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"Apartheid Means Bloodshed"

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The mass murder of freedom fighters by the Verwoerd government of South Africa was denounced at the demonstration called by the Socialist Labor League in London's Trafalgar Square, April 2. Part of the crowd of 1,700 is shown above. Signs read, "Down with Imperialism," "Support the African Revolution."

### Socialist Rally Strikes in Africa Hit In London Hits Where It Really Hurt **Apartheid Rule** Summing up the impact that | labor" for short periods, then

thize with the South African working people against aparpeople. We want you to recog- theid shas made on the ruling nize that our struggle in the class, Leonard Ingalls wrote in colonial world is part of your the April 10 New York Times struggle to make a better as follows: world," Linden Burnham, lead-

London audience of 1,700 on been brought sharply home. The April 3 at a Trafalgar Square lesson is that without black rally called by the Socialist African labor the South African Labor League.

Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd's regime to British big business, Burnham said, "The South African people are being shot down like dogs and Verwoerd can be sure that there are those in high places in Britain who will agree with him."

At the rally, which protested the jailing of South African armed Africans, have already political prisoners, other speak- cost the South African capitalist ers demanded a boycott of all class \$60 million in production South African ports and an em- loss. South African securities bargo on all South African goods have dropped in value on the by both the International Confed- world stock markets by \$900 eration of Free Trade Unions million since March 1. and the World Federation of Trade Unions.

rally, introduced a resolution, ment of national scope that was demanding the release of "all called by an African organizapolitical prisoners." Only | tion. Despite the savage reprisals |

the three-week heroic struggle sent home. They are forced to "It is not enough to sympa- waged by the South African live in secluded "compounds." Nevertheless, so broad is

the scope of the freedom fight now sweeping the African continent, that African leaders are confident — and the white bosses are fearful — ". . . in the last few tumultuer of the People's National Con- ous weeks of racial strife one that in the next stage of the gress of British Guiana, told a lesson among many others has struggle, the mine workers will be involved. The result-

ing nationwide general strike will set up the death blow to economy would wither and pos-Linking South African Prime sibly perish.... Inister Hendrik F. Verwoerd's "Should the Africans feel racist domination of the coun-Meanwhile the resistance of driven to withdraw their lathe Africans continues despite bor completely to realize their stepped up repressions of the political, social and economic

most bloody kind. In Capetown, goals they could easily cripple the Pan-Africanist Congress, the the economy." organization which initiated the The strikes in major indus-"fill the jails" protest movement trial areas following the March on March 21 against the hated 21 and 22 police massacre of un-"pass" laws, is stepping up its campaign "to prove to the authorities that the African people do not want to carry passes any more.'

For the first time in the coun-

internal passports, the govern- proposals." try's history the ruling class has ment is again seeking to make it Brian Behan, chairman of the been faced with a strike move- mandatory for Africans to carry said Sen. Clark (D-Penn.) sufands of Africans who burned

Struggle for Civil Rights Spreads to Mississippi

### NAACP Scores Vote Bill

The "right to vote" bill adopted by the Senate with only token Dixiecrat opposition actually "makes it harder and not easier for Negroes to vote." This was the verdict of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in an April 9 statement by the organization's executive secretary, Roy Wilkins.

"Either party is welcome to try to claim credit for the en-actment of the wretched remnants of what was not very much at the outset," Wilkins declared.

Under the bill, Negroes denied he right to vote may complain to the Justice Department, which turns the complaint over to a federal judge, who turns it over to a "referee," who investigates and reports back to the judge, who then gives the state authorities involved ten days to answer the findings and then may rule that the Negroes are entitled to vote. If the judge's ruling is ignored, the Negroes may then seek a contempt cita-

tion. Few senators tried to claim that the bill should be credited to their party. On the contrary.

"A hollow measure," said Sen. Douglas (D-Ill.). "A pale ghost," added Sen, Morse (D-Ore.). "A victory for the South," said Sen. Javits (R-N.Y.).

On the Dixiecrat side, Sen. McClellan (D-Ark.), who thunders about lack of democracy in the unions, hailed the Senate After having temporarily sus- bill as a Southern victory over pended arrests for not carrying |"far more odious and obnoxious

The pro-civil rights forces, "identity cards" and is seeking fered a "crushing defeat." "The to force new ones on the thou- roles of Grant and Lee at Apnomatox have been reversed.

The reason for the reversal is

"The Southerners had ample

the April 12 New York Times.

not hard to find. Grant fought



Standing in the doorway of his room at Los Pinos, an agricultural co-operative in the province of Pinar del Rio, a co-operator explains to visitors how much better things are since the Castro government came to power. Formerly, some 12 workers were employed on this estate of a Batista henchman. Today, at the height of the season, about 4,000 work the recovered holdings. Farrell Dobbs (left), presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers party, listens with pleasure to the gains. (Photo by J.H.)

## **Dobbs Calls for Use of Flit Gun Batista Men in State Dept.**

NEW YORK, April 14 - Friends and partisans of former dictator Batista are being kept on the State Department payroll to help plot a counter-revolution in Cuba, Farrell Dobbs charged today.

### **Negroes Defy Racist Threats**

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### By Harry Ring

APRIL 13 — A communitywide boycott of white business firms was launched in Jackson, Miss., April 8, extending the mass struggle for integration to every state in the South.

As the battle entered its eleventh week, similar boycotts were organized in many other Southern areas to back up the lunch-counter sit-in demonstrations.

Racist hopes that mob action, campus expulsions and mass arrests would smash the movement have not been realized. An April 8 Atlanta dispatch in the Christian Science Monitor declared:

"The Deep South's millions of Negroes are united as they have never been before, in a militant crusade for social, political and economic rights. .

"What in the 1950's was an anti-segregation fight conducted for the most part by national Negro leaders, with their batteries of strategists and attorneys, is now more of a popular movement of Negro men and women united by catalysts of student rebellion and church fervor.

### **Boycott Effective**

The Mississippi boycott movement was launched by students of Campbell and Tougaloo colleges, both Negro church-supported schools, and won the backing of the state NAACP. Some white merchants are claiming that the boycott is not having a significant effect but others admit business has dropped. The manager of one Jackson shoe store, whose customers The Cubans don't want to go back to the are mainly Negroes, said sales torture chambers, murderous police and venal had slumped by seventy-five per

military caste of the Batista regime, but they cent. He asserted the Negroes fear that this is exactly what the State Depart- were being "intimidated." ment is aiming at. The unanimity and vigor of opinion on this will prove a revelation to

against the resolution.

Bob Pennington, London secre- the embattled Africans. imperialism in Kenya and the because of their isolation from the work and to continue the from the liberals . . . everyone, overthrow of French imperial- the South African mass move- struggle despite the fact that at some stage" had a hand in ism in Algeria, would make sure ment. They are brought in from more and more militants are be- killing the civil-rights provisions

two of the 1,700 present voted it launched — which continue to their "passes" in bonfires during this day, especially after the at- the last few weeks. The importance of the Afri- tempted assassination by a white The government has outlawed Lee, whereas the Northern can revolution as a "great blow man of Prime Minister Ver- the African National Congress Democrats and the Republicans, against those who prepare for woerd — the ruling Nationalist and the Pan-Africanist Congress. though outnumbering the Southnuclear war" was stressed by party had to grant concessions to Leaders of the PAC have an-erners by a ratio of four to one nounced that their movement engaged in a mock battle. tary of the SLL. "A victory for At that, African workers in will go underground. They say the colored people of South the diamond and gold mines did they have six layers of leader- assistance . . . from the leader-Africa, the smashing of British not participate in the strikes, ship prepared to take charge of ship of both houses and even

that there would be no nuclear distant "reserves" or from sur- ing jailed or banned from the of the "civil rights" bill, said (Continued on Page 3) | rounding countries as "contract urban areas.

### They'll **Democratic Hack OK** the

### By Tom Kerry

At the recent AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting in Miami the top brass heatedly denied the rumor that organized labor would sit out the 1960 presidential campaign.

The rumor of a "sit out" had and frustration could be culled gained currency because of the from the many statements made outraged cries of "betrayal" and by prominent labor leaders imthreats of political reprisal mediately following the enactwhich followed the enactment ment of Kennedy-Landrumof the Kennedy-Landrum-Grif- Griffin. This gave rise to the fin killer bill. Top labor leaders rumor that the labor officialdom blasted the Democrats for knif- was seriously planning to adopt ing the unions. The Sept. 15 a posture of political "neu-New York Times reported a trality" in the 1960 election race. speech by George' Meany to By remaining neutral, the elecleaders of three million metal tion of a Republican would be trades workers in which the assured and the Democrats AFL-CIO president declared, "it would be taught a lesson - so was time to abandon the idea the story went.

that 'electing Democrats means So widespread did the rumor electing friends of labor."

erred in hailing as a victory the felt obligated to call a special 1958 election in which the Dem- news conference and adopt a ocrats gained their largest con- resolution of denial at the Migressional majority since 1936, ami Executive Council meeting. Meany said:

"We soon found out that, if the AFL-CIO, including mywe got any more victories like | self," said Meany, "has any inmight ruin us."

