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Auto Group Calls For "30-for-40" **Urges Nationwide Conference**

Of AFL-CIO in Fight for Jobs DETROIT, Dec. 19 - The immediate calling of a national conference of all AFL-CIO unions to fight for the 30-hour week at 40-hours pay, and to formulate a

Socialist Slate the new Congress, was proposed here last week by the National Wins Gains in **Toronto Race**

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The Toronto municipal election Dec. 5 was the most fruitful one for socialists in a decade. contested for mayor and controller while the Young Socialist Alliance ran an effective ward gotiations in 1961. campaign for the Board of Edupress they got on radio and TV for the first time and aroused an and support for their campaign. Ross Dowson, SEL candidate for mayor, polled 1,656 votes in a contest heavily stacked against taken by the UAW executive him.

Alan Harris, SEL nominee for controller, won 14,674 votes. John Darling, YSA candidate for board of education, received 6.043 votes, 21 per cent of the total cast in the ward.

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

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

Memorial Held For Skoglund

NEW YORK - A memorial meeting for Carl Skoglund was

united legislative program for the new Congress, was proposed Committee for Democratic Action in the United Automobile Workers union.

The proposal was made in the form of a letter by NCFDA Chairman Eugene Hoffman to Walter Reuther and the UAW international executive board, which was holding a meeting in Detroit. The letter also out-The Socialist Educational League lined a program of action to mobilize the UAW membership in preparation for contract ne-

The NCFDA has been active cation. While they were hit by all year popularizing the need a news blackout in the daily for the 30-hour week, which has been gaining support from UAW locals as unemployment encouraging amount of interest has grown. Its letter was sharply critical of the Reuther leadership because "no action other than lip service has been board. . . . Certainly your share-

the-profits plan is not a full employment plan. A share-thework plan is the only practical road to full employment."

Convention Instructions

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

"No action has been taken, or educational effort made, to comply with these instructions of the convention. Actually the question of the shorter work week has been avoided, even when Presi-dent-elect Kennedy reaffirmed his opposition to a shorter

work week at the Steelworkers convention during the recent campaign." Asking the UAW leadership to "seriously consider the facts of life," the NCFDA presented

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



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

Teachers Pay Cut Off Criminal Action By Louisiana Racists Urged Against As the New Orleans crisis of corted her daughter through the Tenn.' Racists

As the New Orleans crisis of corted her daughter allocation and token school integration en-tered its sixth week Dec. 19, the Mr. Gabrielle was fired from his ready living in roadside tents, racist-controlled Louisiana state job as a gas-meter reader for legislature cut off the salaries refusing to retreat from his pro-filed suit in two Tennessee of all the city's teachers. The integration stand. The police move aimed at forcing the closing of the two previously allprotection

white schools now being attended by four Negro children. A possible way out for the New Orleans school board came North Providence, R.I. when an heiress offered a half Mr. Gabrielle told news-

million dollars to help meet the "We want people to men, know how the minority has Meanwhile, eight white chilpoisoned people's minds. It's dren continued to attend the the ignorance of the minor-Frantz school with the lone Ne-

ity that caused it all." gro child enrolled there. The Mrs. Gabrielle said she was three other Negro children were "happy to be in Rhode Island, was filed Dec. 14 against 82 still alone at McDonogh school. but I hate to leave New Orleans. defendants in Fayette county, Two new white children en- That was my home. I hope that including more than 45 landtered Frantz as one was forced

the hate mob.

gration.

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the federal government has failed to provide them adequate Jan. 1 eviction of 700 Negro tenant farmers who dared to So they finally packed up and register at the polls. Hundreds

> ganized racist boycott. The Negroes involved say the civil suits are not enough to stop the racists, who should be hit with federal criminal actions.

A Justice Department suit

Steel Production Plunges to Lowest Since the Thirties

Bares Truth **About Crisis** In Caribbean

THE MULTANT

Remember how Eisenhower tect" the dictators in Nicaragua

and Guatemala from being overthrown by "Communist" forces inventory now over the one-milfrom abroad? Here is how Rich- lion mark auto producers are Laos Dictator ard Dudman, in the Nov. 27 St. welcoming the holiday shut-Louis Post-Dispatch, describes the true facts about what happened in the two Central Amercan countries:

Nov. 11 was made by a group ment. Unemployment is now of about 10 sons of wealthy leaders of the Conservative opposition. They had taken part in an abortive uprising a few months before and were said to be smarting from taunts that

they had failed to fire a shot.

"The group, armed with submachine guns, took over Guardia Nacional headquarters at Jinotepe and Diriamba, 25 miles south of Managua, and ambushed government reinforcements arriving from Managua, killing 11 guardsmen and wounding nine others....

"A gang of perhaps 200 memgroup, knowing something was brewing, helped out by seizing briefly the central telephone and along with their six children re- of, Negro farmers who own telegraph office and a radio staturned to their former home in their own land and a number tion in Jinotepe. By the next of Negro businessmen are also morning the government had rebeing starved out by an orgained control. "The closest thing to evidence

of Castro's participation were a

were crudely fashioned and ap- sands will never again find emwhether by the conservative ule.

Corporations Decide to Stop Announcing Rate of Capacity By Tom Kerry

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

The hoped for rise in steel demand by the auto industry

failed to materialize. With car down.

The slump in steel and auto, those sensitive barometers of the those sensitive barometers of the health of the economy, is reflected in the rise of unemploy-"In Nicaragua, the outbreak of ment and part-time employnearing the five-million mark The number of workers on short weeks is estimated at close to

> both categories is upward. Heads in Sand

The steel barons have a rather unique solution for the problem Laos." of growing unemployment in the industry. They propose to discontinue, after Jan. 1, the publication of figures showing the rate of operation in the steel industry. This is on the theory that what the people don't see they can't know — and what they don't know can't hurt bers of a pro-Castro youth them! It's more commonly

known as the "ostrich policy." Some time ago the United Steelworkers union published igures showing that the industry can operate at 40 percent capacity and still make a profit. Technological advances in the process of steelmaking have sharply increased productivity. few red and black flags and Today more than half the force the counter-revolution.

banners found afterward in the is partially employed or totally military post at Jinotepe. They unemployed and tens of thou-

peared to have been made lo- ployment in the industry under headed by Kong Le appealed cally, but there is disagreement the current weekly work sched- for help in their difficult They have struggle. The same process of mechani- aid from Communist-led guerzation and automation is being rilla forces. Last week the press introduced throughout the whole reported that they had received of the American economy with some arms from the Soviet In Guatemala, the trouble be- similar effect. Millions of work- Union, including a few heavy gan Nov. 13 with an attack by ers are being squeezed out of the pieces of artillery. But there were other reports that Soviet material aid from workers. Chronic unemployment | Soviet forces is pitifully meager. However, that may be, the acteristic feature of American Soviet Union charged Washsocial life. ington with intervening in the What we are witnessing tointernal affairs of Laos. The day is a merging of the State Department response streams of "conjunctural" and was in essence "You're an-"structural" unemployment. It other!" is estimated that the peak will Meanwhile the conflict bebe reached in February when ween the contending forces in the number of unemployed Laos appears to have developed may reach seven million. It into a civil war in which the would be folly for the labor counter-revolutionaries are inmovement to wait until then tent on establishing a naked before taking effective action. dictatorship completely depend-Now is the time for the AFL ent on Washington for arms and CIO tops to call a nationwide finances.

