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Let's Back Them Up!

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Calls Current

Bill a 'Hoax'

today.

Defy Jailing,

Racist Clubs

porters and photographers.

Fears "Massacre"

The actions of the authorities

"Jim Crow Must Go!"



Throughout the North, students demonstrated solidarity with the Negro student freedom fighters in the South who have been staging "sit-ins" at five-and-dime stores. This picket line in Denver March 5 included unionists. One of them, a member of the United Packinghouse Workers Union, declared, "We will continue to picket and boycott these outfits as long as they profit from their ruthless dual policy toward Northern and Southern customers."

College Groups Lie in "U.S. News" Hit Woolworth's Exposed by Cubans Again in N.Y. By Lillian Kiezel

NEW YORK, March 13 - hard work, and hundreds of lords. "Aren't you ashamed of your-self?" "Hope you enjoy your gone" laments Jack Hall Ever-that the federal voting referees The self." food!"

These were some of the comments that greeted the people del Rio cattle ranch has been the March 7 issue. His main refused registration by local who did walk through the confiscated by the Cuban revo- complaint is that the National racist officials. The opportunities picket line of 300 youth yester- lutionary government. The U.S. Institute of Agrarian Reform for legal chicanery and delay day to shop or eat at the large press reports his story as typi- (INRA) took away land he this will afford Southern authori-Thirty-fourth Street Woolworth cal of the treatment accorded claims he was entitled to under ties would probably be enough to store here. Many other shop- American ranchers and cane the agrarian reform law. pers respected the demonstragrowers.

tion held in support of Southern Negro students fighting to end public lunch-counter discrim- hands of the Cuban revolution pany of which he was presiination. say nothing about how the

This was the second demon- Cuban farm laborers suffered stration organized by the New because, for half a century, York Youth Committee for In- Americans owned most of the (Continued on Page 4)

. Too Many Babies? .

hart, whose 20,000-acre Pinar Grabbed by Castro's Men," in legal steps to register a Negro

It seems he had two ranches. These tear-jerking accounts One he owned personally and of Everhart's ordeal at the the other was owned by a comdent. He asked to be allowed to keep 3,333 acres — the maximum permissible amount un-

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der the law - for each of the lawsuit, subject to two appeals, porkchoppers moved into Can-

NEW YORK, March 18 - "No An Editorial ΓV quiz show was ever as It is not enough to nod one's head apthoroughly rigged as the socalled civil-rights fight currentprovingly while reading the stirring disly going on in Washington," Farpatches from the South about the student rell Dobbs, presidential nominee actions against Jim Crow. Nor is it enough of the national committee of the to speak enthusiastically about the lunch-Socialist Workers party, declared counter sit-downs to friends and fellowworkers.

"In Congress, Democratic and The Negro people of the South, led by Republican leaderships, Northern liberals and Dixiecrats are their courageous students, and supported collaborating in a mutually by a small number of equally courageous agreed upon hoax on the Ameri-Southern whites, are in the midst of an can people," Dobbs' statement continued. "The bills, amendextremely hard - fought battle. Their demand for the elementary human dignity of ments, parliamentary moves and countermoves, the Southern filibeing served in a public eating place has buster and the liberals' cries of arrayed against them the whole entrenchdisappointment are all as preed power of Southern racism. arranged and rehearsed as the grunts and groans in a profes-

In this desperate battle the Southern freedom fighters need tangible, effective help from above the Mason-Dixon line. The picketing of five-and-dime stores in various cities by students, and in a few instances by trade unions, deserves the highest praise as examples of tangible, effective help. They are no mere symbolic acts of solidarity.

guilty of racial discrimination in their Southern stores, in many instances their store managers have made the formal com-"Twenty years of dreams and ran their holdings like feudal form, has been further eroded plaints or sworn out the warrants on which by voluntary changes and the Southern students have been thrown

> and McClellan companies deserve all the economic punishment that Northern op-

TORONTO, March 15 - A

leaders during the 149-day,

1955-56 strike against the Gen-

eral Motors Corporation of Can-

9 Face Prison

Under T-H Act

against the union.

ers union.

the Young Socialist Alliance is urging that cre" of Negroes. On March 13, Walter Reuther, The five-and-dime chains are not only nation-wide student demonstrations be president of the AFL-CIO Unicalled on May 17 in support of the Negro ted Auto Workers, wired Eisenstudents of the South. hower: "The reign of terror in All efforts henceforth should be for a Montgomery, Alabama, reported steady build-up of Northern demonstra- to you by the Rev. Martin Luther King, is shocking, immoral

The Woolworth, Kress, Kresge, Grant

UAW Officials Everyone a Capitalist ties would probably be enough to discourage Job himself from Seek to Purge In Land of the Dollar **Canadian** Unit By Harry Ring

"The rich get richer and the every market rise accelerates poor get kids. the concentration of wealth in

That's what they used to say their hands. island's best arable land and ranches, but his request was proving that a pattern of racial ada recently in an attempt to in the old days of dog-eat-dog If you want some more facts

By George Lavan ponents of Jim Crow can give them. These Police-state tactics and gangs of deputized storm troopers are chains are almost invariably non-union and being employed by Southern ofanti-union. For organized labor this ficials to smash the still spreadshould be an added incentive to extend ing protest movement of Negro nationally the solidarity picketing already students. City and state officials have begun by a number of union bodies. It mposed a regime close to mar-

labor places its full weight behind a boytial law upon the Negroes of cott of the five-and-dime chains, the North-Montgomery, Alabama, who now risk life and limb if they ern boycott added to the Southern can soon force them to abandon their racist attempt to assemble, petition or peacefully demonstrate. In adlunch-counter policies. dition to city and state police, A committee headed by AFL-CIO Vice gangs of deputized horsemen

President A. Philip Randolph has called and Ku Klux elements wearing for a mass demonstration on May 17 -Civil Defense insignia are terrorizing Negroes, newspaper reanniversary of the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision - in New York's garment district in support of the Southern

students. This call for a May 17 demonstration and the white-supremacist vigilhas been endorsed by the New York Youth antes in Alabama are so omin-Committee for integration, an organization ous that Roy Wilkins, head of the National Association for the of campus clubs and student government Advancement of Colored Peobodies which emerged from the solidarity ple, asked the White House to picketing of the five-and-dime stores. Now act to avert a possible "massa-

tions to a crescendo of solidarity on May 17. and un-American — appealing Let such a roar arise in the North on that to you to instruct the Attorney date that it will give new heart to the General to take immediate ac-Negro freedom fighters of the South and tion in your name to restore law give pause to their racist oppressors.

and order in Montgomery." Pressed by questioners at his March 16 news conference, the President agreed that the Constitution guaranteed people the right to hold peaceful demonstrations but he saw no way of protecting the Negro people in this right. He suggested it would be good if biracial conferences were held in every Southern community.

Held in Stockade

women, attempted to converge

on the downtown section by dif-

In Orangeburg, South Caroranches, but his request was proving that a pattern of racial ada recently in an attempt to denied. Instead, he says, INRA official tempts to enforce school deseg-cials told him to go and "pick attempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition in the says, INRA official tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition in the says of degree tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition in the says of degree tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition in the says of degree tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition in the says of degree tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition of the AFL tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition of the second discrimination opposition opposition opposition of the areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition opposition opposition opposition opposition opposition opposition opposition of the AFL tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition opposite tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposition opposition opposition opposition opposition opposition opposite tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposite tempts to enforce school deseg-tempt tempts to enforce school deseg-cut" 1650 areas for a contained by the second discrimination opposite tempt tem met with tear gas and fire hoses.

gone," laments Jack Hall Ever- titled "I had My Property would have to go through ten

vote.

sional wrestling match.'

"All observers admit the

Civil Rights Act of 1960 will

be as anemic and meaningless

as its predecessor, the Civil

Rights Act of 1957. It will not

even be a civil rights act; it is

being stripped down to a mere

voting rights act. But it will

give very few disfranchised

Negroes in the South an actual

"The voting provision, weak

and cumbersome in its original

"Cynical Betrayal"

"But to get a federal district court to appoint a voting referee will require winning a lengthy brigade of Walter Reuther's

Can We Win Back A Healthy Scarcity?

By Joseph Hansen

Seventh in a series of articles.

What's to be done about the food explosion? There are two schools of thought. One holds that hunger still plagues partment of INRA. the world and that America should help stamp it out.

As a modest beginning at home, we should assure every family three square meals a day. This elementary publicwelfare measure would not decrease our immense surpluses. In fact it would probably ultimately help increase the old Cuban government the coming convention. them because of the rise in the sense of well-being among the people.

As a beginning abroad, we should at once offer flotillas the laborers." "Batista himself of food to poverty-stricken countries, thus helping to restore the good name America formerly enjoyed among nations for its readiness to use its plenty to help others in nced.

This generous attitude is rather widespread among farmers and workers but doesn't get many headlines.

The other school holds that such a view is fat-headed, pinko-tinged, smacking of un-Americanism, and strictly for the birds. Hunger, this school will admit, is an unpleas- thousand in the U.S. ant fact. However, not much can be done about it without cash in your pocket or in the bank. Overwhelming evidence shows that modern man's main reason for growing crops is not to provide people with food; but to make money. If you give our crops away, how can you expect to sell them? Labor Party in Canada is not to provide people with food; but to make money. If You've ruined the market. To protect profits you have to protect sales and keep prices high enough to offer a fair return

This view is so sensible that we at once see its merit. To preserve the profit pattern in agriculture, we must maintain relative scarcity. Obviously the current food explosion is a national calamity.

Fortunately our capitalist experts are aware of the grave character of the emergency and are working around the clock figuring out what to do. A report on their efforts which appeared in the Dec. 14, 1959, Wall Street Journal shows that there are no grounds for panie:

"A broad attack on the nation's huge, costly agricultural surplus problem is being launched by America's leading farm organizations.

'Convinced that the old panaceas won't work, the organizations are concocting a flock of new ones. Their most urgent aim: To wipe out the Government surplus of wheat, corn and other major crops which now ties up more than \$9 billion. Removing this surplus, the farmer groups believe, would allow free market prices to rise to 'fairer' levels."