The Sept. 14 New York Times reported a caustic attack on the statement was bolstered by a of candidates; of expressing a Democrats by Louis Hollander, resolution, adopted Feb. 11, as- preference for the candidate chairman of the New York State serting that: "Political neutral- who best represented the inter-AFL-CIO Committee on Poli-tical Education, following a joint men and women we represent to labor's best "friend." To exmeeting of the top leaders of and we reject it." So much for pect such straightforward action the state union organizations. the record. The sit out rumor would be a mark of ignorance of Hollander "conceded that labor was officially disavowed and the the political twisting that is the had been too close to the Demo- policy of "political neutrality" stock-in-trade of every true crats in past campaigns," and specifically rejected. So far so labor faker. good. No neutrality! added:

"I confess that the state CIO made a mistake by allying itself solely with the Democrats. They double-crossed us and the Republicans ignored us because they felt sure we would be on the other side anyway." Similar expressions of anger

of a labor "sit out' become that Declaring that labor had the Meany-Reuther leadership

"No one in the official family of neutrality it would be reasonwe had in 1958, that victory clination to 'sit out' the 1960 to espouse a policy of political presidential election campaign." partisanship. That is, of actively

MEANY Having disavowed political able to assume that the labor statesmen would be constrained

Point number one in the Ex-

ecutive Council resolution disbranches" to refrain from participating "in primary elections" except in one-party states." This to all state central bodies to "refrain from endorsing or supporting slates of delegates pledged to the support of candidates for dential nomination of either "neutral" so far as indicating a choice of candidates is concerned.

Then, says the resolution, AFTER the two parties have ecutive Council will meet and been duly "weighed" the "Gen-AFL-CIO position and its recom-

mendation to its members.'

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Its a very neat trick, worthy of the most accomplished political twister. The labor statesmen started out with the fact that labor was stabbed in the Meany's press conference intervening in the determination back by the Democratic party. This aroused great indignation in the ranks who had been led to believe that labor had won a great victory in 1958. Our error, confessed the labor leaders, was in keeping the labor movement tied to the Democratic party machine. With uplifted eyes and quavering voice they vowed

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The socialist presidential candidate, in his first statement to the press upon returning from Cuba, called for use of a "flit gun" on Batista agents in the State Department.

Dobbs called for a policy of friendship toward the Castro government.

He said that resentment is high among Cubans over use of the word "Communist" as a label for their revolution; but that he found demonstrative friendliness toward Americans.

All Cuba seeks in foreign affairs, said Dobbs, is equality and respect for her sovereignty."

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enterprise made a deep impression among the The full text of Dobbs' statement is as Cuban people, as I have been able to verify. follows: They don't intend to let it happen in Cuba.

"Is the State Department seeking to repeat **Give Them Fair Play** Cuba what it did in Guatemala in 1954?"

This question was asked wherever I went n Cuba. Workers, farmers, students — virtually everyone I talked with - expressed deep avowing neutrality is an ad- misgivings about the meaning of the current monition to all "state and local campaign of the Eisenhower administration against the new government of Cuba.

They pressed me about this without the least personal hostility. In fact, they went out is reinforced by an instruction of their way to demonstrate friendliness toward Americans, their wish for cordial relations, their concern about the deepening rift.

Although they are much interested in the relation between economic planning and 'what the presidential or vice-presi- the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China have achieved, the great majority with whom party" — that is, to remain I talked considered the use of the label "Communist" in connection with Cuba as nothing but a smear, part of a vile campaign to prejudice the American people against the Cuban revolution.

Not once, but dozens of times, I was told named their candidates, the Ex- | that although a Communist party exists in Cuba, the country has not gone "Communist." They weigh "the voting record of the meant by this that Cuba has "no totalitarian parties" and the individual rec- government, no concentration camps." Instead, ords of the candidates. After I was repeatedly told, Cuba enjoys freedom of both parties and candidates have thought and expression to an extent heretofore unknown. Moreover, in the short time since eral Board will determine the Batista fell, living conditions for the working people have been strikingly improved.

"In face of such facts," I was asked again and again, "what is the meaning of the cam-paign against Cuba? Why is the American press and government against us?

### How Cubans Explain It 🕔

They have an explanation, the correctness of which is hard to deny. They see the hand of the giant American monopolies, some of whom have had to relinquish holdings rightfully belonging to the Cuban people.

The Cubans see the campaign against the Castro government as an ominous repetition of the campaign in 1954 against Guatemala which began by calling the legally elected government "Communist" and which ended with the overthrow of that government by mercenary forces.

other side. The racist Citizens any American willing to go to Cuba and see Council of Jackson has defor himself.

which Dulles followed in Latin America. It

was under Dulles that the State Department

plotted the violent overturn of the Arbenz gov-

ernment in Guatemala and the installation of

Castillo Armas, a military dictator favored by

Dulles' success in this counter-revolutionary

The latest State Department moves have

thoroughly aroused the Cuban people. For

example, the letter to the Chilean students,

drawn up in behalf of the half-literate golf

player in the White House, was deeply re-

Here is a typically bitter comment on thi

hypocritical defense of State Department policy

"A president who doesn't even know whether

it's legal for a Negro student to ask for service

at a lunch counter in the South, is just the

expert to tell Latin America that Castro is 'be-

such companies as United Fruit.

sented. I saw that for myself.

manded that Negro workers be In my opinion, these fears of the Cuban fired in retaliation for the boypeople over State Department policy are well cott. founded. Herter seems to be aping the course

Meanwhile, the Southern Conference Educational Fund, a Southwide integration organization, warned in an April 7 dispatch from Jackson that the Citizens Councils of America has opened a campaign for Congress to revive the state "sedition" laws invalidated by the Supreme Court in 1956.

The monthly paper of the Citizens Councils recently declared: "Let us not mince words; the 'sit-down' /Negro (Continued on Page 4)

**Socialist Enters California Race** 

LOS ANGELES, April 12 -Erroll Banks, a packinghouse worker here, announced his candidacy today for Congressman from the Twenty-third California District. He is the nominee of the Socialist Workers party.

In the opening statement of his campaign, Banks scored the Democratic and Republican parties for "riding roughshod" over the needs of the working people for peace, economic security and racial equality.

we need it now.

should go through the State Department with a flit gun and clean out every cockroach who had any connection with the Batista dictatorship or the American monopolists who have bled Cuba for half a century.

being kept on the State Department payroll if not to help plot the restoration of the Cuban butcher or one of his gangster lieutenants?

Cuba is a small country anxious to keep out of the line of fire of powers engaged in a mad race for atomic weapons. All Cuba seeks in foreign affairs is equality and respect for her sovereignty.

It's the duty of every American, it seems to me, to help the Cuban people in this; and to oppose a State Department policy that bears sickening resemblance to the one pursued by Nazi Germany toward such small countries as Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Norway and Greece.



ERROLL BANKS



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relation to Cuba. We need a radical change and

As an elementary measure of sanitation, we

Why are friends and partisans of Batista

### THE MILITANT

### Birmingham and Johannesburg — 'It's a Difference of Degree' U.S. Press Screamed About Mexico, Too witing with hin, except the lev, writer for the New York News, to Leon Trotsky: Descreamed About Mexico, Too Screamed Abou Trotsky's Answer News, to Leon Trotsky: asylum. I have not been and I

In a survey of race relations in Birmingham, Ala., April 12 and 13, New York Times reporter Harrison E. Salisbury reported that Some Negroes have nicknamed Birmingham, the Johannesburg of America.'

In light of the recent massacre of unarmed South African men, women and children by police and troops this may seem an exaggeration. For example, here is one South African's account of the Sharpeville slaughter, as reported in the April 10 New York Times: "The police . . . suddenly raised their weapons and started to fire. No order had been given to disperse. . . . I turned to run and was shot in the buttocks. . . . Certain children were shot during the firing."

During the police terror that followed, a New York Post reporter in Capetown received this phone message from a Negro woman in the nearby Nyanga settlement: "Can nobody help us? It is murder here. The troops will not let us out and police with whips and clubs and sticks are beating us all. . . . I have welts all over my body and my head is bleeding."

Where is the comparison between-Johannesburg and Birmingham? One Negro explained to Salisbury: "The difference . . . is that here they have not yet opened fire with the tanks and big guns."

But let Salisbury tell the story:

"Every channel of communication . . . every inch of middle ground has been fragmented by the emotional dynamite of racism, reinforced by the whip, the razor, the gun, the bomb, the torch, the club, the knife, the mob. the police and many branches of the state's apparatus.

"Volunteer watchmen stand guard 24 hours a day over some Negro churches. Jewish synagogues have floodlights for the night and caretakers. Dynamite attempts have been made against the two principal Jewish temples in the last 18 months. In 11 years there have been 22 reported bombings of Negro churches and A number were never reported offihomes. cially.

Describing the "vagrancy" arrests used against integration leaders like Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, Salisbury explains there is no bail on this charge and "a person arrested on a vagrancy warrant simply disappears for three days."

🗕 Too Many Babies? 🗕

"If fear and terror are common in the streets of Birmingham," he continues, "the atsuburb, is even worse. . . .

"One of the students who participated in the 'prayer for freedom' lived in Bessemer. An evening or two later seven carloads of hooded men roared into the street where the youngster lives with his mother and sister.

"Armed with iron pipes, clubs and leather blackjacks into which razor blades were sunk the men attacked the boy and his mother and sister. The mother and sister protected the boy with their bodies. The men broke a leg of the mother, smashed open her scalp and crushed her hand. . .

"The next day two deputies visited the mother in the hospital. She recoiled in horror. They were two of those who had beaten her, she said. No charges were lodged. . .

"The list of beatings, intimidations and violence could be continued almost indefinitely...

"The police force is not the only power frequently used to terrorize the citizenry, both white and Negro. The distinction between exercise of state power and mob power is being eroded. . . . Ku Klux Klan groups . . flourish in the present atmosphere. The burning of crosses as an intimidation or threat occurs daily intone locality or another. . . .

"While Klan terror is directed principally against Negroes and against whites thought to have some sympathy with Negro aspirations, it also carries strong anti-Semitic undertones. Sometimes there are overtines . . . A policeman investigating the attempted dynamiting of a Birmingham synagogue was asked if he did not think it was a terrible thing. It is bad all right,' he replied. 'But you have to admit that you Jews brought it on yourselves by en couraging the Negroes to integrate."

