishments of a people . . . What more useful work can there be than raising the standard of living of every man and woman in the

sinister the League is by citing Socialist Labor League within which was attended by some 700 of considerable prominence and delegates and observers. His sensational criticisms in the sense of humor. The League's attention of some Left intellec-

He suggests the formation of said, "skillfully conceals the

the manufacture of the H-bomb;



work basis, and thus afford extra it is for strengthening the fight

income to thousands [of agricul- for the 40-hour week; for higher wages: defense of jobs and the itself the "New Left," is comshop stewards: against rent in- posed of former CP intellectuals creases; for a fight against colonial oppression and racism in England; for the extension of

nationalization under workers control; and for a fight against the bans and proscriptions inside the Labor party and the trade

All this doesn't fool our astute I. R. C. Since the Trotskyists are also in favor of a struggle for workers democracy in the Soviet Union that makes the SLL "anti-

tuals on the SLL . . . around the magazine New Reaswar: it proclaims opposition to oner which now appears as the New Left Review after a merger

with Universities and Left Review. The grouping, which calls who broke with Stalinism during the shake-up that followed the

arising."

Leninism and Stalinism and on a crisis in the SLL achieves a every man and woman in the South?" If the challenge is not met by he American people the author is the imperialregard Trotskyism as simply similar level of accuracy.

Chinese Communist party. Naturally, he says nothing about the articles, resolutions and theses written by the Trotskyists on this question. He needs the crisis in order to show its "consequences": "Within the American (Trotskyist) Socialist

Workers Party a split developed over this and related issues. One section led by Joyce Cowley left sition of sectarian aloofness the party altogether. In Britain a similar situation seems to be

Here of course Kendall shows ignorance of somewhat astonishing degree. Comrade Cowley would be quite surprised to hear that she left the SWP, let alone led a group out of it. And because of China! Kendall's report

where ILP theoretician Walter the present state of affairs on the Kendall announced that the betrayal of false leaders. We crisis in the SLL has "mounted have to ask .... Why is it that to explosive force" because of the workers give their leaders the power to betray?" (Kendall's Adopting the posture of a emphasis.) profound delver into the theoret- If you imagine that Kendall ical roots of this "explosive might attempt even a weak an-

crisis," Kendall points with pride swer to his own emphatic quesin the Oct. 31 issue of the So- this species of centrism. He is Kendall claimed that world struggle against the labor bur-

Trotskyism was in crisis due to eaucracy is overrated since the capitalist Press, has focused the its inability to explain how the workers too have their short-Chinese revolution triumphed comings. Thus the responsibility despite the leadership of the of building a leadership capable of leading the way to socialism is washed out in an amorphous formula: the leaders are a little to blame and so are the workers.

Sectarian Aloofness

Instead of joining the SLL struggle against the right-wing bureaucratic witch-hunters, the ILP leaders have adopted a pospiced with an "analysis" of the

morality" of the SLL. The ILP itself is opposed to ocialists working in the British Labor party. They themselves were in the Labor party up to 1932, they argue. But 27 years

ago the ILP "decided that if it was to continue to work for socialism it would have to break away from a party already by

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good leaders should tackle them should suggest ways which will make industry serve humanity; lessen the economic terror of ma-

jor illness; raise the dignity of man; promote unions . ... Of course, just exposing all the tieups between large industry and politicians to keep a labor surplus in the South - "A labor surplus has for years constituted to accept Christmas "payola" what is known as a 'social cli-gifts from students. "If a kid what is known as a 'social cli-

gives you a \$50 gift," he obmate favorable to business'" -is ammunition for the foes of served, "you're going to think segregation and makes this book a long time before you flunk worth-while. that kid.

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the American people, the author ists in the struggle for, peace, Communist world is waiting for road to peace, J. R. C. has question. The SLL takes a with Trotskyism. But from there points out that "Even now the proposing instead the socialist our way of life to fail, and the "proof" that the SLL is really Mr. Vaughan has written this neutral world is waiting to opposed to peace!

#### **Dual Unionism Charge**

Besides his discussion of the class struggles. So far J. R. C. is simply reeconomics of the South, the author devotes several chapters to peating routine Stalinist distorthe sources of the Negroes' sub- tions and slanders. Of special jection, which seem to this re- interest, however, in these viewer to be open to question. circumstances is J. R. C.'s treat-He traces it to their social or- ment of the way the SLL particiganization in Africa, in which pates in industrial struggles and they were subject to tribal disci- opposes the betrayals of the litical motivation for his shift; pline and had no experience in trade-union bureaucracy. "On then in statements to the press planning for their own existence the question of industrial strug- he accused the leadership of the on the land. The American In- gle," J. R. C. says, "the bright SLL of employing "Stalinist dian, on the other hand, "was by idea of the Socialist Labor methods." (See Militant, Dec. 14.) nature a migratory hunter, League is to set up a network of His evidence for this is trivial proved to be a highly unre- rank-and-file committees as a and obscure and saturated with iable servant, preferring escape parallel organization to the trade the inference that his own diseninto the forest to any form of union movement and to official chantment should be proof service . . . The Negroes of Cen- shop stewards committees." enough. Fryer's break precipitated a

The article concludes with the tral and West Africa had, by contrast, developed beyond the following advice: "So all trade hunting society to the stage of union branches would be wellsedentary agriculture; they were advised to consider the hidden trists, For example, the Indepenthus admirably suited to the pro- motives of those who are orduction of cotton, and the great ganizing the apparently innocuplantations of the South soon ous 'National Assembly of Labor'." The charge of "dual unionism"

The objection to this reasoning is that the social organization of economic problems. He feels that the tribes in Africa cannot explain the status of the Negroes trade-union officials. Ironically, sibly about the National Assemin the United States today.

- Constance F. Weissman

Time to Call a Halt

Teachers in Westbury, Long Island, were warned by the great battle against this ruinous sweating spoke in a style more superintendent of schools not policy. When the trade-union bureau-

> with dual unionism in Britain, ence." they mean that it is impermissible for the rank and file to

they mean it is impermissible ods. for workers to organize a group-

a new leadership.

#### Centrist Critics

The British Communist party After the delegates had voted

cluded and one can expect them contributions should be preto deepen their thinking on this served. He is equally patronizing honest for socialists to stay in friendly attitude toward them, on "it's all down hill in the diurging them to discuss the basic rection of the centrist critics of principled questions of Marxism Bolshevism. The SLL leadership, he says,

and to participate in working-"is filled with a messianic vision SLL's work in the Labor party that it (he?) alone held the key as follows: "To the uncommitted A prominent member of this to a solution of all working class observer the tactic of entering a general grouping of British problems." This is the familiar party whose policies you deradical intellectuals, Peter Fryer, sneer of the centrist muddle- scribe in the very first clause of has recently moved away from the SLL after several years "not having all the answers" - policies of class betrayal' apassociation as one of its leading a mannerism which they equate pears simply as dishonest." Wigwriters. At first he offered no powith open-mindedness. If Ken- ham does "not accept the capdall were serious about his italist moral code, but we have cliches he would attempt to show a Socialist morality," he deprecisely what tendency has clares. Isn't this Sunday sermon better answers than the SLL - remarkable for the inspiration and on what issues. To charge it offers? Particularly to British that the Trotskyists think "they socialists under attack from the alone have a key" is simply an bureaucrats?

evasion of his own political responsibility.

