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### **Urges Nationwide Conference** Of AFL-CIO in Fight for Jobs DETROIT, Dec. 19 - The immediate calling of a

national conference of all AFL-CIO unions to fight for the 30-hour week at 40-hours pay, and to formulate a +united legislative program for

## **Socialist Slate** Wins Gains in **Toronto Race**

contested for mayor and con- mobilize the UAW membership troller while the Young Socialist in preparation for contract ne-Alliance ran an effective ward gotiations in 1961. campaign for the Board of Edua contest heavily stacked against him.

Alan Harris, SEL nominee for the-profits plan is not a full controller, won 14,674 votes. employment plan. A share-the-John Darling, YSA candidate for board of education, received road to full employment.' 6,043 votes, 21 per cent of the total cast in the ward.

Dowson had to buck opposition from the officials of the Toronto and District Labor Council. While these officials had declared they were not for the Tory or Liberal candidates, they said they did not feel that Dowson's clear-cut workingclass program represented "the aspirations of this council."

The Toronto press made special note of the fact that both Harris and Darling outpolled Communist party candidates. The CP did not run for mayor.

### **Memorial Held** For Skoglund

NEW YORK - A memorial meeting for Carl Skoglund was

Committee for Democratic Ac-tion in the United Automobile Workers union . The proposal was made in the form of a letter by NCFDA Chairman Eugene Hoffman to Walter Reuther and the UAW The Toronto municipal elec- international executive board, tion Dec. 5 was the most fruitful which was holding a meeting in one for socialists in a decade. Detroit. The letter also out-The Socialist Educational League lined a program of action to

the new Congress, was proposed

here last week by the National

The NCFDA has been active cation. While they were hit by all year popularizing the need a news blackout in the daily press they got on radio and TV for the first time and aroused an UAW locals as unemployment encouraging amount of interest has grown. Its letter was and support for their campaign. Ross Dowson, SEL candidate leadership because "no action for mayor, polled 1,656 votes in other than lip service has been taken by the UAW executive board. . . . Certainly your share-

work plan is the only practical

### **Convention Instructions**

It also noted that the last UAW convention, held in 1959, specifically instructed the leadership to prepare and publicize a program for the shorter work week. But:

"No action has been taken, or educational effort made, to comply with these instructions of the convention. Actually the question of the shorter work week has been avoided, even when President-elect Kennedy reaffirmed when an heiress offered a half his opposition to a shorter work week at the Steelworkpayroll.

ers convention during the recent campaign." Asking the UAW leadership to "seriously consider the facts of life," the NCFDA presented

the following proposals: On the economic front: (1) Immediate action to eli-



For the first time in the six-year struggle for independence from imperialist France, the masses in Algiers poured out of the Casbah in a mighty demonstration that brought new power to the rebel side. In the face of machinegun fire from the French army, young Algerians continued to wave flags of the National Liberation Front and to shout "Independence!" "Down with the Ultras!" and "Long Live the FLN!" Still wearing their traditional veils, women were in the forefront of the demonstration with a "You-you" cry that struck terror among the French "ultras" who oppose independence.

### **Teachers Pay Cut Off Criminal Action Urged Against** By Louisiana Racists

As the New Orleans crisis of corted her daughter through the token school integration entered its sixth week Dec. 19, the mob of egg-hurling hoodlums. Mr. Gabrielle was fired from his ich as a gas-meter reader for ic racist-controlled Louisiana state job as a gas-meter reader for the federal government has legislature cut off the salaries refusing to retreat from his pro- filed suit in two Tennessee of all the city's teachers. The integration stand. The police counties to block the slated move aimed at forcing the clos- failed to provide them adequate Jan. 1 eviction of 700 Negro ing of the two previously allprotection white schools now being at-

tended by four Negro children. A possible way out for the New Orleans school board came North Providence, R.I. Mr. Gabrielle told news-

Post. "I couldn't even try."

million dollars to help meet the men, know how the minority has Meanwhile, eight white chilpoisoned people's minds. It's dren continued to attend the the ignorance of the minor-

Frantz school with the lone Neity that caused it all." gro child enrolled there. The Mrs. Gabrielle said she was three other Negro children were still alone at McDonogh school. Two new white children en-

tenant farmer's who dared to So they finally packed up and register at the polls. Hundreds being starved out by an organized racist boycott. The Ne-

racists, who should be hit with federal criminal actions. A Justice Department suit "happy to be in Rhode Island, was filed Dec. 14 against 82 but I hate to leave New Orleans. defendants in Fayette county,

#### be smarting from taunts that they had failed to fire a shot. "The group, armed with submachine guns, took over Guardia Nacional headquarters at Jinotepe and Diriamba, 25 miles south of Managua, and ambushed government reinforcements arriving from Managua,

**Bares Truth** 

**About Crisis** 

Remember how Eisenhower

tect" the dictators in Nicaragua

the true facts about what hap-

pened in the two Central Amer-

leaders of the Conservative op-

position. They had taken part

in an abortive uprising a few

months before and were said to

ican countries:

killing 11 guardsmen and wounding nine others. . . .

"A gang of perhaps 200 members of a pro-Castro youth them! It's more commonly group, knowing something was brewing, helped out by seizing briefly the central telephone and along with their six children re- of Negro farmers who own telegraph office and a radio staturned to their former home in their own land and a number tion in Jinotepe. By the next of Negro businessmen are also morning the government had regained control.

groes involved say the civil suits are not enough to stop the

That was my home. I hope that including more than 45 land-

## Since the Thirties **Corporations Decide to Stop** Announcing Rate of Capacity

#### By Tom Kerry

Dec. 22 - It is estimated that the rate of steel produc-In Caribbean Dec. 22 — It is estimated that the rate of steel produc-tion next week will be at 40 per cent of capacity or lower. Next week's rate, says the Dec. 20, New York Times, "may ordered the U.S. fleet into the be the lowest for a nonstrike period since the depression Caribbean in November to "pro- days of the Nineteen Thirties."

The hoped for rise in steel demand by the auto industry

and Guatemala from being overfailed to materialize. With car thrown by "Communist" forces inventory now over the one-million mark auto producers are Laos Dictator from abroad? Here is how Richwelcoming the holiday shutard Dudman, in the Nov. 27 St. down. Louis Post-Dispatch, describes

**Steel Production** 

**Plunges to Lowest** 

**Fits State Dept.** The slump in steel and auto, those sensitive barometers of the **Specifications** health of the economy, is reflected in the rise of unemploy-"In Nicaragua, the outbreak of ment and part-time employ-Nov. 11 was made by a group ment. Unemployment is now of about 10 sons of wealthy nearing the five-million mark. The number of workers on short weeks is estimated at close to

Heads in Sand

The steel barons have a rather unique solution for the problem Laos.' of growing unemployment in the industry. They propose to discontinue, after Jan. I, the publication of figures showing the rate of operation in the steel industry. This is on the theory that what the people don't see they can't know - and what they don't know can't hurt

known as the "ostrich policy." Some time ago the United teelworkers union published igures showing that the industry can operate at 40 percent capacity and still make a profit. Technological advances in the

acteristic feature of American

What we are witnessing to-

day is a merging of the

streams of "conjunctural" and

"structural" unemployment. It

social life.

of Castro's participation were a sharply increased productivity. few red and black flags and Today more than half the force the counter-revolution. banners found afterward in the is partially employed or totally military post at Jinotepe. They unemployed and tens of thouwere crudely fashioned and ap- sands will never again find em-

"The forces of pro-American counter-revolutionary Gen. Phoumi Nosavan were in control of Ventiane after two days of fighting which set buildings in two million. And the curve in the administrative capital both categories is upward. ablaze. . . . General Phoumi is Deputy Premier in a regime now

recognized by the United States as the legitimate government of

Price 10c

That in a nutshell was the situation in Laos Dec. 17, as reported in brutally frank terms by Ronald Stead, Southeast Asia Correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor.

The ousted government, which is backed by the workers and peasants, was fighting a defensive action in which the outcome still remains uncertain.

In Washington there was jubilation over "the breather' for it was not necessary to write off the \$300,000,000 of American "The closest thing to evidence process of steelmaking have tax-payers' money that has been poured into Laos to shore up

#### Appeal for Help

The revolutionary forces peared to have been made lo- ployment in the industry under headed by Kong Le appealed cally, but there is disagreement the current weekly work sched-whether by the conservative ule. The same process of mechani- aid from Communist-led guermen as fabricated evidence. . . . zation and automation is being rilla forces. Last week the press introduced throughout the whole reported that they had received of the American economy with some arms from the Soviet In Guatemala, the trouble be- similar effect. Millions of work- Union, including a few heavy gan Nov. 13 with an attack by ers are being squeezed out of the pieces of artillery. But there were other reports headquarters in Guatemala City. growing number of unemployed that Soviet material aid from workers. Chronic unemployment | Soviet forces is pitifully meager. is once again becoming a chare However, that may be, the

"We want people to

held here Dec. 18.

The principal speaker was and get additional shifts to ab-Farrell Dobbs, national secretary of the Socialist Workers workers.

party and a close friend and associate of Carl's since the days vention (April 26-28) to make when they shared in the leadership of the Minneapolis Team- pay the No. 1 demand in the sters' strikes.

The meeting also heard Sherry Finer of the Young Socialist Al-

liance, who knew Carl from Minneapolis unionist who was win the shorter week. first introduced to socialism by Carl. Fred Halstead was chairman.

He read messages to the meet- beginning with 30-for-40, and ing that arrived from Socialist including corporation-paid hos- eration Committee for Africa, Workers branches and from pitalization and insurance; low-Carl's comrades and friends ering of retirement age to 60; and their NATO partners with across the country.

articles about Carl Skoglund.]

[See pages two and three for full coverage for the entire racist policy in the Congo, in

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## Uphaus, Pauling Urge **New Spirit of Militancy**

#### By William A. Price

Dr. Willard Uphaus, lay reli-| bol through which many ungious leader and pacifist, and dersood the continuing threat molested and abused, by mem-Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel prize- of McCarthyite legislative comwinning scientist, have emerged mittees.

Dr. Uphaus spoke of the Pofrom the ordeal of prison and congressional slander to call for laris Action protests of pacifists ville. Yet when there are merely a new militancy in the fight who, had boarded nuclear sub- rumors of some whites being enagainst inquisitorial legislative marines in New London, Conn., dangered by forces still loyal to and also of one of the many the only legitimate government committees.

and said:

"We have to bring our

bodies as well as our minds

and our principles into the

struggle. We need an extra

all-outness in 1961. This is

our mission. This is our call-

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vote.'

