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of a deepening recession.

al policy."

January 5.

a paramount objective of nation-

the Wall Street Journal, Dec.

22, reports that the AFL-CIO

"is preparing to summon its

top command to an emergency

meeting," in Washington on

To make its pressure felt,



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Kennedy Course Chills AFL-CIO **Displays No Sign of Concern Over Continued Job Decline**

By Tom Kerry

It has been estimated that there will be some six million workers totally unemployed when the Kennedy administration takes office next month. In addition, several million will be on short work

Hear Wilkinson weeks at sharply reduced in-come. Union leaders who sup-And Braden at that there has been no sign from President-elect Kennedy that **New York Rally**

By William A. Price

"Like wildfire," Dr. Otto Nathan told 600 New Yorkers Democratic party campaign last week, "the fight to abolish the Un-American committee has spread throughout the country." "For the first time we are in

a political fight against this committee," Dr. Nathan continued. "We have appealed to the Supreme Court in the past in the hope that that court would abolish the committee, but this hope has not materialized. That is why we must fight

The WSJ considers this a "suron a political level, and our prise development." "Jubilant young people especially are over the Kennedy victory," it ready for this fight." adds, "the union leaders cancel-

Dr. Nathan spoke at a Dec. 27 ed their usual November meetrally in New York City or- ing, saying there was no need to ganized as a send-off for dele- meet until their regular Februgations scheduled to go to ary sessions in Miami Beach. Washington on Jan. 2 to demand The new Administration, it was the abolition of the House Com- felt, would be well aware of labor's wishes.' mittee on Un-American Activi-Now the labor statesmen are ties.

not so sure. Some of Kennedy's Busloads of students and adults are being organized his lack of response to appeals omy. jointly by the New York Counfor emergency antirecession accil to Abolish the Un-American tion, have planted the seeds of Committee and the Youth Comdoubt. While some of the union mittee to Abolish Un-American strategists feel that a special Committees (106 East 208 St., session is needed to put pressure phone OL 5-0252). on Kennedy others have some

Addressing the same group, Carl Braden, Louisville, Ky., integrationist facing a year's imprisonment if the Supreme Court upholds his contempt of Congress conviction for challenging the House committee in Atlanta, Ga., in 1958, accused the committee of fighting the integration movement and of

violating First Amendment postponing the meeting until

On Strike in Brussels ported his election are disturbed that there has been no sign from the new administration intends to take energetic measures to counter these immediate effects The AFL-CIO heads have been pressing for quick antirecession action in line with the platform which "reaffirms its support of full employment as

As demonstrations continued to widen and grow more militant throughout Belgium, strikers assembled in front of Socialist party headquarters in Brussels for a meeting Dec. 27 halt a streetcar. White-helmeted police try to clear way for blocked trolley. In Mons strikers chopped down trees to block roads, tore up cobblestones to build barricades and littered streets with broken bottles. The strike began as a protest against government plan to increase taxes and slash old-age pensions and unemployment benefits to make up for drop in income from the Congo. A spokesman for the Belgian Industries Federation, a bosses' grouping, admitted that the steel industry in the southern part of the country was at "a standstill."

Cuba Registers Gains Rule 22 Test In New Trade Pacts On Civil Rights Draws Near By Harry Ring

Revolutionary Cuba enters the | ally would have been sold here at about 5.2 cents a new year with good prospects that the U.S. trade embargo will pound. Meanwhile, the Canadian gov-

not accomplish its intended aim recent cabinet appointments and of crippling the island's econof developing a tenfold expan-Trade agreements with the sion of its trade with Cuba in

Soviet Union, China, other So- 1961. viet bloc countries and Canada should provide Cuba with a good \$150-million trade agreement, 28 in Washington by Roy Wil-

provide a sufficient market for authoritative voice of Canadian NAACP, to a one-day conferits sugar and other exports. Immediately after Eisenhow- U.S.-Canadian military and for- rights groups sponsored by the eign policy coincided, "It's pusher's latest vindictive order cut-

ting off all U.S. purchases of ing this doctrine too far to say tion. that Ottawa must tag along with Cuban sugar came the announcements that the Soviet Washington in every politicalbloc countries and China would financial dispute." The paper noted that Canbuy four million tons of Cuban sugar in 1961 instead of the two ada does business with China.

despite the U.S. embargo million tons previously agreed against that country and exon.

The price will be four cent

Any hopes of favorable civilights legislation by the coming ernment reiterated its intention glimmering because of Pres-

ident-elect Kennedy's "super-Commenting on the projected gist of the remarks made Dec. part of its necessary imports and the Financial Post of Ottawa, an kins, executive secretary of the business, observed that while ence of liberal, labor and civil Americans for Democratic Ac-

The meeting was called to rally support for the move to modify Senate Rule 22, under

which the Dixiecrats have been able to filibuster civil-rights measures to an early grave. The rule would have to be changed

Belgium in Crisis As Strike Wave Sweeps Country

China Wins **Big Gains** In Science

People's Republic of China joined the walkout despite the fact that leaders of the

ago, provided the subject of several symposium sessions of cial Christian Unions had vol-unteered to help the government **Express** Fear the annual meeting of the Amer- smash the strike by calling upon the annual meeting of the Amer-ican Association for the Ad-its members to remain at work. Of Korea-Type vancement of Science gathering, which began its five-day con-

ference here Dec. 25. The initial symposium was informed that "in the last ten years, Communist China had jumped from twentieth place, in extent of weather observations, to rival Canada for third place." The United States and

Soviet Union lead the field. It was also reported that mainland China had made important advances in nuclear physics. "They now have four known nuclear reactors, all apparently designed for research rather than for making fuel for atomic bombs,"

said one authoritative source. Many important geological session of Congress has gone a discoveries have been made in China recently disclosing large

deposits of coal, iron and other minerals, sufficient to lay the cautious" attitude. This was the base for a gigantic industrial gist of the remarks made Dec. ccmplex. "Among the deposits found during the exploration of the hinterland," said Dr. Chao of the U.S. Geological Survey, "was an unsuspected reserve of 7-billion tons of iron ore in the Shansi area of Central China." Dr. Kung-ping Wang of the

U.S. Department of the Interior reported that "China had plentiful coal deposits, including coking coal.'

Dr. Chao reported that after World War II there were less than 200 active geologists in China. "Now," he added,

Workers Resist Plan to Stick Them with Bill for the Congo

DEC. 28 - The eighth day of the protest strike movement in Belgium swept more workers into the movement against the government's "austerity" program, UPI re-ports from Brussels today state that "More than a half NEW YORK CITY - The million workers were still out and the strike was still tremendous achievements in the field of science recorded by the

since its formation a decade Confederation of Catholic So-The government has been stepping up its campaign of intimidation and violence against the Socialist-led strikers. The UPI reports that "tough paratroopers in full battle kit," have been "rushed back from North Atlantic Treaty Organization duty in

West Germany." Armed with machineguns they have joined the special units of 'riot" police who cruised through the streets in radio eeps while truckloads of armed cops and gendarmes raced about harassing the strike pickets.

Today, for the first time since the strike began on Dec. 20, a combined cable dispatch reports that police used tear-gas bombs on striking workers.

"The crowd hurled some of the bombs back," said the CCD, "and they exploded among the police."

Then, "the police turned fire hoses on the demonstrators in the near-freezing weather. Such police provocations are in- from Vientiane, the capito tended to incite measures of selfdefense which can be used by says the well-informed Singathe government as a pretext for pore correspondent of the Chris. smashing the strike through tian Science Monitor, Dec. 21, bloody terror.

From the beginning, the gov- could become a miniature Korea ernment, comprising a coalition if American military aid for of Social Christian and Liberal the present government procapitalist parties, has sought to vokes any attempt by the Comstigmatize the protest demon- munists outside Laos to give stration as a revolutionary as- antigovernment forces similar sault against the state. The Dec. assistance." 26 New York Times reports

War in Laos The charge that a Russian

transport plane opened fire on an American aircraft over Laos was featured in scare headlines in the capitalist press this week. The hysteria accompanying the

heavily slanted U.S. State Department news handouts on the fighting in Laos point to another Korea-type crisis. A careful reading of the dis-

patches discloses gaping holes in the factual reporting of the incident. A UPI dispatch from Laos refers to a "Russian-made" llyushin-14" transport plane. 'It was not determined immediately whether the Ilyushin was flown by a Russian," said

the dispatch. Yet the impression is created that the Russians are giving allout aid to the "leftist Laotian soldiers" who recently retreated "The danger is very sp vious," "that the situation in Laos

'without which we in the rights South have no right to fight for integration."