Anyone who thinks that it would be unfair to jack up (Continued on Page 2)

out" 1,650 acres "for myself" regation, this means separate from the company ranch. He lawsuits in each of the thousands received no receipt for the land of Southern electoral districts. INRA took over, nor any of the "This latest cynical betrayal promised twenty-year, bonds at of civil rights again demon-4½ per cent interest. A day strates the vise-like grip of the laborer on his ranch before the Southern racists on Congress. revolution, Vidal Gil, now man "At the very moment the Re-

ages his erstwhile holdings. publican leadership is bidding Revolucion, newspaper of the for Negro votes by proposing a Twenty-sixth of July Movement 'stronger' civil-rights bill, it has replied to Everhart in its March already agreed to trim its bill to 9 issue after carefully reviewthe taste of the Southerners. ing the facts with the legal de While voicing their disappointment in a northerly direction "Mr. Everhart was one o

over the emasculation of the many who acquired lands in civil-rights bill, the Northern Cuba for a little money and enliberals are making deals with riched themselves by exploittheir Southern 'opponents' for ing the workers." His friends in

"An opponent of Jim Crow "favored him by constructing who supports the Democratic roads and by allowing him to or Republican parties in the use an even sterner hand with coming elections will be betraying not only his own desire to went fishing on his property." His property declaration to make civil rights a reality but

also the courageous Negro stu-INRA in September 1959 apdents of the South, now being (Continued on Page 2) jailed by the hundreds by South-

Guatemala's Children ern Democratic officials - to the great indifference of the Re-In Guatemala, the mortality rate for children between the publicans and Northern Democrats in Congress engrossed in Smelter Workers Union were ages of one and six is 42 per thousand as compared to .9 per playing out their 1960 civilrights hoax."

Take New Steps to Form

The Canadian labor move- | According to a Canadian \$2,000. ment is going ahead with its union dispatch, the decision to plans to form a labor party. A contest the two capitalist par- fined \$1,500 each. draft program for the new ties in Nova Scotia was made party has been published, and by the Nova Scotia Federation Irving Dichter, secretary-treasin Nova Scotia a full slate of of Labor, District 26 of the urer of the union; Maurice labor candidates will challenge United Mine Workers and the Travis, former secretary-treasthe Liberal and Conservative provincial Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, under national representative; Harold parties in the pending provinwhose name the labor slate will cial elections.

be run At the April 1958 convention of the Canadian Labor Conheaded by the presidents of the board members. gress, counterpart of the AFLthree bodies was appointed to CIO. the delegates instructed act as a campaign committee, and the national council to begin mapping plans for the new gional committees to take reparty and to report back to the sponsibility for the campaign in next convention which is now various areas of the province. scheduled to be held in Mon-The Conservatives now control treal the week of April 25. the Nova Scotia legislature with

The new party is being 24 seats. The Liberals have 18 formed in alliance with the Coseats and the CCF has one. The operative Commonwealth Fed- unionists were confident howeration, a third party which had ever that a strong labor cambeen supported by the Canadian paign will change the relation-CIO. ship of forces.

CIO United Automobile Workple's capitalism

Today, the once big capital ists are taking a real shellack-Headed by Emil Mazev, secretary-treasurer of the UAW, a ing. Brutally stiff income, corcommittee of International Ex-poration and inheritance taxes ecutive Board members investi- take away the bulk of their hard-earned renumeration. And gated charges that Paul Siren. former Toronto director of the the outrageously high cost of union, had held "secret" discus- mansions, vachts and servant

ions with Communist Party puts a stiff bite into what little is left. Really rich plutocrats are just about extinct America.

ada. Mazey characterized such And all that dough hasn't been going just to the govern- asked today to review the case discussions as an "act of treason ment. It has been spread

The "investigation" came as around very democratically. No a result of the challenge to Candoubt you've read some of those adian UAW Director, George ads explaining that almost Burt, at the October 1959 union everybody in the country to convention in Atlantic City. day owns stocks and bonds Burt was one of the very few Millions of American workers (Continued on Page 4) are now capitalists with a vested interest in raising pro-

duction and cutting wages. You think all this is a lot of marlarkey? Well, so do I.

But in case anyone still takes such myths seriously here are a few facts to set them straight,

DENVER, March 14 — Nine dug up by a non-communist orpresent and former officials of ganization with offices right on the independent Mine, Mill and New York's Madison Avenue. It's the National Bureau of Economic Research. After a dehere today. They had been con- tailed national survey, it reports victed Dec. 17 on the frame-up that the rich are still getting richer and that wealth is being

charge of violating the Taft-Hartley law by "conspiring" to concentrated in fewer and file false "non-Communist" affewer hands.

Following the 1929 crash fidavits. there was a tendency toward Seven were sentenced three years in prison and fined a somewhat broader distribu-The other two were tion of wealth. But in 1949 sentenced to 18 months and there was a reversal of the trend which, the survey found,

Sentenced to three years were 1953.

urer: Charles Wilson, an inter Sanderson, controller; and Ray mond Dennis, Chase Power A^t joint steering committee and Albert Skiner, all executive The others sentenced were

Jesse Van Camp, an internaarrangements were made for re- tional representative, and James Durkin, a former organizer.

The union leaders had been brought to trial in the midst of a bitterly fought strike against wealth najor copper producers

Full Employment?

Six thousand men applied for ising. A bureau spokesman ex-800 Philadelphia city laborers

Research, 261 Madison Ave., Walking in groups of one hun-New York 16, N. Y. Ask for, dred, the young Negro men and "Changes in the Share of Wealth Held By Wealth-Holders, 1922-1956."

ferent routes. They continued though drenched by hoses in the forty degree weather. **Braden Appeals** About 350 (one-third of them women) were herded by police **To High Court** into a stockade beside the court

house. They were arraigned in groups of fifteen, while buses WASHINGTON, D.C., March stood outside to take those un-11 - The Supreme Court was able to post bond to the state

of Carl Braden, Southern inte-prison. Other demonstrations gration fighter, who was sen-South Carolina occurred in tenced to a year in prison for Rock Hill where 70 students defying the House Un-American were arrested for picketing city Activities Committee. hall; in Columbia, the state imprisonment would open the routed to where ten were arrested for asking for service at way for widespread harassment lunch counters; and in Sumter and jailing of whites and Newhere police made no arrests.

roes advocating civil rights. They pointed out that Braden vas called before the Congres-

sional witch-hunters in 1958 in retaliation for his public opposition to the committee and "to investigate his motives in work-

ing for integration." He is one of 36 persons now in jail or fac- had a constitutional right to sit ing jail for defying Congres- at lunch counters, President sional or state inquisitorial com- Eisenhower replied that he mittees.

prising Atlanta University Cen-(Continued on Page 4) He's Only the President Asked if he thought Negroes

In Atlanta, Ga., students from

the six Negro institutions com-

wasn't a lawyer

California Senate Deaf To Pleas for Chessman By Della Rossa

A bill to abolish the death pen- | er warden of San Quentin prisalty in California was killed in on, testified that, "I have yet to the Senate Judiciary Committee find anyone executed who was March 10 by an eight to seven wealthy. It's only prisoners who vote. The Democrats hold a thircan't afford competent attorneys een to two majority on the com- who die in the lethal gas chamber." Duffy also insisted that the

death penalty is not a deterrent The day before, an unexpecto crime. edly large number of witnesses Actress Phyllis Kirk, repretestified against capital punishenting the Southern California nent.

The decision means that only Punishment, asked: "How can xecutive clemency, which Gov. we support such enlightened Brown says he is powerless to programs as prison reforms and grant, can save Caryl Chessman parole procedures and still be in from the gas chamber May 2. Be- favor of the ritual barbarism of cause the Chessman case has aroused world-wide protests, Brown gave Chessman a sixtyday reprieve on Feb. 19 and de-

was packed with an audience of clared his fate would be decided 350. Outside, pickets carried placards asking for clemency for

executions?'

At the March 9 legislative Chessman and for an end to the

Committee to Abolish Capital

Even before the proceedings

opened, the committee room

became sharply evident by File this fact away for the next time you meet someone who really believes those ads nittee. about everyone being a stockholder: By 1953, 1.6% of the population "owned at least 80% of the corporate stock

held in the personal sector, virtually all of the state and local government bonds and between 10 and 35% of each other type of property."

In 1953 the same 1.6% owned 30% of the nation's personal

The bureau says that the concentration of wealth hasn't yet returned to the 1929 peak. But t will if the stock market keeps by the legislature.

plains that since the minority jobs that pay about \$60 a week. owns a majority of the stocks, hearing, Clinton P. Duffy, form- death penalty.

sentenced to prison and fined

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bad?

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auto world this year with a gine. dream engine," David Scott retricky ternal-combustion engine and (New York Times, Feb. 25.) the turbine, it promises twice and size as conventional engines . .

almost vibrationless. Also, to a solid coupling between the cheap to make, economical to engine and gearbox. Thus, the run, and simple to maintain. powder is transmitted to the It has only two main moving wheels without appreciable slipparts." It can also be used in page, and there is no loss of trucks, boats and planes. Germany, plans to have the new horsepower loss is as high as engine in its 1961 Prinz small 25%.



(Continued from Page 1.) Everhart's administrator says peared "extremely doubtful and the men used to work ten or intricate." The "company" more hours "fifteen days a ranch, purchased in 1946 in the month for 2 pesos a day." name of a corporation called day they earn 2.88 pesos for an Cattle and Territorial Co., San eight-hour day. Marcos, S.A., has 13,000 acres, When Everhart built a school.

now valued at \$918,000. Ever-"He paid 2 pesos for work from hart says a Mr. Leon Broch sold sunup to sundown." The chilshares, valued at 150,000 pesos, they now receive free. in return.

Later, says Revolucion, "Mr. Everhart weeps not only for Broch and a Mr. Louis Menocal himself but also for Ricardo appeared as holding 51/2 shares Martinez, "forced" to sell a and the rest of the shares store "he ran for my workers" 1,507¹/₂ — belonged to Mr. Everto INRA. But Martinez feels hart . . . no document proves Mr. Everhart ever bought the matter. He now manages the shares from Mr. Broch." INRA store.