Dr. Uphaus, imprisoned in virtual solitary confinement for his stand against informing on Patrice Lumumba, Mr. Ham-12 months, was released from the guests of the World Fel- marskjold frantically rushed the Merrimack County Jail, Bos- lowship camp in Conway, N.H., cawen, N.H., Dec. 13. Two days which he directs. He recalled later he told 1,000 New Yorkers:

"If we are to have peace, we can never give up the right to associate with others who also want peace. If I have any special message to all who love civil liberties, it would be that we must have a new realization of the preciousness of time in our fight not only for civil liberties but for life rather than death. We need a new grasp for the dimension of our problem."

A year ago Dr. Uphaus had come to New York to find all but a few organs of opinion closed to him. (See the Militant, Jan. 4, 1960.) In the intervening months, however, his imprisonment had become a sym-

minate all overtime schedules was unaccounted for.) sorb the unemployed auto

(2) Ask the special UAW conthe 30-hour week at 40-hours

1961 negotiations. (3) Immediate steps to eliminate speed-up.

(4) Organize the unemployed childhood on, and a veteran to help stop overtime work and (5) Submit to the referendum vote of the entire membership

a list of basic contract demands. increase in SUB payments and

tered

Frantz as one was forced to drop out. (The other absence lieve in the principle of integration."

Meanwhile, Ellen Steinberg Haywood county. The drop out was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James of New York, who offered \$500,-Gabrielle who were finally 000 to the school board with the forced to leave town after tak- understanding that it might not ing a heroic stand against the be returned, paid tribute to the racists. From the opening day Negro children who had to face of school Mrs. Gabrielle esthe hate mob.

"I realize I could never be

bv

UN Congo Policy and the part myser in then injunction charged that in ad-Scored as Racist

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 - Daniel H. Watts, chairman of the Libspit are the ones in shackles. gro merchants. charged the U.S. and Belgium They are loaded down with bigotry and prejudice. How can community about the federal trying to carry out a thoroughly they possibly be free human

beings? Algeria, and elsewhere in Africa Explaining why she offered Tribune. The dispatch said: and in the United Nations. the money, which the school "Negro leaders say that a law-

"Unfortunately," Watts said, board says it is considering ac- suit filed by federal officials in "UN Secretary General Dag cepting, she said: "I get so im- Haywood county has not had Hammarskjold appears to have patient with all of the destruc- much effect in stopping the boybecome caught up in this policy. tive pettiness that goes on in cott. What is needed is crim-One has only to hear Hammarskjold maintain he has no mandate to use force in the Congo when African and Asian UN much happier. It's time we partment of Justice, Washingpersonnel in the Congo are learned to love one another." | ton, D.C., are in order."

bers of the armed gang headed by Joseph D. Mobutu, the U.S. and Belgian puppet in Leopold-

demonstrations in support of of the Congo headed by Premier

armed forces to their aid." Watts urged the immediate re a 24-hour vigil in the rain in lease of all political prisoners in front of the ancient brick jail the Congo, particularly that of in which he was imprisoned Premier Lumumba, who was publicly abused by Mobutu's thugs.

Richard Gibson, secretary of the Liberation Committee for first achieved prominence, and regulation of the unions Africa, warned against U.S. Kennedy stated when he an- the labor lawyers became key racism. "These white Americans in the UN who brag that they "the main instrument for pre- multiplicity of labor laws gave are defending democracy every-

Dec. 15 Bill of Rights dinner "nevertheless had the disgusting dominated by the Communist but in all fields of union acof the Emergency Civil Liber- effrontery to vote against the movement."

ties Committee. On the same resolution that would have perplatform, Dr. Linus Pauling, mitted the Algerian people to

integration succeeds. I still be owners, two dozen merchants and one bank. A similar suit was filed earlier in neighboring

for 1,400.

rebels or by the national guards-

#### Like a Comic Opera

The campaign of economic victimization was opened last summer when a boldly orjunior army officers on Army productive process to swell the ganized drive by the Negroes in the area won voting rights The raiders quickly withdrew to The federal application for an the provincial city of Azacapa

able to put myself in their injunction charged that in adand the Caribbean port of Puerto Barrios. President Ydigoras personally directed a three-day moves against Negro voters in-A psychiatric social worker cluded refusal to sell them aerial attack to retake the cities. training, Miss Steinberg goods for cash or credit, refusal "Ydigoras later suspended the added: "Perhaps it is not the to renew various types of insurnewspaper El Imparcial because children who are the real suf- ance policies and refusal to proits publisher reported from ferers. Those who jerred and vide goods and services to Ne-Puerto Barrios that the whole incident there was like a comic

The skepticism of the Negro opera and that the rebels could have been put down by two action was reported in a Dec. truckloads of soldiers instead of 10 dispatch to the Philadelphia the \$1,000,000 air attack. Other observers tended to support the newspaper account."

> Cuban Electrical Workers union mises.

Soviet Union charged Washington with intervening in the internal affairs of Laos. The State Department response was in essence "You're another!"

is estimated that the peak will Meanwhile the conflict bebe reached in February when ween the contending forces in the number of unemployed Laos appears to have developed may reach seven million. It into a civil war in which the would be folly for the labor counter-revolutionaries are inmovement to wait until then tent on establishing a naked before taking effective action. dictatorship completely depend-Now is the time for the AFLent on Washington for arms and CIO tops to call a nationwide finances.

unemployment conference in Gen. Phoumi shrilly proclaims Washington to be attended by his "anti-Communism." his rank-and-file delegates from un- aversion to friendly relations ions throughout the country. Let | with China and North Vietnam, the new administration know and his opposition to "Neutralwhat the working people of this ism."

country want them to do about From the viewpoint of the fulfilling their campaign pro-State Department, he appears to be an ideal puppet.

been beating the drums for the preaching the necessity for un-

establishment of a permanent trammeled acceleration of the "National Council of Labor- process of automation and me-

Management Advisers" based chanization. Because of mount-

on the wartime tripartite boards ing unemployment in the steel

**Rewards** Arthur Goldberg Kennedy

#### By Tom Kerry

of Labor is intended as a pay- Committee smear attack on the off for labor's support in the unions. election the rank and file union-

ist is surely getting gypped. From the beginning of his adopted in 1947 was to concareer Goldberg has been a law- vert the union movement into ver on-the-make. He was picked a bonanza for ambitious lawup by Philip Murray in 1948 yers. Goldberg became a labor

when Saint Philip was prepar- lawyer at about that time. With ing to split the CIO. Goldberg increased government control nounced the appointment, as figures in union affairs. The

paring the way to expel those the union lawyer extraordinary Dr. Uphaus was addressing a where in the world," he said, unions which had become power. Not only in negotiations

tivity. The CIO never recovered The labor lawyer became the

committee the names of scien-tists who helped him circulate end to colonialism came to a had taken place in the relative lawyer became much in evi-What commended size and power of the rival dence at all union gatherings to President-elect Kennedy was on an issue of supreme import-

groups. Kennedy also lauded holding whispered consultations the fact that they saw eye-to-eye ance to the working people. As Goldberg for his role in driving with the union bureaucrats on on the need for increased gov- an apostle of full production to If Kennedy's appointment of the Teamsters union out of the the platform and lengthier ernment intervention in union meet the "Communist chal-Arthur J. Goldberg as Secretary AFL-CIO after the McClellan conferences in hotel and office affairs. Goldberg has recently lenge" Goldberg has been rooms with the union brass, advising, counselling, directing.

One of the by-products of the Invariably the union lawunion-busting Taft-Hartley law yer identifies the interest of the union with that of the union officials.

with an equal number of repre- industry the United Steel Work-Since the enactment of the sentatives of labor, the em-Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law ployers and the "public." Writing in the Sept. 15 isthe legal beagles are even more in evidence man before. Governsue of the Reporter, Goldberg lawyer for the USW Goldberg ment intervention in the interopined that the War Labor ostensibly supported the union nal affairs of the unions, fed-Board and other such tripartite demand.

eral and state regulation, exagencies were "too hastily ter-But, the following exchange minated." Workers old enough of question and answer with panding state control, has made to remember the strikebreaking newspapermen at the time of of the labor movement a happy WLB and its notorious "Little Kennedy's announcement that hunting ground for lawyers. As general counsel of the United Steel Formula" under which he had named Goldberg as wages were frozen while the Labor Secretary is revealing. Steel Workers, special counsel

of the national AFL-CIO and cost-of-living index skyrocketed, from that split. Its subsequent legal expert without whose chief counsel of the AFL-CIO must shudder at lawyer Goldwho has refused to give the determine their own future and decline was so marked that at advice, counsel and consent, no Industrial Union Department, berg's plea for a return to the one of the answers to this au-Senate Internal Security Sub- they abstained when the Afro- the time of the merger with the important decision of union Goldberg's income is reportedly tripartite swindle. The true measure of the man

What commended Goldberg can be gauged by his shiftiness

Q.-Mr. Goldberg, do you favor a shorter work week as

ers has been calling for a re-

duction in the work week to 32

hours by action of Congress. As

tomation problem? A .-- I think, inevitably, we

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Next Week

The issues involving the

this world. If everybody would inal action for violating the invest more in people instead rights of American citizens. of things, we'd all really be Letters to that effect to the De-

## 'A Strategy Flexible as In Memory of Carl Skoglund

#### By V. R. Dunne

I first met Carl Skoglund as a regular participant at street meetings in Minneapolis in 1915. Such meetings were, in the main, organized by the Socialist party or the Industrial Workers of the World.

Joint protest meetings were also frequently called. Most all radical groups participated in these and shared the work as well as the platform or the soapbox. Solidarity in the fight against the bosses and their governmental agents was the sløgan.

Carl was a Socialist, I a Wobbly. He was about as well known and as well liked in both . organizations.

He and I became fast friends. Our friendship and comradely relations did not change during the following 45 eventful years.

"Skogie," as he was even then called by his numerous friends, was an active member of the Scandinavian Federation in the North Minneapolis or Camden branch. He was one of the leaders of the "left wing." After the Russian Revolution he transferred to the English-speaking branch. He was regularly elected as a delegate to the City Central Committee.

#### Helped Found CP

Carl was a supporter of the Russian Revolution from the first. He played a major part in the support which the rank and file of the Socialist party gave to the Russian October. He, together with thousands of comrades like him, became the founding members of the American Communist party.

His devotion to the socialist cause, his attentive attitude to trade-union and general mass work, the fact that he made friends easily and took time to discuss and explain, made him an exceptional figure in radical and working-class circles in Minnesota.

And not only here, as the record of his activities over the years clearly shows. No one who really knew him could even think of the term "provincial" in relation to his concepts, teachings and aims. Skogie was an through, first, last and all the time

Theory to him was a guide to be used when occasion or opportunity presents an opening for action in fighting for workers' demands and needs.