'What right has this committee to try to crack open my head like a coconut to see what's in it?" he asked. "They came to Atlanta to threaten the integration movement and it's no accident that Dixiecrats dominate this committee."

Frank Wilkinson, Los Angeles civil liberties leader now acting as field representative for employed. Among them are: the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Committee, also spoke at the New York rally. Wilkinson faces a similar year's imprisonment for challenging the House committee's authority.

"It is only through political action that the Supreme Court is going to come to the point where it will no longer violate the First Amendment in five to four decisions," Wilkinson said. Wilkinson reported on the

growing campaign for abolition and charged that FBI head J Edgar Hoover and a motion picture "Operation Abolition" unofficially sponsored by the House committee itself had completely distorted the nature of the student demonstrations against the committee in San Francisco

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ruary. "Union sources," comments the WSJ, "said AFL-CIO President George Meany has not yet issued the call to the Executive Council, and that "a last minute decision to cancel the session was not ruled out."

qualms about taking an action,

which, as the WSJ puts it, might

be "taken to mean there is at

least a germ of doubt that Mr.

Kennedy intends to move

against the recession as fast as

unionists hoped after he takes

It is this conflict among the

union tops that may lead to

office on January 20."

Spokesmen for the union tops have been advocating a number of immediate steps to stimulate the economy and provide more

adequate protection for the un-(1) A temporary suspension of federal withholding tax on all wage earners.

(2) Extension of unemployment compensation to 39 weeks have served the eviction notices under uniform federal regula-(Continued on Page 2)

Cost of Living **Rockets Deeper** Into Outer Space

The cost of living continued to mount as the consumers price partment said were part of a concerted plot to violate the index rose in November for the 1957 Civil Rights Act which is sixteenth time in the last twenty months to set another record high. The November index was 127.4

which was one-tenth of one per cent'higher than in October.

Several of the principal factors behind the November increase were the usual price advances in services and an unusual increase in the price of food. It was the first time that food prices had risen in November since 1951.

It is estimated that approximately 225,000 workers, mostly in meat packing, aircraft and missiles, will receive from 1 to 3 cents per hour increase under cost-of-living "escalator" clauses in their union con-

tracts. Will the cost of living coninue to rise despite the deepening recession? Ewan Clague, tics, interviewed in the U.S. News and World Report, pre-

the present time."

the regular session in Feba pound, three quarters of a cent over the world market price. The added revenue should compensate for the three million tons that norm-

Tenn. Negroes Living in Tents

Five Tennessee Negro families were living in tents Dec. 22 and may be breaking ground for 700 Negro sharecroppers who face eviction from their land on

Jan. 1. Thirty-seven white landlords against the sharecroppers in re-

taliation for the successful drive by the Haywood and Favette county Negro communities to

register and vote for the first time since the turn of the century.

On Dec. 23, federal district udge Marion Boyd denied a U.S. Justice Department peti-

tion for an injunction against the mass evictions which the desupposed to bar interference with voting rights.

A good American defender of property rights as against human rights, Judge Boyd declared: "Congress did not invest in this court the authority to adjust contracts and property rights."

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Cincinnati was slated to hear a government appeal on Boyd's

pers unnecessary. In addition to several of the

Negroes who received eviction notices, Judge Boyd heard testimony by several whites about Commissioner of Labor Statis- the conspiracy to deny Negroes their voting rights.' Mrs. Sara Lemmons, a clothdicts, that by the end of next ing store operator, testified that year it "might be between 1 and she attended a meeting on "what

who registered."

on the opening day of the new ban revolution is irreversible Congress or not at all. If it reand "we must learn to live mained unchanged it would with it."

doom any real civil-rights legis-A good token of Canadian trade intentions toward Cuba session. came with the report that in

October 1960, the month the U.S. embargo was imposed. Canada's October 1959.

Soviet Aid

The Soviet-Cuban trade pacts to do it." reportedly will provide Cuba with help in building an iron

electric power stations and other possible to change Senate rules industrial plants.

million trade agreement be-

the exploration and development of its own iron ore and oil resources.

From Warsaw came an anand Cuba have extended for a four-year period a trade agreement negotiated earlier last worth of goods is projected for

Property Rights First

1961. Poland will export to Cuba electrical equipment, agricultural and mining machinery, trans-

of consumer goods.

ecision Dec. 29. The racist landlords argued in court that the mass evictions were merely due to technological advances that suddenly made the 700 sharecrop-

Frank Wilkinson was addressing tary. New York City rally calling for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Ac-

On the night of Dec. 27, while | Wilkinson is executive secre-

After last week's bombing, Wilkinson said:

ter by newspaper reporters sulting language of the resolu-"I charge that these bombings tivities, a home-made fire bomb have been incited by the tactics

was thrown at the door of his of the Un-American Activities Los Angeles home. The bomb Committee. Those of us who are

a flash fire which was extin- to abolish the committee are beguished by six fire companies ing harassed to the point where the union officials left the defi- of a few "greedy" moonlighters. three resolutions submitted by

as dozens of residents scurried our 'families' lives are in danger nite impression that the top The delegates decisively re- Unit No. 23 Fisher Body Local

blew the door down and started engaged in a political campaign

from the apartment house. On and our legitimate political ac- brass intends to do what it can jected that section of the reso- 157. Its resolutions called upon Sept. 14 a similar device was tivities are hampered by extra- to muffle the growing concern lution and had UAW vice-presi- the conference to "ask the AFLhurled at the door of the Citi- legal means. Democracy is of the membership on unem- dent Richard Gosser whining: CIO Executive Board to im-

per cent higher than it is at could be done about Negroes zens . Committee to Preserve weakened when its exercise is ployment and the shorter work "You don't have to approve it mediately convene a national American Freedoms of which met with this kind of violence." week. This was most crassly if you don't want to." (Richard

"as a result of an intensive campaign during the last eight years, there are at least 21,000 geological workers." Dr. J. Tuzo Wilson of the

travelled through China and eral issues of the Liege Socialist renaissance." In contrast, he paper, La Wallonie, have been onfiscated.

"Because," comments the New from the Nationalist govern-York Times on the Wilkins ment and were still using antiand steel mill, an oil refinery, statement, "it is virtually im- quated equipment."

In comparison, he added, "the except at the opening of a ses-Communist regime on the main-The recently announced \$168- sion, Mr. Kennedy would not land is pouring money into scihave another chance to break ence. Participants in the ef tween the two countries is also down the rule XXII barrier un- fort," he said, "are fired by a said to include the shipment of til January, 1963, the date set passionate release of national-3,500,000 tons of Soviet crude for establishing full compli- istic energy, even though many peaceful demonstration. They right-wing rebels at the expense oil to Cuba. The USSR also an- ance," with the Supreme Court are probably not sympathetic say they want parliament, which of Prince Souvanna Phouma's

nounced it would aid Cuba in school-desegregation decision. with communism.⁴

In its election campaign platform, the Democratic party committed itself to ending disnouncement Dec. 23 that Poland crimination in all areas of public life. "To accomplish these goals," says the platform, "will

require executive orders, legal year. An exchange of \$22,000,000 actions brought by the Attorney General, legislation, and improved Congressional pro-

cedures to safeguard majority rule."

in the minds of the delegates at-

UAW president Walter Reu-

Skilled Trades Need

CHICAGO, Dec. 12 - Unem- | revealed by the official "Resolu- | Gosser himself has been more ployment and the shorter work tion on Moonlighting," submit- than once accused of doing a week were the foremost issues ted to the conference.

tending the AFL-CIO United of the "Moonlighting" resolu-Automobile Workers Eighth An- tion condemn the holding of two introduced calling for amendnual Skilled Trades Conference jobs but the slick trickery comes ir this city on Dec. 8, 9 and 10. [through in the final "whereas"

her made one of his typical "labor statesmen" speeches, cautioning the delegates to formulate "realistic" demands for the coming negotiations. His only reference to the shorter work week demand was the ambigu-

'Premier Eyskens' radio and television address in which he termed the national strikes an insurrectional movement aimed at overthrowing the Government by force.'" To bolster this contention

ing, equiping and promoting a "rightist" military expedition which captured Vientiane. These "rightists" are cut raids have been conducted on out of the same cloth as opposition newspapers and sev-

Syngman Rhee, Chiang Kaishek, and other such State Department puppets.