A major political power in the state, Salisbury reports, is the big industry of Birmingham and the biggest is "United States Steel,

whose subsidiary, Tennessee Coal and Iron. dominates the city economically and to a con- News (October 29, 1938) that siderable extent, politically. . . . The relationship between company and city is suggested selor of Cardenas" is absolutely by the local nickname for the T.C.I.'s modern- false. istic new headquarters. . . . It is called 'Fort honor of meeting General Car-Weible,' after Arthur Weible, the chief execu- denas or speaking with him. I tive of T.C.I.'

The News in an editorial pub- am not now in any relationship, lished October 29, 1938, said in direct or indirect, with any mosphere in Bessemer, the adjacent steel part that "Trotsky is a friend other members of the governand adviser of Cardenas," and

I have not engaged, and I do that therefore you were behind not now engage in any political the expropriation of petroleum activity connected with the inproperties in Mexico. Your ternal life of the country, if ounsel, Mr. Albert Goldman, we do not consider my unmaskhas demanded that the News ing the calumnies spread against retract the editorial by the me here by Stalin's agents. Will you please state Finally, the program of the your personal views as to the truth or falsity of the News' al- Fourth International, which I support, is very far from the program of the Mexican govern-

It has been frequently implied in the daily press of the United ment It is not difficult, on the States, probably because the other hand, to understand that Cardenas government gave you asylum, that you the Mexican government, prewere the inspiration of many of

occupied with the national prestige of its country, would President Cardenas' policies; also that he has frequently connever seek counsel from a sulted you, especially as regards foreign immigrant. I learned of the agrarian and other his agrarian policy and the takmeasures of the Mexican goving over of industry by the government through the newsernment for the benefit of the papers, exactly like the majority of other citizens.

Leon Trotsky's Answers: Since your editorial office has engaged On the basis of what data did itself by telegraph to reproduce your paper arrive at its conclumy answers integrally, I willsion? Evidently on the basis of ingly answer your questions. The the simple fact that the governeditors of the Daily News have ment of General Cardenas ac expressed themselves in their corded me the right of asylum. articles on Mexico, its govern-Is it not monstrous? In 1916, 1 ment, and my alleged participawas expelled from Europe as a tion in Mexican politics with a result of my struggle against laudable frankness that would the imperialist war, and I found appear as brutality. I shall asylum in the United States. strive to avoid brutality, how-Without any passport, without any visa, without any absurd and metrical, at least, in the sense ever, without damaging frankhumiliating formalities! Your

### Never Met Cardenas

terested that I did not have The affirmation of the Daily trachoma but were absolutely unconcerned about my ideas. Yet twenty-two years ago, my Trotsky is "a friend and counideas, I venture to assure you, I have never had the have had no relations through

# To the N.Y. News

In the big-business campaign of fomenting hatred against the Cuban revolution, the New York News occupies a front rank.

Its incitations against the government of Premier Fidel Castro recall the kind of preposterous charges the News hurled more than twenty years ago against the government of President Cardenas, when this regime expropriated the holdings of British and American oil companies.

At that time, the News cooked up a series of articles proclaiming that Leon Trotsky had masterminded the expropriations as part of a worldwide "Communist plot" and that President Cardenas was acting merely as his stooge

Trotsky, who was then living in Mexico where he had been accorded the right of asylum, threatened to sue the News for libel.

Thereupon the News agreed to publish Trotsky's replies to a series of questions that Fred Pasley, the author of the News' smear articles, would pose to him. The interview appeared in the Sunday News of Jan. 8

We believe our readers will find Trotsky's answers exposing the crude inventions of the redbaiters, useful in combating the current falsehoods spread by big-business spokesmen against the Castro regime.

tion to the address of ex-Gov-| Mexico in order to help me in ernor Allen. He, too, of course, my work and to protect me will evade reply. Toledano and against possible attempts at as-Allen are not identical, but sym- sassination.

that they find themselves at the initiative, voluntarily sacrificing is not only a lie, but also a their time and their means or calumny. same distance from the meridian of exactitude. the means of their friends. They Pasley: Your counsel, Mr. Al-

bert Goldman, according to a France, and in Norway. They versary of Stalin but not of the story in the Mexico City news- did it then and they do it now USSR. The task of overthrowpaper, Excelsior, is quoted as not for me personally, but for ing the reactionary parasitic saving that the instigator of the ideas which I represent. It dictatorship of the Stalinist oli-"these editorials published in the is evident that these ideas have garchy is the task of the Rus-Daily News (my paper) is a foran attractive force. eign correspondent living here, who has connections with the

Communists in the United States peace and of Mexico." Inasmuch as Mr. Goldman has publicly made that charge against the News, may I to peace. But it is only one side have the name of the "foreign of the war danger. To make the people of the USSR and correspondent?" Trotsky: Yes, I have informa-

tion that the person who infrom the irreconcilability of imformed the Daily News about perialist interests. my alleged "participation" in the

On the same rails of our sources only for Mexico? government policy of Mexico is planet, several trains are headed member of the Communist Party of the United States. You greed and hate. Of course, they know how difficult it is in such must collide. Which engineer cases to present judicial evidence even if the facts are in- less, this fact has no importance. | sider this the elementary duty of disputable. For your editorial office, it will not be difficult, perialism which concentrates the however, to verify the exactness riches of the nations and of hu-

of this information. manity into the hands of a few Two groups exist, both intermonopolists. It is necessary to put an end to this regime of ested in making the insinuations which have been repeated in monopoly; it is necessary to exyour newspaper in a series of

propriate the expropriators. articles: on the one hand are Postscript by Trotsky:

Now after receiving the issue the Mexican government and deof your paper dated December done in the past by the Russian ures as alien "communism"; on 10, I must make this addition to what I have said already. the other hand is the GPU which

cow accusations were frameups. The editorials of your newspaper are not capable of converting an unmasked frame-up into truth.

Monday, April 18, 1960

To whom the Mexican government sells oil is its own affair. I have nothing to say about that. I will add only that the "democracies" have a simple means of concentrating Mexican oil in their hands; they need only buy it.

Insofar as Great Britain, for example, boycotts Mexican oil, it obliges the Mexican government to sell oil to Germany, Italy, or Japan. Chamberlain's government apparently has more at heart, the interests of the oil magnates than the interests of national defense, not to speak of the interests of "democracy." But this is still not all. When the masters of destiny in the great democracies give Hitler a present of Czechoslovakia for his birthday and then manifest discontent toward the Mexican government which sells its oil to whoever wishes to buy, it is impossible not to say that here hypocrisy surpasses all admissable bounds and thus becomes stupid and ridiculous.

#### **Defends Nationalization**

But I am preoccupied now with another aspect of the mater. The affirmation that thanks to Mexican oil, I want to help They do that on their own Hitler gain victory over Stalin

The USSR and Stalin are not did so when I was in Turkey, in the same thing. I am an adsian workers and peasants. They Pasley: Is the Rome-Berlin- cannot transfer this task to Hit-Tokyo "axis" a threat to world ler. Hitler is only the perfidious agent of German imperial-Trotsky: Of course, the Berlin- ism. Hitler's victory would Rome-Tokyo "axis" is a menace signify frightful economic, political, and national slavery for all war, at least two sides are neces- above all the restoration of the sary. Contemporary wars arise rights of private capital.

Or perhaps you think that I advocate expropriation of oil re-

No, to defend the nationalizatoward each other loaded with tion of the means of production realized by the October revolution — against Hitler as against will be more "guilty," which all other imperialists - I con-Guilty is the regime of im- every socialist, beginning with myself.

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operation of the laws of population under capitalism. These pages constitute one of the most vivid exposures ever can displace skilled labor-power by unskilled. Rapid as you want an easy beginning, these pages are to be highly technological change is under capitalism, the production recommended. Marx listed them as Section 5 of his Chap-

> Let us, however, supply a modern example to supplement Marx's illustrations of how the capitalist laws of

> From government statistics we learn that the average some 200,000.

What happened to them? If we were to apply the Maithusian assumption in full strictness, we would have no asylum, if we consider it serichoice but to conclude that they must have reproduced too ously, supposes hospitality also ing of efforts by these two fast for their food supply and so famine decimated their towards political adversaries. I groups is absolutely possible: population: the "acute" form during a depression; the ranks. Fortunately the rest of us don't have to worry about grown must of Grown and the they are also not identical but any lack of coal because of this tragedy. The increase of denas accorded me hospitality labor productivity in the coal mines has been sufficient to not through sympathy for graduates of the youth brigades in the automatic factories keep the country supplied with more than it needs. More- my political conceptions, but who float from job to job, agricultural workers on the over, the surviving coal miners are not the worst paid through respect for its own. workers in the country, their average weekly earnings being \$118.70 with probably the best fringe benefits in the coun-Finally, the relative surplus population includes the try. Yet the actual labor costs of coal per ton today are 1938. He attended a seminar lower than they were ten years ago. How is this to be of American tourists at your explained? Here is what Joseph A. Loftus says in the Mexico City residence. He later Jan. 11, 1960, New York Times:

printed in the literature of protest and rebellion. To this day it remains one of the great models of socialist journalism at its very best. If you have never read "Capital" and ter, "The General Law of Capitalist Accumulation."

ness

News.

legations.

workers. Is that true?

population operate.

yearly employment of coal miners in 1920 was 784,621. By 1930 it was 644,006. In 1940 the figure had dropped to 530,588. In 1950 it was 488,206. The estimate for 1960 is ocracy; this is done by Hitler, by



### Eleventh in a series of articles.

Marx shows that an increased payroll can set more labor in action without increasing the number of jobs, or that a payroll of the same size can set more labor in action with the same number of workers on the line, or finally it of a relative surplus population is even faster.