Carl Skoglund was a worker

Calendar

**Of Events** 

"What's Your Problem?"



As Laura Halstead will testify, Carl Skoglund was able to appreciate the problems of age levels besides his own. Young friends of Carl in an older age bracket than Laura liked his talks, especially on astronomy. He stirred your imagination by telling about the vast distances in space and the amazing things discovered about the various kinds of stars. If it was a clear night, he would set up his telescope and you could look through it. It was easy to remember what he said about the evolution of galaxies, suns and planets, and people, too. Sometimes he would talk about what a wonderful world this will be for children when socialism is won.

Among .older humans whose curiosity remained alive, Carl enjoyed discussing the latest discoveries in science. He kept up with developments in his favorite field, astronomy, as well as a layman can. In the current dispute among astrophysicists, for instance, he was inclined to support the "steady state" theory of Hoyle, Bondi and Gold.

opment. He read widely, and schools for the younger comstudied several branches of sci- rades.

ence as well as philosophy. He Skogie was a party man uninternationalist through and was discussing with his friends de: all circumstances. In the and comrades the probability of early railroad shop crafts strikes, man probing outer space long which were long drawn out and before the modern science-fic- bitterly fought, Carl was a leadtion writers appeared on the ing figure. However, he always more than we can say. found time to consult with the

scene. Aside from the mass move- party.

make Minneapolis a union town, Carl was an outstanding ader and fighter. The trade-union skates would It Was Bold' leader and fighter

like to bury his memory and his Carl Skoglund was a key record. These can never be ex-

punged. The thousands of union- leader of the militant organizaists who knew him and still tion strikes of the Minneapolis more thousands who knew of truck drivers in the early 1930's. him have already placed his The victory of those strikes gave name on the honor roll of an important stimulus to the American labor history. It will birth of the CIO. The Minneapolis strikes also stay there forever.

In his final chapter, Walker

writes: "The most striking

characteristics of the economic

revolts in the Northwest re-

counted in this biography are

their freshness, their effi-

ciency, and their American-

ism. The leadership adhered to

what might be .termed the

'principles' of militant class

"But they gave to those

principles imaginative adapta-

tion to the American scene.

Analyzing the weight of class

forces in a particular state

and city, they invented a strategy as flexible as it was

bold to achieve practical suc-

cess. The durable nature of

their **sims** and methods, long

after the initial militancy of

revolt, is a matter of public

The following are excerpts

from American City about Carl

. . .

Innumerable official biogra-

phies, personal memoirs, and

public-school histories have

made familiar to Americans the

lives of the chief empire build-

ers. Little or nothing has been

written or preserved of the lives

of individual rank-and-filers.

The Paul Bunyan saga is a col-

lective folk tale of an epoch, but

there is little else. I shall tell

briefly the story of one typical

buck private in the imperial

army as related by himself. He

of the Golden Age.

record."

struggle everywhere.

attracted special attention be-All of his comrades pay cause the principal leaders of tribute to Carl for his great work. But we honor his memory chiefly because he was an exemplary revolutionist. He never wavered when a ques-Trotskyist movement. tion of principle was at issue. He was expelled from the

Communist party with that in 1936, gives a vivid sociological small band who chose to march account of why and how the with Trotsky against Stalin, who Minneapolis drivers union made betrayed the revolution and be- its impact on history. smirched the banner of revolutionary Marxism. He was a founding member of our party and a member of our National Committee.

#### Threat of Deportation

The last of the many and cruel victimizations that he had to suffer was the constant threat of deportation. This halted his regular participation in party life.

That was, indeed, the hardest blow of all. But his spirit was never broken. He managed to find his place once more. That noteworthy quality of character and, understanding seemed almost an instinct with him.

Of course, Skogie would have been the first to brand the use of the 'word "instinct" in that connection. He learned firmness from the founders, teachers and leaders of our movement, both international and national. Skoglund.

Carl lived to see U.S. imperialism in great difficulties, but still a grave and sinister threat to the revolutionary workers' and farmers' bid for power on

Most gratifying to him I'm sure was the Cuban Revolution and the stirring of the youth into action right here in our country, particularly in the South.

Street crowd in Washington could not deport him. He and we won that battle.

lovable comrade Skogie has gone. We will miss him much

> solation. He died where he truck drivers' union in Minnea serf.

[The following speech was tape-recorded and played at Carl Skoglund's seventieth birthday celebration. It is published here for the first time.]

This jubilant birthday celebration is testimony that Carl Skoglund has done pretty well for himself in this country, considering the fact that he got started off on the wrong foot and has been standing on it - so to speak - ever since. He picked Sweden for his birthplace, without realizing that Swedish birth does not confer the right to live and breathe in this the truck drivers were avowed revolutionary socialists, promincountry.

Nobody told Skogie that he had made a misent figures in the American take, and he didn't ask. He arrived on these shores in 1911, and finding the gates open, just "American City," a book written by Charles Rumford Walker walked in. He has been travelling around the 48 states for 43 years without proper identification papers. This sort of thing couldn't go on forever.

Thirteen years ago the authorities picked nim up, and checked their files, and made an alarming discovery which has been troubling them ever since. They looked through a thick dossier marked "Skoglund, Carl" - and what lid they see?

They saw that his doings and wanderings had been under observation for a long, long time; and none of the previous investigators, who had left their grimy thumbprints on the records, had had anything good to say about him. The record showed that he had always worked for a living, a very suspicious occupation for a red-blooded American. Nobody ever got rich and won the right to wave the flag by chopping down trees, fixing automobiles, driving trucks, heaving coal and working on the railroad to make the trains run on time. But that's what "Skoglund, Carl" had been up to in these United States.

The record showed further that he had been a labor agitator, strike leader, Socialist, Communist, and general troublemaker, kicking and complaining all the time about the way things are run in this country. That was bad enough, for every right-thinking American knows that things couldn't be better. But while the official head-shakers were shaking their heads over the long list of bad reports about the man under investigation, they accidentally stumbled over a still more suspicious dereliction. In ransacking the voluminous files of the Immigration Department, the Department of Justice, the FBI and the local constable, they found plenty of incriminating reports. But there was one thing they couldn't find. That was any definite proof that the subject of their inquiry had any legal existence whatever. There was no birth certificate, no entry permit, no passport, no certificate of naturalization. Nothing at all.

### Tagged in Bright Red Ink

was a Swede named Carl who By the absence of any proof to the concame directly from the old countrary, they established the fact that "Skoglund, ry to Minnesota toward the end Carl," who was standing right there before them, had no legal right to be there, or any-He is alive today at the age of where else. Officially, he was not in this coun-50, an active member of the try and never had been. He stood before his inquisitors naked, without an identification apolis. Carl came from one of paper to his name. Nevertheless, they had to the most backward parts of his tag him some way. So they just wrote down native country. His father was on the cover of the dossier, under the name of "Skoglund, Carl," in bright red ink: "Has no

A husky young immigrant in papers." his twenties when he arrived,

This was an absolutely intolerable situation. Carl started his American life in for how can this country stand if Skoglund's the railroad camps of Northern

From railroading, Carl got and when the strike was ing the whole commercial life Minnesota, helping to lay ties into lumber, first through build- smashed they set up a company of the city, were to constitute for the Northern Pacific. The railroad let out the work to a ing railroads for the lumber union. Carl wouldn't join it. the first major challenge for a contractor who made his own companies, and later in the But he had been getting \$225 a generation by the rank and file

## Notebook of an Agitator

### The Man Who Had No Papers

records are not in order? Something had to be done about it. The first thing that entered their minds, naturally, was to throw him into jail. Then his friends posted bond for him; and that created another problem for the department in charge of putting people in the right place and making sure they don't pop up in the wrong

place. The man who had no papers had no right to be foot-loose in this country; but since bond had been posted, they had no right to keep him in jail either. It was a hell of a mess, and it hasn't been straightened out yet. The whole ponderous machinery of the United States Government has been working ever since to put the man who is here but shouldn't be, in some place where he should be, but isn't. But they have never yet been able to get the time and the place and Skoglund all together.

### A Living Exemplar

So it turns out, that while the mills of justice grind slowly to a final decision in his case, we have him here with us on his seventieth birthday, at a party in his honor under the auspices of the students of the Trotsky School. This is the right time and the right place and the right man all together, with more justice and more respect for the fitness of things, than the law could ever arrange.

You students of the Trotsky School do honor to yourselves and to your purpose in honoring Carl on this festive day. For he is a witness for the truth of the theory you are studying; a living exemplar of the transfusion of this theory into the green tree of life. Here is such a man as the poet, Edwin Markham, celebrated: a man who has "crammed his doctrine into deed."

Engels said of the theory you are studying that it is not a dogma but a guide to action. His reference was to the action of the masses in the class struggle; a warning that the revolutionists cannot substitute themselves for the masses, but can realize their theory only with the masses and through their action. Carl Skoglund, the Socialist mass worker who carried the living theory of Marxism into the labor movement, is the example par excellence of Engels' words.

But Engels' maxim can apply also to the individual's application of the theory in his own life, his own action. It is not enough to know the Marxist formulas. Not a few scholastic bystanders know the theory of Marxism, as it is written in the books; but that does not make them Marxists. The real Marxist, that is to say, the revolutionist, is the one who - to quote Trotsky - assimilates the formulas into his flesh and blood; who not only knows the doctrine but lives by it and for it.

Here again, comrades of the Trotsky School, your guest of honor today is your best example. In Carl Skoglund you see a man who has lived a consistent socialist life under all circumstances, and has asked no other compensation than the satisfaction of serving the socialist cause. He has lived to see his life and labor crowned by many achievements, which are lodged in the foundations of our great movement. And he is garlanded, on his seventieth birthday, with the affectionate regard of old comrades whom he has sustained in many a battle and of young comrades whom he has inspired for battles to come.

You cannot aim for higher rewards than that, for there are none.



From Minnesota

several continents. The committee of the Wall

The smiling companion and

We do have this bit of conment, his active interest was . In the big upheavals and wanted to be, in his adopted mainly in education, in classes strikes that the truck drivers country, and in a final friendly Marxist who attained a rather which studied Marxism, discus-high level of intellectual devel- sion circles and organized Northwest in the struggle to rades.

That Swede

#### LOS ANGELES

Enjoy New Year's Eve with rectly and properly stated to the Militant readers. Stereo- the convention of the Steelphonic dance music, favors, re- workers Union, was to put our AN 9-4953 or WE 5-9238.