"From 1948," he told Revolu-Everhart says he "gave" ten peasant families eight acres cion, "I worked for food" be- many, the main sensation of each. Actually, says Revolunow make 100 pesos cash, aside ports is a chill along the spine. cion, he "forced twenty families" onto sixty-seven acres and from food. . . . INRA paid me .. over 1,000 pesos for my merpermitted no one "to take anything from his property. One chandise and refrigerator." farmer who planted a few coffee plants was persecuted by Everhart's ranch before the out of them. Socialists think United States policy, the nature Mr. Everhart. . . . He turned people into the rural police if "You had to make an effort not reach the same conclusion. they let an animal graze the to die" and "There was much

foliage alongside the road." 'tvrannv there.' news will begin.

DETROIT - Good news or cars. In the U. S., Curtiss-| It is also being used in Eng-Wright has bought the rights to land on rotary printing presses, "The Germans blitzed the build larger versions of the en-, big cameras, textile and mining.

Meanwhile Rootes of England Britain by Smiths Motor Accesports in the March Popular Sci- has introduced on its Hillman sories under a complex cross-"Instead of pistons that Minx line a new fully automa- licensing agreement with Eaton shuttle up and down, it uses a tic transmission suitable for Manufacturing Company of three-lobed rotor. A low-powered cars that is called Cleveland, which retains the cross between the ordinary in- | "as simple as a child's magnet." | North American rights. Eaton Called Easidrive, it is based ent version now being tested by the power from the same weight on a magnetic principle. "Using U. S. auto corporations, which about two tablespoons of a fer- may appear next year on some ric powder that becomes mag- Detroit small cars.

"Besides that, it's quiet and netized, it forms what amounts and power from wasted gasoline." NSU Werke of Neckarsulm, On some big U. S. cars the

"scarce" currency, at least as that term is understood in dis-

cussion of international eco nomic relations. Indeed, since the last recession there has beer some concern about the chang-Easidrive was developed in ing nature of the U.S. balance of payments, with the outflow now exceeding receipts in a way which accelerates the drain from the national gold stock. Countries in Europe which for many years after the wa has developed a slightly differ- had a permanent dollar gap are now receiving or earning mos of the dollars they need and have been able to ease some o the restrictions on convertibility

Now we return to the ques of their own currencies whicl tion: Good news or bad? had been in force since the war. For the auto corporations, it's Although the "weakness" of wonderful. To produce engines the dollar has some unwelcome automatic transmissions aspects for certain American in will be cheaper, that is, will reterests, and may represent overquire less labor power, and shooting, it does not represen therefore fewer workers. any dramatic diminution in eco For the auto workers, it's a nomic standing. The presen' mixed blessing at best. As car situation is the outcome, in fact owners and drivers, they wel- of a sequence of events reach-

come technological progress. ing back to the Second World But as workers they know it War. means layoffs for some and in-

security for others.

production workers.

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Though not much like what American policy-makers had Thanks to technological progexpected or aimed at in detail ress and speedup, the Big Three there cannot be much doub auto corporations can turn out that in broad outline it fits ir more cars today than five years with the needs of Americar ago, while using 136,000 less capitalism in the difficult position in which it finds itself ir

In a sensible society, where the mid-twentieth century. the economy would be planned The major war aim of Amer and controlled by the majority, ican capitalism in the years the ranch and received 1,500 dren had to pay for equipment news about the engine and 1941-45 was to make the world transmission would be greeted safe for capitalism, keeping In his U.S. News article, with dancing in the streets. It open its markets and its spheres would mean another cut in the of economic penetration.

work week, another step toward Policy-makers sought to do greater leisure and freedom for this not merely by smashing the German and Japanese threat But in the madhouse known countering Russian moves and somewhat differently about the as capitalism, where things are preventing social revolution produced because they're profit- They also had in their bags able for the few and not beschemes for reordering the capicause they're useful for the talist world market along lines which would be favorable to the cause people couldn't pay. "I many workers reading such re- interests of American capitalism as the leading creditor and Socialists say: It's not work- the dominant power politically ers that should be scrapped, but and economically.

the system that has no use for However, the shaping out of About living conditions on people when it can't suck profits forces beyond the control of revolution several peasants said: the American workers will of the relations between the United States and the other That's when the really good capitalist states and various domestic pressures determined

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the following bit of information from the same article:

"Spurring farmers is a pinch on their own pocketbooks, reflected in Government statistics. At mid-November, the prices farmers received were at the lowest point in more than 19 years in relation to the prices they pay. This year, farm profits are running about 15% below 1958, and economists predict that next year they'll dip to the lowest rate since 1942."

land on the farm in it. It would also scotch their tendency food prices any higher than they are now, should ponder to grow bigger crops on smaller acreage as a way of getting around the government's effort to reduce crops by lowering the amount of land in production.

Opposition among farmers to such vigorous steps could wards, the Communist parties \$4 billion in 1953, while funds talist countries had now built be met in two ways. On the one hand, it would be made a serious crime, like bootlegging, to grow unauthorized food: on the other hand, farmers who curbed their instinct to this did not lead them to elab-By this time, indeed, the expanding, the West European plant seeds, cultivate crops and reap harvests would be orate revolutionary policies. For worst of the balance of pay- countries were selling more to guaranteed free government grain for their livestock and

complexities of the forties and

fifties. To talk of political and economic policies as though they were separate and distinct is merely a matter of convenience. In practice the two were combined; the means to tackle one aspect had to be as far as possible consistent with the aims pursued in the other.

To say, for example, that the political aim in 1945 was to back up governments abroad able to stem the tide of social revolution and provide positions of strength from which to oppose Russian expansion includes the economic aim of salvaging capitalism. The political aim had to be pursued with economic as well as other means. If there were specifically economic probems, they were nonetheless directly related to these overriding purposes — though economists and others customarily dealt with them in isolation, thus, whether or not by design, concealing their real content.

The Imbalance

The dominant economic probem, in this context, was the international imbalance between he war-induced upsurge of the American economy with its massive production, side-by-side with the shattered economies of Western Europe and other areas and the complete dislocathe. ion of the world market under the stress of long years of de-

pression and war. Capitalism was on its knees in a number of countries in 1945. The disintegration of the state apparatus, the demoralization of the ruling class and many of its political representatives, as well as the temper of the people, held out the possibility of revolutionary liked. change on the continent of

Europe. In Britain, while there were important differences, the scope for change was equally great. The need of the hour was leadership and policy. They

were lacking; both the Social Democratic and the Communist leaderships, for different reasons, decided to head off the masses and co-operate in solving the problems of their "own'

capitalisms, rather than overthrowing them.

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lass were passed up and the tasks of restoring capitalism, along the lines which suited As the cold war intensified, the whole world economy. In American capitalists, made that American funds for building up the meantime the whole pattern much easier.

went into opposition. However, diminished.

many years they alternated be- ments difficulties of Britain and



After World War II, the U.S. government pumped billions of dollars into the prostrate European economy. As the West European capitalists began reaping new profits, the workers pressed for a restoration of their living standards. In 1954 this militant demonstration was staged in West Germany as 220,000 Bavarian metal workers struck for higher pay.

They sought to preserve what The economic effects were also they deémed vital in national in many ways comparable: the independence; though there first important one being that could be differences within dollars were flowing into the class about the drawworld market at a rate far in ing of lines. They used such excess of that which could have assets as they retained, even if been attained through the noronly intangible ones, such as mal channels of trade and in-

political experience and diplo- vestment. The prosperity which openmatic acumen - where they could often score over the Amed up for world capitalism in the fifties was stimulated in ericans — to win better terms. a direct way by its confrontaresist pressures and retain certion with an incompatible tain policies (such, as discriminatory trade practices) which world system and the war spending which resulted. the U. S. representatives dis-From that basis there de-

veloped in the mid-fifties a clas-Europe was certainly not transformed into a colony of sic capitalist investment boom the United States. Though the dominated by private investment, directed largely into Marshall Plan made the Eurohitherto neglected fields and inpean countries dependent on corporating a new succession of American imperialism, that detechnological developments. Eupendency bolstered their ecorope was catching up with the nomies and permitted them to play the role of junior partners United States, in its own way with rapidly growing output of in the imperialist coalition. cars and consumer durables in

A New Phase

In any case, this phase of American international econoperiod — some two-thirds being Consequently great historic mic aid quickly merged into an- tied directly to the Cold Waropportunities for the working other following the victory of the outflow of dollars which it the Chinese Revolution and the represented remained of conoutbreak of the Korean War. siderable sustaining effect for armies rose rapidly and unin- was changing. The national It is true that from 1947 on- terruptedly, reaching a peak of economies of the different capi-

were driven out of the govern- for stabilizing currencies or up a much greater productive ments of France and Italy and purchasing American goods capacity than ever before.

coun

American policy in renovating European capitalism and making it a going concern once again became clear, American business capital, directly motivated by profit expectations, found its way to Europe in increasing amounts.

There was nothing new in this. Capitalism is a cosmopolitan system and American interests in European industry had been building up during the inter-war period. But the movement had been checked by the war and the postwar crisis of European capitalism; now it is resumed, under favorable conditions prepared by the policies which have been discussed here. For a few years American capital found vast profitable outlets at home, or timidity and uncertainty prevented it from eeking higher yields abroad. Conclusions based upon this emporary phenomenon were clearly premature. The export of capital by private firms has been resumed on a considerable scale, being currently about twice as great as government economic aid.

The major fields for this investment are found in Latin America, Canada and Western Europe; little as yet goes to the underdeveloped countries of Asia and Africa.

Investments in the six counries of the European Common Market - France, West Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, have grown from \$648 million in 1950 to \$1,760 million in 1959, with Western Germany and France the most favored countries.

In the European Free Trade Association — the so-called "Outer Seven" countries, including Britain, Portugal, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Austria and Switzerland — the investment s larger, and has grown from \$1,056 million in 1950 to \$2,560 million in 1959. Here the United Kingdom is by far the largest investment field; direct American investment rose from \$847 million in 1950 to \$2,058 million in 1959.

Giving these figures, the French Commercial Counselor in Washington noted that American business was drawn to these countries by lower wages the vanguard of the expansion and costs of production as well Although total American foras by their rapidly growing mareign aid fell off through this kets. (Problems Economiques,' No. 634, Feb. 23, 1960.)

Tariffs play a big part. While there is some portfolio investment in foreign industry, the main development is the establishment of branch factories which can leap over tariff walls, as it were.

There is a good deal of joint enterprise appearing in recent years, especially since the formation of the European Common Market.