"The overwork of the employed part of the working class swells the ranks of the reserve, whilst conversely the greater pressure that the latter by its competition exerts on the former, forces these to submit to overwork and to subjugation under the dictates of capital. The condemnation of one part of the working class to enforced idleness by the overwork of the other part, and the converse, becomes a means of enriching the individual capitalists, and accelerates at the same time the production of the industrial reserve army on a scale corresponding with the advance of social accumulation.

eracy

Why this terrific decline in the number of coal miners?

were as bad as now. At that time, it did not occur to anyone to draw the conclusion that President Wilson had given me the right of asylum in order to utilize my "counsels." The Right of Asylum You will object, perhaps, that

this was in the remote past, when the United States had not yet been emancipated from the vestiges of barbarism; and that the present flowering of civilization

immigration authorities were in-

began only after the great emancipatory "war for demo-I will not discuss that. Democratic civilization has now reached, it seems, such a flowering that the mere fact of the Mexican government's

granting me the right of asylum immediately provokes the hypothesis: this government evidently sympathizes with Trotsky's conceptions.

Permit me, nevertheless, that granting the right of asylum to one's followers is still not dem- the capitalists, discontented with Mussolini, by Stalin. This was sirous of presenting its meas-

Doesn't that sound as if it were written today about Detroit or Pittsburgh or the garment area of New York? Marx describes the various forms of the relative surplus chronic" form during dull times; three permanent forms, "the floating, the latent, the stagnant." These include verge of being forced into plants, the irregularly employed who are found especially in decaying branches of industry.

paupers. Excluding the vagabonds, criminals, and prostitutes, Marx notes three types: First, those able to work but unable to find jobs. Second, orphans and pauper children. "Third, the demoralized and ragged, and those unable to work, chiefly people who succumb to their incapacity for adaptation, due to the division of labor; people who have passed the normal age of the laborer, the victims of industry, whose number increases with the increase of dangerous machinery, of mines, chemical works, etc., the mutilated, the sickly, the widows, etc."

Where in all the countless writings of the Malthusians, since the first tract in 1798, can you find a description like that of the anatomy of the surplus population? Was Marx accurate or not? It should prove instructive to hear something from the Malthusians on this - if they can leave off reciting that famous riddle about the arithmetical progression of bacon and eggs and geometrical progression of babies

While waiting for a reply, let's continue reading Marx. He ridicules the "economic wisdom" that tells workers they should accommodate "their number to the requirements of capital." They don't need to accommodate their number. It's done for them by the mechanism of capitalist production and accumulation:

"The law by which a constantly increasing quantity of means of production, thanks to the advance in the productiveness of social labor, may be set in movement by a progressively diminishing expenditure of human power, this law, in a capitalist society — where the laborer does not employ the means of production, but the means of production employ the laborer — undergoes a complete inversion and is expressed thus: the higher the productiveness of labor, the greater is the pressure of the laborers on the means of employment, the more precarious, therefore, becomes their condition of existence, viz., the sale of their own labor power for the increasing of another's wealth, or for the selfexpansion of capital. The fact that the means of production, and the productiveness of labor, increase more rapidly than the productive population, expresses itself, therefore, capifalistically in the inverse form that the laboring population always increases more rapidly than the conditions under which capital can employ this increase for its own selfexpansión.

Does this still sound a little remote? Perhaps too much like the difficult language you might encounter in an advanced treatise on physics or some other science? Marx follows with some seventy pages of illustrations of the

"This is possible because the output rate per man has approximately doubled in the last ten years. The 1958 average was 11.33 tons a man-day.

Loftus indicates what is behind this great and continuing rise in productivity:

"The Pittston Company, for example, expects that in 1960 its Moss No. 3 mine in Southwest Virginia, will produce forty-five tons a man-day.

"The Pittston Company invested about \$30,000,000 in this modern mine, which includes a factory-type plant that dries, cleans and sizes 25,000 tons of coal a day with push-button controls.

"Productivity of European mines is said to be still below two tons a man-day. . .

The Peabody Coal Company strip mine near Freeburg, Ill., gets at the coal from the top with a huge power shovel. It takes a 105-ton bite of earth and rock overburden every forty-five seconds and dumps it a block away."

How do the coal miners feel about the spectacular decline in jobs? Loftus quotes John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, who, incidentally, is a firm believer in the capitalist system and a sterling anti-communist. Lewis reports for the miners:

They understand the need for it. It has not been a social revolution of any magnitude. When men are laid off, the men in the younger age brackets move into other industries. [They join the "floating" section of the surplus population; the older ones join the "stagnant" or the "pauper" sections in the desolated towns around the coal shafts.]

"Some of the older men stay in the area and manage to get along with the help of relatives. Or they find other employment. There is public assistance and Social Security assistance in some cases. [Isn't that "some" a sensitive touch?] Pensions from the welfare fund help those who are over 60 years of age. There is a natural attribution [attrition?] of manpower, too. [That is, some die.]"

As a fitting comment on what has happened in the coal industry, let me cite Loftus, who has a truly capitalist paper. What is his aim? To appreciation of the trend:

'The central factor in this amazing story is productivity. While many industries bewail rising labor costs, rigid working rules, and the failure of the output rate to rise fast enough to meet the threat of foreign competition, the bituminous industry is the envy of the world."

(Next Week: This Hungry World.)

Czar and the Turkish Sultan. The principle of the right of would compromise my right of When the Daily News affirms that I was the inspirer of the asylum in Mexico. The combinexpropriation measures of the Mexican government, there is no calumny in that. It is simply false. symmetrical. But your paper has now

### **Trotsky's Finances**

launched a second report, which, Pasley: It has been publicly while a lie, represents at the stated in New York City that same time a calumny. The Daily your stay in Mexico City is be- News affirms that Mexican oil Pasley: Mr. Henry J. Allen, ing financed by a group of antiformer Governor of Kansas, is sent to the German govern-Stalinists in New York City. ment on my counsel, and that visited Mexico in the Fall of Please state the truth or falsity moreover, my aim is to cause of that assertion. Stalin damage.

Trotsky: The source of my in-The Daily News here in its wrote in part, "All through come is my literary work. And own name launches the ver-Latin America in the last few only that! But it is absolutely sion which passed like a yeltrue that my friends in the low thread through all the saries preaching the rewards of United States as well as in other Moscow trials. The Internaconfiscation. . . . It is easy to countries come with devotion to tional Inquiry Commission un-

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weeks Cardenas has sent emisguess who taught him this -Trotsky. . . . Lombardo Tole-

dano, who went to Russia to study the Soviet system and who is a follower of Trotsky, Mr. Allen repeated etc. . . ." the gist of these charges recently in New York City. Please state the truth or falsity of these charges. Trotsky: I have answered Mr.

Allen's insinuations in the Mexican weekly Hoy and you have the possibility of utilizing my answer completely. In Mr. Allen's articles and speeches, so far as they concern my life and

activity in Mexico, there is not word of truth. You yourselves quote in your question Mr. Allen's assertion that Lombardo Toledano, Secretary of the union organizations, is my "follower." In Mexico this sentence

is capable only of provoking a Homeric laugh, perhaps not very flattering to the reputation of the ex-Governor of Kansas.

It is enough to say that my curious "follower" systematically repeats in his speeches and articles that I am preparing . . the overthrow of the government of General Cardenas. What basis does he have for such affirmations? The same as your secure my deliverance into the hands of the GPU.

I proposed to Mr. Toledano that an impartial commission be created for public verification of his declarations. Toledano, of course, evaded reply. I am ready to send the same proposiMonday, April 18, 1960

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lunch-counter segregation have been

models of organization and self-discipline.

The actions leave no doubt whatever of

the peaceful intentions of the Negro youth

who seek to win their elementary human

unmentioned in the news dispatches and

the editorial eulogies on "non-violence" is

that the peaceful demonstrations of the

Negro students have been subjected to a

mounting campaign of violence by all

agencies of white-supremacist rule in the

directed not only against the demonstrators

but against the entire Negro community.

All the old forms of racist terror are now

being intensified and new devices are be-

shirted Ku Klux Klan, for example, is

flourishing. But alongside this old gang

of thugs we see a new, up-to-date institu-

tion. The Wall Street Journal April 5 re-

oports that in Selma, Ala., where Negroes

are fighting for their right to vote, "a new-

ly formed 'sheriff's posse' of 75 mounted

More information on this Dixieland

men rides through the streets."

Moreover, this campaign of violence is

The old-fashioned, hooded and night-

What is obscured, however, or even

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rights.

South.

ing introduced.

THE MILITANT

# Cuban Trade

these workers are very proud in the sugar fields. of the part they played in the revolution. think the U.S. government could stop them if they wished? This

While Sarah and I were at question we could not answer. he Railroad Union, Dorothy The editor asked us then how Breitman visited a publishing we felt about independence for house that printed documents in Puerto Rico. We said we were English (we were still deter- for self-determination. We mined to get the labor laws in thought that many Puerto Ri-English) and Havana University. cans were for statehood, and Dorothy doesn't speak a word of that they demanded to be Spanish, but she got along very treated as first-class citizens in well, traversing the city by bus. the U.S.

At one stop, ten passengers He asked if we thought Puerto helped her to get off at the right Rico could survive economically without the U.S. We said we street and cheered her on her

country.

growing.

policy.

way. At the University, an English-speaking student took her in tow.

### An Interview

The evening before we left. we were interviewed for three hours by the editor of the Telephone Workers Union magazine. Our interpreters were a young couple who spoke perfect English. The wife had been a telephone operator and now worked in the office. The husband was an electrical worker. We started out by telling them

how impressed we were by the accomplishments of the revolu-We said that we had tion. visited the cooperatives, everyone had been very kind to us and that we were going to try to get everyone who would listen to us to visit Cuba. We said that we were specially impressed by the housing, the abolition of all discrimination, the new labor laws and the

workers of four per cent of all wages towards a fund to industrialize the country. They explained to us that

cialist party. Cuba was a one-crop country, One of the union officials but they were starting to diverasked if the Militant would print articles submitted by them. We said we believed it would. We finally said we had to

eave. Our interpreter asked us now we happened to be so wellinformed. He said that in order to practice his English, he had tried talking to · Americans on the beach. He was so shocked by their ignorance, not only of Cuban affairs but of their own country, that he had to give it

We said that as socialists we were interested in political questions, but that unfortunately the general level of interest in politics was not very high at resent in the United States. We were photographed with the editor of the Telephone Workers Union's magazine and the interpreters. We were told the interview will be published in a forthcoming issue.