#### NEW YORK

Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein and world needs. Mrs. Jean Rubinstein. Just reand the USSR. Tuesday, Dec. 27, sir? From 5 - 7:30 p.m. at 333 Central Electoral Action.

Enjoy New Year's Eve in a States. fraternal atmosphere. Food, Contribution \$1:50.

What is on "The Conscience of back to work? Nothing more versity Place. Contrib. 50 cents. the corner.

freshments. Contrib. \$1.75 (stu- people back to work on a fortydents, \$1) includes international hour week. At the present time cuisine. Forum Hall, 1702 East they are working short hours our first task in America is to that we can produce all that Welcome Home reception for we need and all that the free

. . . Kennedy

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will have to come to a shorter

work week in America, but

right now our problem is not

(96th St. Station, Ind. Subway.) adopting the program that \$2 contrib. includes buffet. Ausp. President-elect Kennedy has Independents and Socialists for advocated in his campaign, and I am sure, as he will advocate to the Congress of the United

An answer that left his quesfavors, refreshments, danceable tioner gaping! There will be dance music. From 9 p.m. on at over six million unemployed the Militant Labor Forum. 116 when Kennedy takes office in University Place (off Union Sq.) January. What is his program for getting these unemployed

a Conservative"? Hear a discus- specific than soothsayer Goldsion of Senator Barry Gold- berg's. Neither of which is any actionary creed. Speaker, Claude Hoover's refrain at the start of De Bruce. Friday, Jan. 6, 8 p.m. the Great Depression: Be pa-Militant Labor Forum, 116 Uni- tient, prosperity is just around

a shorter work week. Our problem, as Senator Kennedy cor-Skoglund's seventieth birthday celebration. One of the central the more he made for himself. leaders of the 1934 strikes, "Mick" Dunne was a very close friend and comrade of Carl's. He died April 30, 1958.]

When the pines of Minnesota felt the weight of Skoglund's might, The men who worked in Bunyan land knew his words were right. 4th St. For reservations phone with short pay, and I think He told them of a new bright world and the right of common man: Many bowed their head to fate, but Skoglund had a plan. "put our people back to work so Though life had dealt him many blows, Skoglund stuck around;

That man from Minnesota was a Swede they couldn't down.

When railroad men rose up in wrath and sought some small relief, Q .- How do you propose to Skoglund joined the front line troops. Skoglund was their chief. turned from a tour of Europe get these Americans to work. He told them: "Hold the picket line, the Union is your might."

They listened to his sound advice, they knew that Carl was right. A .-- I think we can get the He rallied them in city, in countryside and town,

Park West, apt. 71, at 93rd St. Americans back to work by That man from Minnesota was a Swede they could not down.

When truckers challenged bosses in a struggle grim and great Carl Skoglund's presence soon was felt. He helped decide their fate. On the picket line a tower of strength; in counsel calm and wise. He wakened strikers to the cause; he countered bosses' lies.

His spirit and his calm sure faith rallied workers round, That man from Minnesota, the Swede they couldn't down.

Carl Skoglund's given to this land, his blood and sweat and pain: He hewed the forest, built the ships and reaped the bosses' grain. This land he built, so grateful now, would cast him from the shore. No hero's badge, no great reward, just, "Skoglund, there's the door.

Through sacrifice and faith in man, he's won the world's renown, water's book outlining his re- more reassuring than Herbert That Swede from Minnesota, they'll never get him down.

[The following poem was written by Miles B. Dunne for Carl wage scale, and the less he paid, woods as a lumberjack. That month. He didn't drink, he had to the empire builders. was in 1914, after steam skidders no family, he had saved his The worker was paid only had replaced horses. A steel money. A thousand dollars out individuals are conditioned if once - when he quit. Meantime cable was run back into the of his savings he gave to the not controlled by historic trends. woods, maybe to a thousand shopmen's strike, the rest he But individuals also embody he ran up a credit at the company store. This usually reduced yards from the steam engine, lived on until he got another trends themselves and occasionthe total to a scale of \$14 or \$20 and attached to the logs by cable job. a month - in check form, again men.

Carl was a cable man, then a into the coal yards as a truck most trivial of personal episodes redeemable in goods at company hook man, riding the logs and driver, and for nine years, up may have a place in "the hisstores, or cashable for a fee at a company railroad office. keeping them in place as they to the time of the Minneapolis tory" of empire.

were "steam skidded" out of the truck drivers' strike in 1934, he To Carl the two things that tand out in his memory about woods. Finally life as a lumber- worked as a "coal heaver" for Minnesota railroad camps are jack ended for him when a pine the same boss. His career from driver, was told by his employer not the bad living conditions tree fell and crushed his foot. 1934 we shall recount in a later that unless he stopped talking which most immigrants recount He bled steadily for three hours chapter. Carl's life has been with bitterness, but the arbi-trary powers of the camp boss to camp. Three days later at of many of his fellow workers. lose his job. and his own immigrant's inabil- the nearest hospital he was oper- At least he thinks so.

ty to "answer back" in English. ated on without an anesthetic. "The foreman in the camps His constitution pulled him

had autocratic powers. [This through but he lay in bed for strikes in the trucking industry was as late as 1912.] Anything nine months. The company paid broke out in Minneapolis. As a he told us to do, we had to do it. him \$170.

Recovered and having learned her own and other cities' manu- 1933 he had become both a labor If he shot anybody, that was alright. I couldn't talk English to English, he got an inside job as factures to an agricultural emhim. But, of course, when you a checker for the Pullman Com- pire and receiving food products tionist of record. In spite of the couldn't stand it any longer you pany in Minneapolis, then in return, transportation is a inference. Carl had not been too could fight - that can be under- worked himself into the me- strategic key to the city's comstood in any language. Or you chanical department, qualifying mercial life. And in the third truck drivers in Minneapolis. decade of the twentieth century Butcould quit. There was always in 1919 as a first-class mechanic. work down the line - in those This was a good job and he an important share of that transdays. You'd pack up your little kept it until the great railroad portation went to the motor

stuff in a bundle and walk, 30 strike in 1922. He had been a truck. The strikes of truck drivmiles or so to the next camp." member of the shopmen's union ers, which succeeded in paralyz-

Private thoughts and acts of ally change them. As historians

In a year or two he drifted are fond of pointing out, the

One morning in the fall of 1933. Carl Skoglund a truck about a union for the truck

Skoglund was the typical Scandinavian immigrant whose In the spring of 1934 two life we sketched briefly in a preceding chapter. As the reader knows, he had a strong distribution center dispensing prediliction for unions and by organizer and political revolusuccessful in organizing the

> "After that I said to myself, got to put on my fighting clothes and organize a union here. If I don't, I lose my job in about a week. Even if you are a revolutionist and know what it's all about, you're apt to put things off. Well, right now I couldn't or I'd be out on my ear."



ear test-ban petitions, said: ing them by violence," he add- to press for abolition. n agreement on nuclear ed, "I am against force and bans is so close that the violence, but I am a realistic es who want to stop it are pacifist. There are too many ing harder than ever. oppressive governments and we

arism is the greatest threat need to get rid of them." ndividual liberties and this Although Dr. Pauling did not e great fight in the world. invoke the Second Amendment Senate Subcommittee is a in his plea for action here, the ace to the Senate and to need for a mobilized public was United States and it ought clear. He called for new efforts

bolished. There are people to abolish the House Committee cold war going. Part of it fountainhead of the witch-hunt. desire for profits. The fi-"Here in New York you have ial interest is important to

people." eaking of colonialism. Dr. "Our own ancestors were committee come up."

He spoke in support of prolutionaries," and recalled

Pauling hoped for "A safe Abolish the Un-American Com- check on its members, also comfor oppressive governments mittees which are jointly plan- mented: "It is not possible for to be got rid of without the ning delegations to Washington the fight for peace to be carried

These two committees are also planning a rally on Dec. 27 at 8 p.m. at the Carlton Terrace, 99th St. and Broadway at which Frank Wilkinson and Carl Braden, both facing a year's imprisonment

for their opposition to the House committee will speak. "I believe we can win a big victory if we settle down

he world who want to keep on Un-American Activities, to work," Dr. Pauling added, and ended with the admonition:

the responsibility to work on American Activities Committee contempt for refusal to cothis on January 2 and later and against the Senate Internal ing reminded his audience when the appropriations for this Security Subcommittee - and torial legislative committees. against all the forces of oppression.

the Second Amendment in posals of the newly formed Dr. Pauling, who recently re-Bill of Rights guarantees New York Council to Abolish signed from the Sane Nuclear right of citizens to bear the Un-American Committee Policy Committee after its deand the Youth Committee to cision to implement a loyalty

Continued from Page 1) |necessity of people overthrow- the day before Congress opens on in a time of oppression un- haus and Dr. Pauling as they less we fight for civil liberties spoke was the ominous warn too. An organization fighting ing of Supreme Court Justice

for peace will go down to de- Hugo Black, who said last feat unless it fights for civil lib- month when the Supreme Court erties at the same time." refused to hear a new plea in the Uphaus case: Both Dr. Uphaus and Dr.

Pauling, who have fought for "I think it is time for all years for peace in the world, who cherish the liberties guarhave ended up fighting for the anteed by the Bill of Rights to First Amendment right to aslook closely at the disastrous semble and speak for a cause consequences upon those lib in which they believed. The erties which have resulted from same is true of other First the Court's use of such con-Amendment defendants, five of cepts."

whom have been imprisoned in "Revolt against the House Un- the past year on charges of seemed at the time to reach far Justice Black's challenge had beyond the marble walls of the operate with various inquisi-Supreme Court building. With Dr. Uphaus' call for an "extra Forty more defendants, all-outness in 1961" and Dr many of whom have fought Pauling's invocation of the lonely legal battles over a revolutionary spirit against the period of years, await Suforces of oppression, both of preme Court rulings in the these eminent Americans Wilkinson and Braden cases steeled in the lessons of their which could decide the fate own experience, seemed to be of their own freedom. In the background for Dr. Up- accepting the challenge.

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### "30-for-40" Needed Now

The struggle for the shorter work week has been traditional with the American labor movement. The fight for the eight-hour day is part of the glorious history of the workers movement in this country. In the years of the Great Depression and its aftermath many unions fought for and won the six-hour day. Unfortunately some were seduced by the siren song of patriotism into surrendering what had been gained in bitter battle.

A result of the movement for the shorter work week was the Wage and Hour Law, the last piece of major social legislation to be won by the American workers, enacted in 1938. That was 22 years ago. It established, for most workers, a basic 5day, 40-hour week.

Since then the productivity of American labor has increased by leaps and bounds. Automation and mechanization in American mines, factories, offices and transportation facilities, has made possible the production, processing and distribution of an ever larger mountain of commodities with fewer and fewer workers.