Kendall asks a question in the ILP, that the Labor party is the just as good an account of them-Oct. 31 issue of the Socialist private property of the officials, selves in the future as they have Leader that tells a lot about his to be approached with all the up to now in this battle. We wish politics. "It is not enough," he piety due the institution of pri- we could do more to help them.

### dent Labor party weekly, the Socialist Leader, Nov. 21, 1959, **Socialist Quarterly Discusses** cites Fryer's departure. This issue really bears down on the menace of Trotskyism. A is as odious and unfounded coming from a CP hack as it is when uttered by right-wing trade-union officials Ironically Reading Ironit-page headline announces: "Stalinism in New Clothes." The article is osten-

the workers' movement through- is the Trotskyist villain Gerry International Socialist Review, support of the Democratic party have to come from a new genout the world with its ultra-left Healy, a bloody blackguard to just off the press, offers an ex- to the life-long conviction that eration." What the task of the bearers of

adventurism of dual unionism in believe this sheet. Here is a ceptionally interesting group of the workers must build their the early thirties; and it was typical bit: "Gerry Healy, old- articles on the past and future own political party against those the Trotskyists within the com- line bureaucratic Trotskyist of American progressive and of their capitalist class enemies. earlier movement is, and what munist movement who waged a leader, who with bald head radical movements.

peasant guerrillas than a twencrats, however, charge the SLL | tieth-century workers' confer-

To this is added revelations. or rather hints of revelations, oppose their false policy and that the meeting was bludgeoned misleadership. More precisely, by dictatorial strong-arm meth-

new flurry of anti-Trotskyist

campaigning among the cen-

The charge, however, evapor-

fears the growing influence of against giving someone the floor revolutionary socialism in the Trotskyism for reasons of spec- the SLL leaders appealed to the United States. ial concern to Moscow. The body to alter its decision. The

the ideological continuity of the With cool objectivity, simply durable results the radicalism of by setting the record straight the thirties has bequeathed to An article of key importance appropriate to a meeting of to any student of the socialist and citing the pertinent facts, the new generation should prove movement is featured: "Ameri- Cannon concentrates his analyof interest to every reader what-

can Radicalism: Yesterday, To- sis on the question: what hapday and Tomorrow." It is by pened to the promising radical-James P. Cannon, founder of the ism of the thirties?

Socialist Workers Party. The conclusion is unmistak Cannon is qualified to speak able and supported by evidence. on this subject if anyone is. Not The radicalism of the thirties only because he was an active was deliberately and wilfully

participant in the movement betrayed by the leaders of the ing in seeking a new policy and ates as the story itself reveals from its earliest stages, but be- Stalinized American Communist that the dictatorial control is cause he combines a rich per- party who replaced their early supposed to have been manifest- sonal experience with thoughtful revolutionary convictions with ed in the following incident: analysis based on decades of opportunism and class collabor struggle as a leading exponent of ation in politics.

Cannon concludes that as a result of this betrayal of revolu-

Cannon traces the major turn- tionary principles "the radical fears of various centrist and sec- Assembly agreed! This showed, ing points in the development of movement of the thirties, with tarian radical groups have a dif- we are told, that the SLL ob- American radicalism. He starts all its grandeur, glory and powferent origin. They see the viously had tight control of the with the transition that Debs er, has spent itself ... the main mergence of a new militant meeting! The reason for such and his co-workers made from forces of the new movement of



ever his political viewpoint may

## The winter 1960 issue of the Populism to socialism and from American socialist radicalism

class happens to be.

it was Stalinism that derailed bly of Labor, but the real subject



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of elections.

campaign.

000 signatures.

The socialist movement is starting the

New Year right. In the key industrial

state of Michigan, the Socialist Workers

party has won a place on the 1960 ballot.

"Your petitions have been checked and

found sufficient," wrote the state director

will inspire socialists in other states, we

hope, to similar achievements to assure

an effective 1960 socialist Presidential

its ballot place on a silver platter. To

qualify, 12,000 nominating petitions were

requested from every part of the state. As

insurance against moves by the major

parties to cheat them of their ballot place,

Michigan socialists filed a thumping 32,-

compensation. The campaigners estimate

that they talked to more than 100,000

people, compiling a valuable sampling of

opinion in the major cities of Michigan.

This gruelling feat offered a second

This is a substantial victory, one that

The Michigan SWP was not handed

Monday, January 4, 1960

move further down on the lawn so the courthouse could appear in perspective. The ceremony was repeated.

This was to be the pattern of the day. Dr. Willard Uphaus, white-haired theologian, born

The petitioners found that there are on a farm near Muncie. Indiana, tens of thousands who are dissatisfied slender and spry at 69, teacher with the failure of the Republicans and of religion, Christian pacifist, Democrats to solve the problems of war, believer in disputation as the unemployment and racial bias. There is a way to resolve differences, a man whose life had led him to general feeling of insecurity, they report, abhor informers, Biblical and and no hope or confidence that the old present-day, stood in perspective parties can or will do anything to erase to the affirmed legal verdict of that feeling. Distrust and cynicism toward his society's highest court which he refused to obey even under the two capitalist parties is widespread. threat of life imprisonment.

Consequently there is broad sympathy Towering in contrast to the for something new. Many talk of the need man were the Merrimack County Superior Court and both for a third party, unionists put it in terms he New Hampshire and the of a labor party. Most of them feel, though, United States Supreme Court. that such ideas are held only by a few

#### Press Notes Drama

people. A hard-hitting socialist campaign Finally, in the few days beis going to help crystallize that sentiment, ore Dr. Uphaus would be conand help people to realize that their own fronted for a final time by his desire for a real change is shared by many inquisitor, New Hampshire Attorney General Louis C. Wyman, who was also that state's one-man "subversive" investigating

To the Michigan socialists who started committee, the press of the the 1960 ball rolling, our best New Year's country had begun to under-



Lloyd Barenblatt (left) and Dr. Willard Uphaus at the Nov. 7 rally called in New York by the Committee of First Amendment Defendants. Last June, the Supreme Court upheld "contempt-of-court" convictions against them for having refused to give information to witch-hunting bodies. Both are now serving prison terms for exercising their rights under the Constitution.