Next day, the three of us left for home.

There is a sign at the Havana airport on the door which leads out to the planes. It says: "Traveler: Tell the world that you have seen a people that is ready to die to defend its

by Vidal

Page Three

Unions

Three readers of the Mili-

tant, Constance Weissman,

Sarah Lovell and Dorothy

Breitman, spent a week's va-

cation in Cuba last month.

Besides enjoying the swim-

ming at Cuba's beautiful

beaches, the sightseeing on

this gorgeous island and the

glorious tropical weath-

er, they found time to look

into the revolutionary

changes going on in the

didn't know the answer. He said

hat he felt the Puerto Rican

They wanted to know

about the elections in the U.S.

Would there be any change if

a Democrat were elected? We

explained the bipartisan nat-

ture of American foreign

They asked who we would

vote for. We said Farrell Dobbs

and Myra Tanner Weiss. We

then explained the difference be-

tween the Socialist Workers

party and Norman Thomas So-

movement for independence was

voluntary contribution by the

We said that we had visited a rice co-operative. They asked us if we thought they were "communist." We said we thought they were democratic and that we approved of the Communist party having the ight to function legally They asked us why the U.S. overnment accused Cuba of being "communist." We said that communist," as used by the U.S. government means "totali-

arian" or "police state." We said we didn't see how Cuba could be a police state when the government allowed the population to keep their arms. Sarah said that in the U.S. in a strike for perfectly ordinary demands, such as wage increases, the leaders of the strike were often labeled communist."

They told us that certain inerests in the U.S. were upset by vhat the Cuban government was doing. They couldn't understand why the U.S. harbored Cuban war criminals who are in half. The Castro forces had living high, wide and handsome blown them up as part of their in Miami, on money they stole

There has been abundant evidence in version of Hitler's Brown Shirts is given the press that the sit-in demonstrations of by Harrison Salisbury in his April 9 dis- no layoffs, four weeks' vacation the Southern Negro students against patch to the New York Times:

> "Since early March, when a Negro to work during these four weeks) church demonstration nearly precipitated and many health and welfare a blood bath on the steps of the Capitol at Montgomery, there has been the rapid spread through Alabama of a new extralegal device, volunteer organizations of mounted deputies."

One observer told Salisbury: "In many of the areas where mounted units have been formed, the only persons with horses and riding experience are plantation men, many of them already members of nightriding organizations. This gives legal license to their activities."

In the face of such fascist-like mobilization of racist violence, 'it is high time, we believe, that the leaders of the labor and Negro-rights movement turned their attention to the real task at hand.

The urgent task before the Negro people is the organization of self-defense. Notice must be served on the "deputized" lynchers on horseback and the other-whitesupremacist terror organizations that the tion's newspaper, Vanguardia Negro people in the U.S. will not wait Obrera, and the Militant. until racist violence assumes South African proportions before they organize to meet every act of violence with a full mobilization of the Negro people to defend themselves.

### Where Do You Stand on Cuba?

The Eisenhower administration has adopted a stance toward the new government of Cuba that warrants the closest scrutiny. The group who serve as brains for the White House's golf addict have worked out a clever slogan for their game in Cuba. The slogan is, "Look how patient we are with Castro!"

The truth is that the real aim of the Eisenhower administration is to smash the Castro government and put in power the kind of government it feels most at home with — Batista, or another dictator like him. And it is impatient to achieve this counter-revolutionary aim.

Just as it misrepresents its real aim in Cuba, so the Eisenhower administration misrepresents the Castro government.

In the past year Cuba has taken big steps toward ending unemployment, providing land and homes for the campesinos, apartments for city workers and schools by the thousands. Rents have been cut as much as half for the lower income brackets, electric and telephone rates have been slashed and food costs lowered. The

try for helicopters, the State Department will use this as "proof" that the Castro government doesn't want to deal with the planted with trees and flowers,

"free world" but only with "Communists." (b) Havana protested the firing of a

trade-union leader at Guantanamo Naval Base, the area seized by the U.S. when it much in the way, as everyone sent an army to occupy the island at the time the Cubans won their independence but courteous official came out from Spain.

Here is part of the insulting reply sent by Ambassador Philip W. Bonsal: "I learn-and Spanish, counting out three ed that Mr. Figueras has repeatedly made of everything for the three of unfounded and slanderous public statements designed to incite feeling against the United States and against the base and to perturb relations between the two countries."

One trade unionist can "perturb relations" between "two countries" by expressing his opinion!

The truth is that the Eisenhower administration insists on doing on Cuban soil what it is accustomed to do in America: fire workers if they venture to voice independent political opinions.

very busy place. We entered a beautiful white colonial-style building, crossed a courtyard and entered a huge new office building. Desks were being moved in, and everything was spanking new. We felt very was working. A tired-looking

how to get there.

of his office and took us into a stock room where he loaded us down with pamphlets in English us.

Visit to Telephone Union

for a friend of a friend in the her car was stopped for a search U.S. We were never able to lo- by a Batista soldier, a common cate this individual, but the visit occurrence at that time. She was a fruitful one nevertheless. We were received by the administrative head of the union, soldier was not punished. who invited us into his office.

copies.

continent."

party.

states:

South Africa.

We explained that we had ome to Cuba so that we could

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weapons tested on the African

Although the SLL had ex-

tended invitations to the Boy-

cott Movement, the Communist

party and the Movement for

Colonial Freedom, all declined to

send speakers to the rally, the

first mass protest against the

white-supremacist terror in

South Africa since March 27

when 20,000 rallied at Trafalgar

Meanwhile, British union,

against the racist terror in

On April 5, the Executive

Committee of the South Wales

Miners carried a resolution call-

ing on "all dockers and seamen,

to whatever union they may be-

destined for South Africa.'

long, to refuse to handle goods

A resolution adopted by the

They told us that the labor laws had not yet been translated, but suggested we visit the Department of State, where the public relations commission might be able to help us. They even wrote out the directions We followed this advice, and he Departamento de Relaciones Exteriores turned out to be a

> Among the lively uses of freedom of the press in Cuba under the government of Fidel Castro is the "coletilla" (little tail). When such newspapers as Prensa Libre or Diario de la Marina, the Cuban equivalent of the Hearst press, print an invidious article or editorial, the workers in the enterprise tack on a statement recognizing the democratic right of the employers to say what they please but also the equal right of the employees to point out that what has been said is a pack of lies or at least inimical to the revolution. In the above cartoon, reprinted from La Calle, Vidal points to a wider use of the coletilla in Latin America.

tor who was not even involved get the names and addresses of Our next visit was to the in the rebel movement against unions which might be interheadquarters of the Telephone Batista. She worked at night, ested, and we suggested a num-Workers Union. We were looking and was driving to work when ber of union organizations they might contact.

We were then shown the photo-murals of the railroads, was told to drive on, and was showing the rails torn up, trains shot in the back of the head. The lying on their sides, bridges cut

They told us that under Batista, the unions were only military strategy when they from the Cuban treasury. dummies The official ere struggling against Batista. subservient to Batista. After the revolution, the unions had





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The Right of Self-Defense



Matanzas and the co-operatives, we went to the Palace of Labor o visit the Confederation of Cuban Trade Unions. We wanted to get a copy of the new labor laws in English. These laws are very liberal, specifying

with pay (you are not allowed provisions. We thought they would be of great interest to workers in the U.S.

people feel free and elated and are rising to new stature.

With a great brush dipped in mud, the Eisenhower administration crosses all this out and writes, "COMMUNISM!" The State Department uses "COMMUNISM!" as a smear word to help brainwash the public in preparation for foul deeds.

Let us consider four recent moves. First was Eisenhower's letter to students of Chile who had asked him about U.S. aims in Latin America. The principal point of this letter was that lovers of democracy had put great hope in Castro but now felt that he was betraying the Cuban revolution.

Although it was not stated, the implicit conclusion of this is that Eisenhower would be justified in sending marines to restore the "betrayed" revolution.

Another alternative implicit in the letter, an alternative that does not contradict the use of marines, is to foment counter-revolution in Cuba and an invasion by mercenaries.

Eisenhower succeeded in a plot like that in Guatemala in 1954. The United Fruit Co. felt betrayed by an election that had ousted the venal government ruling in its interests. Eisenhower, as a "genuine" revolutionary, corrected this "betrayal" by helping a gang of sordid mercenaries shoot their way into power.

The three other moves taken by the Eisenhower administration consist of three etters in reply to protests made by the Castro government:

(a) Havana had sought to buy four helicopters in the U.S. for use in the agrarian reform. The request was callously turned down. Havana protested. The State Department responded to this by claiming that helicopters can be used for war as well as agriculture.

Can a more ridiculous argument be magined? The mighty United States, spending more than \$40,000,000,000 a year for war purposes, with a stockpile of nuclear weapons sufficient to overkill all life on this planet hundreds of times, denies four helicopters to tiny Cuba! Meanwhile not a week passes without small planes flying from bases in Florida to carry out incendiary bombings of Cuban sugarcane fields.

If Cuba now turns to a Soviet coun-

In Cuba a worker cannot be fired without just cause; and this must be proved in a labor court.

(c) Havana protested the withdrawal of American agricultural inspectors from Cuban ports where they had helped expedite the shipment of agricultural products to the U.S.