Spectacular technological advances in all economic fields is creating an ever more pressing problem of structural unemployment - that is, workers who are permanently replaced by the machine and sent to join the growing army of chronically unemployed. This process is seen most graphically in the steel industry which is able to supply all the steel required by the enormous American industrial complex while operating at only 40 per cent of capacity.

The obvious answer, so obvious that even steel union president David J. Mc-

Donald is compelled to recognize it, is the reduction of the work week with no reduction in pay. Because of the deep-seated American tradition, most labor statesmen give lip service to the demand for a reduction of the work week.

With some 500,000 members of his union totally unemployed or working short weeks, McDonald has been talking a lot about leading the fight for a 32-hour week. He made a big point of this at the recent Steelworkers convention in Atlantic City. However, when John F. Kennedy, convention guest speaker and presidential candidate, went out of his way to repudiate the proposals, McDonald didn't say a mumbling word.

Nor has he said anything since his very close friend and trusted adviser, Arthur J. Goldberg, recent Kennedy appointee as Secretary of Labor, came out publicly against the shorter work week as a means of combatting unemployment. In the light of his silence can McDonald be taken seriously as a champion of the struggle for the shorter work week? We doubt it! Knowing the man, it is probably McDonald's idea to attempt to disarm the opposition in his union by appearing to be. somewhat of a radical himself.

Walter Reuther, head of the United Automobile Workers, has often played that game with the 30-for-40 demand. As have Sedition Laws of 1798 to make so many of the other labor statesmen. In thinking and the expression of view of this record it is encouraging to see opinion a federal crime. that the rank-and-file oppositions in both auto and steel have correctly advanced the struggle for the 30-hour week at 40- American Civil Liberties Union hours pay as central to their programmatic pleaded with President Roosefight.

### The Santa Claus Boycott

Not all of the decline in department store sales can be attributed to the economic downturn or other such "natural" causes, say executives in metropolitan centers throughout the Deep South. Pre-Christmas sales have skidded so steeply in a number of major cities in the area that investigators probing for the reason have come up with an answer unique in commercial history: a Santa Claus boycott!

"The Santa Claus boycott," says the Dec. 20, Wall Street Journal, "is the latest in a series of economic measures Negroes have adopted in their struggle for integration; it is aimed primarily at drug, variety and department store chains in the Deep South states of Georgia, South Carolina,

rights sensitive part of the white supremacist's anatomy-like that of his Yankee cousin in the North - is his pocketbook. "Hit them applied little or no pressure to open-shop cities in the U.S. to a in the pocketbook," is the rallying cry of the Santa Claus boycott.

The boycott has proven an effective in both houses of Congress. companion piece to the sitdown in the arsenal of weapons against the Jim Crow system. Businessmen of cities in the "notso-deep-south" have felt the sharp cutting edge of the boycott weapon and have blanched at the blood-letting suffered by their profit ledgers. Many have come to see the light and some have integrated their lunch counters. Not so the merchants of the Deep South. At least not yet! But judging by the caterwauling and have taken the liberty of con- -combined with the necessity of youth attracted to our movehand-wringing going on in the business densing some of them.—Editor.] to do something about it. ment. In turn, he inspired many

speech in Minneapolis on Dec. 28, 1943, at a banquet given in nonor of the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers party and Motor Transport Workers union, Local 544, convicted under the antilabor Smith "Gag" Act, his remarks were brief but prophetic:

"I can guarantee you," he said, "that we are not the last ones that will go to prison for their political opinions. Many of the best thinkers in the past have gone but I hope that such sacrifices will be reduced to a minimum and that the working class will come to understand and to prevent them." The 18 victims of the Minneapolis witch-hunt trial were certainly not "the last" to go to prison under the notorious Smith Act, but they were the Before the end of the first. decade, the leaders of the Communist party, who had joined the pack in clamoring for the imprisonment of the 18 were, in turn, placed in the dock and hounded into prison. Although

tardy in learning their lesson they later did change their position on defense of all working-class victims of the witchhunt

Along with his 17 comrades Carl Skoglund was sentenced to 16 months in federal prison at Sandstone, Minnesota, as the first victims of the Smith "Gag" Law.

The Smith Act was adopted in 1940, after the outbreak of World War II. It was the first law since the notorious Alien &

The AFL and CIO opposed its enactment and stigmatized it as an anti-labor measure. The velt to veto the Smith Act because it violated the Bill of Minneapolis trade-union move- June 1941 when a committee of Rights. Its author, Howard W. ment. Members and sympath-

Smith of Virginia, gained his izers of the SWP played a leadnotoriety as a savage foe of ing role in Truckdrivers Local labor, civil liberties and civil 544. It was under the guidance of this union and its leadership

Although Roosevelt vetoed that Minneapolis became transthe measure, his administration formed from one of the foremost have the veto sustained and the strongly organized union town. Smith Act became law by ac-Because of the militant policy tion of a reactionary majority of the leaders of Local 544 they solute powers, including the

came repeatedly into collision This was the weapon that with Dan Tobin, bureaucratic ber.



[Out of the many messages | you go!" He prided himself on being in Skogie, his death creates a void only one direction - the socialng for Carl Skoglund in New touch with history and to Carl that cannot be filled. During his ist revolution and the society York Dec. 18, we are publish- this meant consciousness of last years he found constant in- of the future. ing the following selection. We man's past, present and future spiration in the growing number

America's first Smith Act victims leave in a body from

Socialist Workers party headquarters in Minneapolis Dec. 31,

1943, to march to the U.S. Marshal's office. There they were

taken into custody and sent Jan. 3, 1944, to the federal

penitentiary at Sandstone, Minn. They served 13 months of

their 16 months sentences. In the front rank march Vincent

R. Dunne (left) and SWP National Secretary James P. Can-

non. Immediately behind them are Oscar Coover and Carl Skoglund (right).

Others in the march included Farrell Dobbs, a key figure in the great organizing drives of the Teamsters union, a number of well-known leaders of the Minneapolis Truckdrivers Union Local 544-CIO, and prominent leaders and members of the Socialist Workers party.

head of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Local 544 rejected this proposal and at a regular meman influential labor figure in the bership meeting held on June Democratic party. With the out-9, 1941, attended by some 4,000 break of the war in Europe and members, a practically unan-Roosevelt's preparation to inimous vote was taken to disaffiliate from the AFL and volve this country the clashes rectly out of the influence of the with Tobin became more acute. join the CIO. Tobin immediately called The conflict came to a head in

help. As a member of the Demo-Local 544 leaders was summoned to appear before a meeting of the Teamsters International tee and head of the Democratic Executive Board in Washington, D.C. to answer charges of "radicalism" filed against them. There policy of the administration.

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**Boston SWP** 

Tobin demanded that the 544 **Roosevelt** quickly responded delegation "request" his appointment of a dictator-reto the appeal of his friend, the ceiver over the union, with abunion bureaucrat, faced with a membership revolt. Stephen · Early, Roosevelt's power to expel any union mem-

tions this morning, he asked me to immediately have the Government departments and agencies interested in this matter notified." (N.Y. Times, June 14, 1941) This was followed by raids on upon President Roosevelt for the headquarters of the Socialist Workers party in Minne-

press: "When I advised the

President of Tobin's representa-

cratic party's National Commit- apolis and St. Paul, indictments and arrests of 29 members of the party Labor Committee in the SWP and of the newly formed 1940 election, Tobin saw eye to Motor Transport and Allied eye with Roosevelt on the war Workers Industrial Union, Local 44, CIO.

Of the 29 originally indicted, 18 were convicted and sentenced to terms up to 16 months, among them Carl Skoglund who, as a member of the SWP and leader press secretary, informed the of the Truckdrivers played a prominent role in organizing the union and carrying forward

the struggle for socialism. The government took three

weeks to present its case in the Minneapolis trial. Aside from For those of us who knew thoughts and actions pointed in the perjured "evidence" of government informers and stool pigeons the prosecution introduced into evidence over 150 "exhibits" consisting of official documents and articles published by the Socialist Workers



Alabama and Mississippi."

In the course of their heroic struggle against Jim Crow the Negro people have learned the effectiveness of the economic boycott. They have learned that the most

### **Jim Crow Theaters Must Go!**

A few determined individuals fighting for a principle can often achieve results in even the most conservative unions. A case in point is the news that Actor's Equity, the union representing stage performers, has called upon the League of New York Theaters, the organization of stage producers and theater owners, to end segregation on stage or before the footlights, on a nationwide scale.

A movement begun by a few members to amend Rule 23 (B) of the contract has posed pointblank the question of basic principle and succeeded in setting in motion a move to correct what is claimed to be an oversight when negotiating the current contract. Rule 23 (B) now reads:

"The actor shall not be required to perform in any theater in Washington, D.C., where discrimination is practiced against any actor or patron of the theater by reason of his race, color or creed."

The amendment is simply to delete the words "in Washington, D.C." The rule was written into the contract in 1948 when the

community of the Deep South the boycott is beginning to hurt. And the unkindest cut of all is this

most unique of all economic withdrawalsthe Santa Claus boycott.

National Theater in Washington closed its doors to the legitimate theater for several years rather than admit Negroes. Such world-prominent performers as Marion Anderson had refused to appear at the theater because of its Jim Crow policy. Although the theater reopened after changing its policy the original clause remained in the union contract.

The question now arises as to what course Actor's Equity can take in view of the fact that the contract containing the existing clause has been signed. In the event the theater owners and producers refuse to cooperate in amending the clause being forced out of the active and other theatrical unions refuse to join battle temporarily, because he Actor's Equity in forcing the issue it promises to break through the narrow con- fight for what you believe, and fines of contractual relations and become try to practice what you preach. part of the general fight to overthrow Jim Crow in all fields.

### "No Defense"

Some of the biggest companies in the electrical manufacturing field, including the corporate giants, Westinghouse and General Electric, have pleaded guilty to criminal antitrust charges. The indictments charged price fixing and rigging of bids on heavy electrical apparatus sold to private and government agencies. The amount involved was close to \$2 billion worth of products for each of three years from 1956 to 1959.

When a pickpocket is seized for snatching a purse, or picking a pocket, summary and swift "justice" is meted out to the culprit. A "stretch up the river" is the usual remedy prescribed for the criminal. But when some of the largest corporations in

Congratulations are due those who through their initiative have succeeded in putting the issue right in the center of the toric role of the working class. civil-rights spotlight.

the world are caught red-handed pilfering millions from the pockets of the public they are permitted to enter into an agreement with the public prosecutor to settle the matter on an amicable basis.