stand the drama inherent in three p.m., Dec. 14, approached, speaking without notes, said this confrontation. They noted extra tables were brought in simply and eloquently in the that Dr. Uphaus arrived in Con- for eighteen reporters and cor- silent courtroom cord with a volume of Thoreau respondents. The courtroom "On January 5, 1956, in this

once imprisoned himself for could not hold an estimated one courtroom, I said that there was refusal to pay taxes to support hundred other friends and supno question in my life to which a government policy he abhor- porters who waited in the court-I had given more thought, more

praver and sought the advice of A large clock hung on the a greater number of friends and River, about which Thoreau had wall between oak-framed por- colleagues. Since then World written, ran through the town traits of bearded New Hamp-

court," ordered him committed Fellowship has had four sucto the Merrimack County jail, of Concord; and they referred shire ancients. As it clicked off cessful seasons and has brought to Thoreau's essay "Civil Dis- the final minutes before the together many friendly people obedience" which had inspired judge's entry, and the audience in the United States and abroad quieted, the strains of song in fellowship to discuss the Much depended that day on drifted into the courtroom from problems that mankind faces

the persistency of Willard Up- below in an unplanned demon- today. At no time was there a stration of support led by mem-thought of subversion of ists of the summer camp he bers of the clergy who had thoughts of overthrowing this come to uphold one of their own. state or this country. We talked First, "A Mighty Fortress Is of social problems and world mutation of sentence. The year's rights of Negro and white in-Our God," written in 1529 by peace. The Bill of Rights is part term was itself a partial victory mates. One of the guards' favor-Martin Luther; "The prince of darkness grim

We tremble not for him. His rage we can endure: For lo! his doom is sure:

One little word shall fell him." Then a Christmas carol, 'Oh come all ye faithful, Joy-

ful and triumphant. With the bang of a gavel from "Communists" or "subversives," seated himself and the proceed-

Wyman, who had publicly characterized the announced refusal of Dr. Uphaus to inform A similar state committee in as a "deceit and a sham," open-

Olson soon revealed his hand. After Mississippi had the month be- ed the proceedings. He stated directing the truck owners to stop opera-tions, he allowed them to move cargo local papers as a "prelude to utlawing the NAACP." By the day of the Concord lists to the World Fellowship troop protection. The strikers responded purge hearing, every daily news- Camp in Conway, N.H., was paper in the United States had "part of a lawful investigation which in no way attempts to received a round-up on the cases of a total of thirty-four Ameri- censor any activities - and incans facing jail for their refusal vaded no freedoms." Persistently through two Nehru Turns Down hours of court proceedings Wyman eased away from his and state committees or to name names. One of these thirty-four, own role in demanding the lists, Lloyd Barenblatt, had already said, "It is now for the Court been jailed on Nov. 10, is now to inquire of this witness." Hugh Bownes, of Saconia, held in the Danbury, Conn. N.H., attorney for Dr. Uphaus, federal prison. The lines were drawn taut in challenged the right of the Concord that day. How firm court to renew a demand for the would this man prove to be? lists on the basis that the How strong the New Hampshire amended legislation omitted an bastion of institutionalized Mc- authorization ''to determine terms for settling the frontier Carthyism? whether subversive persons are The confrontation setting was presently within the state." Judge Grant who had originala simple New England courtly sentenced Dr. Uphaus to an room about sixty feet square with oak benches for only 120 indeterminate term until he "purged himself" of the conobservers. In the middle was a tempt by turning over the lists, large open space with two tables. As the hearing time of declared a recess to study a memorandum prepared by Bownes and a word of hope went . Rockefeller down to those in the lobby. But the judge quickly disnissed the memorandum which (Continued from Page 1) has since become the basis of a of account the fact that Amerrenewed appeal to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. the Democratic party and its The judge then turned to Dr. choice of candidates. Conse-Uphaus to "urge upon you the quently the outcome of a conhought that this is no contest test between the Democrats and between you and the Attorney Republicans is not of fundamen-General who operated within tal concern to them, whatever he authority of our general their preferences. court.' But to put a ROCKEFELLER "This case has been reviewed in the White House! Even one by two higher courts including ly on the road to capitalism," he Supreme Court which is certainly sensitive to individual mounting anti-imperialist moveights," Judge Grant continued. ments? In a country of deepen-'I shall now ask you if you are ing class struggle? going to comply with my order In such circumstances to asof Jan. 5, 1956. from Tokya. Bownes immediately question-America is a grave decision. Beted the authority under which ter to continue to rule vicariousthe judge made the request and Judge Grant replied without 22, quoted the commander of ly through a political servant. That was why Rockefeller, reference to the previous defense motion, "I do have the the dissidents tried to win over who would like to emboss his stationery with the White House authority and I am exercising armed forces in the area as address, was persuaded by the it. I found him in contempt that Morgans and Du Ponts to pick day and I think his contempt up the hat he had thrown in the has continued." Turning again to Dr. Uphaus, thought" to "make haste and Kong reported. COFFIER COFFEE

rown out of 69 years of living, by Southern Negroes, of the and comes from a grandfather word "soon" for "long.": who was a minister, and from

"Soon may our land be bright my years in the church, is that With Freedom's holy light." it is a mean and contemptible Dr. Uphaus wiped a tear from hing to bring innocent people

his cheek as the flashbulbs again nto public scorn and loss of popped. He was then taken to a small windowless cell in the "It is not my purpose to be Merrimack County jail, fourteen leftant or stubborn or contu- miles north of Concord in Bosmacious or to put myself above cawen, N.H., where he is still he law, but before God and be held while a large-scale movefore my friends here today, I ment for clemency suggested by can do nothing else than say both the New York Times and the Washington, D.C., Post-Times Herald gains increasing

Sentence or "Finding"?

ivelihood.

strength. In the quiet of the courtroom Defense attorneys immediately as Dr. Uphaus seated himself, moved in New Hampshire Su-Hugh Bownes stood to address preme Court to overturn the himself to the nature of the senconviction on the new grounds. ence. He was supported by a Wyman, again on hand to fight econd defense counsel, Royal the move, accused Dr. Uphaus 'rance of New York City. of trying to "manufacture a false

"You persist in using the word front of martyrdom" and desentence," Judge Grant told scribed as "nothing short of both attorneys angrily, in an apsacrilege" Uphaus' contention parent attempt to shift the onus that he stands on "my loyalty rom the bench back to the de- to God, the Constitution, the endant himself whom Wyman Bill of Rights and my conhad previously said, "has the science."

keys to his own freedom." Observers recalled, however, Agreement was reached that that during the hearing, Wyman any ruling imprisoning Dr. Upand two aides sat at one table haus would be called a "finding." immediately in front of the

Several character witnesses judge's rostrum, while directly vere sworn in and their statebehind sat Dr. Uphaus and the nents entered in the record. two defense counsel. Not once Judge Grant's steel cool eyes had Wyman turned to address went slowly around the courthis opposing lawyers or to look room. On a sheet of paper he face-to-face at the slender sym-'found and adjudged" Willard bol of conscience behind him.

**Indict Florida** 

Possible Loophole

Uphaus in "contempt of this

The judge had given himself under federal indictment for loophole for a possible com- brutalities violating the civil over the witch-hunt as the inde- ite punishments was to keep it. I am also proud to uphold terminate sentence could have prisoners, without clothing or

the constitution of the State of been reimposed which would food, chained to the bars of New Hampshire which protects have meant a life imprisonment. their cells, intermittently turn-A stern-faced clerk read out ing high-pressure fire hoses on "I am strengthened in my the message in a New England them, for as long as a week. Rep. C. O. Roberts, a member

"Adestes Fidelis" with its words, of the Supreme Court which was pronounced, two deputy of the state legislature's prisons held that the investigation was sheriffs moved in toward Dr. committee, jumped to the defense of the indicted guards, declaring, "they are just good old cracker boys."