One way or another the major American firms are repre-

the government. If that would create too much of a fire would foot the bill. hazard, the grain could be bull-dozed into the rivers where we dump our sewage. We've got to break out of the horseand-buggy kind of thinking that considers it a government duty to keep the granaries full for the lean years. This is bounteous modern America, not the ancient Egypt that suffered the famines of Biblical times!

A bold move of this kind to remove the depressant effect of government-held mountains of food would have exhilarating consequences on prices and profits. Much more than that is required, however. If the present rate of agricultural production continued, the flood of edibles and fibers from our farms would quickly fill up the emptied storehouses again. You have to strike at the root of the shock troops to put down production.

The government, of course, has been working on this suggested. for some time. To help keep up prices, it buys crops from farmers, using part of the tax money it takes from us for ring? Doesn't this fear of expanding crops parallel the fear this worthy purpose. We pay for the crops that have to be of an expanding population? And what about the panaceas their import needs to carry fortaken off the market so that we can enjoy higher prices at proposed to keep down corn and wheat? Aren't they variagrocery stores. That is how the government surpluses have tions of Malthusianism - with this difference, that the been built up.

Along with this, however, the government has insisted that farmers help, too, by restricting the acreage they put into production. Many big farmers, as a result, make millions by generously refraining from growing crops. Under Eisenhower, still another measure was instituted, the socalled "soil bank." Under this, farmers agree to take soil out of production. In return, the U.S. Treasury, again using money taken from us in taxes, pays them rent for the idle land.

The main trouble with the government's efforts is that they haven't worked. They proved to be too meager to contain the food explosion. Some of them are now regarded as nothing but panaceas, the report in the Wall Street Journal indicates.

The administration's plan is "to counter surpluses" by a more vigorous extension of current policies. This would include "gradually lowering price supports, expanding the voluntary soil bank, helping more marginal farmers find similar measures to the land to stem the immensely prourban jobs, boosting overseas surplus disposal and finding ductive consequences of the industrial and chemical revolnew industrial outlets for farm products."

Among wealthier farmers a lot of consideration is being given to the idea of turning to the use of force. Let the government clamp down on every farm in the country with a specific limit on the amount of any major crop which each one is permitted to grow. On top of this, let the government extend the soil bank scheme and make it manda- brought us, our experts have nothing better to offer for retained their own ruling classes er of the Opposition in the last tory. As a crash beginning, take 50 to 70 million acres of our consideration than some frightened rattling of the the country's 350 million acres of crop land out of produc- sacred bones of St. Malthus. tion at once.

This would effectively counter the present inclination of many farmers to scorn the soil bank, or to put the worst

From this we can see that it's only common sense to government checks for themselves to cover whatever losses pour kerosene on that \$9 billion worth of food stored by they encountered because of curtailed sales. You know who

> The Wall Street Journal calls these "new concepts." Who can be against "new concepts" in such a critical problem? Before joining the claque, however, with our own cheers, whistles and bravos, let us pause for a moment of silent meditation.

Remember how we were told that the rise in productivity on the farm "has all but wiped out the Malthusian fear that a nation would never be able to feed an everexpanding population"? Remember how shocked we were to learn that what we really face is not the danger of overpopulation in one or two thousand years but a food explosion of immediate threat to the profit system? Now we have discovered that a series of government panaceas have evil. You have to get the farmers themselves to serve as already been applied to cut down agricultural production, but without success, so that more strenuous ones are

On thinking it over, doesn't all this have a familiar "dreary doctrine" is applied to crops instead of people?

The destruction of government-held surpluses-doesn't such a proposal arise from fears of abundance just as atic way through the Marshall antihuman as those the warmaking imperialists display toward the huge populations of the countries like China and India?

Crop reduction — isn't that like the neo-Malthusian military aid was insignificant, panacea of reducing the birth rate of the peoples of India, Latin America, China and similar poverty-stricken areas?

Retirement of soil - doesn't this parallel the sterilization of males and maintenance of infertility among females advocated by the neo-Malthusians for colored populations that have yet to reach the exalted industrial status of the dollars, their balance of pay-Western powers?

From the admissions of the population experts themselves, we saw how ridiculous it is to expect that their vanced countries seemed to be utopian schemes will seriously affect the human birth rate. chronic. Can anything better be expected from trying to apply utions?

To be brief and brutally frank about it, the best that can be said for both sets of proposals is that they are worthless except for what they reveal about the level of capitalist thought in our times. Face to face with the mighty problems of abundance to which the capitalist system has

Clearly, if we hope for any clarity, we must turn to acceptance of the broad aims out that even some of the party's better sources.

(Next week: The Marxist View.)

producing tween appeals to the Socialist France had passed; there was tries, and to each other. In adparties and capitalist liberals to still a permanent dollar probdition they had built up a con-"popular front" lem but it was somewhat less siderable export trade to the trial influence, already very acute. Moreover, the flow of United States itself, which was coalitions with them and adventuristic actions aimed at military aid to the NATO allies, the most direct way of earning American imperialism in which as well as the building up of dollars.

they sought unity with such strategic stocks in the U.S. conultra-nationalists and neartributed to further economic refascists as Marshal Juin in covery and expansion both in France who also opposed NATO the advanced countries - this and German rearmament. was the time when West Ger-After 1954, the efforts of the many strode forcefully onto the CP leaders centered exclusively economic arena — and in the primary producing areas. And, "popular front" except in West Germany, arma-Their unprincipled course contributed priment spending rose in the marily to the bewilderment and NATO countries and contributed eventual demoralization of large to the economic shape of the early fifties.

Again, the distinction between

'economic" and "military" aid

conceals the fact that the mo-

tivating force in both cases was

of world capitalism.

The Marshall Plan

At this time - 1945-47 - the social and economic situation in Europe was still at rock bottom. Even the most favored countries were in no position to meet ward rapid reconstruction.

Hence the fie-up between Amercan production and the world's Planning Held needs on the basis first of ad hoc loans and then in a system-

The main emphasis in this an inter-governmental basis: though there were, of course, American forces stationed overseas including the countries being aided as well heres to the ideas of Leon Trotas defeated Germany. These countries were still short of ments were in a precarious posi-

tion and the imbalance between the USA and the rest of the ad-These injections of dollars

provided the basis for renovating capitalism in Europe as an economic system and gearing the states concerned into the political and strategic machine of the "West" whose powerhouse was in

Washington. But the European countries lish-language newspaper, Samawere not just satellites. They samajist, by N. M. Perera. Leadand these - or their Labor- parliament.

party stand-ins - fought hard to reconcile American aid and five-year record, Perera pointed

of American policy, with which most bitter opponents have acthey had no quarrel, and their knowledged that the LSSP is inown interests and aims,

The prosperity of the United mean that profits can be re-States, too, by increasing de-patriated more easily - and mand for these manufacturing this encourages investmentexports, as well as for primary though about half the profits are products, fits into this overall expansion, leaving aside the in- together with about the same fluence of the recessions (though amount of new capital from the that of 1953-54 was not signifi- States. The figures are as folcant in its external effects compared with that of 1957-58, and the Common Market countries even here the effects were difonly: ferent from what had been expected) Repatriated profits

Meanwhile, however, another significant trend was taking Total profits place. The capital outflow from the United States so far conthe same, namely the salvation sidered was a government matter and it gave the United dustry. It is especially impor-The most obvious threat was States no formal property rights tant in chemicals, motor ve-

Issue

also the same: the challenge in countries in which it was hicles and, of course, petroleum. from the non-capitalist states. used.' But as the effects of (First of Two Articles.)

On the eve of the March 19 among political organizations can less all sections of the people general election in Ceylon, the be trusted to root out bribery willingly and wholeheartedly phase was on economic aid on Lanka Sama Samajist (Ceylon and corruption from public life. Equality) party is pressing vig-He declared that the central progress," Perera declares. orously to win a majority of issue in Ceylon is economic deseats in parliament with the obvelopment, which, he said, rejective of forming the new govquires planning based on the ernment. The LSSP, which adnationalization of the key export-import industries, the large sure that religious freedom sky, is contesting 101 of the 151 plantations and the banks and seats in the new legislature. nsurance companies.

Key

In its campaign, the LSSP is At the same time he underconcentrating major efforts on scored the need for workers combating the moves of the democracy

capitalist parties to deepen lan-"No country can plan and guage and religious antagonisms efficiently carry out the plan in the country. At the same time unless the toilers willingly the Trotskyists are presenting a participate in it with the feelsocialist program for coping ing that they themselves are with swiftly rising its originators. The plan must prices mounting unemployment and an spring from the people. No acute shortage of schools, hospiplan that is imposed from tals and social services. above can succeed however

elegant it may look on paper." The party's stand was outlined in the March 4 issue of its Eng-While the other parties are eeking to win support from one or another of the language groups in the country by demagogically appealing to their

Citing the LSSP's twentysupposed "special interests," the LSSP is campaigning in every province for an integrated Ceylonese nation.

"Can this country be develcorruptible and that it alone oped on a communal basis? Un-

sented in this investment and production drive in Western Europe: and American induspowerful in some sectors, is growing.

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cooperate we can never jointly He adds: "The LSSP pledges not merely full religious freedom but is also prepared to enagainst all those who rouse up hatred against any particular

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Do You Win at Russian Roulette?

When the leadership of the AFL-CIO United Packinghouse Workers Union recently settled the 108-day strike against Wilson & Co., they agreed to place 4,400 jobs of the strikers at the mercy of an arbitration board. This was nearly fourfifths of the normal work force of 5,500 in the seven plants involved.

The arbitration board was made up of one person designated by the union, another chosen by the company, and a third chosen by the first two arbitrators. Thus the decisive vote rested with one person. If he happened to vote against the strikers and in favor of the scabs, the union would have found itself in an impossible position.

Sooner or later, despite the contract signed by Wilson with the UPWA, an NLRB election would have been held, and the probability would have been that the strikebreakers would vote for no union or for an "independent" outfit, the National Brotherhood of Packinghouse Workers which was in cahoots with the company. during the strike.

A real fluke saved the AFL-CIO union. By a two to one vote the arbitration board decided to make the strikebreakers "permanent employees" together with the strikers, but to fill job positions according to seniority, thus giving the strikers first claim to their jobs.