The American government

conspired to overthrow the

legally constituted "neutralist"

government of Laos by financ-

"And," says the Hong Kong The police charge that the correspondent of the Monitor. paper incited workers not to obey the army and that leaf-"if the Soviet Union is to be lets seized in the raid "urged charged with armed intervention in Laos, the United States soldiers to disobey their officers if called upon to act must be prepared to accept similar impeachment for Washingagainst workers in the strike." The Socialist opposition in- ton, it is felt. For under strong lignantly deny that they are pressure from Thailand and

leading an insurrection and in- South Viet Nam it openly supsist upon their right to lead a ported Gen. Phoumi Nosavan's

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Discuss for Shorter Work Week

lighting.")

little plain and fancy "moon-

Another official resolution was

ments to the union-busting Taft-

Hartley Act. Delegates at the

The first three "whereases"

which states that:

"The membership will be reluctant to accept a shorter work week unless they are guaranteed it will not be used by some members to hold down more than one job." ous assertion that he "favored resolution completely exposed filibustered onto the next agen-

conference demanded that the resolution call for outright repeal. Furthermore, they wanted to know why the union was not demanding repeal of the Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin "killer" law. Gosser, who was in the The floor discussion on the chair, had no ready answer and jobs versus leisure." Pressed la- this piece of fakery. The in- da point as quickly as possible. The real interests of the Reuther, refused to answer their tion was 'condemned as reac-' skilled trades members . were query on whether he was for the tionary phraseology which tend- most clearly represented in docshorter work week demand. . ed to reduce the great need of uments circulated by the Na-Reuther's speech and the millions of workers for the tional Committee for Democrahandling of the conference by shorter work week to the level tic Action in the UAW and in (Continued on Page 3)

Home of Frank Wilkinson Bombed in Los Angeles

The latter clause refers specifically to the filibuster Rule 22 portation equipment and machine tools as well as a variety used so often by the Dixiecrat

minority in the Senate.

line dates attached to them, said, he "had found morale low"

then January 1961, is the time They received little support

party] program, that have dead-

lation for the entire two-year University of Toronto, who "If," said Wilkins, "the Kennedy Administration is to Taiwan a few years ago, de-

exports to Cuba totaled \$1.6 mil- achieve any legislative goals, as scribed recent developments on

lion, just double the amount for outlined in the [Democratic the mainland as a "scientific

among the scientists on Taiwan.

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THE MILITANT

Course . Kennedy

now qualified under state eligibility rules.

eral Social Security Act.

These proposals are designed economy by putting more purcombatting the recession which have been advanced by labor economists. Also, they are in line with the campaign platform promise of the Democratic party, which affirmed that "if recessionary trends appear, we will act promptly with countermeasures, such as public works or temporary tax, cuts."

The labor leaders are now convinced that there is little or no chance for their proposals being adopted by the Kennedy administration. Yet, their commitment to Kennedy tends to paralyze their ability to act.

Since his election Kennedy of "fiscal stability," the "sound dollar," etc., etc.

His appointment of the con-Street banker, Douglas Dillon, money" conservative Democrat office.' William McChesnev Martin.

Federal Reserve Board chairadministration.

The "appointment of a wellknown investment banker," like be construed as political chican- workers milled about, claiming Dillon, says the Dec. 19, Wall ery at best; and, at worst, as they had been barred from their Street Journal, "is intended to rank and outright betrayal of own meeting and that the sesassure American business that the basic needs of all union sion was packed with governthe Kennedy regime is not bent members. on fiscal irresponsibility, and to notify flinty-eyed central bankers in Geneva, Bonn, Paris and London that the President-elect aims to restore the dollar's tarnished international prestige."

Kennedy is very much concerned, says the WSJ, about the dollar's "prestige" and is aware that the recession will lower tax returns; so, adds the WSJ, "he's planning to hold back on some of the New Dealish spending schemes. Indeed," they conclude, "this is why he picked a man of Mr. Dillon's conservative colora-

tion, complete with Wall Street background, for the Treasury

This, by the way, is how Kennedy fulfills one of the Demo-



(Continued from Page 1) | cratic party platform promises tion and the extension of com- which proclaims that "as the pensation coverage to those not first step in speeding economic growth, a Democrat president will put an end to the present

10 per cent in old-age and dis- icy." All of the AFL-CIO proability payments under the Fed- posals for quick action to aid the unemployed come under the heading of "New Dealish spendbankers, brokers and stockjobto the longer term measures for wonder, then, that some labor leaders who plumped for Kennedy are being assailed by "at least a germ of doubt."

The Wall Street Journal which January, sums up as follows:

"In the past, unions have apolied heavy pressure on the White House to combat recessions. By comparison, a special meeting of the Executive Council is a mild step, even though no pressure at all was expected to be needed.

National Guard Armory here to called President Eisenhower's about unemployment that total- President Dorticos. to the key job of Secretary of ed 4,362,000. By the latest Govthe Treasury, was a concession ernment figures, 4,031,000 are swift and completely predictto the "hard money" boys of the out of work and the total is ex- able. The Communist-domin-Wall Street financial commun- pected to reach 5,300,000 within ated Cuban Confederation of



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"The students maintained the most strict discipline of nonviolence fashioned after the lessons of the youth in the Southern sit-ins," Wilkinson reported.

from Havana in the Dec. 23 (3) An emergency increase of high interest, tight money pol- Wall Street Journal, hopefully for immediate effect on the ing schemes," according to the in his list are "rebellious union chasing power into the hands of bers who will determine admin-consumers. They are in addition istration policy. There is little atomic involving the electrical events involving the electrical workers union:

> hand-picked national labor bosses battered a rebellious elec-

reports from Washington the rumor of a special AFL-CIO

"In April, 1959, the AFL-CIO and oust the men the members themselves had voted into ofamassed 10,000 unionists in the fice. The dispute broke into the open a fortnight ago, with sevhas come forward as champion protest against what the unions eral hundred electrical workers refusal to act against high un- Palace, shouting, 'Cuba yes, Rusemployment. At that time, union sia no,' and demanding an auservative Republican Wall demonstrators were clamoring dience with Premier Castro and

"The regime's response was ity. Dillon, together with "tight weeks after Mr. Kennedy takes Workers, which has become the

Failure of the union leaders to Cuban labor, demanded the mobilize the ranks in action to ouster of the dissident union man, will exercise real power demand relief, immediate and officials. Five days later a over the money policies of the adequate, for the unemployed, heavily guarded union meeting the partially employed and those shouted approval of the purge, facing unemployment, can only although outside many electrical

Wilkinson

that violence there had been in- ginals, was "grabbed by military not print.

inated by students, Wilkinson internal problem. Several thoupointed to the rear of the ball- sand electrical workers were coom where the meeting was present and the proceedings held and identified an agent of were carried on all television

"You and your Mr. Walter and your Mr. Arens no longer scare us," Wilkinson said.

ment" that may lead to a counter-revolutionary overturn of the Castro government. High bosses." As prime evidence he

> "Late last week, Castro's

Executive Council session in eign embassies and several more into hiding in friends' homes. . . government-backed efforts to re-

> organization would put Communist-liners into key offices

marching on the Presidential

government's arm in ruling

ment stooges."

stigated by the committee and the San Francisco police.

Points Out Agent Then for the audience dom-

the House committee.