Fits State Dept. "The forces of pro-American

counter-revolutionary Gen. Phoumi Nosavan were in control of Ventiane after two days of fighting which set buildings in the administrative capital ablaze. . . . General Phoumi is

Deputy Premier in a regime now recognized by the United States as the legitimate government of

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

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

In Washington there wa ubilation over "the breather," for it was not necessary to write off the \$300.000.000 of American tax-payers' money that has been poured into Laos to shore up

Appeal for Help

The revolutionary forces accepter

two million. And the curve in

held here Dec. 18.

The principal speaker was Farrell Dobbs, national secre- sorb the unemployed auto tary of the Socialist Workers workers. party and a close friend and associate of Carl's since the days when they shared in the leadership of the Minneapolis Teamsters' strikes.

The meeting also heard Sherry Finer of the Young Socialist Alliance, who knew Carl from childhood on, and a veteran Minneapolis unionist who was win the shorter week. first introduced to socialism by Carl. Fred Halstead was chair-

He read messages to the meeting that arrived from Socialist including corporation-paid hos-Workers branches and from pitalization and insurance; low-Carl's comrades and friends across the country.

[See pages two and three for articles about Carl Skoglund.]

vention (April 26-28) to make the 30-hour week at 40-hours pay the No. 1 demand in the 1961 negotiations. (3) Immediate steps to eli

minate speed-up. (4) Organize the unemployed to help stop overtime work and (5) Submit to the referendum vote of the entire membership

a list of basic contract demands, beginning with 30-for-40, and ering of retirement age to 60; increase in SUB payments and

full coverage for the entire (Continued on Page 3)

Uphaus, Pauling Urge New Spirit of Militancy

By William A. Price

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

and said:

ing.

"We have to bring our

bodies as well as our minds

and our principles into the

struggle. We need an extra

all-outness in 1961. This is

our mission. This is our call-

Dec. 15 Bill of Rights dinner

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

Dr. Uphaus, imprisoned in demonstrations in support of of the Congo headed by Premier virtual solitary confinement for his stand against informing on Patrice Lumumba, Mr. Ham-12 months, was released from the guests of the World Felthe Merrimack County Jail, Bos- lowship camp in Conway, N.H., armed forces to their aid." which he directs. He recalled cawen, N.H., Dec. 13. Two days later he told 1,000 New Yorkers: front of the ancient brick jail

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

A year ago Dr. Uphaus had ties Committee. On the same come to New York to find all but a few organs of opinion who has refused to give the closed to him. (See the Militant, committee the names of scien-Jan. 4, 1960.) In the intervening months, however, his imprisonment had become a sym-(Continued on Page 2)

minate all overtime schedules to drop out. (The other absence and get additional shifts to abwas unaccounted for.) The drop out was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James (2) Ask the special UAW con-

Gabrielle who were finally forced to leave town after taking a heroic stand against the

payroll.

racists. From the opening day Negro children who had to face of school Mrs. Gabrielle es-



NEW YORK, Dec. 19 - Daniel H. Watts, chairman of the Liberation Committee for Africa, charged the U.S. and Belgium and their NATO partners with trying to carry out a thoroughly racist policy in the Congo, in Algeria, and elsewhere in Africa

beings and in the United Nations. "Unfortunately," Watts said, 'UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold appears to have become caught up in this policy.

One has only to hear Hammarskjold maintain he has no mandate to use force in the Congo when African and Asian UN personnel in the Congo are molested and abused, by mem-

bers of the armed gang headed by Joseph D. Mobutu, the U.S. and Belgian puppet in Leopolddangered by forces still loyal to

thugs.

vote."

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

Kennedy

By Tom Kerry

Watts urged the immediate reist is surely getting gypped. a 24-hour vigil in the rain in lease of all political prisoners in the Congo, particularly that of

in which he was imprisoned Premier Lumumba, who was yer on-the-make. He was picked a bonanza for ambitious lawpublicly abused by Mobutu's Richard Gibson, secretary of the Liberation Committee for Africa, warned against U.S. racism. "These white Americans in the UN who brag that they are defending democracy every Dr. Uphaus was addressing a where in the world," he said, "nevertheless had the disgusting of the Emergency Civil Liber-effrontery to vote against the movement.'

The CIO never recovered resolution that would have perplatform, Dr.' Linus Pauling, mitted the Algerian people to determine their own future and

integration succeeds. I still be- owners, two dozen merchants lieve in the principle of inte- and one bank. A similar suit was filed earlier in neighboring

Meanwhile, Ellen Steinberg Haywood county. of New York, who offered \$500.-The campaign of economic 000 to the school board with the victimization was opened last understanding that it might not summer when a boldly orbe returned, paid tribute to the ganized drive by the Negroes

in the area won voting rights for 1,400. "I realize I could never be The federal application for an able to put myself in their injunction charged that in adplace," she told the New York dition to the evictions, coercive "I couldn't even try." psychiatric social worker cluded refusal to sell them

training, Miss Steinberg goods for cash or credit, refusal added: "Perhaps it is not the to renew various types of insurchildren who are the real suf- ance policies and refusal to proferers. Those who jerred and vide goods and services to Nespit are the ones in shackles. gro merchants.

They are loaded down with The skepticism of the Negro bigotry and prejudice. How can community about the federal they possibly be free human action was reported in a Dec. 10 dispatch to the Philadelphia

Explaining why she offered Tribune. The dispatch said: the money, which the school "Negro leaders say that a lawboard says it is considering acsuit filed by federal officials in cepting, she said: "I get so im- Haywood county has not had patient with all of the destruc- much effect in stopping the boytive pettiness that goes on in cott. What is needed is crimthis world. If everybody would inal action for violating the invest more in people instead rights of American citizens. of things, we'd all really be Letters to that effect to the Demuch happier. It's time we partment of Justice, Washinglearned to love one another." | ton, D.C., are in order.'

rebels or by the national guardsmen as fabricated evidence. . . .