The decisive vote, of course, was cast by the third member of the board, Joseph S. Perry, a federal judge. It turned out that he was once a coal miner and carries a withdrawal card from the United Mine Workers Union.

No doubt the leadership of the packinghouse union sighed with relief at that one. And they were entitled to. The game they played was much like that reputed to be of some popularity among officers of the late Czar Nicholas. You put five cartridges in a revolver, give it a spin, put the barrel to your head and pull the trigger. If the hammer falls on the empty chamber you win and it gives you a wonderful feeling of relief.

Did the union leadership have no choice but to engage in this spectacular gamble? When they agreed to stake the 4,400 jobs on the squeeze of a trigger, they explained to the membership: "The issue" was presented to the workers as a choice between accepting the offer [of the company] and putting their jobs on the block or continuing the strike and losing their union." (From an Albert Lea dispatch reported in the Feb. 29 Militant.)

Is it really true that the strike faced certain defeat and that the situation could be saved only by winning at Russian roulette? The facts speak otherwise.

The ranks of the strikers remained solid throughout the struggle. Defections were negligible. The strikers were ready to wage a battle which they could have won against the scabs, as the mass picket lines at Albert Lea clearly indicated.

But the top union leadership did not mobilize the strikers' ranks nor call on the rest of the union movement to prevent the strikebreakers from entering the plants. In Albert Lea, after Democratic Governor Freeman intervened and sent in the National Guard, the top UPWA leaders helplessly waved their hands and told the strikers to refrain from further mass picketing. Week after week the strikers had to stand by as their jobs were taken by the ever-growing number of strikebreakers which the union-hating Wilson outfit recruited. Yet they remained firm.

It was the top union officialdom who caved in under pressure and blandishment from the company. They grabbed at Wilson's cynical offer to settle the fight by putting the arbitration pistol at the heads of 4,400 workers. In exchange for this dubious concession, the top union leaders even agreed to abandon the union's "Don't Buy Wilson" campaign which had made serious inroads on company sales.

How do the union members feel about the "generalship" of their leaders? Has ing the right wing from the stitution was postponed by the their faith been renewed in what these left in the British Labor movestrategists can accomplish? Have they been heartened to carry on the struggle for unionism on the job? Or will they now last October, close friends of arriving at a compromise with cautiously observe what happens as this Labor Party leader Hugh Gaitsame arbitration board settles the fate of skell launched a campaign to executive whereby Clause 4 will 313 union members which the company singled out for militancy during the strike?

The company wants to fire them for objectives of public ownership in effect nullify it. Tribune "illegal" acts during the strike. What this and control of the decisive secmeans can be gathered from the fact that the right-wing forces want to 123 of them are Albert Lea strikers spotted | convert the party into a respectby the company for their role in mass able, liberal, purely reformist picketing.

Will the arbitration board's decision be as fortunate for the union in the cases of the 313 as in the job-seniority issue? We hope so. But we would say that there is nothing commendable about a union leadership that ends up in that position. The members would do well to look for leaders more inclined to use the tested methods of militant struggle in defending the union

Defending Korean 'Freedom'

clearly-defined working class or socialist character. Gaitskell shares this aim but is obliged to proceed cautiously and deviously in order to put over his anti-nationalization measures. He began by proposing to the Labor

Party conference at Blackpool early this year that the 43-year-old party constitution be amended. These moves to cut the socialand its form to be decided from

ist heart out of the Labor Party time to time according to the program have alarmed the circumstances, due regard being paid to the view of the workers ranks and



Peter Kerrigan, an adherent of the Socialist Labor League, sells copies of the Harbor Workers' Voice, a socialist-minded trade-union paper, to Liverpool longshoremen during their early morning break. Recognized among workers like these for their militancy, Kerrigan and his comrades in the British Labor party in the Liverpool area are in the forefront of the fight to save "Clause Four." (See story below.)

Leftists in British Labor Party **Fight to Keep Socialist Clause**

The heated conflict in the party boiled over at the Naissue of the Newsletter, weekly tional Executive meeting of the journal of the Socialist Labor Labor Party on Feb. 24. Fur-League, tersely sums up the ther discussion on proposed amendments to the party conmain political issue now dividnational executive until its next

meeting on March 16. Summing up the discussion Meanwhile Tribune reports around this issue, Brian Behan, feat in the national elections that Gaitskell has succeeded in Socialist Labor League chairman, said that "the struggle his opponents on the national around Clause 4 was not about words, but was part of the strugremain but a 12-point declaragle to build an alternative leadconstitution. This clause com- tion of aims will be added to the constitution which will calls this projected program this reformist leadership.' "Mr. Gaitskell's New Testament

Point 10 of this new declaration, the essence of the revielectoral machine without any sion, reads: "The British Labor Party believes the preceding social and economic objectives can only be achieved on the basis of a substantial measure of common ownership in varyfuture. ing forms, including not only state monopolies, but also municipal ownership, consumer cooperation, individual public enerprises, and public participation in private concerns - the extent of common ownership



A Home for Alice Marie

"Unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." For the past few weeks this text from the New Testa-

ment has taken on fresh mean-| would, that I just don't like ing for Richard Combs and his wife Gloria of Old Bridge, New Jersey.

Four years ago the Combses, then childless, became the foster parents of an infant named Alice Marie. Today they have wo daughters of their own:

bright child with an IQ of 138. Because of her "superior endowcultural attainments, the New Jersey Child Welfare Board refused to allow the Combses to become her legal parents.

equires a wealthy educational environment and cultural predilections so that she can profit from the benefits of her exceptional intelligence, said the State psychologist.

"This 3-year-old child charm and appealing personality has potentialities for higher education and should have placement where parents and family group would have high cultural activities and advantages.'

Combs, 25, is a sheet metal worker, an apprentice with three years training. He makes \$120 weekly. In another year when he completes his apprenticeship he expects to be earn-Party members, unionists and ing \$175 a week. His wife Gloria, cooperators to buttonhole Na-26, doesn't work because, she tional Executive Committee members at their March 16 says, "we make it OK on the money and I want to be home and take care of the kids."

They Watch TV

Their cultural level is about as high as the American way of life permits the average workclass family. A social ing worker investigator came to their house once for an hour, ership to reformism. We aimed said the Combses, looked around to win the mass of the member- and then reported "we were ship of the Labor Party from only interested in TV, allowed Alice to watch it all day and Despite the furious witch-hunt had no books."

mounted by the capitalist press "We're no mental giants," and the right wing, and the ex- said Combs," but we read, pulsion of some of its leaders, the we're not jerks. We belong to Board to reverse its stand. They Socialist Labor League is digging a book club, we subscribe to have agreed to let the Combses still deeper into the ranks of the one for Alice, too, you know adopt Alice Marie. Chalk up a Labor Party and giving a lead to kids' books. the militants who are determ-"She asked me if I went to

ined to safeguard its socialist operas and I said I didn't and told her I probably never

them. But I don't think it makes me a moron."

In their appeal to the courts against the Board's decision the Combs' lawyer told the judges that today it's "no longer necessary to have shelves of books in a home for culture." He con-Alice Marie is an unusually ceded that his clients watch TV

but declared: "There are a wide range of subjects on television ment" and their own limited and there are cultural subjects if you pick the right programs." "Have you any authority for that?" asked one judge quietly. The Combs received thous-

"Alice's superior endowment ands of phone calls and letters, some from as far away as London and Paris, they say, "rooting for us." The Governor's office and the Child Welfare Board have also been

flooded with protests. The acting director of the Board remarked: "People react to a situation such as this on the basis of their individual experiences. In this case they think in terms of how they would feel if their own child vas taken away.'

Class Prejudice

This stupid official may not now it but so many people are so indignant and offended because they know class discrimination when they hear about it. They cannot help asking: Why should Alice Marie be put in a totally different category than the other children in the Combs family? If working people like them aren't fit to

raise bright children, what about us? Are the rich to have not only the money but all the intelligent offspring? And, if listening to TV is a mark of low cultural status, then millions of American families are in the same boat."

Public protest was so strong that the New Jersey Governor intervened and persuaded the victory for the cause of the common people against class prejudice

-Alex Harte



eliminate Clause 4 from the mits the party to the socialist

ment.

Immediately after Labor's de-

of the Teamsters Union), the By William F. Warde The London Assembly of National Union of Railwaymen Labor held Sunday, March 6 "Gaitskell Must Go, Clause 4 and the Plumbers. put the fight against removal Must Stay!" of Clause 4 at the top of its This headline in the Feb. 27 agenda. It called upon Labor

Last week we commented on the findings of Louis Feldman, national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, on the morale of the American occupation troops in South Korea. As with the troops during the shooting war in Korea, he said the present crop of GI's don't seem to know why they are there and are "sour" about their hitch in the country.

The recent "re-election" of dictator Syngman Rhee is certainly not calculated to "sweeten" their attitude. He was returned to the presidency for a fourth term in a contest in which he had no one running against him, where the people were hauled to the polls to vote "Ja," and where opponents of the regime were murdered in cold blood.

Prior to the election, the opposition Democratic party, a conservative movement, protested that its election observers were unable to register for posts as poll watchers. One who tried was stabbed in the back.

Students, weary of being called out to "demonstrate" for Rhee, tried to demonstrate against demonstrations. Police clubbed and shot them down.

During the balloting, supposedly supervised by a United Nations team, voters were led into the booths in groups of

No Thaw for

Ilya Ehrenburg, the Soviet writer, recently found himself in an embarrassing position at a gathering of students of the University of Moscow. They asked him for his opinion about Boris Pasternak and his novel "Doctor Zhivago" which won the Nobel prize upon being published abroad.

Ehrenburg said he disliked discussing a novel which his listeners had not had a chance to read. Then he praised Pasternak as a "very great poet." To this he added that he finds "Doctor Zhivago" a "distressing" book.

The incident is instructive for what it reveals about the intellectual curiosity of Soviet students. This curiosity undoubtedly extends to the political field where the censorship is especially tight. The incident is also instructive for what it reveals about the position of the artist under Khrushchev. It differs little from what it was

three, accompanied by government worker.

From the town of Masan, news tion to Gaitskell, Barbara finally broke through the government- Castle, retiring Labor Party controlled press that ten people had been chairman, and Aneurin Bevan, killed and 40 injured on election night its most popular leader, dewhen several thousand people demon-must retain its goal of taking strated their pent-up fury at the mockery over "the commanding heights of "free" elections.