A lonely figure rose and left ment, Fidel Castro appeared the hall and Wilkinson identified during the proceedings. After

By Joseph Hansen James N. Wallace, reporting

and and

lists signs of "public disenchant-

trical workers union into subous' leaders into asylum in for-"For weeks, the union members had been unhappy over

organize their union. There was ample evidence that the re-FIDEL CASTRO. "The working class is the one that pro-

duces whatever wealth exists in a country." intelligence agents during the palacé demonstration and hustled into a police car." But a "mob of shrieking women" rushed the car, "tore off the tires, shattered the windows and

freed Fraginals." Two somewhat unusual items should be noted in this account. One is the strength of Cuban women. When they want to save a union official from the police, they simply reach over and tear the tires off the automobile. The other is the sympathy and concern which the Wall Street Journal displays for internal union democracy and the rights of the rank and file. This is as surprising, perhaps even more

surprising, than the brute strength of Cuban women. The correspondent of the Wall Before accepting this version Street Journal considers "parof what happened, it might be

ticularly significant" the "public advisable to check the account support that was displayed for given by the other side, which the recalcitrant unionists." The -no doubt due to lack of space earlier this year. He charged head of the union, Amaury Fra- —the Wall Street Journal did

Castro Appears at Meeting

The Dec. 15 issue of El Mundo, | tor - the very revolution that published in Havana, reports a shook their empire! And the meeting that day of the elec- very enterprise which the revotrical workers convoked by the lution nationalized with greatest

Cuban Confederation of Work- historic reason!' ers (CTC) to consider the union's But this raises some ques-"Precisely why did the tions. problem arise in this sector of the working class? Precisely why did the problem arise in channels and all radio stations this Yankee monopoly naso that the entire country could tionalized by the revolution?

see and hear what went on. Agitation has been felt these Without previous announcedays over the electrical problem. However, there is no reason for becoming agitated. There is him as Fulton Lewis III, whose the applause and shouting of nothing extraordinary about it.

father, radio commentator Ful- revolutionary slogans had been I can frankly confess that for ton Lewis, Jr., has carried al-most daily blasts against the national anthem he was given ordinary about a problem arismost daily blasts against the national anthem, he was given ordinary about a problem aris-

He began by saying that he

Yes, there has been a problem

in the electrical plants. More-

over, it is possible that the

enemies of the revolution see

"with great jubilation" the ap-

The Truth About the Cuban Electrical Workers did not think as a class, the forgetting a better future. And executive committee of the ranting. The actions taken by

the people. They came to service of the big interests, struggle for a little crumb which sought to create them in more. "For the sector, the other class." working class sectors did not matter, the rest of the nation did concentration, were able to win

not matter, the unemployed did more crumbs than the dispersed not matter, the future did not agricultural workers. And the matter. And everything was poor in the country had to pay given up, as in the Bible story, high prices for city products for a miserable dish of lentils. while the cities got agricultural They gave up the primogeniture products at a low price. Thus the of the working class, the right agricultural workers had the of the working class to govern lowest standard of living. and rule the country, they gave

that up for a miserable dish of lentils! "The future did not matter, and we lived in this vicious circle; always living for the miserable present and always

Workers Should Seek to Rule

"And it was only after the

triumph of the revolution that

the city workers began to

awaken to the feeling of soli-

darity, fraternity and brother-

hood with the workers of the

But did these bureaucratic

union leaders ever think "of

the conquest of power for the

working class?" Did they

think of doing away with the

monopolies? Of recuperating

the national wealth? Of indi-

cating to the working class the

bright and promising road to

the future? All they thought

of was crumbs from the table,

of the General Administrator for

the company was only \$225 for

With the nationalization of

the company, such practices

were eliminated. Overtime was

cut down to what was actually

required and actually worked.

the same period.

a dish of lentils.

fields."

"The working class was kept | the service of the privilegedimpotent, it was kept divided," this state is today an instrument Castro continued; "not strug- of power in the service of the gling for the true aims for oppressed and the exploited of which the working class must our country!"

struggle. And do you know After his opening remarks, what is the first aim for which Castro pointed out how easy it the working class must struggle, was to be a trade-union leader the only aim fundamentally for in such monopolies as the elecwhich a working class in a trical trust in contrast to the modern country must struggle? sugar companies. Enjoying

power! "Because the working class is the class of the absolute tively high rate of pay. majority, the working class is the fertile and creative one that produces whatever

material wealth exists in a country. to win decent wages for the "And so long as the power is hundreds of thousands of parnot in its hands, so long as the

tially employed workers. working class permits power to And if it was easy for the be in the hands of bosses who bureaucrats of the electrical exploit them, power to be in the union to bargain for wage inhands of speculators who exploit creases before the revolution. them, of landlords who exploit them, of landlords who exploit how much easier was it in the them, of monopolies that exploit first days after the revolution them, of foreign or national inwhen the electrical trust feared terests that exploit them; while nationalization?

the arms are in the hands of the camarilla in the service of these interests and not in their own hands, the working class will be condemned in any part of the world to a miserable existence. no matter how many crumbs from the banquet table the big

interests and privileged ones bestow on them. "And the state, this state which they sought to present as a phantom, was not a phantom

yesterday when the state and all Castro recognized that some of its organs of power, from the the demands raised by various military to the judicial power, trade-union leaders are undenion through the corrupt legislaably needed and indisputably tive power, was in the service of just, but other demands seem to the exploiting bosses and of the have been made as if the old big interests. And what hapstate of affairs still existed, in a pened, simply, is that this in- kind of competition for office in strument, which is called the trade-union elections. This state and all its organs of power seems to have been the case -although it may be that this especially among the electrical or that authority still remains in workers.

workers thought as a sector, as this was the mentality of leaders union, suspending the union a union; and the battles toward without revolutionary consciouselections, conceding to the which they oriented were not ness, leaders at bargaining, lead-CTC the right to call new elecbattles for the class, still less for ers who sold out, leaders in the tions, and designating a provisional committee from the meeting to take charge of the union until new elections every sector of the working

could be held. City workers, due to their The big press services re- newsgathering agencies of the ported Castro's speech as a capitalist press, further evidence typical bit of angry raving and is available.

Counter-revolutionary Testimony

I have at hand an obscure | in this work are experienced paper which is able to speak union leaders.

authoritatively. When I say "ob-"Since the intervention of the scure" I do not mean to imply company was decreed, almost small or poor. It is a lush, the entire personnel have reeight-column, 12-page job, filled fused to conform, excepting with expensive photographs and those known to be members of cartoons although it has scarcely the Partido Socialista Popular any advertising. It is the fake [Communist party]. Work is "El Mundo" published by Cuban done more slowly, labor is percounter-revolutionaries in Wil- formed in incomplete and demington, Delaware. ficient form, and all sorts of ex-The Dec. 17 issue of this pert things are done to gum up

rabidly pro-State Department the intervention." sheet carries a story about the The informant supplied addielectrical workers, giving the tional bits of inside dope, among straight, unvarnished inside them this item: dope, as told to the counter-"As for Amaury Fraginals,

revolutionary editor by "an old militant" of the union. electrical plants of Havana, his position * has little consistency,

According to this source, "the employees and workers of the Compania Cubana de Electricidad have not accepted government intervention of the enter-For the conquest of political probably the most exorbitant prise and are combatting it by

rates in the world, the electrical all means at their disposal." trust could easily afford a rela-"The movement of civic resistance is very strong," con-Under the brutal domination tinues the article. "Neither comof the sugar outfits, where wages pulsion nor threats have availed were pegged to the price of and the Communists who domsugar, it was far more difficult inate the CTC have encountered

a union which they have not been able to penetrate." "It is certain, our visitor told us, that militants of the electrical plants cooperated in the sabotage that was recently carried out. Within the enterprise they continue united, and working in common accord are members of various anti-Communist organizations, among them being the Movimiento de Recuperacion Revolucionaria and the SAC (Salvar a Cuba). Also cooperating

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agree on the vital need to make such information available. If you do, perhaps you will want to send a contribution to the Militant.

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not vacillate in coming; we did not ask how many might be assembled before we arrived: we did not telephone. Such prac-Send checks and money tices are not our custom: in adorders to: The Militant, 116 dition, we would have come here University Place, New York

the meeting were described as a "purge" of independent unionists. The Communists were said to have taken over. If anyone still finds it difficult

to determine which is the correct version; that given by Castro or that given by the

present general secretary of the

since at times he shows himself

inclined to stand up against the

regime, other times he avoids

battle and on occasion he looks

for deals that don't bring much.

present, not so much because

they like him, but because they

are afraid of the destruction of

The article ends on an op-

timistic note that should please

the counter-revolutionary clien-

tele who foot the bill for the

electrical fighter assured us

that his comrades would con-

tinue to carry out actions

aimed at destroying Castro.