Bonsal's reply to this was that the Cuban government had been given due notice. If they really wanted the agricultural inspectors to stay, they should have answered the notice in time. Now it is too late. Sorry!

Then, evidently feeling the necessity to bolster this absurd excuse, Bonsal advanced an argument to make logicians weep: "because of the shortage of personnel . . . it is not possible to meet the request. . ." Besides that, Cuba doesn't need U.S. inspectors any more because the U.S. inspectors trained Cubans who can now replace them. . .

"All right," it may be argued, "what do you expect from Republicans? Now if the Democrats were in charge!"

Stevenson has made it as clear as a capitalist demagogue can that the Democrats back the Republicans 100 per cent in Cuba. Here is how the New York Times interpreted Stevenson at his latest press conference April 11: "While Fidel Castro's Cuban revolution had initially been popu- Square at the call of the Labor lar in Latin America, Mr. Stevenson said, its mass killings, expropriation of private property, press suppression, assaults on other countries, abuse of the United States and 'disdain for democratic processes' have caused grave anxiety."

That line is nothing but an accurate condensation of the lying State Department propaganda.

Is it any wonder that the world today views America more and more the way it once viewed Hitlerite Germany?

As Americans interested in truth, the good name of our country and the welfare of mankind hasn't it become the duty of each one of us to examine where we stand on Cuba?

Are we with the Republicans and Democrats or with the poor people of Cuba who overthrew the dictator imposed bringing the greatest pressure on on them by Wall Street?

Are we on the side of tyranny or of change in its detestable policy of liberty? Let's make our position known! | apartheid."

see things for ourselves and tell the truth about Cuba when we got home. Soon, to be reconstituted. about ten men and one young It was suggested that we visit woman, a secretary, crowded into the small office. Copies of the Militant were passed

around. Our trouble was getting them back - we needed them as our credentials and unfortunately had only brought along about ten

They brought out copies of their magazine and presented us with a 1959 bound volume nature of our visit, and had which started with Volume I, passed around copies of the Mili- problem of where West Ger- lessly as if they were Com-No. 1. They showed us the pictures of their revolutionary political parties in Cuba be- store supplies within the NATO martyrs. One of these was a

long distance telephone operasaid there were not; everyone London Rally ment.

ists.

Job Integration

We said that we understood groes had been abolished. We been delighted to see that whites ment to go there.'

and Negroes were in about equal numbers among the musicians! playing at the Tropicana night club - the show place for tour-

This, we said, was one of the struggles going on in the musicians' union at home - to get jobs for Negro musicians in both bodies have begun to speak up popular and symphony orchestras

> They said there was absolutely no racial discrimination on jobs in Cuba now, but that there had been under Batista. We asked the economist how important the tourist busines

was to the Cuban economy. He said it was very important. The president of the union, Mr. Torres, told us that a group of unions were in the process of setting up a tourist commission.

sufficient just to register our protest, but that the Trade Union and Labor movement should consider as a matter of urgency the calling of a national conference. The conference should consider ways and means of the South African Government in an effort to bring about a They were very anxious to istry."

the president of the Railroad Workers Union. So the next morning, at nine, Sarah Lovell and I were taken there by the Telephone Workers Union official. Here we found ourselves once again in a room crowded with interested trade unionists. A young woman and the union economist were our interpreters. After we had explained the

the Communist party. They

was united behind the govern-

The New York Times rethat discrimination against Ne- ported April 1 that "There were the blast was generally viewed shift to the right by the people. persistent "reports that Bonn as a deliberate rebuff to Khrushhad noticed integrated crews in might still be looking to Spain the printshops. We had also and might ask NATO agree- to nuclear tests.

'Free World' **Rule in Spain** 

A recent letter to the New York Times from fascist Spain's Prime Minister Castiella claimed

vitations to trade unions in the U.S., offering them special rates and inducements to come to Cuba. The government has up as apartments with kitchens so that American workers can come with their families.

They asked about the planes. sovereignty. Although this still means many Two on three fly over the sugar Indeed, we have seen such a railroad workers are out of jobs, fields every night and start fires people.

## In Other Lands NATO Seeks Base for Bonn

**Says Training Space Is Needed** 

nidal

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is exploring the or suppressed almost as ruthtant, we asked if there were any man armed forces can train and munist organs."

sides the July 26 Movement and area. An international furor De Gaulle Stages was provoked last month by the disclosure that the Adenauer Second A-Blast regime has been negotiating with Franco for establishment

of West German "training" bases in Spain.

In the midst of Soviet Premier Khrushchev's tour of France, De Gaulle's regime exploded a second atom bomb in the Sahara, April 1. The timing of

Like the first one, the current blast came in defiance of worldwide protests, especially those of the African peoples most immediately subject to the dangers of radioactive fallout.

Morocco's Premier Ibrahim declared that the second bomb that the Franco regime was a test had "worsened the already victim of unfair reporting by the world press. His assertions Moroccan relations." When the bout freedom in Spain were first bomb was exploded in

Bess MacDonald, a pioneer Canadian revolutionary socialist died in Toronto last month at reedoms, including political, re- the age of 71. She was the wife ligious and press freedoms, are and steadfast collaborator of victims of the semi-Fascist re- Jack MacDonald who became time which Castiella represents. the first national secretary of "Every book, magazine, news- the Canadian Communist party paper, play and radio program in 1921 and was one of the n Spain, with one exception," founders of the Canadian Trot-

was active until his death in Bess MacDonald, who shared periodical must be approved by his political activities since 1915, clear-cut revolutionary program

ticipation in the movement in other parties.

The sole exception, he said, recent years because she was is the official Catholic organ, compelled to continue working Ecclesia. Other Catholic pubdespite her advanced age. But lications which are critical of she remained a staunch sup-Franco, he added, "are censored porter of the revolutionary Marxist paper, the Vanguard, which her husband helped found in 1932.

**LSSP** Analyzes

### **Vote in Ceylon**

The capture of a majority of seats in the Ceylonese parliament by two capitalist parties last March has been widely interpreted as signifying a sharp This view is challenged by an chev who has been urging a halt analysis of the popular vote in the April 1 Samasamajist, English weekly of the revolutionary socialist Lanka Samasamaja party. It shows that the actual relation of class forces, as expressed in the popular vote, re-

mains essentially the same as in 1956 The major victor, the United National party, won about 33 per cent of the seats with 28.9 per cent of the popular votea gain of only .9 per cent over

its 1956 vote. (However, in 1956, an electoral agreement between the anti-capitalist parties held the UNP to only eight per cent of the seats.)

This year, the three parties generally regarded by the voters as Marxist — the Trotskyist LSSP, a group led by Phillip Goonewardena and the Communist party, won a combined total of about one-third the total vote but only 23 seats, about 15 per cent of the total. The LSSP was cut down from 14 to ten seats in a larger house, but believes it made a significant showing by winning 10.8 per cent of the popular vote. Contesting on an islandwide basis for the first time, its

the National Censoring Min- was prevented from active par- aroused the opposition of all

ffectively answered in a March February, Morocco recalled its 31 letter to the same paper by ambassador from Paris. American Freedom and Cath- Pioneer Socialist Dies in Canada

Paul Blanshard, author of olic Power.' Recently returned from a

three-month visit to Spain, Blanshard declared: "It is more accurate to say that all Spanish

liminate every expression hostile to Franco's dictatorship. 1941.

Every directing editor of every

Paddington Builders Union "We . . . believe that it is not

> taken over many large buildings that Batista used to own, and it is planning to set them

They planned to send in-

he continued, "is censored to skyist movement in which he

## **Letters from Our Readers**

### **Some Statistics That Should Serve Militant As Guide** Editor:

At an education conference of UAW Region 9 in New York recently, Carrol Hutton, the new UAW educational director, reported some revealing statistics about the age and seniority of Efficiency Expert auto workers, according to the March 27 Worker.

He said 40% of General Motors workers, 35% of Ford work- Don't Fiddle Around ers and 25% of Chrysler workers Editor: are below the age of 35. Also, 42% of GM, 46% of Ford and 25% of Chrysler workers have less than five years' seniority.

This means that a large percentage of the workers now in in the birth and early years of the industrial unions, and there- British labor press. fore are not acquainted with the militant and democratic traditions of the early CIO.

I think that the Militant, in reduced and the work spread

writing for such workers, and more evenly over the whole of the Socialist Workers party, in the concert, thus eliminating its election campaign this year, peaks of activity. All the 12 should bear these figures in violins were playing identical mind. If you want to influence notes; this seems unnecessary the workers in the plants today duplication. The staff of this you've got to carefully explain section should be drastically cut. things that used to be taken for If a large volume of sound is

granted before World War II. required, it could be obtained by electronic apparatus. G. B. Detroit, Mich.

**Tells Orchestra:** 

Perhaps your readers will be interested in how a time-study expert might appraise a symphony concert. My union newspaper, the RWDSU Recorder, recently reprinted the following estimated that if all theme repetithe factories did not participate item - an imaginary report of tions were eliminated the whole an efficiency expert — from the

> four oboe players had nothing intermission." to do. The number should be

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# THE MILITANT

Target of Racists

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## Unionists, Students Hit N.Y. Dime Store

A pleasant surprise awaited youthful picketers who arrived at Woolworth's Herald Square store at 11 a.m. on April 9 to start their sixth consecutive Saturday's protest of the chain store's discrim-+

inatory policies in the South. | tee of the NAACP conducted its The students, organized by the fifth successful Saturday picket New York Youth Committee for line at Woolworth's downtown Integration, found members of store at 408 Fulton Street. About the Amalgamated Laundry one hundred people marched Workers Union already march- this week, with a high of 80 ing the line. The unionists had people on the line at any one started picketing a couple of time. During the past weeks, the hours earlier.