Like a Comic Opera

unior army officers on Army productive process to swell the headquarters in Guatemala City, growing number of unemployed The raiders quickly withdrew to the provincial city of Azacapa is once again becoming a char

and the Caribbean port of Puerto Barrios. President Ydigoras moves against Negro voters in- personally directed a three-day aerial attack to retake the cities. "Ydigoras later suspended the newspaper El Imparcial because its publisher reported from Puerto Barrios that the whole incident there was like a comic

opera and that the rebels could have been put down by two truckloads of soldiers instead of the \$1.000,000 air attack. Other observers tended to support the newspaper account."

Next Week The issues involving the **Cuban Electrical Workers**

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

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

mises. **Rewards Arthur J. Goldberg**

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

> vising, counselling, directing. Invariably the union lawyer identifies the interest of the union with that of the union officials.

Since the enactment of the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law the legal beagles are even more ment intervention in the inter-

eral and state regulation, exagencies were "too hastily terof the labor movement a happy hunting ground for lawyers. As counsel of the United general Steel Workers, special counsel

of the national AFL-CIO and chief counsel of the AFL-CIO decline was so marked that at advice, counsel and consent, no Industrial Union Department, Senate Internal Security Sub- they abstained when the Afro- the time of the merger with the important decision of union Goldberg's income is reportedly tripartite swindle.

The true measure of the man What commended Goldberg can be gauged by his shiftiness size and power of the rival dence at all union gatherings to President-elect Kennedy was on an issue of supreme import-

been beating the drums for the preaching the necessity for unestablishment of a permanent trammeled acceleration of the "National Council of Labor- process of automation and me-Management Advisers" based chanization. Because of mounton the wartime tripartite boards ing unemployment in the steel with an equal number of repre- industry the United Steel Worksentatives of labor, the em- ers has been calling for a reployers and the "public." duction in the work week to 32

Writing in the Sept. 15 is- hours by action of Congress. As sue of the Reporter, Goldberg lawyer for the USW Goldberg opined that the War Labor ostensibly supported the union Board and other such tripartite demand.

But, the following exchange minated." Workers old enough of question and answer with to remember the strikebreaking newspapermen at the time of WLB and its notorious "Little Kennedy's announcement that Steel Formula" under which he had named Goldberg as wages were frozen while the Labor Secretary is revealing. cost-of-living index skyrocketed, Q.-Mr. Goldberg, do you must shudder at lawyer Goldfavor a shorter work week as berg's plea for a return to the one of the answers to this automation problem?

A.-I think, inevitably, we (Continued on Page 2)

rooms with the union brass, ad-One of the by-products of the union-busting Taft-Hartley law

From the beginning of his adopted in 1947 was to concareer Goldberg has been a law- vert the union movement into up by Philip Murray in 1948 yers. Goldberg became a labor when Saint Philip was prepar- lawyer at about that time. With ing to split the CIO. Goldberg increased government control in evidence than before. Govern-

first achieved prominence, and regulation of the unions Kennedy stated when he an- the labor lawyers became key nal affairs of the unions, fednounced the appointment, as figures in union affairs. The "the main instrument for pre- multiplicity of labor laws gave panding state control, has made paring the way to expel those the union lawyer extraordinary

unions which had become power. Not only in negotiations dominated by the Communist but in all fields of union ac-

tivity. The labor lawyer became the from that split. Its subsequent legal expert without whose Asian resolution calling for an AFL in 1955 a decided shift policy was made. The union over \$100,000 a year.

tists who helped him circulate end to colonialism came to a had taken place in the relative lawyer became much in evi-

union.

Page Two

In Memory of Carl Skoglund

"What's Your Problem?"

By V. R. Dunne

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

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

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

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

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

Helped Found CP

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

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

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

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

Carl Skoglund was a worker

Calendar

Of Events





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

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

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

ence as well as philosophy. He Skogie was a party man uninternationalist through and was discussing with his friends der all circumstances. In the and comrades the probability of early railroad shop crafts strikes, man probing outer space long which were long drawn out and before the modern science-fic- bitterly fought, Carl was a lead-

tion writers appeared on the ing figure. However, he always scené. Aside from the mass move- party. ment, his active interest was

make Minneapolis a union town, Carl was an outstanding leader and fighter.

like to bury his memory and his record. These can never be ex-

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

All of his comrades pay tribute to Carl for his great work. But we honor his memory chiefly because he was an exemplary revolutionist. He never wavered when a question of principle was at issue. He was expelled from the

Communist party with that small band who chose to march smirched the banner of revolutionary Marxism. He was a founding member of our party and a member of our National Committee.

Threat of Deportation

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

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

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

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

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

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

The smiling companion and lovable comrade Skogie has gone. We will miss him much more than we can say.

found time to consult with the We do have this bit of consolation. He died where he In the big upheavals and wanted to be, in his adopted mainly in education, in classes strikes that the truck drivers country, and in a final friendly Marxist who attained a rather which studied Marxism, discus-high level of intellectual devel- sion circles and organized Northwest in the struggle to rades.

'A Strategy Flexible as ader and fighter... "It Was Bold"

Carl Skoglund was a key punged. The thousands of union- leader of the militant organiza-

> attracted special attention because the principal leaders of the truck drivers were avowed revolutionary socialists, prominent figures in the American Trotskyist movement.

"American City," a book written by Charles Rumford Walker in 1936, gives a vivid sociological account of why and how the with Trotsky against Stalin, who Minneapolis drivers union made betrayed the revolution and be- its impact on history.

In his final chapter, Walker writes: "The most striking characteristics of the economic revolts in the Northwest recounted in this biography are their freshness, their effi-

ciency, and their Americanism. The leadership adhered to what might be termed the 'principles' of militant class struggle everywhere. "But they gave to those principles imaginative adaptation to the American scene. Analyzing the weight of class forces in a particular state and city, they invented a strategy as flexible as it was bold to achieve practical success. The durable nature of their sims and methods, long after the initial militancy of revolt, is a matter of public

record." The following are excerpts from American City about Carl Skoglund. * * *

Innumerable official biographies, personal memoirs, and public-school histories have made familiar to Americans the lives of the chief empire builders. Little or nothing has been written or preserved of the lives of individual rank-and-filers. The Paul Bunyan saga is a collective folk tale of an epoch, but there is little else. I shall tell

briefly the story of one typical buck private in the imperial army as related by himself. He was a Swede named Carl who

came directly from the old counry to Minnesota toward the end of the Golden Age.

a'serf.

He is alive today at the age of truck drivers' union in Minneapolis. Carl came from one of

> native country. His father was A husky young immigrant in papers."

his twenties when he arrived,

Carl started his American life in for how can this country stand if Skoglund's the railroad camps of Northern Minnesota, helping to lay ties for the Northern Pacific. The

Notebook of an Agitator

The Man Who Had No Papers

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

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

Nobody told Skogie that he had made a mistake, and he didn't ask. He arrived on these shores in 1911, and finding the gates open, just walked in. He has been travelling around the 48 states for 43 years without proper identification papers. This sort of thing couldn't go on forever.