Here in this country, the March issue of The Voice of Korea, published by the Korean Affairs Institute, provides a grim picture of the situation. The bulletin, which supports the moderate policies of been "wrong so often in the the Korean Democratic party reports that | past that it is not surprising that while "the American people have been led to believe the Rhee regime is a democratic in the fundamental purpose of rampart in the far East," the Asian people the Labor Party." Just when know differently.

"Koreans are convinced," the bulletin reports, "that Rhee's sole aim-with American financial support - is to perpetuate to advocate the removal of nahis rule through his police, military and tionalization from Labor's pro extra-legal terrorist groups with highsounding names. His Liberal Party ... is no more liberal than was Hitler's party."

Aren't the GI's fully justified in feeling "sour" about acting as the guardians of this foul regime? And wouldn't it be a good thing for them and for the oppressed Korean people if they were relieved of this distasteful task?

Ehrenburg

under Stalin when artists had to pander to the paranoiac dictator.

To appreciate the bitterness Ehrenburg may have felt before these inquiring regeneration and reconstrucyouth, one must recall that in 1954 he published a novel "The Thaw" which expressed in a guarded way the enormous relief the Soviet people felt over the death of the hated Stalin and their hopes for a return to the proletarian democracy known under Lenin and Trotsky.

Ehrenburg confided to his audience that he had long ago written the second and final volume to "The Thaw." This news brought a question as to why it had not been published. All the author could say was "Ask my publishers."

One must feel pity for an artist so afraid that he was unable to make the obvious comeback: "You know as well as I what happened to the promised thaw."

aroused resistance throughout the Labor movedirectly concerned."

ment. At Blackpool, in opposi-The right wing and the center elements in the national beat down an indignant and alerted rank and file before of the economy.'

On Jan. 30 Harold Davies, their maneuver can succeed. Labor M.P. for Leek, vigorously The strength of the mounting attacked the right wing, declarrevulsion against the right

ing that "the so-called bright wing can be gauged by the action of Gaitskell's own constiboys of the Labor Party" had executive committee and slated tuency, the South Leeds Labor to become its next chairman, Party, which recently passed a Crossman's resignation was the Labor movement is rejectresolution for more nationalizamade public March 14. He acted tion and explicitly rejected suping their demand for a change after Gaitskell told him that port of Gaitskell's policy by an he would not tolerate criticism overwhelming majority. The by a member of the "shadow the Soviet Union was demon-Leeds party has for years been cabinet.'

regarded as one of the most strating the immense advanconservative in the country. tages of a nationalized, planned Early this month delegates economy, he said, it was absurd representing 127,000 Yorkshire miners rebuffed Gaitskell and their own president Week after week The Tribune by enacting a resolution by

has been carrying pieces by its 91,750 votes "reaffirming our editor Michael Foot, articles by belief in Clause 4." One commentator has aptly its principal contributors and emarked that in Britain today letters from its readers center-

ing fire on Gaitskell's efforts to 'the class struggle revolves amend the constitution. At its around the clause struggle." annual meeting on Jan. 31 the Socialist Labor League

Victory for Socialism group, The members and supporters embracing a number of left of the Socialist Labor League, M.P.'s and union leaders, conthe revolutionary tendency demned the attempts to transwithin the Labor Party left form the Labor Party into "a wing, have been conducting an party of social reform attuned energetic campaign to mobilize to the permanent acceptance of the workers throughout the the so-called mixed economy' Labor movement to save and party.

and urged the Labor movement to reaffirm that "the necessary the Newsletter, has pointed out tion of society can be achieved only on a Socialist basis."

Unions on Record

Though many top union officials side with the right wing in file in order to hold back the their own organizations. The unions. constitutions of many key unions contain rules calling for "col-

lective ownership, under democratic control, of the means of lowed by the attempts of the State, reacted to the Mexican production, exchange and distribution.'

Included are such big unions Communist-led Electrical La Prensa said, "Latin America as the Confederation of Ship- Trades Union. And now Gaits- views with sympathy the Cuban building and Engineering Unions, the National Union of those Labor M.P.'s who oppose neutral. It is with Cuba." General and Municipal Work- his pro-Tory stand that Britain ers, the Transport and General must have its own nuclear Mexican daily, has also ac-Workers Union (the equivalent weapons.

meeting which will consider

the amendments.

the British Labor party to the executive who have buckled right-wing policies of party under their pressure may hope leader Hugh Gaitskell and to to put over this rotten com- his bureaucratic attempts to promise on the nationalization suppress all criticism of these issue. But they will have to policies was reflected in the resignation of Richard H. S. Crossman from the party's "shadow cabinet" — the group

Crossman opposes Gaitskell's

stand in favor of building up

Britain's nuclear armament, and

ne has indicated opposition to

Gaitskell's campaign to scrap

Clause 4 — which calls for

public ownership of all basic

sectors of the economy - from

ne party's constitution. (See

Gaitskell originally moved to silence opponents of his pro-

the expulsion last year of the

Socialist Labor League, a tend-

ency within the party that has

of class-struggle policies.

story this page.)



Argentina's left-wing socialsts and sections of the Opposition People's Radical party are the only political groups that identify themselves with Cuba's cause, says the Times. Peronist leaders are "outspokenly critical" of Castro. Argentine

FIDEL CASTRO

American countries. Public opinion, "now cool since the days of Venustiano toward Premier Castro-would Carranza and Lazaro Cardenas' stand against English and turn in his favor in the event American imperialism, has of intervention from abroad in such an example of virility been Cuban affairs." today'

government officials fear the

dispute might drive a wedge

between the U.S. and all Latin

Cuban revolutionaries." Today Frondizi Launches **Repressive Moves**

President Frondizi declared defends the perspectives and martial law in Argentina March capitalist policies by ordering progress of the democratic revo-15 and arrested hundreds of Peronist and union leaders. The In an article entitled, "Reacsweeping measures of his adtion to U.S.-Cuban Dispute: ministration make all Argentine residents over twelve years old subject to military mobilization and give military courts juris. diction over political cases.

> Frondizi justified these dictatorial decrees on the ground of national defense against attempts to destroy the constitucause "he is the popular and tional order. His repressive

> > resemble those in force during Peron's dictatorship. "An anti-Castro ar-

ticle would be considered 'reactionary.'" Most newspapers "hardly ever treat of relations between Cuba and the United States; they treat rather - and enthusiastically — of the Cuban revolution itself." Trades Union Congress to tam- revolution with "threats, accuper with the autonomy of the sations and slanderous insults,' The Brazilian government, nost of the press and "serious

public opinion deeply deplore kell is threatening to discipline revolution and Mexico is not the conflict" between the U.S. and Cuba. They accuse Castro El Diario de Mexico, another of the whole inter-American "Not system." claimed the revolution.

Report from Four Nations," the been fighting for the adoption March 13 New York Times also Since then his attempts at imfinds Mexican public opinion posing gag law have included friendly to the Cuban revoluever larger sections of the tion. The Venezuelan people, too, "seem sympathetic" to Castro. Many are inclined that way be-

exhibited than by

Cuba represents the revolution

ary vanguard "discarded by the

tired Mexican revolution.

lution in all Latin America."

much admired underdog and moves indicate that his own adchampion of Latins.' ministration is helping that The Venezuelan government process along since the decrees has been cool to Cuba in recent months, but the press has been

> Frondizi is favored by Washington but detested by his own people. Workers are organizing strikes for higher wages to meet the 100 per cent increase in living costs over the past year. Leaders of the opposition parties are supported by 70 per cent of the voters. Even the army is restless.

Washington and U.S. investors have staked \$1.234.000.000 of "endangering . . . the stability | on Frondizi over the past two years. It looks like a poor investment.

strengthen Clause 4. Its paper, Latin Americans that the struggle around Clause Seen Backing Cuba tempts to weaken the Labor In Fight with U.S.

The United States must

4 is part of the right wing atnovement by stifling the democratic rights of the rank and "know that it cannot employ

the struggle over Clause 4, they fight for a socialist policy both violence against Cuba" as it did friendly. do not speak for the policies of in the party and the trade against Guatemala, recently de-Thus the banning of clared the Mexican newspaper the Newsletter and the proscrip- La Prensa. Recalling the days, tion of the Trotskyists within twenty years ago, when Cor-

the Labor Party has been fol- dell Hull, then Secretary of

Letters from Our Readers

Finds Trade Dull In Slave Market

Editor:

I applied for a job that was agency and they wanted \$137 advertised in the morning for a job paying \$70 a week. paper. While I sat in the per- Imagine, you have to work alsonnel office, nine people filled most three weeks just to pay out applications in 15 minutes. By the time I had been waiting taking out all the taxes and a half hour 23 people had ap- stuff. plied.

There were young girls from \$75 but when you come up for school, older women, middle the interview they tell you it aged, and two elderly men. will be \$60 to start. Even the Both of the men told me they ads in the newspapers for jobs couldn't live on their pensions are phony these days.' and to get a job you could live on was almost impossible. If the job paid any wages "they want to work you to death for Automation Offers it, if you can get hired at our

age." Two of the women began to fret at the time it takes to get Editor: interviewed. Most places make you wait from one to two hours and that means you can only health appliance with built-in

get applications in a couple of heat and massage units and an slogan followed by both Demoplaces a day. One of them said, automatic timer. "Oh, yes, wait — but the bills go on in the meantime. You used to get hired right on the suppose they'll be installing

let you know in a day or two. workers. They give you tests, and the Or for Negroes at Southern questions they ask!"

she had only gotten laid off, but

Congressional investigators.

went into government service.

Department Jan. 22.

had invested \$3,030.

sometime last year.

replied philosophically:

she was frightened already. Better Run Tests The two places she had been to had lots of people applying for On Next Crop of jobs. "Must be a lot of people out of work. I went to an Oregon Cranberries

Editor: Dr. J. J. Van Gasse, the first health official in the country to say publicly last fall that cranfor the job, when they get done berries were contaminated by a weed-killer, has quit as Coos

County, Oregon, health officer. "This place said they'd pay Dr. Van Gasse said he re signed his \$14,500-a-year job because his actions have been restricted and he was unable to carry out his duties properly.

watch on Oregon cranberries

Seattle

Helen Baker

next Thanksgiving season!