The struggle is beginning and

it will be carried forward to

The evidence available by

careful reading of representa-

tive sectors of the press thus

indicate that the situation in the

electrical workers union must

be 'judged in the light of the

efforts of the counter-revolu-

tionary forces to start civil war

Part of the thin layer of labor

aristocrats in Cuba responded to

these efforts. Castro correctly

read the significance of this de-

velopment and came down to

the union himself to explain the

real situation in its wider poli-

We have faith in the workers,

he told the assembly. "We did

if only twenty workers had

"On saying goodbye, the old

their union.'

paper

the end.'

in Cuba.

tical context.

showed up."

"But the ranks support him at

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abolition campaign. the mike. For two and a half ing in the electrical plants. We As Wilkinson began to read off hours he discussed the key is- were not surprised. Even more, a list of prominent Americans sues facing the electrical workwho supported the abolition ers and the entire Cuban work- ing it. move, three men lounging ing class.

against the wall began shouting, "How many Hungarians are on was going to speak frankly that list?" "NKVD." Then, and even rudely, as must be drowned out by the audience done openly before both which had already heard an anfriends and enemies, nationnouncement that a question and ally and internationally, in answer period would follow the analyzing a problem in a revospeakers, the men began to lution like the one in Cuba. chorus "Freedom of Speech!"

As the three men were escorted out by police, one of them swung with his fist at a spectator holding the door and a scuffle ensued.

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pearance of this problem be-"This is the kind of violence cause it involves a section of the the committee wants," Wilkin- working class on which the son then told the audience, "and power of the revolution is based we want no part of it."

along with that of the peasantry Calling for the strongest pos- and "that part of the working

"Imagine the feeling of the Bureaucracy?" -- Frank Powers. new Congress convenes and will top directors of the electrical Jan. 28 - "Permanent Revolu- have before it the question of trust, whose properties were nation. Today" --- William Lee. continuing the committee's man- tionalized, imagine, in midst of the preoccupation of these

"We must let it be known that gentlemen, in midst of an emthe people of America are sick pire crumbling about them, in and tired of this Un-American midst of the worry which keeps Hear the socialist point of committee. With the strength them awake nights, what gratiview on vital economic and we now have, it is within our tude they must feel toward those and file but with the leadership. results of a police investigation political issues as presented by time to be able to say this com- capable of offering them some- The bank workers, another priv-Theodore Edwards, Radio sta- mittee CAN be abolished and thing to rejoice over. The idea ileged sector of the working electrical plants in Havana in tion KPFK-FM. 90.7 on your January, 1961, is the time for that the revolution should have class, he noted, had cooperated November which were hailed in

problems in the electrical sec- extraordinarily well.

A Dish of Lentils

Then he turned to the example ploitation by these interests, a of the lowest paid workers, working class which they those in construction and the wished to become resigned to sugar industry. What demands power remaining forever in the Book Store, 704 Hennepin Ave., Hall they might not have made with hands of the enemies of this full justification upon the tri- class, of the enemies of the umph of the revolution! Yet for working class, of the exploiters the sake of greater goals they of the working class, that power were willing to postpone imshould remain in the hands of mediate gains. the foreign monopolies, of the

This was an exemplary atmilitary camarilla, of the cortitude, for the revolution ran enormous risk at the very moment of its victory due to its inability at that stage to of the nation should remain meet such demands.

"Because this was a working indefinitely and for 'secula secuclass which had lived for seven lorum' in the hands of the enyears under oppression, under emies of the workers. And they 'mujalismo' [union bureaucrats wanted the workers to resign who worked hand in glove with themselves, resign themselves to

the Batista dictatorship], a a perennial and interminable working class whom no one had struggle for a crumb more in shown the correct road, a work- wages, another gain."

Going into this at some length, | hours, one time 230 hours. Castro pointed out that the elec- the first two weeks in August, I can say that we were expect-"The problem did not arise

in 'any other sector of the country; above all, the problem did not arise in any other sector of the working class; the problem did not occur in a more humble sector of the working class; the problem arose in one of the privileged sectors of the working class."

Castro dwelt again on the need to speak frankly and expressed his confidence that the electrical workers would respond to an honest presentation of the problem.

We knew, he said, that a large number of the electrical workers were confused.

"And it is possible that a considerable part of the workers ranks are confused; just as we also know that these ranks day by day, are opening their hearts to genuine revolutionary impulses and opening their eyes to reality." basically was not with the rank

trical workers got a considerable for example, he got \$185 in wage increase in the past two wages. But by chalking up 230 years although they were al- hours overtime, he jacked his ready among the highest paid pay up to \$415.27 - not bad in workers in the country. view of the fact that the wages

The government does not propose to take away these gains. The government policy is to maintain the gains made in each sector. But before the highest paid ones get more, it is only fair to first bring up the lower wage brackets.

Thus in the last two weeks of As an example of the status of October, Nasser got \$4 in overthe electrical workers. Castro time: the first two weeks in cited the pay record of William November, nothing; the last two,

Le Sante Nasser. He got \$375 a \$41. In the 14 weeks following month. But an "immoral" cus- nationalization, Nasser suffered tom had grown up among some eight weeks without overtime. employees to go after overtime However, like the rest of the whether justified or not. In a electrical workers, he enjoyed two-week period, Nasser's over- all the other gains that had been time amounted to 37 hours, 168 won by the union.

Those Explosions in Havana

At this point Castro inter-|tion, the police were able to upted his analysis of the Cuban name the automobiles used (one Socialists contend that this did working class and the relative was a union car), the time the not provide near enough time Castro held that the trouble position of the electrical workers bombs were set, who placed for parliament to debate the to read a lengthy report of the them and how and when they planned the whole business. into the series of bombings of Among the names was Wil-

liam Le Sante Nasser.

The police were thus able to

assemble in great detail a mass

the American press at the time revolutionary tide in Cuba. The explosions, it was

quickly determined, could only have been committed by electrical workers, since in

in strategic spots to which special keys were required. The damage would have been far more extensive, perhaps criplandlords and big merchants. failed to explode due to becom-That is, that the political power ing water-logged.

the boat could not make it and workers rather than counteractthey were saved by a passing ing it.

craft which brought them back to Havana where they were brary, bookstore. Open 12 noon to 5 ing class that was not taught Such limited struggles became turned over to the authorities. p.m. Saturdays: As a result of the investiga-

Belgium Workers Resist Plan

(Continued from Page 1) ecessed just before Christmas the ranks and of the Catholic for ten days, to reconvene immediately and oust the Eyskens trol of the government. They cabinet.

Loss of Congo

Congo achieved its independence on June 30. The loss of revenue to Belgium was esti-

mated at 6,000,000,000 Belgian francs — about \$102.400.000. To make up this loss the Eyskens government proposed to draw up a new law revising the budget by increasing taxes and slashing social security expen-

ditures. The new law, dubbed "Loi Unique," comprising 26 closely printed pages, was brought up for debate on Dec. 20 with the insistence that it be adopted before the end of the year. The

measure which favored the rich stockjobbers while placing the main "austerity" burden on the backs of the workers.

The new law proposed to deprive the workers of social

benefits acquired only after years of struggle. It would sharply slash pensions, unemployment compensation and other social security provisions. The Belgian workers could not see why they should have to pay for the Congo losses suffered by the Belgian bankers and stockbrokers who for many years had extracted billions from the mercilessly

selves. He regretted that they exploited Congolese. For several weeks prior to the had decided to take refuge in foreign embassies rather than Dec. 20 deadline the Belgian lacome down to this meeting to bor movement, divided between give whatever answer they the 700,000-member Socialist-led wished to the accounting de- General Workers Federation and The police had a lucky break manded of their stewardship, the 800,000-member Catholi in their investigation. Some of But he did accuse them of the Trade Union Federation, dis cussed what action to tak against the "austerity" law While the question of a genera strike was considered by th

leaders of the GWF, the to The meeting ended by exboard voted against it. The lead pelling all those who particiers of the Catholic Unions too pated in planting the bombs, an extremely ambiguous pos removing from office the tion as they found themselve

| caught between the pressure of Social Christian party in concame out in support of the government after the strike began. The Socialist union of local

The current political crisis had government employees in Brusits genesis in the Congo. The sels started the action and it snowballed, carrying along the Socialist political and tradeunion leaders.