Roberts also said: "I object to the federal government coming them my warmest down here and indicting these greetings," he said, "and tell men. If the state of Florida lets these men down, we won't have them I will stand firm." any guards left and we won't he then reconsidered, be able to hire any."

'they know that already." An hour later, when he was The federal indictments came finally led downstairs, about after state officials had sought sence of history and of moral fifty friends were still in the to whitewash the situation by

## The Main Lesson at Albert Lea

greetings.

Starting the New Year Right

Sam Kushner, Chicago editor of the Worker, Communist party weekly, has found an easy way to win strikes; namely, elect Democratic governors "friendly to labor." Kushner made the happy discovery when Minnesota Gov. Freeman sent troops to intervene in the AFL-CIO Packinghouse Workers' strike.

"When a state militia evicts strikebreakers from a struck plant, that is indeed news," Kushner declares in the Dec. 20 Worker. "This is what happened in Minnesota, at the Wilson & Co. meat plant at Albert Lea. Nor is this the first time for Minnesota. In 1934, Gov. Floyd B. Olson, the state's first Farmer-Labor governor, established this 'Minnesota pattern' when he ordered the state troops out during the general strike called by the Teamsters Union in the Twin Cities. The troops were ordered to maintain the peace by shutting down the struck plants and clearing them of strikebreakers . . . Labor's political power can make the Minnesota pattern the guide for many other state administrations."

Could anything be easier? Elect a Santa Claus like Freeman and you get Christmas every day in the year.

What really happened in Albert Lea? On Dec. 11 Gov. Freeman ordered the National Guard to close the plant. But then he opened it "temporarily." And Wilson and Co. sued Freeman to make the open-

your failure to acknowledge that they have any rights is the primary cause of violence," he said. But he pledged enforcement of the law "fairly and equally without fear or favor.'

more than they realize.

Then he turned on the strikers: "I will not tolerate violence" when the plant reopens Dec. 28. And he asked Ralph Hel- Ghandi. stein, president of the United Packinghouse Workers for "full co-operation" in preventing further disorder.

What is the upshot of all of Freeman's wriggling, maneuvering and use of troops? A Dec. 28 AP dispatch tells the tale succinctly: "The plant resumed operations under protection of National Guardsmen, sent here 21/2 weeks ago to quell picket line violence." Wilson is again free to use scabs as it was before the workers set up picket lines to protect their jobs.

Kushner's "Minnesota pattern" turned out to be a slick attempt at strikebreaking.

What about the precedent of Gov. Olson's use of the militia in 1934? The Minneapolis truck drivers in that year were under no illusion that Olson was text had been a search for George R. Grant, Jr., briskly violation of their rights of using troops to help them out. The leaders of the strike had prepared the rank and file to rely solely on their own strength its adherents, the work of a and on the solidarity of the workers in group with dissenting views. other industries.

red), as well as a Bible under house lobby below. his arm, that the Merrimack

haus' refusal to turn over guest

directed for World Fellowship, lists normally available to any police official in a squad car with the right to examine guest rosters of public lodging houses. Only a few weeks before, three Negro ministers in Florida were cited for contempt for refusal to turn over to a legislative committee in that state the membership lists of the National

Association for the Advancement of Colored People which had worked for integration under - circumstances almost identical with those of the Uphaus case. There also the prethere also, the purpose was to ings began. destroy by public exposure of

ther order of this court."

of my life and I wish to uphold

"Send

the right of conscience. stand by the minority decision nasal twang. As the "finding"

for the impermissible purpose of Uphaus. exposure for exposure's sake. I In a small anteroom, Dr. Uphaus was asked if he wanted

the Sergeant at Arms and a hope to see the day, your honor, crisp order to "all rise" by the when laws that inquire into the any message delivered to his clerk, Superior Court Justice thoughts of men and women in friends. speech, press and assembly will be declared unconstitutional.

"My loyalty to God is not in "No." contradiction to this state or this country. My position is not defiance, it is standing in the pre-

Eleven guards at the state prison in Raiford, Florida, are

'there to remain for one year from this date or until he purges **Prison Guards** himself of contempt or on fur

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ing permanent.

Freeman told the court that when the strikers set up mass picket lines against the armed scabs and violence erupted, "I made a decision . . . that no one is going to get killed." That's why he declared martial law and sent the state troops to Albert Lea.

The judges responded with a ruling: "Certainly the civil authorities with the aid of the National Guard can control any further disturbance in and around the plant . . . " But this must be done "without the closing of the plant and without an order forbidding workers who desire to work the right of free ingress to and egress from their place of employment."

How did the Democratic governor react to that strikebreaking ruling? "Freeman quickly announced his intention to 'comply fully' with the court's order," said the Dec. 24 Minneapolis Morning Tribune. He called on union and company representatives to meet with him so that, in his words, "reopening and operation of the Wilson plant may be accomplished without friction, confusion, misunderstanding or rumor."

He scolded the company for refusing to promise that all strikers would be rehired. "Your threat to your employees and

again under special permit. And under at once with militant demonstrations.

> That was the real "Minnesota pattern" -the pattern of class struggle.

The leaders of the truck drivers in- on First Amendment grounds to cluded militant unionists like Bill Brown co-operate with Congressional and revolutionary socialists like the Dunne brothers, Carl Skoglund and Farrell Dobbs. They knew that you can't win strikes by depending on false "friends of labor."

Thanks to the class-struggle methods they promoted, Olson's slick strikebreaking moves were defeated, as were the violent attacks of the police and the slippery moves of the federal mediators. Minneapolis became a union stronghold as a result of these bold policies.

And why did Kushner go to such tortuous trouble to find merit in Gov. Freeman? Because the Communist party line is to back Democrats for office instead of pressing for independent political action. For display to unionists, the CP needs attractive samples of the product they are selling. How difficult it is to find such samples is shown by the fact that the very best of them turn out to be strikebreakers when the chips are down. That's the main ica's ruling families also control lesson to be learned from the actions of Minnesota's Democratic governor.

## Four Children Are Murdered

On page one we report a fire in a New York tenement caused by a kerosene heater. The blaze took the life of a twoyear-old child. Following this, the press reported another fire in a tenement building in Jersey City, N.J., caused by a faulty kerosene heater. The toll there was even more terrible.

A family of eleven existed in four rooms on the top floor. Three of the children, ranging from three to nine years old, were trapped when the fire broke out. They were burned to death.

Three more are in the hospital with critical burns. Another of the children suffered a broken back when she tried to jump to safety from the window of the fourth floor apartment. She was also badly burned.

The heater was of the same type that has caused 200 deaths in New York in the past decade. In New York kerosene heaters

are now-supposed to be illegal. But thousands of tenement dwellers are forced to as presentable as the governor continue using them because their land- of New York? In a world of lords ignore the central-heating law with impunity. In Jersey City, the authorities don't even make a pretense of doing anything about the situation and the heaters sume open rule of imperialist are legal.