The government has been paying more

than \$1 billion a year for the storage of surplus

grain to such firms as the ones Mr. Corey has

been hooked up with. His testimony certainly

confirms how right Secretary of Agriculture

golfing trip to North Carolina as the guest of

Flying Tiger Line and of National Airlines, a

four-day trip to Mexico City as the guest of

Mr. Durfee said that these trips were all

Eastern Airlines, and a four-day trip to Rome

as the guest of Trans World Airlines.

cases pending before his agency.

B. Allen He took office last July. New York There was no official confirm

Hot Seats for All

All in the Line of Duty

-By Herman Chauka -

its displeasure at having such a I read that for a mere \$345 public-minded official on the executives can get a swivel chair payroll. In this area it seems that the crats and Republicans is, "What

If all the promises about our is good for the cranberry indus-"affluent society" come true, I try is good for the country." spot. Now they tell you they'll these soon for assembly-line health officer can be found in

lunch counters. The other woman said that W. F. Los Angeles

The practioners of payola in the broad-

One man who seems to have done right

Under questioning by a Senate Agriculture

casting industry are beginning to look like

small-time operators compared to some federal

officials, according to current disclosures of

well for himself as a taxpayers' servant is Earl

C. Corey who was a supervisor of government-

owned surplus farm stock from 1956 until he

resigned under pressure from the Agriculture

subcommittee March 11, Corey admitted that

without investing a dime of his own he had

racked up a profit of \$83,250 from a "silent"

partnership in a company that stores federal

grain. The company was set up the year he

000 on another grain storage firm in which he

with federal regulations barring conflict of in-

terest, Corey swore under oath that although he

had served under three Secretaries of Agricul-

ture, he had never heard of such a rule until

the firm that netted him the \$83,250, he said

that his one-third share in the company was

financed by a \$30,000 "loan" which was made

available to him without collateral or interest.

his agricultural office sufficient collateral, he

out why people do the things they do. It is not

He also enjoyed a profit of more than \$30,-

Queried as to how these activities fitted in

Explaining his "concealed" partnership in

Asked if the lenders might have considered

'I gave up a long time ago trying to figure



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Rob't Williams

of sit-downs at "white-only" counters in Monroe, lunch North Carolina. This city is where Negroes several years ago formed an armed defense ation that Dr. Van Gasse's role guard against raids by the Ku in the cranberry furor led to Klux Klan. It was also the his resignation, but the Coos scene of the "Carolina Kissing County Court, the county's ad-Case" wherein two Negro boys, ministrative board has indicated eight and nine years old, were sent to reform school because one had been kissed by a

seven-year-old white girl. Williams' arrest came on March 11, when for the third time in as many weeks he led Negro students into downtown drugstores. The other lunch-Here's hoping at least one counter demonstrators were unmolested. Washington to keep a double

Williams was released on bail and his case has been continued till March 21. His case affords a perfect test of the trespass law — unlike so many other cases it is not complicated by additional charges.

No violence was threatened by the large crowd of whites and police, who as on other occasions, gathered in and about the store. Indeed, a young white couple already at the

counter told the clerk that they had no objection to the Negroes being served. Another white man voiced his sympathy with

Benson was when he declared Jan. 15 that Conthe sit-downers. gress "wisely gave the job to private enter-Only one individual, who prise." After all, could Mr. Corey have done as rents his property to the KKK well if grain elevators were federally owned? for its rallies, was heard to Meanwhile, in another payola case, Senator agitate against the Negroes.

Proxmire (D-Wis.) called upon the president His statements that "that nig-March 11 to withdraw the nomination of James Durfee, chairman of the Civil Aeronautics challenged by a Negro bystander who promised Monroe Board, to the United States Court of Claims. Negroes would defend them-He charged that Durfee had been accepting selves. That evening Williams "unusual hospitality" from airlines that had received another death threa Among such "hospitalities," he listed

on the phone.

Brooklyn Store **Loses Dimes**

part of his official duty to promote aviation. BROOKLYN, N. Y., March 12 His reasoning almost matches that of John -The big Woolworth store on Doerfer who resigned March 10 as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Doerwith a good part of its profits fer had been under fire for a number of years for today for the company's racist accepting "hospitality" from broadcasters. His policies in the South. resignation was precipitated by the disclosure that he had recently accepted a free plane trip

The store was jammed to capacity at 2 p.m. when more to Florida and a six-day vacation on a luxury than 50 demonstrators, includyacht from George B. Storer, a radio and TV ing a contingent from Local 485, International Union of Electri-Doerfer vigorously denied this constituted cal Workers, set up a picket line payola. It was, he explained, "a social engageout front. In short time busi-

and Industry Committee. In ad-

(Continued from Page 1)

Reutherite officials whose re-

convention. His opponent was

Pilkey drew his main sup-

ordered them to use their in-

fluence to elect pro-adminis-

tration slates in the auto lo-

cals. When Siren balked, the

"treason" charges were

brought against him and

other members.

THE MILITANT MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1960

against.

able.

members who filed grievances

were harassed and victimized

by "disciplinary" layoffs, work-

ng conditions became unbear-

A special bulletin issued by

he executive board of Local

216 gives a vivid description of

port from the bargaining com-

February 25, was well attended

with some 500 members pres-

ent. After hearing and discuss-

have come as a severe jolt when

conditions in the plant:

Six Long Years Ago.



Spottswood Bolling and his mother, of Washington, D.C., smiled happily on May 17, 1954, when the Supreme Court ruled against school segregation. He had been a plaintiff in one of the desegregation suits. But after six long years of less than snail's pace implementation, Southern Negroes have decided to win their rights by organized mass actions.

Negro Students

not accept a "compromise" (Continued from Page 1) proposal by which any section ter staged simultaneous sitof a lunch counter would redowns on March 15 in about a main segregated. Addressing 600 students in a

seven were jailed under three Montgomery church March 8. charges including violation of after police had invaded the a new trespass law providing Alabama State campus to stop sentences of a year and a half a meeting and arrest 36 participants, Bernard Lee, expelled as mittee. The meeting, held on and \$1,000 fine. The next day "ringleader," urged Negroes to be ready to be jailed or even demonstration in Savannah where sit-downs occurred at killed in their "fight for freedom," to form a "united front ing the report it was obvious seven lunch counters; three stuagainst guns, clubs, and tear gas."

"the North will respond. They The spread of the sit-downs will be 100% with you, as they to Arkansas and Georgia means were during the civil war." that every Southern state except Mississippi has been affected. That the rulers of that most notoriously a net integro

state expect demonstrations is attested by the legislature's Fifth Avenue rushing through of a harsh dents from Philander Smith College in Little Rock are be- East Harlem slum buildings ciently cowed and brow-beaten ing held for trial following the staged a picket line this after- to defeat the strike vote at

March 10 sit-downs in that city. noon in front of the luxurious South Gate. The result must In San Antonio, Texas, six apartment building on swank dime stores and a city-wide lower Fifth Avenue where their the 938 to 148 vote was an-

chain of drug stores, faced with landlord, Murray Shelton, lives. an ultimatum by Negroes that sit-downs would begin March been charged against the five The vote confirmed the preexecutive board in a bulletin desegregated their lunch buildings and the tenants have

"By Friday," he said,

NEW YORK, March 16 ---

Twenty-one tenants from five

UAW Votes Strike At South Gate Plant

LOS ANGELES, March 10 - By an overwhelming majority, the membership of United Automobile Workers Local 216, has voted to strike the General Motors Buick-Oldsmobile - Pontiac Assembly+

...N.Y. Students Plant at South Gate, in protest over unbearable speed-up conditions. The vote by secret bal-(Continued from Page 1)

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lot was 938 for strike to 148 egration. The committee includes representatives of When the plant reopened on campus organizations and stu-December 9, upon termination dent governments at City Colof the steel strike, management lege, Hunter and Brooklyn Colbegan an all-out drive to regain lege, New York University and lost production by pushing the Columbia University. High speed-up beyond human enschool youth are also participatdurance. The grievance proing — they made up almost half cedure was ignored, manageof yesterday's pickets. ment thumbed its nose at the shop grievance committee,

Enthusiastic in their support of the Southern equalrights fighters, the students were bitterly resentful of Mayor Wagner's cops who did their best to cut down the effectiveness of the picketing by confining the demonstrators within barricades that kept them from the store en-

trances. "Speed-up, like a creeping After picketing from noon plague, has reached such prountil four o'clock, the students portions that no employee nor marched to nearby Community classification has been left un-Church where they mapped plans touched. Skilled tradesmen can for extending the boycott ac-

be seen running at top speed tion. thru the plant any day, or At the meeting Monroe sweating thru a jackhammer as-Wasch, a CCNY student, resignment alone. Inspectors run ported that the committee had from job to job but can't ever voted to support the May 17 quite get out of the 'hole'; and rally here called by the Comthe daily routine of the opermittee to Defend Martin Luther ators bucking the line at 62 King, Jr. (See editorial page 1.) jobs per hour is plain hell." He also announced that A. Unable to get any satisfaction Philip Randolph, chairman of from management the Local 216 the committee for King, had executive called a special memendorsed the Youth Committee bership meeting to hear a re-

for Integration as the body to rally youth support for the May 7 demonstration. Fred Mazelis, who sparked the initial action by CCNY students which led to formation of the youth organization,

that the membership would told the rally, "Our action at have to take action or throw in Woolworth's cannot stop here. the towel. With only one dis-We must work toward simulsenting vote the membership taneous picket lines at Wooldecided to call a special meeting worth stores throughout the on March 3 to take a strike vote. country May 17."

Management was pretty His announcement that ancocky because a few weeks other picket line would be held earlier a strike vote at the Van Nuys plant of GM Chevrolet Saturday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. was greeted with Local 645 failed to carry by the vigorous applause. After the requisite two-thirds majority. rally ended the entire body They thought they had the marched back to Woolworth's members of Local 216 suffi- for another hour of picketing.