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

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

The record showed further that he had been a labor agitator, strike leader, Socialist, Communist, and general troublemaker, kicking and complaining all the time about the way things are run in this country. That was bad enough, for every right-thinking American knows that things couldn't be better. But while the official head-shakers were shaking their

heads over the long list of bad reports about the man under investigation, they accidentally stumbled over a still more suspicious dereliction. In ransacking the voluminous files of the Immigration Department, the Department of

Justice, the FBI and the local constable, they found plenty of incriminating reports. But there was one thing they couldn't find. That was any definite proof that the subject of their inquiry had any legal existence whatever. There was no birth certificate, no entry permit, no passport, no certificate of naturalization. Nothing at all.

Tagged in Bright Red Ink

By the absence of any proof to the contrary, they established the fact that "Skoglund, Carl," who was standing right there before them, had no legal right to be there, or any-

where else. Officially, he was not in this coun-50, an active member of the try and never had been. He stood before his inquisitors naked, without an identification paper to his name. Nevertheless, they had to the most backward parts of his tag him some way. So they just wrote down on the cover of the dossier, under the name of "Skoglund, Carl," in bright red ink: "Has no

This was an absolutely intolerable situation,

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

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

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

A Living Exemplar

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

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

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

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

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

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

- James P. Cannon



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a shorter work week. Our prob-

"put our people back to work so that we can produce all that Welcome Home reception for we need and all that the free (96th St. Station, Ind. Subway.) adopting the program that \$2 contrib. includes buffet. Ausp. President-elect Kennedy has Independents and Socialists for advocated in his campaign, and

I am sure, as he will advocate to the Congress of the United

for getting these unemployed What is on "The Conscience of back to work? Nothing more

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

Skoglund's seventieth birthday celebration. One of the central the more he made for himself. leaders of the 1934 strikes, "Mick" Dunne was a very close friend and comrade of Carl's. He died April 30, 1958.]

When the pines of Minnesota felt the weight of Skoglund's might, The men who worked in Bunyan land knew his words were right. He told them of a new bright world and the right of common man: Many bowed their head to fate, but Skoglund had a plan. Though life had dealt him many blows, Skoglund stuck around; That man from Minnesota was a Swede they couldn't down.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

nook man, riding the logs and driver, and for nine years, up may have a place in "the hisstores, or cashable for a fee at a keeping them in place as they to the time of the Minneapolis tory" of empire. company railroad office. To Carl the two things that

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

ty to "answer back" in English. ated on without an anesthetic.

"The foreman in the camps His constitution pulled him had autocratic powers. [This through but he lay in bed for strikes in the trucking industry was as late as 1912.] Anything nine months. The company paid broke out in Minneapolis. As a reader knows, he had a strong he told us to do, we had to do it. him \$170. If he shot anybody, that was al-Recovered and having learned right. I couldn't talk English to English, he got an inside job as factures to an agricultural em-organizer and political revoluhim. But, of course, when you a checker for the Pullman Comcouldn't stand it any longer you pany in Minneapolis, then in return, transportation is a inference, Carl had not been too could fight - that can be under- worked himself into the me- strategic key to the city's com- successful in organizing the stood in any language. Or you chanical department, qualifying mercial life. And in the third truck drivers in Minneapolis. decade of the twentieth century could quit. There was always in 1919 as a first-class mechanic.

This was a good job and he an important share of that transwork down the line — in those days. You'd pack up your little kept it until the great railroad portation went to the motor stuff in a bundle and walk, 30 strike in 1922. He had been a truck. The strikes of truck drivmiles or so to the next camp." | member of the shopmen's union ers, which succeeded in paralyz-

ally change them. As historians In a year or two he drifted are fond of pointing out, the into the coal yards as a truck most trivial of personal episodes were "steam skidded" out of the truck drivers' strike in 1934, he One morning in the fall of worked as a "coal heaver" for 1933. Carl Skoglund a truck the same boss. His career from driver, was told by his employer

Skoglund was the typical Scandinavian immigrant whose In the spring of 1934 two life we sketched briefly in a

preceding chapter. As the distribution center dispensing prediliction for unions and by her own and other cities' manu- 1933 he had become both a labor pire and receiving food products tionist of record. In spite of the But-

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

Yes, Count

Uphaus, **Pauling Urge New Spirit of** itancy

from Page 1) | necessity of people overthrow- the day before Congress opens on in a time of oppression un- haus and Dr. Pauling as they n petitions, said: ing them by violence," he add- to press for abolition. ient on nuclear ed, "I am against force and so close that the violence, but I am a realistic int to stop it are pacifist. There are too many ler than ever. oppressive governments and we

ne greatest threat need to get rid of them." iberties and this Although Dr. Pauling did not the in the world. invoke the Second Amendment bcommittee is a in his plea for action here, the e Senate and to need for a mobilized public was ites and it ought clear. He called for new efforts

There are people to abolish the House Committee big victory if we settle down going. Part of it fountainhead of the witch-hunt. profits. The fi-"Here in New York you have st is important to

colonialism. Dr. n ancestors were committee come up." and recalled He spoke in support of pro-

House committee will speak.

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

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

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

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

too. An organization fighting ing of Supreme Court Justice These two committees are for peace will go down to de- Hugo Black, who said last also planning a rally on Dec. feat unless it fights for civil lib-27 at 8 p.m. at the Carlton erties at the same time." Terrace, 99th St. and Broad-Both Dr. Uphaus and Dr. way at which Frank Wilkin-Pauling, who have fought for son and Carl Braden, both years for peace in the world, facing a year's imprisonment

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"I think it is time for all

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

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

penitentiary at Sandstone, Minn. They served 13 months of

their 16 months sentences. In the front rank march Vincent

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

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Guilty of Dangerous Thoughts

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"30-for-40" Needed Now

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

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

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

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

The obvious answer, so obvious that even steel union president David J. McDonald is compelled to recognize it, is the reduction of the work week with no reduction in pay. Because of the deep-seated American tradition, most labor statesmen give lip service to the demand for a reduction of the work week.

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

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

Walter Reuther, head of the United Automobile Workers, has often played that law since the notorious Alien & game with the 30-for-40 demand. As have so many of the other labor statesmen. In view of this record it is encouraging to see that the rank-and-file oppositions in both auto and steel have correctly advanced the struggle for the 30-hour week at 40- American Civil Liberties Union hours pay as central to their programmatic fight.