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as a sign of a rising counter- of facts, which Castro read to the gathering, proving that a counter-revolutionary group had been organized in the electrical workers union and that it had actually plotted and carried out

every case the high-powered sabotage which made sensabombs, loaded with a special tional headlines in the U.S. explosive used by the U.S. press. armed forces, had been placed Castro did not accuse the trade-union leaders of actually organizing the sabotage them-

rupt political groups, of the big pling Havana for two weeks, had industrial interests, of the big not some of the time bombs

the saboteurs, after planting the kind of leadership that fostered bombs, had fled in a boat for a counter-revolutionary mood Miami. They ran into high seas, among some of the electrical Monday, January 2, 1961

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David J. McDonald and his timeserv-

ers in the AFL-CIO United Steel Workers

union are chortling over the failure of

opposition candidate, Donald C. Rarick, to

receive enough local union endorsements

to appear on the ballot as candidate for

president in the February union elections.

The union constitution provides that a can-

didate for president must be nominated by

a minimum of 40 Locals. The press reports

that Rarick, president of Steelworkers

Local 2227 at McKeesport, Pa., received

He will be assured another four-year term

as USW president. This must be a source

of great relief to the pompous popinjay

who heads the steel union. He was scared

witless when Rarick, practically unknown

in the union, ran against him in 1957 and

polled 223,516 votes, more than one-third

mined to prevent another such recording

through secret ballot of the numerical

strength of the opposition in the union. For

four years they mounted a savage and

unremitting campaign of intimidation,

abuse, vilification and terror against the

opposition - organized first as the Dues

Protesters and more recently as the Or-

been used as a factional organ of the

McDonald machine against the opposition.

When a request was submitted that the

columns of the paper be thrown open for

the use of all candidates during the elec-

tion campaign the appeal was summarily

denied. With the most nauseating hypo-

crisy an editorial in the December issue of

Steel Labor explains that the paper "has

always followed a policy of strict impar-

tiality in the organization's internal elec-

tions and we are determined to continue

McDonald, that peerless paragon of free-

For the editorial "we" read: David J.

The union newspaper, Steel Labor, has

ganization for Membership Rights.

The McDonald machine was deter-

McDonald will now run unopposed.

only half the required number.

of the total cast.

that policy."

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McDonald's "Demokracy"

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By Virginia Kaye

OAKLAND, Dec. 15 - The American labor movement is entering its most critical period, said Teamsters' Union president. James R. Hoffa, last night to an audience of 4,200 attending a joint rally of teamsters and longshoremen at the Oakland Civic Auditorium. "I ask you to all sides, both unions recently look forward," said Hoffa, "to

year's end to the next, Steel Labor is full realize that in the coming year, 1961, we're in for the fight of our together jointly in matters of life.'

ocal 70, to remark:

long time to come.'

event of a joint strike.

"I never thought the long-

shoremen, warehousemen and

teamsters would be under one

roof, with international of-

ficers talking from the same

platform. It seems a lot of

brotherly love now. We used

to fight like hell. Now we're

holding hands. I hope the bro-

therly love keeps on for a

housemen. In the ports of the

Pacific Coast the two unions can

paralyze all economic life in the

Read Out

Both unions have been read

common concern. What inflamed Hoffa spoke by telephone the employers and their governfrom Washington, D.C. He was ment stooges even more, howscheduled to appear before the ever, was the idea thrown out labor-baiting McClellan comby Hoffa that it would be in the mittee and was not informed, interest of all transport work until too late, that the inquisiers in the country to enter a pact of mutual cooperation and destituting for him at the Oakland fense against corporation-govrally was Teamsters' vice-presiernment attack. dent Harold J. Gibbons who, This theme was dominant in along with Harry Bridges, head of the International Longshore-

the press treatment of the Oak land rally, which was billed nen and Warehousemen's Ununder the title: "Where is the ion, were the main speakers. Labor Movement Going?" The The joint rally was a historic Pittsburgh Post-Gazette of Dec. occasion. The two unions had 14 carried the story of the meetfought a number of pitched bating under the inflammatory tles in the years following the head: "Hoffa, Bridges Team Togreat 1934 maritime strike over

gether for 'War.' " control of the West Coast water-A column written on the eve front. It was this history of fraof the meeting by a Richard tricidal conflict that led Cy Spong in the Birmingham News, Stulting, the president of the predicted that discussion of the sponsoring union, Teamsters Hoffa plan at the Oakland rally

boss of the Longshoremen."

In his first TV debate with

Nixon, Kennedy asserted he

was not satisfied, "when I see

men like Jimmy Hoffa in

charge of the largest union in

the United States, still free."

Under threatened attack on

'may create nationwide repercussions."

"Sources within the labor rovement," says Spong, "now report that Hoffa is reviving an facilities to meet them.

The two unions have a great deal in common. For one thing, described this scheme as threat the teamsters and longshoremen ening an 'unholy alliance that have the power to shut down could dominate the United the waterfront tighter than a States within three to five drum. Both unions have jurisvears.'.

The Real Gang Up

Why it is considered an "unholy alliance" for the transport workers to band together for

union wrecking employer-government combine, is beyond understanding. The real "unholy

ions. Harold Gibbons, speaking for chicken-hearted labor skates for bracket. rying to achieve "respectabilty" in the eyes of the bosses. Only if they betray the interests of their own rank and file, will they be left alone, he asserted. If they think they can gain immunity from attack by big business and its political stooges by joining the pack in braying for

head of the Teamsters' Union [they conducted an effective ex-] front of the Democratic candi- dent of the U.S. there is a man date their failure to advance a committed to utilizing his great positive alternative seriously power to "get" Bridges and weakened their political posi- Hoffa - which means to use tion. If it could be understood at Bridges and Hoffa as a pretext all it was a policy of boycott so to emasculate the Teamsters and far as the presidential candidates were concerned and adtorney general is the man who vocacy of voting for "labor led the McClellan pack against cemented an agreement to end friends" for Congress and lesser Hoffa and considers it his life's jurisdictional conflicts and work offices,

policy of keeping the The union militancy. As secretary of unions tied to the two-party labor is the man who did the job on Hoffa and the Teamsters system has led the labor movement into a deadly political union in the AFL-CIO. The team swamp. This is most evident in of Kennedy, Kennedy and Goldthe case of the two unions that berg will now ride herd on their met in joint meeting to discuss selected targets. the question: "Where Is the La-

meeting emphasized and as the bor Movement Going?" So far history of Kennedy - Landrum as the decisive question of political action is concerned there was no serious attempt by the swer this crucial problem.

Consider the situation of both labor baters will take aim and depose Harry Bridges as posure of the phoney liberal the unions involved. As presi- blast the entire union movement. How many more blows will labor have to absorb before it comes to the inevitable conclusion that the policy of clinging to the two-party system means defeat and disaster for Longshoremen's unions. As atthe unions?

Page Three

One would think that the first ecognition of the necessity of breaking decisively with the goal to spearhead the attack on policy of supporting "labor friends" for public ofrice and coming out for the organization of an independent labor party would come from those who have literally nothing to gain and everything to lose by remaining captive to the political policy of the "respectable" tabor spokesmen. While they skirted all around the issue the union leaders at the Oakland rally

Griffin confirmed, the government attack on Hoffa and leaders on the platform to an-Bridges will again prove a never did come to grips with screen from behind which the this basic policy question. For Health's Sake

Afford the AMA? Can We

Even this acute scarcity in the

nedical industry does not sat-

isfy the reactionary AMA. It re-

000 foreign exchange internes

authorities claim few American-

educated doctors could pass, 1,-

as orderlies and study for six

additional months for new tests

next June, these badly needed

hospital staff members must re-

The AMA denies the test

was rigged to assure a high

percentage of failures. The

machinery was set up, it

claims, "to safeguard the

Another phase of the problem

egarding the present medical

college program is an outmoded

curriculum - in the face of

rapid advancement in know-

ledge both about disease and

health of patients."

turn to their home countries.

and resident doctors!