In this instance the corporate pickpockets were permitted to enter pleas of place in the universe - fare-"no defense" on some of the charges and to plead "guilty" on others. The plea of "no defense" is designed to avoid payment of treble damages provided for antitrust law violators.

A number of individuals included in the antitrust law violations come up for sentencing probably in January. No big businessman has ever been jailed for violating those laws. It will be interesting to see what happens.

The party has lost a true and

devoted pioneer in whom the best of its tradition was em-

bodied. The working class has lost a sterling fighter and champion.

However, on such an occasion Carl himself would no doubt follow the example of Joe Hill, and say: "Don't mourn, but or-

eceived at the memorial meet-

ganize. Organize and build the party, build for the future of mankind."

Hildegarde and Arne Swabeck Los Angeles

The world seems smaller, the numan race is poorer without Carl Skoglund. Inspired in his outh by the socialist ideal, his

life in turn becomes an inspiration for young people rebelling against social injustice. He often experienced hardship and victimization, but he never complained except about

lived the only kind of life worth living — the kind where you Detroit SWP Comradely Carl Skoglund, big, capable, incorruptible, personified in his lifetime the histicular sense of loss. Now a part of our heritage,

Carl's example and abundant contribution to our movement continues to be for us an undydened all of us here in Los An ing source of stimulation to geles progress and confidence in our

future. Chicago SWP

From those he taught their place in the class struggle to the little ones he taught about the sun and the stars and their well and thanks.

**Cleveland SWP** 

We deeply mourn the passing cialist ideas and dedicated his of Carl Skoglund. His life-long life to furthering that ideology. record as a fighter for socialism He was wherever that struggle will live with us as an inspiration to carry on the struggle. Newark SWP

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lund and his comrades arose di-

Socialist Workers party in the

prison.

understanding and optimism Carl used to kid about shar-

ng his scientific knowledge with about the future. The best possible tribute we the youngsters at the Mountain

Spring Children's Camp, but he knew as well as any of us how by redoubling our efforts to His passing leaves a numbing much he helped to carry our justify his confidence in us, by sadness much he helped to carry our working even harder to build camp program.

the kind of a world that he It was truly remarkable how fought for so well and couldn't he studied and prepared for his lectures to the kids. He knew live to see that little science is given to

Detroit Young lower grade children and he Socialist Alliance worked like the teacher of the

future. He tried to help those It is hard to believe that the kids zoom into the realm of staunch fighter for workers knowledge. And how proud he rights and a socialist America was when one of them would is gone. Carl leaves us a proud throw a question at him that tradition and an example of unrevealed serious interest. flinching devotion to the cause

The most gratifying event of of workers' liberation. the season would be the closing campfire with Skogie on bench telling about man. To a hushed audience, full of hot

dogs and chocolate cake, he told those little tykes about the '34 teamsters' strikes, about socialism, sometimes a tale about himself. The kids, to show their love of man, sang Solidarity. Pearl Spangler

Philadelphia We mourn the death of Carl

over 50 years. Those who came spiring story of these men to to know Carl well feel a par-San Francisco SWP the task of principled struggle

ment. The news of Carl's death sad-

We were particularly for-It is hard to believe that Car tunate at the West Coast Vacahas died. Just three months ago, tion School in September to when Carl was in Seattle he found time to speak to a group fresh interest to enliven our of young friends at an informal gathering at a comrade's home. younger comrades came to The young students told us they learned more about the world in an hour with Carl than in all

Whole growing older, he kept us all young. Seattle SWP

Carl's life represented to us required him to be; in railroad everything that was decent in yards, driving a truck, in the this filthy society that we live unemployed organizations, in in today. His work represents the leadership of organizing the the continuity of Marxism from One of Carl's favorite sayings teamsters, in prison, and at all the Russian Revolution up to

Carl was a truly great and of us, both by the example of fearless man who had the cour- party together with many of the his own life and by his rich age to live as he believed. Those can pay to Skogie's memory is

best-known works by Marx, Enwho knew him and worked gels, Lenin and Trotsky. All to with him were indeed fortunate, prove "conspiracy" to teach as was my privilege for 28 and/or advocate the "overthrow years. Carl was always there. of the government by force or violence.

Most of these works were classics translated into many lan-Jack Maloney guages and for public sale in countries throughout the world, We mourn Carl's passing. We including these benighted States remember his selfless devotion of America. Among them was and unflinching courage. They the Communist Manifesto, a clashave become a part of the basic sic work translated into as many substance of our party. languages as the Bible and sold San Diego SWP publicly in about as many places.

To his dying day Carl Skog-Skogie was a very polite and generous man. At times he was lund remained true to the teachstrict. But he was strict be- ing of the great Marxist masters cause he didn't want anything and neither government perto harm us. Skogie also gave secution nor imprisonment could us lectures on science every shake his faith in the ultimate Thursday at children's camp. victory of the working class We will miss him very much. struggle for a new socialist Jack and Kent Sanders world of peace, security and

Oakland, Calif. plenty for all.



(Continued from Page 1) year and the dismal failure of the International Union of Elecperiod of layoff; corporation trical Workers strike at General payment of expenses and costs Electric, as well as our 1958 failto workers resulting from plant ure, call for united and deterrelocation; contracts of no more mined action by all labor." than two years duration, with

It therefore called on the UAW board to ask the AFL-CIO executive board to "immediately convene a national conference of all AFL-CIO unions, to include rank-andfile delegates elected on a per capita basis, to:

(1) Amend the wage-hour law "(1) Formulate a united labor to provide the 30-hour week at program and utilize the entire 40-hours pay. resources of the AFL-CIO for (2) Lower retirement age to a determined campaign for jobs 60 and pass the Forand bill. for all who want to work

(3) Increase jobless compenthrough establishment of the 30hour week with 40-hours pay ation and pay it to unemployed during entire period of layoff. and elimination of overtime (4) Repeal all antilabor laws, with people laid off. "(2) Formulate a united legis-

ncluding Taft-Hartley and Landrum-Griffin. lative program for the incoming (5) Enact a federal civil-Congress which will include the above legislative program [proights law. (6) Pass laws to improve posed for the UAW].

wages and other economic is-

sues to be reopened in the in-

On the legislative front, the

NÇFDA urged the UAW to seek

the following program from

terim year.

Congress:

"(3) Establish a united AFLhousing, schools, hospitals, etc. (7) Tax cuts for working CIO and all-inclusive labor strike fund, democratically conpeople. trolled, which will guarantee (8) Jobs for the unemployed at trade-union wages. the implementation

of the (9) Peace with disarmament. united labor program through was, "Either you are in touch times a thinking and acting so-with history or — in the ditch cialist. Los Angeles SWP a Marxist at all times. All his continued. "the steel strike last and congressional action." "Furthermore," the NCFDA immediate collective bargaining

have his warmth, strength and encampment. Many of the

as an inspiration for he was a fine example of a worker who recognized the validity of so-

know and appreciate him for "Skogie" will live on with us their classes in the university

the first time.

An inspiration and pleasure to all who knew him. Though gone from our sight, our Carl will never be forgotten. Allentown SWP

Joe Ross

Los Angeles

One more from the old guard of class fighters and interna-

tional working-class citizens has Skoglund, socialist warrior for gone. Let us bring the in-

the youth who now emerge in growing numbers to undertake

in the American socialist move-

Milwaukee SWP



SWP campaigners definitely

knew that votes had been cast

for Dobbs and Weiss, not a

single vote was reported in the

official return. The SLP reports

Nevertheless, even the offi-

cial count is heartening. For the

Dobbs-Weiss ticket, it reflected

the growing desire for united so-

cialist political action that was

so impressively registered in the

declaration of support to the

ticket by 65 prominent inde-

pendents and unaffiliated social-

ists from New York to Califor-

These included such noted

figures as Vincent Hallinan,

Dr. Otto Nathan, Rev. William

T. Baird, Warren K. Billings,

Conrad J. Lynn, Dr. Annette

T. Rubinstein and Rev. Joseph

Finally, the vote won for the

Socialist Workers ticket by its

hard-working campaigners,

proved to be but one expression

of the gains registered for social-

While they had less radio and

responses than in any previous

ber of new regular readers

Ersatz Vanilla

Bowing to industry demands,

similar experiences.

nia.

P. King.

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### Kennedy's Billion-Dollar Cabinet They Stole Encouraging Gain for Socialism progressive Republicans as Gov. Rockefeller.

#### By Joseph Keller

All sectors of the American press are making their appraisals of President-elect John, F. Kennedy's cabinet. One of the very few dissents from the almost unanimous approbation is voiced by that melancholy liberal columnist Murray Kempton in the Dec. 12 New York Post. He called it "the dimmest cabinet since Buchanan's" and asserted that with a single exception "there is not a man on it to whom the slightest response is possible." This may be an accurate psychological description. As a sociological appraisal it is dead wrong.

Kennedy's choice is the most glittering, blue-chip, 24-carat, diamond-studded, billion-dollar cabinet ever to be assembled. By comparison, Roosevelt's wartime cabinet, headed by U.S. Steel Chairman Edward Stettinius as Secretary of State and President Eisenhower's first cabinet, starring General Motors' Charles E. Wilson as Secretary of Defense, were poor men's clubs.

The new team contains direct agents or heirs of the greatest aggregate of wealth ever to be given joint control of the federal administration. The list speaks for itself:

Secretary of State Dean Rusk, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, set up by the billionaire Standard Oil family. Secretary of Defense Robert S.

McNamara, Republican and president of the Ford Motor Company.

then Undersecretary of State in Even the Republican press is mold of Jefferson, Lincoln and Dobbs, she did.

principal heir to one of the ten mann, political savant of the Re- that truth in its flesh and bones. But I leave them all aside. The point I am making here is ramification of corporations.

The appointee first made his

The American Way of Life





Did Kennedy select "the dimmest cabinet since Buchanan's"?

union-probing committee headed by Senator John L. McClellan, which initiated the antilabor Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin Act.

Postmaster General J. Edward only person misinformed about Secretary of the Treasury C. Day, vice president of the \$11- Kennedy. The American work- I know another voter in this the Eisenhower administration. hard put to pick flaws in Ken- FDR."

pleted," candidly admits:

"The selection of Douglas power in Washington. mark as the Democratic coun- Dillon confirms the view, which This cabinet may well be, in sel hired by the late Senator some of us expressed during the columnist Kempton's words, the McCarthy for the infamous campaign, that in general eco- "dimmest cabinet" - for the witch-hunting Senate Sub- nomic philosophy there is no workers. It will certainly seek committee. Subsequently he serious difference between Ken- to be the most brilliant ever for was counsel for the Senate nedy and such modern and big business.

State."