In our view the four children that died last week were victims of murder murder committed by profit-hungry slumlords, with the city officials who guard their interests, willing accessories.

These crimes are all the more revolting in that they occurred in two major cities of the richest country in the world

- a country that has more than enough resources to provide safe and decent housing for every one of its citizens. How long must America put profits above human lives?

he 'asked, "What is your answer?'

Dr. Uphaus Speaks

talline dextrorotatory sugar."

The Food and Drug Admin-

istration last month seized 31/2

tons of a substance labeled in-

ring.

Headlines in Other Lands

Stalin's Errors

Though describing Stalin as

Pravda devoted more space to

his "mistakes" than to his

sary of his birth, Dec. 21.

With New Textiles

"staunch fighter for socialism

## **Parley with Chou On Border Dispute**

India's Prime Minister Nehru turned down a Dec. 21 suggestion by Chinese Premier Chou En-lai that the two meet Dec. 26 to discuss the Chinese-Indian border dispute. Chou also suggested new, conciliatory conflict.

In his reply to Chou, Nehru did not offer a meeting at a different date and scored Chou for let them speak. not having accepted his own

"reasonable and practical" pro- Pravda Reviews posals for easing the frontier dispute.

Charge 'Rightists' In China with Acts Against Communes

The latest articles in the Chinese Communist party press against "rightist" inner-party opponents charge that last summer the "right-wing" elements got full control of some coun-

ties in Hunan province, forced many public mess halls in the communes to close, "went openponsible matter." and created a chaotic condition in the countryside. This is the version published by the Peking People's Daily Nov. 30, accord- in foreign policy, industry, agriing to a Dec. 22 AP dispatch culture, education and housing.

Another Chinese newspaper, the Changsa New Hunan, Nov. the military district as saying

well. The author of the article, Shang Chen, appeals to the "small number of cadres which

come back to the revolutionary rank and file."

In another "anti-rightist" ar- industry, the number of cotton Dr. Uphaus, leaning with his ticle in the People's Daily, the textile spindles in production stant coffee. It proved to be knuckles on the table, straight- paper said (according to a Hong increased by 70% from 1949 to "dextrose." Dextrose is "a crys- ened, looked at the judge Kong dispatch Dec. 16 to the 1959. The number of wool spinthrough his rimless glasses and, New York Times) that if pea- dles increased 36%.

sants were left to themselves, French Parliament they would "head for capitalism." Hence the need for mass Votes to Subsidize campaigns guided from the top The "rightists" have allegedly Parochial Schools criticized the mass campaigns

Under threat by Pres. Finally, a Dec. 19 Reuters dis-Gaulle to further curtail its patch from Peking reports that powers, the French parliament Red Flag, the CP Central Comvoted 427-71 to grant state finanmittee's theoretical journal has cial aid to Catholic schools. The accused the "rightists" of carrymeasure will grant parochial ing on "factional activities" and schools about \$60 million in "anti-party activities inside the "aid" next year. party." Red Flag scored as "ab-

surd" the charge of the 'right-However, popular opposition to the breach in the separation ists" that the party lacked democracy because it would not of church and state is far greater in France than the parliamentary vote indicates. As the Dec. 27 New York Times admits editorially, "Voting in the National Assembly, in the Fifth Republic is often . . . rigged."

## **New Federation Favored by Chilean** "achievements" in an article ob-Trade Union Parley

serving the eightieth anniver-La Prensa, New York Spanish daily, reports that at a recent Immediately after Stalin's death, said Pravda, "the Lenintrade-union congress in Chile, ist nucleus of leading men in the delegates adhering to the Communist party won a majority of party's Central Committee" opened a campaign against the posts in the leadership. The "personality cult." The criticism Communists got 645 votes, the socialists 403, and the "Trotskyof Stalin had been "courageous" and a "complex and very resists" 17.

The Communists pushed a res-The Pravda article ended with olution favoring affiliation with a long list of post-Stalin reforms the Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina, which is headed by Lombardo Toledano, well-known Stalinist

**Chinese Experiment** trade-union official of Mexico. The majority of the delegates opposed this, however, and voted in favor of creating a new Latin The People's Republic of American trade-union organiza-China has experimentally protion as recently proposed by the

duced 10,000 varieties of new Cuban trade unions. textiles and new designs this The Cubans ended their affiliyear, a recent Hsinhua news ation with the AFL-CIO sponhave deviated from the correct agency release received in Hong sored Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers.

According to Chang Kuang-At one point the discussion benai, China's minister of textile came so heated that fist fights broke out.

Among the resolutions approved by the delegates was one naming capital as the "enemy" of the working class.

## Watch that Bath Water

### By Harry Ring

The following conversation between two supporters of the Communist party took place recently in a New York cafeteria. Its authenticity is beyond question, as I got it from an unusually unimpeachable source.

"What did you think of the party convention, Stanley? Looks to me like we're still on the same kick. We still need more 'criticism and self-criticism' and more vote-hustling for the Democrats."

"Max, you couldn't be more wrong. This convention was a landmark. It gave the Party the 'New Look' that Comrade Dennis pledged in 1956."

"You mean they redeemed the pledge by dumping Dennis and giving Gus Hall his job?"

'You know perfectly well, Max, that Dennis had a mild stroke or small heart attack and couldn't attend the convention."

"Sure. I also noticed in this week's Worker that he's 'rapidly recovering' and he'll be taking on 'curtailed activity' within a month.'

"Be that as it may, Max, it was certainly an opportune development. Comrade Hall is providing the movement fresh and inspired leadership. Unfortunately, I wasn't a delegate at the convention; but I read the extracts from his keynote speech in the Worker. It's a remarkable job of scientific analysis of our past errors, and brilliant oratory, too. It's rich with the language of the people."

Well, maybe. But I'm sitting it out for a while yet, Stanley. I'm really beat out running errands for that Tammany hack in my district. And that 'progressive' shop chairman I helped elect is still giving me a hard time."

"Max, you're a perfect example of what Comrade Hall explained is still wrong with the party. Listen to what he says; I'm quoting from the text: 'Some of our cadre and a small section of our membership and some of the friends and members who left our ranks are afflicted by a disease one could designate as "negativism." That's what you're afflicted with."

'You mean it's a disease? I thought it was just that we're making such steady headway backwards."

"That's pure subjectivism, which Comrade Hall explains is a form of the disease of negativism. And he put his finger right on the root source of the infection. Listen: 'If you are one of those who sits and waits and sulks in a mist of negative cynicism you are so because you have been influenced by the ideology, the propaganda of the capitalist class."

"It's true, Stanley, no one ever accused me of positive cynicism and it does seem to be getting pretty misty. But I never caught wise that it was capitalist ideologists that were making me cynical about knocking ourselves out supporting anti-labor politicians like Steven-Jim son.