After the students arrived, following groups have sup-two joint lines were formed at ported the NAACP endeavor: the Thirty-third and Thirty- International Union of Electrical Workers, Local 285; Retail Drug fourth street entrances; with members of each group carrying Employees, Local 1199; the Brooklyn Labor Education their own organization's posters. Recruits to the line from League; Brooklyn Parents for among the passersby took their Integrated Schools; Congress of Racial Equality; an NAACPI choice of signs. Youth committee and a youth

Later in the day, representagroup from the Trinity Baptist ives of the Congress of Racial Church. Equality (CORE) also joined the picket line. Throughout the and old, Negro and white tion.

The picket line drew plenty . Mississippi Boycott tegration's mighty fine" and Square store during the protest worth's got to integrate."

stration and conducted street out of the store.

nterviews for its evening coverage of picket lines held demonstration? "Great, wonhroughout the city. When picketing broke up, each other, "It was a 'pleasure | Woolworth's?"

"Who's buying," she replied Meanwhile, in Brooklyn, the scornfully. "I just went in to Labor and Industry Commit- look around."

## . They'll OK the Hack

(Continued from Page 1) When the storm of indignation

at the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin knifing had subsided, the against Negroes as new sit-ins labor leaders began the job Tuesday. White gangs have at-1 the "friends" who had voted for tacked the demonstrators and the killer bill. Some of the "friends" began putting pres-

sure on the labor statesmen to take "affirmative" action to scotch the rumor that labor was going to sit out the election. The result was the anti-neutrality pledge. Its meaning? No neutrality as between the two major parties but "neutrality" in the selection of candidates for

By applying COPE's selec-

tive formula for grading the

prospective candidates accord-

ing to their "voting percent-

ages on labor and labor-man-

agement legislation," the

three leading Democratic con-

tenders, Humphrey, Kennedy

and Symington, are given

100%. Lyndon Johnson is

given 45.9%. The only Re-

publican contender, Nixon, is

given 6.7%.

the Democratic party to which

day, about 300 people — young and old Nagro and white — TV Interviewer Gets participated in the demonstra- A Surprise Answer NEW YORK, April 9 - An of notice because of the lively NBC telecast tonight featured chanting of slogans such as interviews with several cus-'Pass 'em by, join the line, in- tomers at Woolworth's Herald

"Two - four - six - eight, Wool- picketing. After talking to two whites, the interviewer stopped NBS-TV televised the demon- an elderly Negro woman coming What did she think of the

derful. Just what we need." "If you feel that way about representatives of the Youth it," the reporter promptly Committee and of the union told asked, "why are you buying, in to have picketed with you."

## | made. It will be any Democratic

party hack named by the political ward heelers. That is the sum and substance of the Meany-Reuther political policy.

### Accuses Commission

J. T. Godlewski, a former attorney for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, accused it March 15 of "numerous instances" of discrimination, including the firing of a Negro for planning to marry a white girl.

Calendar Of Events

#### "Much effort was absorbed in playing of demi-semi-quavers; this seems to be unnecessary refinement. It is recommended that all notes should be rounded out to the nearest semi-quaver. If this were done it would be possible to use trainees and lower-grade operatives more extensively.

by repeating on the horns a passage which has already been handled by the strings. It is concert-time of two hours could be reduced to 20 minutes and "For considerable periods the there would be no need for an

H. C.

"No useful purpose is served

New York

### The Frank Sinatra Story By Herman Chauka

Notes in the News

Last week, the New York television show, "Play of the Week," was about some of the nameless thousands, who come to Hollywood gripped by the dream of fame and fortune and who are wracked by bitter frustration as

they fail to make the grade. The play arouses your sympathy for these unfortunate people whose dream never comes true. But as I watched it, I thought about Frank Sinatra, one of those who made the grade, and I couldn't help thinking that he was a lot worse off than they were.

Sinatra's spectacular success, first as a singer, then as an actor, seemed like the perfect success story. He was the local boy who made good in a big way, did not let it go to his head and even seemed to remember where he came from and the people he left behind.

He had grown up in Hoboken, N. J., a small, highly industrialized soot-covered factory town. In the first stage of his rocketing career, he topped attendance records at New York's Capitol theater where he had worked as an usher during the depression.

Where Sinatra was concerned, people in Hoboken had more than the usual amount of pride in the success of one of their boys. They spoke of how he came home every so often to visit his relatives and neighbors and of how he would always lend a helping hand when it was needed.

I once worked in a shop with a young woman from Hoboken. She was a militant union member who took the fight for the underdog seriously. One of her proudest possessions was a photograph Sinatra had autographed for her on one of his visits home.

In Hollywood, he moved around in the company of people who had the reputation for being iconoclasts — people who refused to let the industry's top brass run their lives and who occasionally thumbed their noses at screenland's sacred cows.

In 1947, when the witch-hunters were pouring the heat on the "Hollywood Ten", who were jailed for defying the House Un-American Activities Committee, Sinatra took a public Woolworth's at State and Washstand that confirmed the good judgment that a lot of people had formed of him.

"Once they get the movies throttled," he declared at that time, "how long will it be before the committee gets to work on freedom of the air?

"How long will it be before we're told what we can say and what we can't say into a radio microphone? If you make a pitch on a lusty chant "Don't Shop at state and municipal governnational network for a square deal for the underdog, will they call you a commie?"

And last month it looked like Sinatra meant business about the importance of standing up for the underdog against the witchhunters. He hired Albert Maltz, one of the blacklisted Hollywood Ten, to write the screen play for his independent production of William Bradford Huie's book, "The Execution of Private Slovik," the true story of a man executed as a deserter in World War II.

As they had done with producers Stanley Kramer and Otto Preminger, who also hired blacklisted writers recently, the American Legion and the Hearst press unleashed a scurrilous attack on Sinatra for employing Maltz.

But unlike Kramer and Preminger, Sinatra folded like an accordion. As soon as the first blast came, he published a statement in a Hollywood trade paper announcing that he had hired Maltz only because Maltz shared his view that the Army had been right in executing Slovik. The point of Huie's book, however, is that the Army had been wrong.

Of course, Sinatra's first little bit of crawfishing didn't satisfy the red-baiters, who stepped up their smear campaign. Last week, Sinatra capitulated altogether. He announced that he was releasing Maltz in deference to the will of "the American public."



**UAW** Sponsors

a leaflet distributed at simultaneous picket lines, April 9, in major mid-western cities, organized by Region 4 of the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO.

"The F. W. Woolworth chain is typical of those chain stores who discriminate against Ne-groes," the UAW leaflet stated, 'who in many cities in the South are the stores' biggest single group of customers.

"While their parents organize to win the right to vote in the South, Negro students are conducting a campaign to win equal treatment from the mer-

chants. "Members of the United Auto Workers AFL-CIO are picketing today to inform the public of Woolworth's undemocratic practices in the Southern states."

In Chicago, 500 Negro and white UAW members picketed ington Streets. They carried scores of banners calling for a boycott of the five-and-dime chain and for "Support to the Southern Students.'

Many UAW leaders, veterans of the strikes following World War II, picketed. And as the Woolworth's" boomed in unison ments. . . . We call upon all over State Street, the crowds proper authorities - local, state witnessed an impressive demonstration of Negro-white solidar-

There was much handshaking ment to the fullest extent of the among the pickets who greeted sedition laws . . ." each other as upon a festive occasion. Many said, "This is good, now our union is waking up reports from Washington that again.

quet.

the meeting.



Senate. Meanwhile, in Birmingham, ATLANTA, April 4 — Two Atlanta University professors Ala., the "Johannesburg" of the

and a mathematics graduate South, racist authorities carstudent walked out of a mathe- ried out severe reprisals against were held there Monday and of systematically whitewashing the sit-down movement that matics conference held Friday. April 1 in Columbus, S. C. The erupted there March 31. three protested the refusal of Ten Negro college students, in the Wade Hampton Hotel to teams of two, simultaneously

(which had previously been confirmed) and their exclusion and three other stores. Within from participating in the As- minutes police were at each sociation's Friday evening ban- store to arrest them. As they

The two professors are Lon- from one store, Police Commisnie Cross, chairman of the sioner Eugene "Bull" Connor mathematics department at At- stood on the corner and told

(Continued from Page 1) sentences for "aiding and abetting" the students. demonstrators are engaged in a In a further act of reprisal, seditious conspiracy against the Rev. Shuttlesworth was sentenced to an additional six months in jail on a charge of making a "false" report to and national — to take the police. He had merely asked necessary action to prosecute the cops to investigate the releaders of the 'sit-down' moveported mutilation of a Negro

by white men.

In nearby Montgomery, mass

resignation continued at all-Ne-

Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth (left), integration leader in

Birmingham, has been repeatedly singled out for racist

victimization. He recently was sentenced to two 180-day jail

terms for "aiding and abetting" student sit-ins. He is shown

above with friends after the bombing of his home on

The SCEF report noted that this declaration coincides with

Christmas Day 1956.

gro Alabama State College in protest over the expulsion of 35 Senator Eastland of Mississippi is preparing new moves for participants in an integration Congressional revival of the demonstration at the local notorious "sedition" laws. A

courthouse and the dropping of bill to do so was passed by the another 100 students on a tech-House last June, and hearings on nicality. Fifteen hundred out with hand on breast — never it have already been held in the of 2,400 students have withdrawn from the college. In Nashville, Tenn., the riot

squad was called into action new arrests have rolled up a total of 158 jailed since the first sit-ins were held two months ago in that city.

honor their room reservations occupied seats at the lunch counters of Woolworth, Kress, led a pair of demonstrators

**OUR ULCERATED SOCIETY** - Ulcers kill about as many people in the U.S. today as tuberculosis or diabetes. Nearly three million Americans get ulcers every year and 10,000 deaths occur annually from the illness. Such psychological factors as nervous tension and emotional conflict are considered major contributing factors in causing ulcers.