#### By George Breitman

ing and saving, gold and the balance of payments. The truth, at Linwood and Hogarth, a total socialist presidential vote as was evident to anyone who block from my home in Detroit, since 1948. cared to seek it, is that Kennedy in order to cast my ballot as a Official returns credited the is a conservative of the age he registered voter in the 10th Socialist Workers ticket with 40,ward, 22nd precinct.

Eisenhower, it has been revealed, now regrets his great er- position to social injustice, war, states, were credited with 47,ror in judgment about Kennedy, recessions and racial oppression, 549 votes. "Heard in Washington" I naturally did not vote for any [The UPI listed 39,692 votes column of the pro-Nixon candidates of the Democratic or for the SWP and 48,031 for the Scripps-Howard newspapers on Republican parties.

Instead I voted for the due to transposition by the UPI ticket of the Socialist Workers party, beginning with its Wisconsin.] presidential candidate, Farrell Dobbs.

"I didn't know this man [Kennedy] at all. I've been misinformed about him. I feel more comfortable now about the future of this nation." If Eisenhower still has any

lingering regret that his candi- adopted that day. date Nixon lost, he can console against the sales tax and consti- down to 7,233. himself at least in one respect. As the Dec. 26 Newsweek notes: tutional convention were count-"If Vice President Richard ed. But I do know that my Nixon . . . had been elected in- vote for Dobbs was not counted.

stead, registered Republican Dil-How can I be so sure?

lon [Kennedy's Treasury Secre-Because I went to the countary] probably would have been ty clerk's office and asked his selection for Secretary of how many votes Dobbs had got in the 10th ward, 22nd precinct. The answer was

But Eisenhower wasn't the 'None.'

In addition, she and I have Kennedy, younger brother of the voted defenders of the ruling it and American labor during in this precinct that they voted

mated at more than \$400 million, Tribune, writing in the Dec. 20 gests what an aggressive, ruth- about the vote on which I can with financial holdings in a vast issue on "The Cabinet Com- less, antilabor capitalist gang have no possibility of a doubtholds the summits of political mine.

I cast it for Dobbs. The election officials did not count it. therefore accuse them of fraud.

There are 5,075 precincts in gubernatorial candidate polled Escalator Clause

how many hundreds of thousands there are in the country.

#### Typical Thieves

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, while Youth House for Girls is a to hold 105 inmates. Its New York City lay prostrate private agency, run by the present population is 180-alunder its first winter storm, boards of directors of Protes- most double its capacity. A

this country.

By Harry Ring

The 1960 socialist presidential vote represents an encouraging Dobbs trend. A total of 87,723 votes were cast for Dobbs and Weissof the Socialist Workers party and

Hass and Cozzini of the Socialist On Nov. 8 I entered a church Labor party. It was the largest

174 votes in 12 state. The Social-

Wanting to express my op- ist Labor party, which ran in 16

SLP. The discrepancy appears

of the SLP and SWP votes in For the SWP it was the big-

gest vote since it first contested I also voted against increas- for president in 1948. ing the state sales tax and In that year, out of a total

against holding an unrepresent- socialist vote of 182,271 Norman ative constitutional convention Thomas of the Socialist party re--two referendum measures ceived 139,414. The SWP polled which unfortunately were 13,613 votes in 11 states.

I don't know, if my votes to 10,312 and in 1956 it was

The 1960 returns for SWP state tickets were also encouraging. Like the national vote, they represented gains over previous years. In New Jersey, Gladys Barker

Grauer, candidate for the U.S. Senate, polled 11,784 votes. The SLP candidate for the same office was credited with 3,840 votes.

Douglas Dillon, son of the billion Prudential Insurance Co. ers were even more deceived. precinct who worked for many polled its best presidential vote founder of the Wall Street in- Secretary of Commerce Lu- They were told by most of the long weeks collecting petitions so far and won a higher vote vestment-banking firm of Dillon, ther H. Hodges, governor of se- union leaders that this cold, to put Dobbs on the ballot, and than any of the four other minor Read & Co. The new Treasury gregationist North Carolina and calculating, power-hungry, class- who campaigned actively for parties on the ballot [SLP, Tax socialist tickets were general learning that an effective means the campaign was not simply an lon, Read & Co. before acting Marshall Field's largest South-as ambassador to France and ern textile plants — nonunion. eral," a political figure "in the body in this state voted for reported for statewide candi-liefs but correctly view both nedy

dates: Robert Himmel, for governor, support. Attorney General Robert F. nedy's cabinet as reliable, de-These were lies on the face of been told by some other voters 3,387; Frank Lovell, for U.S. This sentiment was also regis-

the SLP candidates in Michigan.) In Minnesota, Carl Feingold

Remember, I am talking drew 4,085 votes for U.S. Senabout just one little precinct. At ator in a contest that included least two, maybe four or five, Dobbs votes were stolen there. At Hubert Humphrey, a top Demo-cratic vote-getter. The SLP

ited with 992 votes.

Michigan alone. I don't know 5,518 votes. Jack Wright, Socialist Work- For the Aged ers candidate for governor of Washington, was officially cred- Editor:

Figure out for yourself how state SWP ticket have not yet the disastrous effects of inflation life. many votes were robbed if my been received. Nor has there upon his living standards. precinct is typical; and I have been a report of the write-in Yet there has been no effective no reason to think the Demo- votes for Erroll Banks, Con- legislation to come from our

under its nist winter storm, boards of directors of Protes-with 30-mile northwest winds tant, Jewish and Catholic chari-swirling the dry snow into a ties. It is a temporary jail for blizzard, 17 young inmates of children already committed to the Bronx Youth House for Girls overpowered their guard, took his keys and escaped into the bitter ender mas been no reason to think the Demo-cats and Republicans counting the votes in my precinct are dif-precincts. I am not suggesting that took his keys and escaped into the Votes for Erroll Banks, Con-blizzard, 17 young inmates of the Bronx Youth House for the Bronx Youth House for the Bronx Youth House for the bronk is took his keys and escaped into the Votes in my precinct are dif-precincts. The inmates are girls from the Votes for Erroll Banks, Con-blizzard, 17 young inmates of this story are, they are in-tions which they revealed. Why tions which they revealed. Why if there had been an honest -in this largest city in the count; I know as well as any-Robot Era country, its boasted cultural one else that socialist voters center, the home of the United are still a small minority in Hits Paris What I am saying is that they are more numerous than And Tokyo And what I am thinking, as Robots, mechanical and huagainst this society - who can- day who is delinquent, or the I try to control the indignation man have been in the news in financial worries. As Senator In Paris, a storm of angry me when I'm old, I'll whale the Editor: protest was kicked up at the the prison that all the girls had with by raising the standard of What then makes the parents licans don't hesitate to commit Renault auto plant when an been captured, rioting spread living to a decent level, or, if delinquent? Didn't the same fraud with the voters of a small electronic computer was used to workers party, how far will they select 3,000 workers to be fired. When management decided to Still Time to Send

1960	Socialist	Presidential	Vote
	SOCIALIST		
STATE	WORKERS	LABOR	TOTAL
Arizona		469	469 .
California		1,050	1,050
Colorado	572	2,803	3,375
Delaware		110	110
Illinois		10,560	10,560
Indiana		1,136	1,136
Iowa	634	230	864
Massachuss	etts	3,892	3,892
Michigan	4,347	1,718	6,065
Minnesota	3,077	962	4,039
Montana	391		391
New Jersey	11,402	4,262	15,664
New Mexic	0	570	570
New York	14,319		14,319
North Dak	ota 158		158
Pennsylvan	ia 2,678	7,185	9,863
Utah	100	8	100
Virginia		397	397
Washington	704	10,895	11,599
Wisconsin	1,792	1,310	3,102
TOTAL	40,174	47,549	87,723

cialist vote on a national and tion requirements restricted the state basis reflect the revival of ballot choice to the two major TV time than in previous cam-In 1952, the SWP vote dropped socialist consciousness that has parties, 46,952 people who went paigns, the appearances of the been apparent in the country to the polls didn't vote for either SWP nominees drew more mail presidential candidate.

the past several years. The gain at the polls had In Illinois 54,599 voters didn't election. Their vigorous defense added significance in view of see enough difference between of the Cuban Revolution the fact that leaders of two radi- Kennedy and Nixon to make it brought many requests for furcal groupings - the Communist worth while to vote for either. ther information about the SWP party and the Socialist Party- These abstentionist votes platform and an unprecedented Social Democratic Federation- might have gone into the social- number of requests for campaign gave shamefaced support to ist column if the socialist can-literature for distribution. didates had had adequate Both Farrell Dobbs and Myra Kennedy and Johnson.

However, some members means to bring their message to Tanner Weiss spoke to more authe entire public. But the gen- diences and larger ones in this and supporters of these two eral news blackout on socialist campaign than in any previous tendencies ignored the treach-In Michigan, where the SWP, erous advice to support capicandidates in the daily press ones and, particularly heartenand the absolute minimum of ing, these audiences included a talist politicians and voted socialist.

cialist. Some of the votes cast for the a big part of the electorate from a big part of the electorate from That the interest displayed in reported for statewide candi- liefs but correctly view both nedy. It should also be noted that which the Militant gained.

major candidates as unworthy of the vote officially credited to the socialist tickets is not a Senator, 3,282; Evelyn Sell, for tered in the "abstention" complete one. For example, in one Wisconsin for treasurer, 2,679; Edith Gbur, ballot, yet voted for other can- been included in the first official cream. It also approved the use

veterans' benefits if they per- Interests of the Working Peosisted in their activity, they ple," is more important to emwould not be able to get a job phasize than the more abstract, anywhere and would be brand- less concrete "The Militant" ed "Communists." part of the title. This is the answer to the The aged, unlike the worker, G.L.