When Carl Skoglund . was called upon to make a farewell peech in Minneapolis on Dec. 28, 1943, at a banquet given in nonor of the 18 leaders of the Socialist Workers party and Motor Transport Workers union, Local 544, convicted under the antilabor Smith "Gag" Act, his remarks were brief but prophetic:

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

in turn, placed in the dock and hounded into prison. Although tardy in learning their lesson they later did change their position on defense of all working-class victims of the witch-

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

The Smith Act was adopted in 1940, after the outbreak of World War II. It was the first Sedition Laws of 1798 to make thinking and the expression of opinion a federal crime.

The AFL and CIO opposed its enactment and stigmatized it as an anti-labor measure. The pleaded with President Roosevelt to veto the Smith Act because it violated the Bill of

Minneapolis trade-union move-Rights. Its author, Howard W. Smith of Virginia, gained his izers of the SWP played a leadnotoriety as a savage foe of ing role in Truckdrivers Local labor, civil liberties and civil 544. It was under the guidance

Although Roosevelt vetoed that Minneapolis became transthe measure, his administration formed from one of the foremost applied little or no pressure to open-shop cities in the U.S. to a delegation strongly organized union town. have the veto sustained and the Because of the militant policy ceiver over the union, with ab-Smith Act became law by acion of a reactionary majority of the leaders of Local 544 they solute powers, including the

in both houses of Congress. came repeatedly into collision power to expel any union mem-This was the weapon that with Dan Tobin, bureaucratic ber.



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Carl was a truly great and lished by the Socialist Workers

Skoglund (right). Others in the march included Farrell Dobbs, a key figure in the great organizing drives of the Teamsters union, a num-

non. Immediately behind them are Oscar Coover and Carl

ber of well-known leaders of the Minneapolis Truckdrivers Union Local 544-CIO, and prominent leaders and members of the Socialist Workers party.

thead of the International Local 544 rejected this pro-Brotherhood of Teamsters and posal and at a regular meman influential labor figure in the bership meeting held on June Democratic party. With the out-9, 1941, attended by some 4,000 members, a practically unanbreak of the war in Europe and imous vote was taken to dis-Roosevelt's preparation to inaffiliate from the AFL and volve this country the clashes join the CIO. with Tobin became more acute.

1941) The conflict came to a head in Tobin immediately called This was followed by raids on June 1941 when a committee of pon President Roosevelt for the headquarters of the Socialhelp. As a member of the Demo- ist Workers party in Minnement. Members and sympath- Local 544 leaders was summoned cratic party's National Commit- apolis and St. Paul, indictments to appear before a meeting of tee and head of the Democratic and arrests of 29 members of the the Teamsters International Executive Board in Washington, party Labor Committee in the SWP and of the newly formed of this union and its leadership D.C. to answer charges of "radi-1940 election, Tobin saw eye to Motor Transport and Allied calism" filed against them. There eye with Roosevelt on the war Workers Industrial Union, Local

policy of the administration. Tobin demanded that the 544 544, CIO. **Roosevelt** quickly responded "request" his appointment of a dictator-reto the appeal of his friend, the 18 were convicted and sentenced union bureaucrat, faced with a to terms up to 16 months, among them Carl Skoglund who, as a membership revolt. Stephen · Early, Roosevelt's

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member of the SWP and leader press secretary, informed the of the Truckdrivers played a prominent role in organizing he union and carrying forward

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press: "When I advised the

President of Tobin's representa-

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to immediately have the Gov-

ernment departments and agen-

cies interested in this matter

notified." (N.Y. Times, June 14,

the struggle for socialism. The government took three weeks to present its case in the Minneapolis trial. Aside from For those of us who knew thoughts and actions pointed in the perjured "evidence" of government informers and stool pigeons the prosecution introduced into evidence over 150 "exhibits" consisting of official documents and articles pub-

The Santa Claus Boycott

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

"The Santa Claus boycott," says the Dec. 20, Wall Street Journal, "is the latest in a series of economic measures Negroes have adopted in their struggle for integration; it is aimed primarily at drug, variety and department store chains in the Deep South states of Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi." In the course of their heroic struggle against Jim Crow the Negro people have learned the effectiveness of the economic boycott. They have learned that the most



sensitive part of the white supremacist's anatomy-like that of his Yankee cousin in the North — is his pocketbook. "Hit them in the pocketbook," is the rallying cry of the Santa Claus boycott.

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

rights.

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

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

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

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

community of the Deep South the boycott is beginning to hurt.

And the unkindest cut of all is this most unique of all economic withdrawalsthe Santa Claus boycott.

Jim Crow Theaters Must Go!

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

The question now arises as to what course Actor's Equity can take in view tion for young people rebelling of the fact that the contract containing the against social injustice. existing clause has been signed. In the event the theater owners and producers never complained except about refuse to cooperate in amending the clause being forced out of the active and other theatrical unions refuse to join Actor's Equity in forcing the issue it promises to break through the narrow con- fight for what you believe, and fines of contractual relations and become try to practice what you preach. part of the general fight to overthrow Jim Crow in all fields.

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

"No Defense"

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

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

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

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

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

The party has lost a true and

devoted pioneer in whom the its tradition was embest of bodied. The working class has champion.

received at the memorial meet-

ing for Carl Skoglund in New

Carl himself would no doubt camp program. follow the example of Joe Hill, and say: "Don't mourn, but or-

nankind.' Hildegarde and Arne Swabeck Los Angeles

The world seems smaller, the human race is poorer without throw a question at him that Carl Skoglund. Inspired in his youth by the socialist ideal, his

life in turn becomes an inspira-He often experienced hardship and victimization, but he battle temporarily, because he lived the only kind of life worth living — the kind where you Detroit SWP

Comradely Carl Skoglund, big, capable, incorruptible, personified in his lifetime the his-Now a part of our heritage, Carl's example and abundant contribution to our movement continues to be for us an undying source of stimulation to geles. progress and confidence in our

Chicago SWP

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

well and thanks. **Cleveland SWP**

> We deeply mourn the passing of Carl Skoglund. His life-long life to furthering that ideology. ecord as a fighter for socialism He was wherever that struggle tion to carry on the struggle. Newark SWP

with history or — in the ditch cialist.