By Marvel Scholl

exist in the faculties of '85 In the medical industry, word medical colleges. At the preis out that the American Medisent rate of growth, the councal Association expects a renewtry needs 11,000 medical graed push in the United States for duates a year. It's getting "socialized medicine." The AMA 9,000.

strategists drew this conclusion from two facts. The first one is the pressure on Kennedy from millions of people who want him dea that has lain more or less to deliver on his campaign promise of medical insurance for pensioners, financed out of social-security funds. The other is the widening disparity between America's medical needs and the

There is an acute shortage of doctors right now, and it promises to become worse. Enrollment in medical colleges is dropping every year. In 1959, for instance, 14,951

As all of the speakers at the

cent report, 600 vacancies | qualified teachers to staff new medical schools, and the quality and quantity of medical applicants is declining. One reason for the decline in quantity is the time and expense required for a medical education. Efforts to reduce the time by trimming the curriculum are hampered by the fantastic rate we are accumulating new knowledge and the cently concluded a campaign to necessity for keeping the scienrid the profession of almost 2,tific emphasis on medical edu-

cation.' Meanwhile, the health of In a test so tricky that some the American people suffers. Deaths from cancer, heart disease, kidney and liver ail-900 foreign students failed. Now, ments are on the rise. unless they are willing to work

> According to the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 77 per cent of all people over 65 suffer from one or more chronic diseases today. Twelve million of our 18 million oldsters have to meet medical expenses out of their pitifully small social-security pensions — an average of \$77 a month for a single person, \$125 for a couple.

It would seem that if we go by need, socialized medicine is long overdue in America. But the AMA is against even easing the burden for the old-age group. These economic witch-doctors A recent issue of the Johns believe in a medical monopoly that would confine adequate need more doctors. To train health care only to those whose them we need more medical pocketbooks, when X-rayed,

MacArthur Ends

General of the Army Douglas Mac-Arthur has entered a heated denial to the charge that he had wanted to atom-bomb "China and Eastern Russia and everything else," at the time he was removed as Commander-in-Chief of the "United Nations" armed forces in Korea in 1951. The charge was made by former President Harry S. Truman in an interview Dec. 17 over Chicago television station WBBM-TV.

of articles by and about David J. Mc-Donald, replete with photographs of the man in every conceivable pose. The paper has flayed the opposition in the most violent terms: "finks" and "strikebreakers," "dual unionists" and "union wreckers" are some of the more endearing epithets hurled. Yet, when a request is made that tion had been postponed. Subsome space be made available, if not before or after, at least during a union election, the answer is that "we" are going to continue the traditional policy of "strict impartiality."

dom, equality and democracy. From one

Monday, January 2, 1961

That isn't all! To make sure that Rarick would not be nominated, a horde of McDonald appointed porkchoppers descended on the local unions to line up the vote for their boss.

The conduct of the McDonald machine is only one side of the matter. An opposition can always expect an entrenched union bureaucracy to use any means and all methods to preserve its power and privileges. The other side of the matter was the weakness of the Rarick opposition movement. The opposition rode the popular issue of a movement in protest against a dues increase to death. When recently they dropped the "Dues Protest" designation for the OMR they tried to straddle some important issues and duck others.

On the decisive question of political action, in a situation which cries aloud for the advocacy of an independent labor party position, the OMR had nothing to offer but the demand for "100% registration." Their inclusion of McDonald machine men on their slate, which invited a repudiation, put the stamp of "opportunist" on the OMR leaders.

To rally an effective opposition in the ranks requires the application of classstruggle concepts in program, policy and organization as opposed to the class collaborationist preaching and practice of the opportunist McDonald clique. Unless the OMR learns this lesson it will not survive.

Truman's Alibi

souri. He later became head of the American occupation forces in Japan and was intimately informed of the military situation immediately before, during and after Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

By adding his testimony to that of numerous historians, commentators and participants, Truman's wartime military commander effectively destroys the last shred of alibi for the most heinous crime in all history. While vehemently denying the Truman charge, MacArthur explains there was no need of the atom bomb in

out of the AFL-CIO. The ILWU was expelled from the CIO in

1949 for being "communist controlled," and the Teamsters from the AFL-CIO after being smeared by the McClellan Committee as "racketeer controlled." The heads of both unions, Bridges and Hoffa, have been

singled out by the Kennedy clan for special purge treatment. President-elect John Kennedy n a campaign speech at Salt Lake City is reported to have affirmed that:

"An effective attorney general under present federal law could remove James Hoffa as

dormant in recent months. This would be his dream of a vast conference' or confederation of all transport unions, sea, land and air. Robert F. Kennedy, when he was chief counsel of the Senate rackets committee.

diction over the inland ware-

their own protection against the

Hoffa at the rally, ridiculed the the top 8 per cent income Teaching facilities are sag-In Other Lands

alliance" is between the misleaders of labor who have ganged up with the whole Kennedy-McClellan-Goldwater crew out which 80 per cent is footed by to do a hatchet job on the un-

enrolled as against 15,791 in 1957. In addition nearly half the present enrollment can be expected to drop out before graduation. Medical courses come high, while the intellectual level of American students of medi-

cine tends to be low. A four-year medical course costs on the average \$11,624, of the student or his parents. This explains why 40 per cent of the drugs.

graduates come from families in Hopkins Magazine reports: "We

ging badly. According to a re- schools. But we don't have show sufficient green stuff.

As a matter of fact, MacArthur declared: "We did not need the atom bomb here any more than we did in the war against Japan." This statement came as a body blow to the carefully cultivated myth that the barbarous atom-bombing of Hiroshima' and Nagasaki was justified because it ended the war and thus "saved" many thousands of lives.

Yet, the Dec. 23 New York Post reports that the former president is still attempting to brazen it out. Truman, "who made the historic decision to drop the bomb on Hiroshima," was quoted as say-

"The use of the atomic bomb in Japan ended the war. Any man can win a football game on Monday morning."

But Gen. Douglas MacArthur is not just "any man." Nor can he be lightly brushed off as a "Monday morning" quarterback.

As supreme commander of the U.S. armed forces in the Pacific MacArthur was in a position to know what was going on. He was head man on Truman's military team in that theater. It was MacArthur who presided over the surrender of the Japanese militarists aboard the U.S.S. Mis-

Washington's plotting of aggression against Cuba follows a technique favored by Hitler - accuse the intended victim of the very crime you are planning against him

U.S. warships were sent to the Caribbean in November under the pretext of preventing the landing of Cuban forces in Guatemala and Nicaragua. This hoax was so transparent that such journals as the New York Times and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch finally conceded that the claims of Cuban involvement in the Guatemalan army revolt were not true.

But while the Pentagon spreads lying propaganda about the need to block Cuba from exporting armed revolution to Latin America it is itself busily engaged in laying the ground for armed counter-revolutionary invasions of Cuba.

The Nation on Nov. 19 publicized the report that the Central Intelligence Agency had acquired a large tract of land in Guatemala at an outlay in excess of the Korean war, because:

"Our conventional weapons were enough to destroy the bridges across the Yalu river and their supply bases if Washington had not unprecedently and astonishingly proclaimed them a 'privileged sanctuary' for the enemy."

There is, by their own admissions, lit-30-hour week with 40-hours pay, tle to choose between the two men. While indignantly rejecting the Truman charge, MacArthur admits that he favored carrying the war onto Chinese territory. This would have unleashed a general nuclear war, as the Soviet treaty with China would have inevitably brought Russia into the gram to provide jobs for all unwar.

It is frightening to think that people like Truman and MacArthur have the power to make decisions involving the very the Skilled Trade Councils, "arexistence of life on this planet. The warmaking power must be taken out of the hands of the "commander-in-chief" and his hands of the "commander-in-chief" and his military chieftains in the Pentagon lest established by the IEB have some present-day Truman or MacArthur | made united action of the "UAW blow the world apart.