"Max, life itself couldn't provide a better example than you of Comrade Hall's point. He explains that we made so many errors in the past because 'We never really grasped the Leninist concept of the struggle on two fronts.' The big mistake was that 'We changed from one front to the other, and therefore have fought only one direction of deviation at a time.' And he offers a magnificent dialectical explanation of why we are always 'rejecting and throwing out the healthy body with the distorted growth.' He points out we've been doing that at the very same time that we've been writing and speaking 'against the idea of throwing out the baby with the bath water.' Incidentally, I think that part about the baby and the bath water drives the point home with real force. That's just what we've been doing - throwing out the baby thirty-ninth annual report. "But

with the bath water." "To me, Stanley, it's still a little misty." "It's perfectly simple. Listen: 'During periods when our emphasis is against the Right, all tactical questions tend to be raised to the level of principle and during periods when the emphasis is against the Left danger, principles are generally brought down to the tactical level'.

#### "Clear as pea soup."

"Never mind your negativism, Max. Comrade Hall provides the answer. It's a masterful addition to Marxist-Leninist-Stal-... Marxist-Leninist theory: 'We have not fully learned the lesson that while one or the other of the to "exigencies of presidential germs is active and weakening the party, the politics." opposite germ moves in'."

"Now I get it! Our new General Secretary free speech, belief, association, is saying that if we shut the door to keep out due process and equality before the Right germs while we're opening the win- the law. dow to get rid of the Left germs, then we'll be able to throw out the tub and save both the front," the ACLU supported baby and the bath water!"

"It's good to see that at least you're grappling with the problem, Max. At any rate, to use one of Comrade Hall's rich metaphors, 'Life Itself' will demonstrate the validity of this scientific analysis of what's been infecting the Party and how to cope with it."

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## Detroit ACLU Pays San Francisco Puts Tribute to Lockwood Crow By Frank Lovell Fight

often sought additional legal The Detroit chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union commemorated Bill of that "security risks" don't Rights Day, Dec. 15, by presenting its first annual award for "outstanding achievements in the field of civil liberties" to Charles C. Lockwood. This public recognition and

acclaim of Lockwood's defense "Civil liberties can never be permanently 'out of the woods'," of civil liberties marks a big Executive Director Patrick step forward for the ACLU Murphy Malin declares in a and the whole civil-liberties foreword to the organization's movement in this city. It shows that the struggle for civil libthey are a lot better off than erties is regaining self-conthey were in 1954.... And they fidence. will be a lot better off in the

During the past years, when future than they might otherit was less popular to defend wise be, if - for the ACLU so-called "security-risk" cases, life begins, once again at forty!" Charles Lockwood never The report cites discriminaturned down anyone who was under attack. He helped ortion, North and South, as the ganize the local Kutcher Civil nation's primary "civil liberties problem." Although it believes Rights Committee, was the it sees improvement in the defense attorney in the Raduschool integration process, the lovich and Lupa cases, and was ACLU sees little possibility of prominent in the fight against the Michigan "anti-subversive" Trucks law.

> These were the cases that received the most publicity. There were many others that he handled before Army review boards and local "security" committees and won. Most of these cases received little attention and seemed to many at the time to be important only to the individual victims and to Lockwood. To him they certainly were important. His mark as a real fighter for civil liberties is

In the past year clashes octhat he sees in every individual victimization an attack on the basic rights of all. A scroll citing Lockwood for

his contribution was presented by Harold Morris, ACLU Detroit chapter chairman, during ceremonies at the McGregor Conference Center at Wayne State University.

Accepting this recognition of his work, Lockwood reminded his colleagues in the legal profession that much remains to be done in the civil-liberties field. He recalled that he had

## Strike at Albert Lea

fields.

erties.

(Continued from Page 1) | would prevail." "Lawlessness in this manner

and asked its members to "go could be suppressed but it would along" with it. Wilson and Co. filed suit be obtained by compelling the status quo which is usually segagainst Gov. Freeman to regain victims of such lawlessness to full use of plant facilities. The surrender their constitutional federal court ruled that the rights so precious to all freedomloving people." plant must be permitted to re-

This tortured piece of legal open; however, the governor sophistry, which attempts to could keep troops there to maindraw a parallel between mintain "order." In its antilabor



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#### By George Lavan

The announced merger of San Francisco's Local 6 white) and Local 669 (Negro) of the American Federation of Musicians is heartening news for all opponents of Jim

Crow and spotlights how much the producer and cast of still needs to be done to eradi- when the producer and cast of the show, then in Europe, cabled cate all forms of segregation absolute insistence that several rom the labor movement. Negro musicians be included in In a news release, hailing the

the orchestra. San Francisco musicians' merger, John Hammond, chairman of the Music Committee of the Urban League of Greater New York, Lithographers Music Committee of the Urban says: "We hope that this merger will point to the elimination of the 46 segregated locals of the AFM before its next convention Move by Gov't

n June 1960." It is noteworthy that only 15 of these Jim Crow locals are in

the South and nine in border states. The remaining ones are in such places as Denver, Bridge-Lockwood and to participate port, New Haven, Hartford, Chiin the ceremonies included ago, Sioux City, Topeka, Bosprominent figures in the union on, St. Louis, Buffalo, Pittsourgh, Philadelphia, Seattle, sion, the Michigan courts, and Milwaukee and six in Ohio. the educational and religious The San Francisco merger is being achieved only under the Members of the newly spur of the recently passed state formed Advisory Committee to Fair Employment Practices law although the proposition has plants has been traditional in the the chapter's executive board

union contract. were introduced. The combeen under discussion in the mittee includes Lockwood and union for the past five years. ing of the union Dec. 19 voted others who have long been In San Francisco and other 746 to 271 to reject a contract cities with segregated musicians' front-line fighters for civil libagreement reached by Internaocals, resistance to merger has tional union officials and the come not solely from bigoted Justice George Edwards of employing lithographers. Top the Michigan Supreme Court white elements in the union. In union officials, including Edward spoke on "The Price of the some instances it comes from the Swayduck, president of the large Bill of Rights," and declared officers of the Negro locals and New York local, had come here that "the rights that wither from the members as well. Neto help secure a strike settlegro musicians, like all Negroes. for the weak, the friendless ment that would protect the hate and resent segregation, but and the guilty will eventually union's job and jurisdictional with specific merger propositions rights. The employers' moves to A statement was read from their desire to end Jim Crow is roll back work rules were bol-Mayor Miriani extolling civil outweighed by fears that discrimination in a merged local stered by the NLRB intervenliberties. It might better have tion under the Kennedy-Landbeen sent to the Police Dewould deny them representation in union offices and worsen their partment, notorious for its dis-

rum-Griffin law. The International officials lot economically. sought to sign an agreement be-A further complicating factor fore the court action on the inis that, like other of the enterjunction application. Accord tainment unions, the AFM has with the employers was reached. contractors (hiring agents) in its It was this agreement that was locals. These white contractors rejected by the membership are actually bosses and usually meeting. have a vested interest in the

Strong membership opposition developed when it was learned regated orchestras. Because of their economic hold on union that neither the local's negotimembers, dependent on them for ating nor executive committees jobs, these contractors command had played any part in working powerful cliques and machines out the agreement. Further, the in many locals and bitterly op- new agreement would provide only a 4% wage increase as

SAN FRANCISCO - Hear-

ings on an application to bar

the Amalgamated Lithographers

of America from including a "hot

cargo" clause among contract

demands opened in federal court

here Dec. 21. The National Labor

Relations Board applied for the

injunction against Local 17 of

the union which has been on

strike since Nov. 23. A ban on

handling material from struck

A stormy membership meet-

## **Aptly Named Court**

#### By Alex Harte

The highest judicial body in Connecticut, which goes by the unusually apt title of Supreme Court of Errors, upheld a law Dec. 22 which an expert in the field recently characterized as making the citizens of that state, "the largest mass criminal population in America.'