We

of us, both by the example of his own life and by his rich understanding and optimism

Carl used to kid about sharabout the future. ing his scientific knowledge with the youngsters at the Mountain lost a sterling fighter and Spring Children's Camp, but he can pay to Skogie's memory is years. Carl was always there.

knew as well as any of us how However, on such an occasion much he helped to carry our justify his confidence in us, by sadness. working even harder to build It was truly remarkable how the kind of a world that he

fought for so well and couldn't he studied and prepared for his ganize. Organize and build the lectures to the kids. He knew live to see **Detroit Young**

party, build for the future of that little science is given to lower grade children and he worked like the teacher of the future. He tried to help those It is hard to believe that the kids zoom into the realm of staunch fighter for workers' knowledge. And how proud he rights and a socialist America was when one of them would is gone. Carl leaves us a proud fradition and an example of unrevealed serious interest. flinching devotion to the cause

The most gratifying event of of workers' liberation. the season would be the closing campfire with Skogie on bench telling about man. To a hushed audience, full of hot dogs and chocolate cake, he told An inspiration and pleasure

those little tykes about the '34 to all who knew him. Though teamsters' strikes, about socialgone from our sight, our Car ism, sometimes a tale about will never be forgotten. himself. The kids, to show their love of man, sang Solidarity. **Pearl Spangler**

Philadelphia One more from the old guard

of class fighters and international working-class citizens has payment of expenses and costs We mourn the death of Carl gone. Let us bring the in-Skoglund, socialist warrior for spiring story of these men to over 50 years. Those who came the youth who now emerge in to know Carl well feel a pargrowing numbers to undertake ticular sense of loss. San Francisco SWP the task of principled struggle

in the American socialist move ment. The news of Carl's death saddened all of us here in Los An-

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

Whole growing older, he kept us all young recognized the validity of so

cialist ideas and dedicated his

required him to be; in railroad yards, driving a truck, in the this filthy society that we live unemployed organizations, in in today. His work represents the leadership of organizing the the continuity of Marxism from

was, "Either you are in touch times a thinking and acting so- today. He lived and acted like Los Angeles SWP a Marxist at all times. All his continued, "the steel strike last and congressional action."

fearless man who had the cour- party together with many of the age to live as he believed. Those best-known works by Marx, Enwho knew him and worked gels, Lenin and Trotsky. All to

with him were indeed fortunate, prove "conspiracy" to teach as was my privilege for 28 and/or advocate the "overthrow of the government by force or by redoubling our efforts to His passing leaves a numbing violence. Most of these works were clas-

sics translated into many lan-**Jack Maloney** guages and for public sale in countries throughout the world, We mourn Carl's passing. We including these benighted States remember his selfless devotion of America. Among them was and unflinching courage. They the Communist Manifesto, a clashave become a part of the basic

sic work translated into as many substance of our party. languages as the Bible and sold San Diego SWP publicly in about as many

Skogie was a very polite and enerous man. At times he was strict. But he was strict because he didn't want anything and neither government perto harm us. Skogie also gave us lectures on science every Thursday at children's camp. victory of the working class We will miss him very much. struggle for a new socialist

places. To his dying day Carl Skoglund remained true to the teaching of the great Marxist masters secution nor imprisonment could shake his faith in the ultimate

Jack and Kent Sanders world of peace, security and Oakland, Calif. plenty for all.



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

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

lative program for the incoming

Congress which will include the

above legislative program [pro-

"(3) Establish a united AFL-

CIO and all-inclusive labor

(1) Amend the wage-hour law "(1) Formulate a united labor provide the 30-hour week at program and utilize the entire 0-hours pay. resources of the AFL-CIO for (2) Lower retirement age to a determined campaign for jobs

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

andrum-Griffin. (5) Enact a federal civilights law. (6) Pass laws to improve

wages and other economic is-

sues to be reopened in the in-

On the legislative front, the

NCFDA urged the UAW to seek

he following program from

terim year.

Congress

housing, schools, hospitals, etc. (7) Tax cuts for working people (8) Jobs for the unemployed at trade-union wages. (9) Peace with disarmament.

strike fund, democratically controlled, which will guarantee the implementation of the united labor program through "Furthermore," the NCFDA immediate collective bargaining

posed for the UAW].

as an inspiration for he was a fine example of a worker who

Seattle SWP Carl's life represented to us

everything that was decent in

One of Carl's favorite sayings teamsters, in prison, and at all the Russian Revolution up to

"Skogie" will live on with us their classes in the university.

The best possible tribute we

THE MILITANT

responses than in any previous

ber of new regular readers

Ersatz Vanilla

Bowing to industry demands,

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

By Joseph Keller

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

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

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

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

McNamara, Republican and president of the Ford Motor Company.

ramification of corporations.

The appointee first made his

The American Way of Life





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

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

his

State."

Postmaster General J. Edward only person misinformed about -Secretary of the Treasury C. Day, vice president of the \$11- Kennedy. The American workthen Undersecretary of State in Even the Republican press is mold of Jefferson, Lincoln and Dobbs, she did. the Eisenhower administration. hard put to pick flaws in Ken- FDR."

President-elect and like him a capitalist interests. Walter Lipp- the next period is going to learn for Dobbs too. principal heir to one of the ten mann, political savant of the Re- that truth in its flesh and bones. But I leave greatest American fortunes, esti- publican New York Herald Kennedy's cabinet already sugpleted," candidly admits:

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

Girls Break Out of



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

Wanting to express my op- ist Labor party, which ran in 16 Eisenhower, it has been 'revealed, now regrets his great er- position to social injustice, war, states, were credited with 47,ror in judgment about Kennedy. recessions and racial oppression, 549 votes. The "Heard in Washington" I naturally did not vote for any [The UPI listed 39,692 votes column of the pro-Nixon candidates of the Democratic or for the SWP and 48,031 for the Scripps-Howard newspapers on Republican parties.

ticket of the Socialist Workers party, beginning with its Wisconsin.] dent-elect. The president's represidential candidate, Farrell Dobbs.

marks are directly quoted: "I didn't know this man [Kennedy] at all. I've been misinformed about him. I feel more comfortable now about the future of this nation." If Eisenhower still has any lingering regret that his candi- adopted that day.

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

stead, registered Republican Dil-How can I be so sure? Because I went to the coun-

lon [Kennedy's Treasury Secretary] probably would have been ty clerk's office and asked selection for Secretary of how many votes Dobbs had got in the 10th ward, 22nd But Eisenhower wasn't the precinct. The answer was

'None.' Douglas Dillon, son of the billion Prudential Insurance Co. ers were even more deceived. precinct who worked for many polled its best presidential vote I know another voter in this Read & Co. The new Treasury gregationist North Carolina and calculating, power-hungry, class- who campaigned actively for Secretary was chairman of Dil- former vice president of one of proud, supermillionaire Kennedy him from the first to the last as ambassador to France and ern textile plants — nonunion. eral," a political figure "in the body in this state voted for

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

But I leave them all aside. The point I am making here is

tion officials did not count it. I therefore accuse them of

no reason to think the Demo-votes for Erroll Banks, Con- legislation to come from our