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HIT RED-BAITING AS CLOAK FOR RACISM - The 1958 firing as "Communists" of six professors in South Carolina was assailed April 8 by the American Association of University Professors. The six professors, five whites and one Negro, were fired from Benedict College and Allen University, both privately endowed Negro institutions, on the demand of former Governor Timmerman. The association charged that his intervention was an intolerable interference in the administration of private educational institutions and that the real reason for the action was that the professors were known to favor racial integration.

**CROSS BURNINGS FOLLOW ELECTION OF NEGRO** — Two crosses were burned at the University of Indiana following the election April 8 of the first Negro president of the student body. Tom Atkins, Jr., won the election running as an independent against a candidate backed by the organized party of the fraternities and sororities. The associate dean of students said the reports of the cross burnings were "exaggerated."

. . .

"SLOW STARVATION" - At least thirteen million American youths are members of families with incomes of less than \$3,000 a year, Robert Macrae, director of the Chicago welfare council, told the White House conference on children and youth March 30. He said that the federal aid-to-dependent-children provided an average of \$28.68 per child per month and branded such aid "slow starvation." Other speakers pointed to the double handicap suffered by children of low-income Negro families. \* \* \*

**RACIST DIGNITY** — A recent editorial in the Dallas Morning News may provide the answer. The editorial takes Senator Eastland of Mississippi to task for referring to Supreme Court civil-rights decisions as "crap" and "tripe." The paper says that while such nouns may be "accurate" they could be exploited by "Northern radicals." The senator is urged to conduct the fight "with dignity."

THROWS SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOL 'LOYALTY' OATH - Edward Jahn, sixteen, senior at Bayside High School in New York, has sparked wide discussion in his school on the issue of compulsory "loyalty" oaths. He has refused to sign a state-required oath even though it means he will be denied a diploma. In the wake of his widely publicized stand, the

student newspaper published a number of letters on the issue along with an editorial condemning the oath requirement. The school administration then proposed that social-study classes organize discussions and that English classes assign essays on the pros and cons of the "loyalty oath." Meanwhile, Antioch College in Ohio, announced it will accept Jahn's entrance application even if New York State denies him a diploma.

ADVICE TO THE ELDERLY - The following exchange appeared recently in "Senior Forum," a question-and-answer feature in the Dallas Morning News. Q. "You had a column the other day about a widow who wound up with \$154-a-month income. You advised her to settle for a \$40-a-month apartment. Where in the world do you think a woman can find a \$40 apartment?" A. "In the slums. On the second floor of a house in a small town. In an Arkansas farmhouse. One of the tragedies of the later years is that too many people have been led to believe that they have a right to the way of life they are accustomed to . . whether or not they still have the money for it."

THEY KNOW THEIR BOY - When Senate majority leader Lyndon Johnson recently addressed a gathering of wealthy Texans, the Dallas Morning News observed: "Although his speech was politically 'liberal' and his audience heavily 'conservative,' Johnson received a standing ovation after his talk."

"THE KILLER" — Answering questions about the meaning of his play, "The Killer," avant-garde writer Eugene Ionesco leveled a blast at capital punishment. Referring to the case of Caryl Chessman, he said: "If the social machinery wishes to kill those who have ceased to do evil, it is Society that becomes the killer, it is Society that becomes unforgivable, because in doing that it justifies the apparition of enemies of Society; it prepares new killers."

TOUGH HOEING ON SOME FARMS-After listening to speeches at a conference sponsored by the University of Arkansas' department of agricultural economics, an Associated Press writer concluded that "farming is now a big business and it has to be financed like big business. . . . The little guy apparently faces tough hoeing." Speakers at the conference pointed out that it takes capital investment of \$30,000 to \$100,000 to operate a farm returning an annual income of about \$3,500. This income presupposes that a farm family performed all the labor itself. The cost of hired labor would otherwise have to come out of the \$3,500.

THE BRIGHT SIDE - Commenting on organized burglary by Chicago policemen, comedian Mort Sahl points out that at least in that town an introverted kid can play cops and robbers by himself.

lanta University, and S. E. newsmen: Saxena of New Delhi, India. "That w "That was quick, wasn't it?

William E. Brodie is the grad- That's the way it's going to be tial victories were won by the uate student. The three had planned to at- to put up with that sort of thing Va., four drug stores in the

tend the spring meeting of the in Birmingham." Southeastern section of the The ten students were con-Mathematical Association of victed of "trespassing," fined counters, but downtown dime-America on the basis of the as- \$100 and jailed for six months. store chains and department sociation's national policy for- The Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth, bidding racial discrimination. In fighting leader of the Birming-

addition, Dr. Cross had been ham integration movement and Frankfort, capital of Kentucky, scheduled to deliver a paper to his associate, the Rev. Charles won service on an integrated Billups, were given the same basis at three of the stores.

## **Accident at Work Fatal To New York Socialist**

Abe Marco, a veteran of the revolutionary socialist movement, died in New York April 9, a victim of the capitalist system's indifference to the problems of working people. Abe was a sign painter by

trade, but failing vision made it difficult for him to obtain inside bench work in recent years. He was compelled to turn to scaffold work on outside signs — a job that is dangerous even for people with good eyesight.

About three weeks ago he was doing maintenance work on a sign atop the seven-story Klein department store building. Returning from lunch, he was securing his scaffold when he lost his balance and fell to the sidewalk. He esscaped instant death but his injuries were severe, and the hopes that he would recover proved unfounded.

Abe joined the Trotskyist movement in the early 1930's, and from the outset was an extremely hard-working and self-sacrificing builder of the Socialist Workers party. In 1953, however, he developed political disagreements with the party and left it with a faction led by Bert Cochran.

When the crisis shook the American Communist party following Khrushchev's attacks on the Stalin-cult, Abe became increasingly favorable to the SWP's efforts to achieve a regroupment of revolutionary socialists, and he renewed

Meanwhile, Easter-buying

bovcotts against Jim Crow

stores were launched in Geor

gia, Florida, Arkansas, South

Carolina, Virginia and Tennes-

see.

the labor leaders remain sub-During the week, several parservient.

The pretense of labor indefrom now on. We're not going sit-down actions. In Richmond, pendence is a grisly joke. Is it really necessary to wait until Chapel Hill section of the city AFTER the nominating convenagreed to desegregate their tions to "weigh" the voting records of the two capitalist parties and their candidates? Both stores refused to follow suit.

times.

again!

Initial sit-ins at 20 stores in

At the University of Texas in Austin, where about 200 Negro students are enrolled, campus demonstrations by Negro and white students won an administration promise for improved, political arm, COPE, is already integrated dormitory facilities circulating its own "Voting Recfor Negroes. ords of Prospective Nominees

Throughout the North, the for the Presidency. supporting movement continued its activity. In Columbus, Ohio, a mass rally of 5,000 Negroes and whites, called by the Columbus NAACP, pledged soli darity with the Southern fighters. In New York, the Urban League joined in calling for a boycott of Woolworth's and other Jim Crow chains and the Congress of Racial Equality announced that it had begun distribution of a million cards pledging a boycott of Wool-

### Aid to "Free World"

South Korea received me U.S. aid (\$293 million) any other foreign count 1959. Turkey, in second got \$172 million. Both are states.

man's, 325 East Seventeenth Sf. Dr. Rubinstein, whose national have been weighed and found lecture tour took her to 30 cities wanting. Not once, but many and 18 campuses, will report on "the pulse of the country." Fri-As the labor-Democratic party day, April 22. Toasts at 5:30 coalition becomes more discredp.m. and dinner at 6:30. Conited the need for deception betribution, including dinner, \$1.50. comes greater. While pretend-. . . ing to go through the motions of CELEBRATE MAY DAY! "weighing" the records of the nominees the official AFL-CIO

Sunday, May 1, 8:00 p.m. at Hotel Albert, 23 East 10 Street. Hear the Socialist Workers party candidates:

• Farrell Dobbs, presidential nominee, just (returned) from Cuba.

• Myra Tanner Weiss, now in the South.

**Guest Speakers:** 

Conrad Lynn, Civil Rights attorney; Fred Mazelis, staff of Young Socialist; Elinor Ferry, Muriel McAvoy, William Price, former administrative committee members of United Independent-Socialist Committee. Contribution \$1; Students, 50

What then is all the hokum cents.

about meeting after the con-Auspices: N.Y. State Commitventions to "weigh" the rec- tee for Dobbs and Weiss. N.Y. ords? The records have been Students for Dobbs and Weiss weighed and the choice has been 'Committee.

U.S. aid (\$293 million) than any other foreign country in 1959. Turkey, in second place, got \$172 million. Both are police states.	local D	irectory
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#### NEW YORK Attend an informal welcome

home dinner for Dr. Annette T.

Rubinstein, sponsored by a com-

mittee of friends, at the Weiss-

## sympathetic ties with the SWP.

from a somewhat unusual quarter. In his youth he was on'e of the city's ranking amateur ping-pong players. In the course of competition, he met a young Trotskyist enthusiast of the game who won him over to the socialist viewpoint. his talents as a sign painter at

strike, they could always rely on Abe to contribute picket

signs for the union. During the war years, he sailed in the merchant marine as a member of the Seafarers International Union, and for a period he was on the submarine-infested run to Murmansk. He won the same respect and affection from his shipmates as he had from his comrades and his fellow workers in the sign-painting trade.

There was a good reason for this. He was a socialist in the fullest sense of the word. He loved his fellow men and was as warm, kind and generous a person as one could hope to meet.

Abe came to the movement Abe was always glad to put

the service of the party. His posters and banners decorated the party headquarters and the meeting halls at party rallies. When the SWP organized a giant anti-Nazi-Bund demonstration in front of Madison Square Garden in

1938, it was Abe who painted the posters bearing anti-fascist slogans. Wherever his comrades were involved in a

worth stores.