The five-man court unanimously upheld two 1879 statutes forbidding the prescription or use of birth-control drugs or devices. The law provides a \$50 fine and a 60-day to oneyear jail term for either "offense."

The latest reaffirmation of the statute came in reply to a legal challenge by Dr. C. Lee Buxton, chairman of the Obstetrics Department at Yale University, and two married couples and a married woman, all patients of his. They charged that the statutes violated the Fourteenth Amendment which forbids the states to "deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." They now plan an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The ruling upholding the birth-control ban is not without interest. In it, the judges estab-

• In the case of the couple identified as Paul and Pauline Poe, the judges found, "Mrs. Poe, who is 26 years old . . . has born three abnormal children, no one of whom lived more than 10 weeks. The basic cause of these abnormalities is thought by Dr. Buxton and other qualified medical specialists to be genetic, but the prognosis is very uncertain and renders the prospect of another pregnancy extremely disturbing to both Mr. and Mrs. Poe." • Nor is the problem insoluble, the court

said. "The plaintiff Buxton has knowledge of drugs, medicinal articles and instrumentalities which could be safely used to prevent conception and pregnancy in the women plaintiffs, who desire to live normal married lives with their husbands."

• This is not simply the opinion of the court. "It is conceded by the demurrers [the state of Connecticut] that the use of contraceptives is, according to medical science, the best and safest measure for the plaintiffs to follow in order to avoid pregnancy.

comprehensive congressional action on civil rights in 1960 due Other major issues involve

the ACLU supported legal action and protested both religious teaching in public schools and the use of public facilities - such as buildings, textbooks, and buses - by parochial schools.

curred between the ACLU and Postmaster General Arthur B. Summerfield over postal censorship. The department "would do well," the ACLU says, "to remember that its job is to deliver the mail, and that Americans are free to decide what

they will read." In the academic field, the ACLU notes its opposition to the 1958 National Defense Education Act which grants such wide authority to the U.S. Commissioner of Education that it constitutes "a threat to the universities freedom to protect their standards of admission and student performance."

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By Flora Carpenter

After four decades of per-

forming a "watchdog function,"

the American Civil Liberties

Union views the future in its

field optimistically.

No.

The ACLU hails a court reversal in New York of "a decision by a state official [Carmine De Sapio] in refusing a place on the ballot to the Independent Socialist party" because of minor irregularities on nominating petitions. The case indicates the need for "thorough re-evaluation of the state election laws to simplify

have enough money. But money is not everything, Lockwood said. Civil liberties must be defended out of duty, and the rewards are greater than money. Discussing the political cli-

mate in which the witch-hunt grew, Lockwood recalled that it had gained the most from the Attorney General's "subversive" list, first issued under the Truman administration. The present Congress, he

aid on cases and had been told

said; has been a great disappointment to everyone who expected liberal legislation from it and this is the responsibility of both the Republican and Democratic parties.

He concluded by saying that since both major parties have failed, those who want to preserve the basic concepts defined in the Bill of Rights must now examine other political forms, "especially socialism." Those who came to honor

movement, the legal profes-

be taken away from all."

regard of legal rights.

lish these facts: • Dr. Buxton is "an eminently qualified ob-

stetrician and gynecologist." One of his patients, who joined in the suit under the pseudonym, Jane Doe, 25, when three and a half months pregnant, had "de-

veloped a condition which brought her to the very brink of death. Her physical condition is now such that conception and another pregnancy would be exceedingly dangerous to her life. She needs and requires advice as to what preventive measures can be taken to avert a recurrence of the experience she suffered."

The court further explained that it has the right to "interfere" with laws that do not "serve the public health safety, morals or welfare or . . . deny or interfere with private rights' un-

reasonably."

After presenting these block-busting arguments against the birth-control ban, you may well ask, on what possible basis did the judges manage to uphold it?

The simplest argument in the world: The plaintiffs have another alternative . . .

"... abstinence from sexual intercourse."

## Notes in the News

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTING HOUSES - It is estimated by the National Stationery and Office Equipment Association that \$10 million in damages (like drinks spilled on desks and carpets) resulted for those firms that threw office Christmas parties. An inspiring sight for the world's underfed millions!

PAIN IN THE NECK - From watching television you can get a pain in the neck as well as the breastbone, the arteries and the back - and besides, you may become victim of "command-automatism" (example: one man watching a hair-tonic demonstration began scooping water from the goldfish bowl to put on his hair). This warning appeared in Lancet, an English medical journal. However, if you're a confirmed Vidiet, Lancet recommends adequate lighting, proper chairs, and avoidance of tight clothes, especially tight girdles, during television sessions. . . .

CAPITALIST BRAINS AT WORK - Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller has come up with a neat way of reducing crimes committed by youths. He recommends a law to lower the age of adults to 15. Youths of 16 can then be called adults, can be tried in adult courts and given adult sentences instead of being sent to correctional schools for juveniles as the law now provides. . . .

NOT A BAD IDEA - Retail druggists are complaining that customers have been giving them a hard time since the price-gouge scandal hit the headlines. A Jacksonville pharmacist says: "The whole thing is being wrapped around our necks. I'm confident we all will be in the investigation before it's over."

WATCH THAT STANCE ! - Ruth Preston, writing in the New York Post on clothing fashions in the past ten years, reports that the decade saw "a very important change in silhouette for both men and women. And with it came a change in posture from erect (to support a prominent and pointed bosom, tiny waist and rounded, even padded, hip) to a more relaxed stance with pelvis almost forward of the waistline which gives the figure a much longer, slimmer line with high, rounded, notso-prominent bosom. This was also true in men's fashions . . . the well-padded shoulder and long, loose jacket . . . gave way to narrow unpadded shoulders which rounded the shoulder line and, with the hip held rather well forward, gave an extremely slender look." Or as they said in the clothing trade, it was a way of slenderizing the pocketbook through planned posture obsolescence.

. . .