If the Democrats and Repub-

By Harry Ring The 1960 socialist presidential vote represents an encouraging **Dobbs** vote represents an encouraging trend. A total of 87,723 votes

were cast for Dobbs and Weissof the Socialist Workers party and Hass and Cozzini of the Socialist On Nov. 8 I entered a church Labor party. It was the largest

174 votes in 12 state. The Social-

SLP. The discrepancy appears

Instead I voted for the due to transposition by the UPI of the SLP and SWP votes in For the SWP it was the big-

gest vote since it first contested I also voted against increas- for president in 1948.

ing the state sales tax and In that year, out of a total against holding an unrepresent- socialist vote of 182,271 Norman ative constitutional convention Thomas of the Socialist party re--two referendum measures ceived 139,414. The SWP polled

which unfortunately were 13,613 votes in 11 states. In 1952, the SWP vote dropped I don't know, if my votes to 10,312 and in 1956 it was

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

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

In Michigan, where the SWP founder of the Wall Street in- Secretary of Commerce Lu- They were told by most of the long weeks collecting petitions so far and won a higher vote vestment-banking firm of Dillon, ther H. Hodges, governor of se- union leaders that this cold, to put Dobbs on the ballot, and than any of the four other minor lon, Read & Co. before acting Marshall Field's largest South- was a "friend of labor," a "lib- day of the campaign. If any- American], these returns were

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

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

have not received returns for the SLP candidates in Michigan.) In Minnesota, Carl Feingold

Remember, I am talking drew 4,085 votes for U.S. Senabout just one little precinct. At least two, maybe four or five, Dobbs votes were stolen there. There are 5,075 precincts in gubernatorial candidate polled Escalator Clause

Jack Wright, Socialist Work- For the Aged ers candidate for governor of Washington, was officially cred- Editor:

ited with 992 votes. The aged, unlike the worker, Returns for the Pennsylvania is completely powerless to fight Puerto Rican prayer for a better Figure out for yourself how state SWP ticket have not yet the disastrous effects of inflation life. many votes were robbed if my been received. Nor has there upon his living standards. precinct is typical; and I have been a report of the write-in Yet there has been no effective

cats and Republicans counting the votes in my precinct are dif-ferent from those in other votes in other votes in aged to weather an economic votes in the elections in aged to weather an economic votes in the elections in the votes in the votes in the votes in other votes in other votes in other votes in the v

I am not suggesting that Dobbs would have been elected ______ The modest gains in the so-_____ I believe it is necessary

1960 S	ocialist	Presidential	Vote	SWP campaigners definitely knew that votes had been cast for Dobbs and Weiss, not a
	SOCIALIST WORKERS	SOCIALIST LABOR	TOTAL	single vote was reported in the official return. The SLP reports similar experiences.
Arizona		469	469 💊	Nevertheless, even the offi-
California		1,050	1,050	cial count is heartening. For the
Colorado	572	2,803	3,375	Dobbs-Weiss ticket, it reflected
Delaware		110	110	the growing desire for united so-
Illinois		10,560	10,560	cialist political action that was
Indiana		1,136	1,136	so impressively registered in the
Iowa	634	230	864	declaration of support to the
Massachusset	s	3,892	3,892	ticket by 65 prominent inde-
Michigan	4,347	1,718	6,065	pendents and unaffiliated social-
Minnesota	3,077	962	4,039	ists from New York to Califor-
Montana	391		391	nia.
New Jersey	11,402	4,262	15,664	These included such noted
New Mexico		570	570	figures as Vincent Hallinan,
New York	14,319		14,319	Dr. Otto Nathan, Rev. William
North Dakota	° 158		158	T. Baird, Warren K. Billings,
Pennsylvania	2,678	7,185	9,863	Conrad J. Lynn, Dr. Annette
Utah	100	•	100	T. Rubinstein and Rev. Joseph
Virginia		397	397	P. King.
Washington	704	10,895	11,599	Finally, the vote won for the
Wisconsin	1,792	1,310	3,102	Socialist Workers ticket by its hard - working campaigners,
TOTAL	40,174	47,549	87,723	proved to be but one expression of the gains registered for social-

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

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

However, some members means to bring their message to Tanner Weiss spoke to more auand supporters of these two the entire public. But the gen- diences and larger ones in this eral news blackout on socialist campaign than in any previous tendencies ignored the treachcandidates in the daily press ones and, particularly heartenerous advice to support capiand the absolute minimum of ing, these audiences included a talist politicians and voted socialist. Some of the votes cast for the a big part of the electorate from a big part of the solution of the interest displayed in cialist.

parties on the ballot [SLP, Tax socialist tickets were general learning that an effective means the campaign was not simply an Cut, Prohibition, Independent protest votes by people who was open to cast a protest vote election-time phenomenon is indon't subscribe to socialist 'be- against both Nixon and Ken- dicated by the significant numreported for statewide candi- liefs but correctly view both nedy.

It should also be noted that which the Militant gained. major candidates as unworthy of the vote officially credited to This sentiment was also registhe socialist tickets is not a Senator, 3,282; Evelyn Sell, for tered in the "abstention" complete one. lieutenant governor, 2,967; Larry column. According to official For example, in one Wisconsin Dolinski, for secretary of state, reports, 224,931 people across district where a recount was the Federal Food and Drug Ad-3,225; Rita Shaw, for attorney the country did not mark the made, 61 SWP presidential votes ministration has authorized the with financial holdings in a vast issue on "The Cabinet Com- less, antilabor capitalist gang have no possibility of a doubtfor treasurer, 2,679; Edith Gbur, ballot, yet voted for other can- been included in the first official cream. It also approved the use

In Ohio, where arbitrary peti- and Minnesota districts where bets.

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



J.A.

New York

part of the title. G.L.

New York

The Four P's

Editor:

When you see the photographed battle scenes of the last war

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

New York City lay prostrate private agency, run by the present population is 180-alunder its first winter storm, boards of directors of Protes- most double its capacity. A with 30-mile northwest winds tant, Jewish and Catholic chari- fire on Monday aggravated swirling the dry snow into a ties. It is a temporary jail for this overcrowding. blizzard, 17 young inmates of children already committed to But whatever the facts of the Bronx Youth House for "correctional" and custodial in-Girls overnowered their guard stitutions — prisons that is

Nations, the financial heart of

Girls overpowered their guard, stitutions — prisons, that is. cidental to the horrifying condi-

fraud.

Typical Thieves

holds the summits of political mine. I cast it for Dobbs. The elec-

> Michigan alone. I don't know 5,518 votes. how many hundreds of thousands there are in the country.

took his keys and escaped into the bitter cold. Most of them were dressed only in their shoddy uniforms.