> J.A. New York

New York

#### The Four P's

Editor:

When you see the photographed battle scenes of the last war

Since the elections I have you rarely see our own men been reading the Militant and the Weekly People and I'm still covering American dead. the Weekly People and I'm still How Hollywood jams the tween you, although the Militant But in reality war causes men chaplains into every war picture. does seem to have a more practo curse God. Fox holes multiply atheists. One difference I can see is that The preachers, politicians and press conceal the truth in order sense of humor while the Weekto justify enlistments and justily People is rather grim. fy the draft. J.B. How can one ever have faith New York or believe in the politicians who promote wars in the interest of the capitalists who profit from patriotism, the forerunner of In an Open Letter to the U.S. war? Without the three prostitutes Congress, I wrote: Each and all of you were elected and pledged -press, pulpit and politicianby oath of honor to uphold, de- there would be no war. And to fend and preserve our U.S. Con- the three "P's" we can add the stitution. I ask why have you fourth, the profiteers. violated that pledge of trust and **Paul Dennie** joined with those Southern race-Los Angeles

Returns for the Pennsylvania is completely powerless to fight Puerto Rican prayer for a better

they be given a program which would allow the amount of their not clear on the differences bepensions to rise or fall in relation to the cost of living. Such a program would assure tical approach. our aged the economic security they are now denied under ex- the Militant seems to have a isting legislation. It is our obligation to see to it that the aged are free from any

count. From certain Montana of artificial flavors in fruit sher-Letters from Our Readers

have not received returns for In Ohio, where arbitrary peti- and Minnesota districts where bets.

lieutenant governor, 2,967; Larry column. According to official Dolinski, for secretary of state, reports, 224,931 people across district where a recount was the Federal Food and Drug Ad-3,225; Rita Shaw, for attorney the country did not mark the made, 61 SWP presidential votes ministration has authorized the general, 3,096; Harriet Talan, presidential column of their were "discovered" that had not use of artificial vanilla in ice

for auditor general, 2,635. (We dates.

the bitter cold. Most of them were dressed only in their shoddy uniforms.

While the police were rounding up the shivering children and herding them back, another 13 broke out and scattered into the snow. It was not hard for New these children, too, and soon they were back behind locked doors.

When word seeped through problem which should be dealt for the rise in juvenile crime. If the Democrats and Repuband once again the cops were necessary, by psychiatric or society shape them? called.

It is reported that the police in a society which loves its chil- sacred, humanity expendable. It mit, in order to prevent a big cut back production, it fed It is reported that the police in a society which loves its chil- sacred, nonlainty expendance at workers party from being punch cards summarizing the A New Year's Card were bitten, scratched and had them? Youth House was designed

their uniforms torn.

seven to 16 years old. Mark that, seven-year-old tots! In this whole sordid story, that is the single most shocking fact.

Girls Break Out of Jail

Nations, the financial heart of "crimes" can seven-What year-old babies be guilty of? the world — why do we treat the richest capitalist country in Are they "dependent" children, our children with such cruelty? snatched from their parents and made wards of the state - dis-York's "finest" to capture turbed babies already in revolt quent"? Is it the youth of to-

What is a "juvenile delin-Is prison the answer to a sociologists blame the parents stolen, is this: -

-Marvel Scholl power?

## It Was Reported in the Press

TV Dinner Anyone? - A and \$75,000 a year for one that Dec. 15 New York Times article he knows one attorney "who that political outlook was not we would like Militant readers care what a Republic or a Defederal survey of plants pro- pays a piddling \$25,000. It's concluded: "Prospects at present absolutely will not allow a one of the factors fed into the to help in this campaign by just mocracy means. Honestly, a grieved at the showing of the ducing frozen precooked foods tough on him but good for the are for a flurry of maneuver on curly-headed man" to sit on a machine.) generally "revealed sanitary country," said a fellow officer the floor when the Senate meets jury. Huseby said, as for himbut for inadequate Democratic self, "I like the stern, Nordic

conditions and operating prac- of the foundation. tices [and] were considerably below the level desired." A government spokesman said polluted state of this country's that "up to now" no outbreaks streams as a "national distraced to this type of food. 12:

oversee the work of assistant in- people." spectors." Everybody is neatly tagged theft of \$25 worth of chicken "yes" and 87 per cent "no." either above him, or below him. feed. Kennard had previously underneath, and if he maintains viction a "mockery" of justice, missiles. The job pays \$3 to \$4 their right to choose their asa pension. . . .'

Tough Situation-When Dean \$100 fine. Rusk leaves his job as head of

support to make it more than a type of juror." Pollution - Describing the token battle."

of food poisoning have been grace," U.S. Surgeon General ports that 54 per cent of the their fellow man." Leroy E. Burney declared Dec. people queried in a study said "It is tragic for the they would prefer their televi- Advance Warning - Dis-

official gave this definition of and most technologically ad- ever, 29 per cent were in favor. could lead to the collapse of lobby of the plant office, official gave this definition of vanced nation to found its own The remaining 17 per cent civilization as we know it, par-smashed windows and over-a railroad inspector: "Inspectors wared nation to found its own The remaining 17 per cent civilization as we know it, par-smashed windows and over-Puerto Ricans are civil servants assigned to nest, limit its own growth, and weren't accounted for in the ticularly if we are "confronted turned furniture. assist chief inspectors and to threaten the health of its published report, perhaps be- by a superior society," the Na-

Which recalls a Contempt in Mississippi- of commercial-induced stupor Administration wanted in a cost is kept. paragraph from Pat Frank's Clyde Kennard, a Negro poul-novel, "Mr. Adam": "I recog- try farmer, was sentenced to swer to whether the opportunity Jim Cre nized Klutz as one of the public seven years at hard labor by a to see commercials was one of servants who has no equals. He Forest County, Miss., court on the reasons why people watch has only superiors or inferiors, a charge of "agreeing to the TV. Thirteen per cent replied

He keeps his nose nestled close applied for, admission to the Job Opportunity - The Flori- Mallery declared: "This lawsuit under the coattails of those state's all-white Southern Uni- da State Employment Service is but an incident . . . in the above, and his feet firmly versity. Medgar Evans, NAACP has a job open for a sender for over-all Negro crusade to judiplanted on the heads of those field secretary, called the con- the inside of the cones of space cially deprive white people of

> "contempt of court" and sen- The applicant must be a midget fairs." tenced to 30 days in jail and who can squeeze through a

ten-inch hole in the missle.

the Rockefeller Foundation to Rights Fighters — Analyzing Public Defender — Cass curs. You may not be able to out in true sergeant-major style, said!) . masthead type for the words, era of transition from capital-become Secretary of State, he the prospects for revision of County State Attorney Lyle do so for a day or two after- The lower ranks salute their of-will be giving up a job that is fill prospects for revision of County State Attorney Lyle do so for a day or two after- The lower ranks salute their of-masthead type for the words, era of transition from capital-masthead type for the words, era of transition from capital-become Secretary of State, he the prospects for revision of County State Attorney Lyle do so for a day or two after- The lower ranks salute their of-the was told that he and his "The Militant," since in the pres- ism to socialism. will be giving up a job that is filibuster Rule 22 when the Huseby told the North Dakota wards." - The United States ficers and get battle briefings in friends, all of whom are veter- ent period the masthead subrunnored to pay between \$50,000 Senate convenes in January, a States Attorney Institute that Department of Agriculture.

while they are a minority, "the official vote" indicates.

not be placed in foster homes? society he was born in? Most I feel about my vote being France and Japan.

He tends to

avoid jurors of Jewish or Irish

descent because, "I believe they

medical help as would be done Under capitalism, profits are go, what crimes will they com-

elected to office and taking dossiers of 40,000 workers into

the "magic brain." The cards Editor:

were said to contain such in- There is currently a move-I hating gangsters in their monformation as quality of work, ment underway to support the key filibuster sessions? You Disappointed ability, attitude toward rules courageous antiwar stand of know they should have been and regulations, plus tardiness Robert E. McGrath, a pacifist disqualified and impeached as By SWP Vote and absentee record. (Plant who is now serving two years in representatives of whites only. spokesmen insisted to newsmen prison for "draft evasion" and I doubt you know, much less Editor:

minutes the electronic pinkslip dispenser sifted out the names of those to be fired. While union representatives

Definition - A West German world's richest, most powerful sion without advertising. How- covery of life on other planets Enraged workers stormed the

A battery of guards managed Under Harassment cause they were in such a state tional Aernautics and Space to prevent them from getting of commercial-induced stupor Administration warned in a 190- into the hall where the computer Editor:

#### **Battle Briefings**

Jim Crow Judge — In an Meanwhile, a Tokyo ball- erties, including his right to opinion on a suit brought by a bearing plant reported that it vote. Since 1949 he has been Seattle Negro couple against a had hiked production on a mili- afraid to speak to anyone about Jim Crow cemetery, Washington tary basis. Suprème Court Judge Joseph

"The whole operation . . , is this day he is afraid of reprisals. carried on like a battle cam- In 1949 he attended a "Free Editor: paign," said a Reuters dispatch. Puerto Rico" rally in Puerto Now that the Militant has New socialist states are coming this balance for 30 years he gets He was immediately tried for an hour, plus transporation, sociates in their private af-

wartime jargon."

Barry Goldwater so aptly put it: "Scalawags"

tar out of them. D.M.T. Fresno, Calif.

At any rate, in a matter of mas card list. His address is: dren might administer better election, but nevertheless we

Robert E. McGrath Box 1000

For eleven years a Puerto mittee." That, by its very nature, Rican friend of mine has had to is the most un-American condeprive himself of his civil lib- spiracy I know of.

A. C. Gregerson Filmore, Utah

frauds.

free elections.) Further, you for-

tify your political deviltry by

tees to harass and intimidate

those who might expose your

For illustration, consider your

any political question and to Time for a Change?

The workmen dress in uniforms Rico. Shortly after, he and a more readers, due to the success into existence in Asia, Africa which closely resemble the old number of his friends were vis- of the subscription drive and the and Latin America.

ensigns or gold stripes according desist from this political protest. something more modern. Thought for the Week- to rank. Workers literally march ("Show of ingratitude toward Also, in the meanwhile, you now becomes clear that the "Milk cows before fallout oc- to their job. Orders are barked the United States," one agent could pare down the size of the world has entered a new era, the

ans, would be deprived of their title, "Published Weekly in the

As a student I am deeply adding one name to their Christ- group of 12-year-old school chil- Socialist Workers party in the government. You political scal- should strive to get the party awags monopolize the conven- where it belongs. I hope the tion halls and control the nomin- time will come when we shall ation of all candidates on your see a Socialist America. I am enclosing payment for a

information in the next issue of parties and then have the little- subscription to the Militant. ness of soul to brag. (Ours are M.C.

New York

#### "A New Era' appointing watch-dog commit-Editor:

We live in an eventful age when social changes develop "Un-American Activities Com- with great and growing speed. Old social forms which have always been considered natural, immutable and everlasting, are crumbling right before our eyes. A new world, the world of socialism, has succeeded capitalism over a large section of the earth. This new society is gaining strength from year to year.

forms and they wear shoulder ily were warned to cease and ford to change the format into nessed the fall of capitalism in most regions of the world. It

> D.E. Chicago

# Iowa City, Iowa

TV Poll - A Gallup poll re- have too much compassion for met with management to pro-

test the electronic-age layoff, old-fashioned hell broke loose. your paper,

**Brian Peterson** 

### Sandstone Prison Sandstone, Minn. We hope you will print this stuck-together Siamese Twin