ARE THE TRACKS SAFE? - A private engineering firm which investigated New York's subway system issued the comforting announcement that it had found the tracks "safe." However, it also found that it will take two years to carry out the extensive repairs needed to "keep" them safe. New York City newspapers have been running accounts day in and day out illustrating the dangerous deterioration of the famous subway network. Democratic Mayor Wagner's response to this was to hire Coverdale and Colpitts to make a four-month survey at a cost of \$70,000 to the taxpayers. The engineering outfit - strictly by coincidence, of course - was the same one that supervised He salutes the appearance of repair work done in the previous period. \* \* \*

BECAUSE OF SMAZE AND SMOG - The erties in America. problem of corrosion has become greatly intensified in recent years. According to Henry

L. Shuldener, president of Water Service Lab- To a Segregationist? oratories, Inc., the water used in cooling frozenfood apparatus, refrigerators, air conditioners,

etc., picks up so much of the chemically active marry a segregationist? Curiousgases from the atmosphere that no metal com- ly no one has ever challenged me monly used today in water-conveying systems with that question - though it is can withstand the corresive action. He says that a sensible one and is harder to damage from corrosion can be in the form of answer than some questions that clogging or dilating spray-nozzle apertures, get thrown around more freleaky pipes, perforated plates and destruction quently. The question is difficult of copper condenser tubes. Even copper can because I seriously doubt the actually be dissolved from brass or copper pip- wisdom of intermarriage being by some water. The breakdowns from dam- tween segregationists and inteage, he adds, are most likely to occur just when grationists. However, I oppose "the equipment is most needed" - like when legislation forbidding such interyou've just loaded your freezer with \$20 worth marriages." - Roger Shinn in of meat. The expert did not say what the effect Christianity and Crisis, quoted of the corrosive gases might be on human lungs. in the Southern Patriot.

the requirements for minority ruling the court castigated the representation. . ."

governor's way of using troops: The report contains a concise "The workers [scabs] who deroundup of current civil lib- sired to return to their work at erties cases in fields extending the plant were forbidden to refrom racist attacks in the South turn, and plaintiff's right under against the National Association the federal constitution to op-

for the Advancement of Colored erate its plant was abrogated by People to reactionary laws af- the decree of the military." fecting birth control. Among the In what has been taken as a Wilkinson, William Worthy, Pete used state troops to prevent Ne-

William L. Greene. The important Lloyd Baren- court stated, "By way of analreport.

However, the survey does not mention the internationally famous case of Morton Sobell, who was convicted and sentenced to thirty years during the witch-hunt hysteria surrounding the trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The ACLU offers no reason for the omission.

While defending labor's right to picket, the ACLU reversed a urged the unions "voluntarily to create an internal democracy of free speech and due process.' The ACLU approves the new Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law on the ground that organized labor "having sown the wind of neglect, has this year reaped the whirlwind, even from friends." Malin notes the ACLU's current membership of 45,000 and pays special tribute to its 800 co-operating attorneys in 300 cities who "work without fee." other organizations concerned about the defense of civil lib-

they may be shocked a little by some answers, there's a "Do I want my daughter to greater readiness to listen than in the last 13 years. If we don't make progress in the 1960 election campaign it will be partly our own fault, partly because we will have failed to realize what the opportunities are or will not have taken full advantage of them.

"If your tour does nothing else," he told me, "it will be a success if it will drive this one point home wherever you go." For emphasis George opened a book of Frederick Doug-

opening up all around. The

hypnosis is broken. People are

beginning to open their eyes

and ask questions and though

ority peoples moving into a segregated neighborhood and scabs moving into striking workers' jobs, provides fresh evidence of the traditional role of the courts in labor disputes.

Clearly the next developments depend upon the decisiveness of the workers. However, the leaddefendants mentioned are Frank reference to Gov. Faubus, who ership of the United Packinghouse Workers has not issued a Seeger, Asbury Howard and gro children from going to single statement up to now inschool in Little Rock, Ark., the dicating what should be done. Public statements have been blatt and Willard Uphaus free- ogy, let us assume a situation issued by R. A. Olson, Minnespeech cases are cited in the that not infrequently arises in sota president of the AFL-CIO our country. Racial hatred, for and Walter Cramond, president instance, against so-called min- of the Minneapolis Central Laority citizens moving into a bor Union Council. These comcommunity, with the resulting mended the governor for calling

demand that such citizens leave out the troops! The next move is up to the the neighborhood, often incites mob action. If the violence could Minnesota union movement not be suppressed by local auth- which has a unique opportunity orities, a governor could impose to show through militant acmartial law and the military tion, as it did in 1934, how to could issue an order that the break out of an antilabor innocent citizens leave the squeeze-play put on by a comneighborhood because if they pany in collusion with governposition, held since 1942, that did so, peace and tranquility ment officials, courts and troops.

## 1960 Can Be Best Year

(Continued from. Page 1) am sure his friends will be interested to know not only that George's spirits are good and that he keeps active most of difference of the American the time but also what he people to the abolitionist mesthinks about the period ahead, which I'll summarize here: sage.

It was dated only nine "1960 can be, and I think months before the outbreak of will be, the best year for revothe civil war that ended in lutionary socialism since the the abolition of slavery! cold war began. Things are

"I don't mean that the American workers are only nine months away from a final showdown with capitalism now," he explained. "What I mean is that the best and most clear-sighted radicals must always be careful to watch for changes even before they fully mature and be ready for them in time. To me, all the signs point to the best opportunity revolutionary socialists have had in years.

"But of course what happens will depend on how well we understand the opportunities and how hard we work to win. them."

Fraternally Farrell Dobbs

nose integration The New York Urban League against the across-the-board statement on ending Jim Crow raise of \$10 originally demandlocals in the AFM calls for guar- ed. This particularly incensed antees of equal treatment to Ne- unskilled workers who, under gro members of merged locals. previous contracts, have received The definition of equal treat- equal raises with skilled workment includes adequate repre-ers.

sentation on the boards of The agreement was defended merged locals and assurances as a victory on the key issue of that job opportunities will be union security by the Internaoffered to all on the basis of tional's lawyer Ben Robinson merit . . . Further, all locals of and Local 17 President Brandenthe AFM should take positive burg. They pointed to the adsteps to ensure equal job oppor- vantages of going into court with tunities and the integration of the strike ended and a contract orchestras in their jurisdiction." already signed.

Many members saw merit in It is a shock to learn just how widespread discrimination these arguments but questioned against Negro musicians is the need of giving up so many Though New York City has an economic demands to secure the integrated AFM local, discrimi- agreement.

nation in hiring is commonplace. An Urban League study early in 1959 revealed that neither the New York Philharmonic nor Metropolitan Opera, orchestras had ever hired a Negro musician. Of the dozen orchestras sent overseas by the State Department only one (Julliard School) was integrated. The 26 musical

shows on Broadway from 1956 to 1958 employed approximately - Toward Capitalism or Social-650 musicians of whom only 14 ism?" First of three lectures on - and these mainly in two the Russian Revolution by Theostars - were Negroes.

Even with the 1953 production ternational Socialism. Sunday, of "Porgy and Bess," the lily- Jan. 10, 11 a.m. Forum Hall, 1702 white contractor gave in only East Fourth St.

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shows with Negro themes or dore Edwards opening the win-

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ter session of the School of In-

lass and read me a passage in which that great agitator, after 20 years of unremitting struggle against slavery, bemoaned the apparent apathy and in-