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

When word seeped through problem which should be dealt for the rise in juvenile crime. the prison that all the girls had with by raising the standard of What then makes the parents licans don't hesitate to commit Renault auto plant when an been captured, rioting spread living to a decent level, or, if delinquent? Didn't the same fraud with the voters of a small electronic computer was used to and once again the cops were necessary, by psychiatric or society shape them? called.

It is reported that the police in a society which loves its chil- sacred, humanity expendable. It mit, in order to prevent a big cut back production, it fed It is reported that the police in a society which loves its chil- sacred, numanity expendable. It mus, in order to prove being purch cards summarizing the had their hands full — they dren instead of being afraid of is long past time to reverse that workers party from being punch cards summarizing the A New Year's Card were bitten, scratched and had them? Youth House was designed

their uniforms torn.

The inmates are girls from seven to 16 years old. Mark that, seven-year-old tots! In this whole sordid story, that is the single most shocking fact. "crimes" can seven-What

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, while Youth House for Girls is a to hold 105 inmates. Its

year-old babies be guilty of? the world — why do we treat Are they "dependent" children, our children with such cruelty? the richest capitalist country in What is a "juvenile delinmade wards of the state - disturbed babies already in revolt quent"? Is it the youth of to-

Is prison the answer to a sociologists blame the parents stolen, is this:

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

-Marvel Scholl power?

this country.

It Was Reported in the Press

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

tices [and] were considerably below the level desired." A government spokesman said polluted state of this country's that "up to now" no outbreaks streams as a "national dis-

traced to this type of food. oversee the work of assistant in- people." spectors." Which recalls a

Everybody is neatly tagged theft of \$25 worth of chicken "yes" and 87 per cent "no." either above him, or below him. feed. Kennard had previously a pension.

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

the Rockefeller Foundation to rumored to pay between \$50,000 Senate convenes in January, a States Attorney Institute that Department of Agriculture. wartime jargon."

Pollution — Describing the token battle."

of food poisoning have been grace," U.S. Surgeon General ports that 54 per cent of the their fellow man." Leroy E. Burney declared Dec. people queried in a study said

12: "It is tragic for the they would prefer their televi- Advance Warning - Dis-

paragraph from Pat Frank's Clyde Kennard, a Negro poul-novel, "Mr. Adam": "I recog-try farmer, was sentenced to swer to whether the opportunity Jim Cro nized Klutz as one of the public seven years at hard labor by a to see commercials was one of servants who has no equals. He Forest County, Miss., court on the reasons why people watch

He keeps his nose nestled close applied for, admission to the Job Opportunity - The Flori- Mallery declared: "This lawsuit

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

but for inadequate Democratic self, "I like the stern, Nordic support to make it more than a type of juror." He tends to avoid jurors of Jewish or Irish descent because, "I believe they TV Poll — A Gallup poll re- have too much compassion for

Definition - A West German world's richest, most powerful sion without advertising. How- covery of life on other planets Enraged workers stormed the official gave this definition of and most technologically ad- ever, 29 per cent were in favor. could lead to the collapse of lobby of the plant office, a railroad inspector: "Inspectors vanced nation to foul its own The remaining 17 per cent civilization as we know it, par- smashed windows and over- Puerto Ricans are civil servants assigned to the boolth of its withlighed month of the next the boolth of its withlighed month of the withlighed month. assist chief inspectors and to threaten the health of its published report, perhaps be- by a superior society," the Napublished report, perhaps be- by a superior society," the Na-cause they were in such a state tional Aernautics and Space to prevent them from getting Under Harassment

of commercial-induced stupor Administration warned in a 190- into the hall where the computer Editor: Contempt in Mississippi- that they couldn't answer. The page report prepared at a cost is kept.

Jim Crow Judge — In an has only superiors or inferiors. a charge of "agreeing to the TV. Thirteen per cent replied Seattle Negro couple against a Jim Crow cemetery, Washington Supreme Court Judge Joseph

under the coattails of those state's all-white Southern Uni- da State Employment Service is but an incident . . . in the above, and his feet firmly versity. Medgar Evans, NAACP has a job open for a sender for over-all Negro crusade to judiplanted on the heads of those field secretary, called the con- the inside of the cones of space cially deprive white people of underneath, and if he maintains viction a "mockery" of justice. missiles. The job pays \$3 to \$4 their right to choose their as-

Rights Fighters — Analyzing Public Defender — Cass curs. You may not be able to out in true sergeant-major style. said!) become Secretary of State, he the prospects for revision of County State Attorney Lyle do so for a day or two after- The lower ranks salute their of- He was told that he and his "The Militant," since in the pres- ism to socialism. will be giving up a job that is filibuster Rule 22 when the Huseby told the North Dakota wards." - The United States ficers and get battle briefings in friends, all of whom are veter- ent period the masthead sub-

tions which they revealed. Why if there had been an honest -in this largest city in the count; I know as well as any-**Robot Era** country, its boasted cultural one else that socialist voters center, the home of the United are still a small minority in **Hits Paris** What I am saying is that while they are a minority, they are more numerous than And Tokyo "the official vote" indicates.

And what I am thinking, as Robots, mechanical and huagainst this society — who can- day who is delinquent, or the I try to control the indignation man have been in the news in financial worries. As Senator not be placed in foster homes? society he was born in? Most I feel about my vote being France and Japan.

> protest was kicked up at the workers party, how far will they select 3,000 workers to be fired. When management decided to Still Time to Send

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

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

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

met with management to protest the electronic-age layoff, old-fashioned hell broke loose. your paper.

Battle Briefings

opinion on a suit brought by a bearing plant reported that it vote. Since 1949 he has been tary basis.

carried on like a battle cam- In 1949 he attended a "Free Editor: paign," said a Reuters dispatch. Puerto Rico" rally in Puerto Now that the Militant has New socialist states are coming 'The workmen dress in uniforms Rico. Shortly after, he and a more readers, due to the success into existence in Asia, Africa which closely resemble the old number of his friends were vis- of the subscription drive and the and Latin America.

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

they be given a program which would allow the amount of their not clear on the differences bepensions to rise or fall in relation to the cost of living.

Such a program would assure tical approach. our aged the economic security they are now denied under existing legislation.

It is our obligation to see to it that the aged are free from any Barry Goldwater so aptly put it:

In Paris, a storm of angry me when I'm old, I'll whale the Editor: tar out of them.'

D.M.T. Fresno, Calif.

the "magic brain." The cards Editor:

were said to contain such in- There is currently a move- hating gangsters in their mon-

At any rate, in a matter of mas card list. His address is: dren might administer better election, but nevertheless we Box 1000

While union representatives

Iowa City, Iowa

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

frauds.

A. C. Gregerson Filmore, Utah

ness of soul to brag. (Ours are

free elections.) Further, you for-

tify your political deviltry by

For illustration, consider your

any political question and to Time for a Change?

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