You Don't Like Spinach? In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, the federal government seized a total of four million pounds of frozen spinach containing excessive residues of

DDT.

dozen eating places. Seventyger is due to be killed" were Georgia experienced its second

> dents were arrested. Mississippi Next?

most notoriously anti-Negro

downtown Fulton Street paid anti-trespass law. Five stu-

17,

friends to loan mone

Notes in the News

magnate

HE'S GOT THE PROBLEM LICKED-New York's Governor Rockefeller has charged that the movie, "On the Beach," is harmful to national morale. He said the film, which depicts the slow extinction of mankind in the wake of a nuclear war, left people with the feeling there is "nothing we can do." Rockefeller has energetically been promoting a campaign to install a bomb shelter in every home and wants legislation to make this mandatory. So far, however, few New Yorkers have displayed enthusiasm for the billionaire governor's shelter plan.

. . . GIVE EVERYBODY A CHANCE - The attorney general of Nevada ruled March 11 that the State Gambling Commission cannot bar licensed gamblers from discriminating against Negroes. * * * *

WE MAY HAVE TO EAT GRASS, IN-STEAD - A new law bringing chemical additives under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act went into effect March 6. It took eight years to draft and is supposed to guarantee that flavoring compounds, nutrients and preservatives are safe. But the report from Washington is that "confusion and controversy" reign over which chemicals come under the new law. Of about a thousand chemicals now being used, only six have definitely been classified as falling under federal control. Five hundred have already been exempted as "GRAS." That's the classification which is causing the current confusion and controversy. The word is federal jargon for "generally recognized as safe." Most additive manufacturers are expected to insist that their particular chemical is "GRAS" and therefore not subject to federal regulation.

. . .

BUYER BEWARE - Thousands of New Yorkers have been swindled by an outfit selling a device which supposedly turns ordinary house wiring into a "super-power" television antenna. Called "Radarex-Tenna," the device plugs into a wall socket. State Attorney General Lefkowitz warns that the gadget is less effective than an ordinary "rabbit ear" antenna and that a defective unit can be dangerous. The regular model has been selling for \$3.98 and a "special duotronic plus" job has been going for \$4.98.

TOO MANY ADDITIVES? - A St. Louis firm has adopted the skull and cross-bones and the words "Palace of Poison" as a trade-mark for its frozen vegetables and baked goods.

* * * BRITISH TEST CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS -The British government is going ahead with tests of two new contraceptive pills despite a bitter attack by the Catholic Church. A group Equality, the Brooklyn Labor of married women volunteered for the testing Educational League and a local city refused to pay fines and of an American pill and a newly developed parents' school integration British one, both of which are taken like group participated. A number aspirin. The Catholic bishop of Nottingham of students from Long Island branded the pills an "attack on the sanctity of College also turned out. marriage." He said "the church does not demand that parents should have the largest families possible," but there should be no "artificial" restriction of birth. Official dogma views abstinence alone as natural. "That's good."

HOW CRAZY CAN YOU GET DEPART. MENT - The Westchester County, N. Y. American Legion has demanded that Congress investigate "Left-wing leaders in the mental health field." A legion spokesman said his outfit was not completely opposed to mentalhealth programs but was concerned that it might lead to "a remaking of the beliefs and election was contested at the loyalties" of Americans.

Clifford Pilkey, former president of the large GM local at CONCESSION TO BABY SITTERS - The Oshawa, Ontario. Burt was re-New York Senate last week voted unanimously to exempt parents from paying state income elected by a vote of 343 to 202 taxes on their children's earnings as baby--much too close for comfort. sitters, snow shovelers, etc. The lower house port in the election from the is expected to concur in the measure next large Ford, GM and Chrysler week. Public indignation erupted when the state tax department reminded residents of the locals in Canada. Siren claims "baby-sitting" clause which, they said, had that after the convention, been ignored by almost all taxpayers. Burt called the UAW staff representatives together and

IS TV SUBVERSIVE? - In a letter to the Dallas Evening News, Ruby Miller of Fort Worth, Texas, complains that "Television viewers have recently been subjected to a barrage of old World War II pictures designed to turn public sentiment against the then enemy, Germany. Today Germany is not our enemy but one of the strongest anti-Communist

Long considered Burt's rightforces in the world. We are at war today, not hand man, Paul Siren had been with Germany, but with international Com- a UAW staff member for sevenmunism guided by Communist Russia. This teen years. During the 1947 attempt to divert attention from the present purge, following the victory of itiated by Communist Party of is." enemy could not serve the best interests of the Reuther forces, it is reanyone but the enemy."

SELF-SERVICE AT THE SUPERMARKET Although regarded as a "left- says it was at the invitation of from the so-called investigation.

Each year supermarkets lose an estimated winger" the Jan. 16 Globe and \$100 million in thefts by employees. "Customer Mail reports that Burt had He denies "collaborating" with crucify the opposition and in pilferage is penny ante compared to what is "vouched for his future polititaken by trusted employees," says Norman cal respectability." The same paper characterizes Jaspen, president of a New York management

consultant firm. And, he adds, more than 62 per Siren as "a skilled negotiator and any decision to betray the American" committee in addicent of the thefts uncovered by his staff were one of the ablest union officers union and sell out the strike? tion to Emil Mazey are the fol-"traced to employees on the supervisory and in the Toronto area." Obviously There is no such charge. executive level." For example, the enterprising these qualifications were not The charge rests on the accu- dents Norman Matthews and manager of a West Coast market installed his deemed sufficient to offset the sation that there was a "discus- Leonard Woodcock and execu-

own checkout cash register in addition to those charge of "disloyalty" to the sion" of strike strategy! The tive board members Kenneth Reuther machine. The Globe fact is that the conduct of the Robinson and Robert Johnston. provided by the company.

counters the day before. In suffered a lack of heat. Shelton ness dropped to the point where almost a dozen clerks had noth-Nashville, Tennessee, Negroes was fined once and then given ing to do but stand in the doorwere served for the first time a suspended sentence for this, at a bus station lunch counter but there still is no heat. ways watching the pickets. The demonstration was called where students two weeks before had been arrested for sit- complained that the neighborby the Brooklyn NAACP Labor

ting down. dition to the IUE, representa-Many of the approximately tives of the Congress of Racial are serving 35-day sentences. Under armed guards they are

and Mail states:

tivities."

being used to collect garbage and do similar tasks on the city's streets. A bi-racial com-One picket was kicked in the shins by a sales supervisor. She mittee appointed by the mayor had said "lousy," when he the situation in Nashville. asked how business was. She

got irritated when he replied Negro students have already told this committee they will "offensive" material.

these rabble rousers." A young 150 students arrested in that woman retorted: "If you lived in a slum tenement for one week, you'd change your point of view."

Academic Freedom The New York Board of Higher Education has ruled that the has been holding discussions of presidents of the city colleges

may remove students from campus publications for printing

Reutherites Seek Purge

strike and negotiations were

"It is understood that Mr. lodged in the hands of the top Siren submitted his resignation brass. Reporting the strike effective Feb. 1, after he had settlement, the March 1956 isbeen placed under pressure to sue of The Workers Vanguard, reaffirm his loyalty to the ad- published in Toronto, states: "This was a negotiator's ministration and to give an unstrike — it was handled from dertaking that he had no part on top. Union ranks were in any anti-administration acscarcely involved in it, even

informed of its progress. It Charges were brought and was argued out in hotel rooms Siren was summarily dismissed with UAW national and interfrom office after his voluntary resignation was already in the national representatives sucnands of director Burt. The cessfully pushing into the background the anti-adminis-Reutherites seized upon the charges as a pretext to launch a tration leadership of the maswitch hunt against the anti-adsive Oshawa local."

Was the Oshawa local guilty plant. ministration opposition in Canof "treason" because it opposed ada. The charges are of the flimsiest kind and reek of the the administration? On the conwitch-hunting technique per- trary, at the 1957 UAW convenfected by Joseph McCarthy tion Emil Mazey, replying to a with all of the trimmings up to speech by Clifford Pilkey, then and including the familiar ac- financial secretary of Oshawa

cusation of "treason." Local 222, said: "I don't want Siren is charged with having to quarrel with the fact that attended a meeting in 1956 in- Local 222 is a good Local - it

ficials to discuss strategy in the The real "crime" is opposiported that Burt had intervened strike. Siren does not deny at- tion to the Reuther machine. to keep Siren on the payroll. tending a meeting in 1956 but This fact has clearly emerged

> of some union committee men. It is intended to smear and any "communists." Whether he carrying through this dirty asdid or not, of what does the signment, any stick will do.

"treason" consist? Was there Serving on the UAW's "un-9238.

lowing: International vice-presi-

vote meeting, which said: "They [management] are counting on an unconcerned and indifferent membership, plus lack of sup-One Fifth Avenue resident port by the International Union, to allow them to continue their hood shouldn't be "disturbed by sweatshop practices without interruption. We have news for them. The temper of the mem-

published prior to

bership at last Thursday's [Feb. 25] meeting, was convincing evidence that the rank and file is at the limit of their endurance. They are demanding that proper action be taken correcting the lousy shop conditions."

After a representative of the International Union from Detroit came to South Gate and investigated the conditions at the plant he recommended that the required five days notice be served on the corporation.

The members of Local 216 are determined to curb the excessive speed-up, compel management to abandon its arrogant disregard of the shop grievance committee and establish safeguards against the gross violations of every human consider-

ation due to management's greed for sweating more profits the auto workers.

If Local 216 gets the kind of day, March 25, 8:15 p.m. at upport from the International Forum Hall 1702 E. Fourth St. that it deserves in this fight the Questions, Discussion, Refreshunion can go a long way toward ments. Contribution 75 cents. establishing decent working Students and Unemployed 35 conditions at the South Gate cents. Ausp.: MILITANT LA-





NEW YORK Is Marxist Theory valid for the

U.S. today? Hear the noted economist, Dr. Otto Nathan, speak on 'Karl Marx and Contemporary American Capitalism." Discussion period. Friday, March 25, 8:30 p.m. Militant Labor Forum, 116 University Place. Contribu-

tion 50 cents.

the strike

BROOKLYN Hear CONRAD LYNN, noted civil-rights attorney, tell about the Southern student sit-ins: 'The Struggle for Negro Equal-

ity." Wednesday, March 30, 8 p.m., 228 Ashland Place, Brooklyn. (Near Fulton & DeKalb.). Auspices: Labor Educational League. Contribution 50 cents.

LOS ANGELES

"A SÓCIALIST LOOKS AT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT: THE CASE OF CARYL CHESS-

out of the blood and boncs of MAN." Hear Della Rossa, Correspondent for the Militant. Fri-

BOR FORUM.