The Plot Against Cuba

\$1,000,000 and that the area was being used the 1958 contract negotiations as a training ground for Cuban counter- the union failed to get General revolutionaries and as a springboard for Motors to accept the demands of an eventual attack on Cuba. That information came from Dr. Ronald Hilton, Director of the Institute of Hispanic-American the 1957 UAW National Con-Studies at Stanford University.

Dr. Hilton's report was confirmed by

St. Louis Post-Dispatch correspondent Richard Dudman who saw barracks for 500 men and a secret 1200-foot airstrip cut into the Guatemalan jungle which he described as "a remarkable engineering job."

In Florida, the Miami Herald reported Dec. 25 that some 200 Cubans and 23 young | (Elox, plastic dies, tape-fed ma-Americans were mapping final plans for an invasion of Cuba under the command of Rolando Masferrer, a notorious butcher in the Batista dictatorship.

The members of the planned invasion the resolution of Local 157 calls force were said to have met at a barracks upon the AFL-CIO to organize the unemployed, both skilled in Miami yesterday," a report said.

Why aren't Navy gunboats patrolling rally around a minimum pro-Why aren't Navy gunboats patrolling raily around a minimum pro-had come out against Kennedy proposal all in granting "pro-lico, Panama and the United the Miami coast to preserve "tranquility"? gram that meets the needs of all. in the election campaign. While visional autonomy and ultimate States.

the scalp of Hoffa, they are sad-**UAW** Skilled ly mistaken. No labor leader who really

(Continued from Page 1) conference to establish a united strike fund in order to back up the collective bargaining demand for the 30 hour week with

40 hours pay," and "To utilize the full resources of the entire labor movement to press the incoming Congress to enact legislation establishing the

unionist." to reduce the retirement age, to provide full hospitalization to all retirees, to enact unemployyears under Hoffa more money ment compensation for all unsupporting strikes of our mememployed workers until such bership than our international time as they can be reemployed at their customary jobs, and to spent in the last 20 years." Increased activity in the field of pass, finally, an effective proorganization, he said, has re-

employed workers."

Further resolutions from Local 157 called for restoration of bitrarily abolished by the International Executive Board in early 1959," now that the "newskilled trades against the cor-

still

porations difficult - if not impossible.

such a hurry to gang up against In its "Draft Resolution on us." Bridges proposed a four-1961 GM Skilled Trades Depoint program for the consideramands," Local 157 notes that in tion of the national labor leaders:

got some guts."

Bridges' Proposals

the labor leaders in their quest for "respectability." "First," he

said, "it was I that was the tar-

get, now Hoffa, tomorrow it will

be the labor leaders who are in

Bridges also joined in flaying

(1) Reestablish the spirit of union solidarity and the methods of struggle that went the skilled trades workers. These along with it; (2) organize an 1958 demands had been fully supported in the procedures of all-out campaign against Taftvention and Sub Councils No. 8 and No. 9.

These same old problems -'dilution of the trades, upgradir.g, trainee programs, etc., remain unresolved. They are, furthermore, today compounded by new problems due to the extension of automation

chines, etc.) with the threat of the loss of jobs for thousands more skilled workers.

To advance the united action sweat and toil on the picket line, of unemployed and employed we'are losing on the political scene.'

The leadership of both unions

and unskilled, in conferences to

Counter Move Made by U.S.

fights for his members is ever Soviet aid in the form of loans considered "respectable" by o underdeveloped countries has the business community which been giving Wall Street banking includes the press, he said, circles a bad case of nerves. They which is "antiunion because are especially agitated over Sothey are big business." "One viet aid in the Latin-American of the great things about area, which they have long con-Hoffa," said Gibbons, "is that sidered to be their private pre he will never be a respectable serve. member of the community as

A recent example was the anlong as he is an effective trade nouncement of a Soviet offer to loan Bolivia \$150.000.000 to de-Gibbons noted that the Teamvelop its mining and petroleum sters union had "spent in three industries.

The loan would be used by Comibol, the state mining organization, for equipment including a tin smelter, and by Yacimientos Petroliferos Bolivianos, the Bolivian state petrosulted in a paid up Teamster membership as of last month of 1,700,992. "This," he concluded, l leum unit.

It was reported that the loan offer, the biggest ever received "is made possible by a guy who's by Bolivia, had not been announced in that country.

With a Soviet official en route to Bolivia to discuss terms of the loan it was suddenly announced from La Paz that a counter offer was being planned by representatives of the United States, Great Britain, West Germany and the Inter-American Development Bank.

When questioned about the eaning of the Western offer a igh Bolivian official conceded was "to counteract the big Soviet offer to be announced, perhaps tonight, when Soviet officials arrive in La Paz for a 10-day visit."

Mollet Socialists Back de Gaulle Plan

The French Socialist party, Foreign Ministers in San Jose Costa Rico, last August conmeeting last week in extraordidemned the Trujillo regime and nary congress session, voted to support Gen. de Gaulle's Alger- authorized the imposition of ecoan policy. The vote was 2,191 nomic sanctions if the Dominiotes in favor to 316 opposed can Republic "did not alter its with 836 abstentions. The party course.

secretary and former premier, The special committee recom-Guy Mollet, led the move to mended that other American back General de Gaulle in a call states ban the export of petrofor a "Yes" vote in the referen-dum to be taken in France on trucks and truck parts to the Jan 8 and in Algeria on Jan. 6, Dominican Republic. The committee is composed of Brazil, 7 and 8.

The de Gaulle referendum Chile, Ecuador, Honduras, Mex-

elf-determination to the Alge ian people."

rule, is calling for a boycott

Guy Mollet justified his

reacherous position by blaming

the war in Algeria for the "badly

functioning French democratic

"There will be no normal

functioning of democratic in-

of the referendum.

nstitutions.

regime."

policy.

Jan. 4.

OAS Postpones

Action on Trujillo

The Organization of American

States, meeting on Dec. 21 to

consider a recommendation of

a special committée that eco-

nomic sanctions be imposed on

the Dominican Republic in re-

prisal against the attempt by the

Trujillo government to engineer

the assassination of Romulo

Betancourt, president of Vene-

zuela, postponed any action until

The Conference of American

USSR Offers Aid to Bolivia

proposed the sanctions has been seeking a stringent boycott Leaders of the Algerian naagainst Trujillo similar to that tionalist movement, which has imposed on Cuba by the United carried on a bitter struggle for States last October. independence from French

However, when the OAS Council discussed the Trujillo boycott proposal, the representatives of El Salvador, Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay pleaded that their governments needed more time to consider such a "delicate" and "far-reaching" move. They asked that the vote be postponed to January.

Venezuela, which originally

stitutions so long as that conflict The Brazilian representative, continues." he said. "And." he Dr. Fernando Lobo, chairman of added, "even its prolongation the Council, submitted a dissent will aggravate the danger of on behalf of his government. He dictatorship. On the other hand, claimed no further unfriendly f we come out of it the country acts had been proved against the would quickly demand better Dominican government. "Morefunctioning of the democratic over," he said, "the proposed sanctions would constitute in-The Dec. 23 New York Times points out that: "With the suptervention in domestic affairs and thus endanger inter-Amerport of the Socialists, the Roman ican solidarity." Finally, he Catholic Popular Republican argued, "the sanctions would party and the Gaullist Union for hurt the Dominican people as he New Republic, President de well as the government.' Gaulle was assured of a referen-While Dr. Lobo did not specifdum majority in favor of his ically apply this logic to Cuba the inference could not help being drawn.

The revolutionary government in Cuba — although it stands at the opposite pole to the bestial Trujillo dictatorship - has consistently opposed any intervention in the internal affairs of the Dominican Republic. If Wall Street and Wall Street's government would stop supporting Trujillo, the Cubans maintain, the Dominican people would soon put in a new government of their own choice.

Advertisement

"Listen, Yankee"

Reviewers in the capitalist press did a savage hatchet job on "Listen, Yankee," C. Wright Mills' powerful exposition of the views of the Cuban revolutionaries. But they haven't been able to kill the book. It's now in its sec-

ond printing. If you haven't read it yet, order it now. Only 50 ceruts. PIONEER PUBLISHERS 116 University Place

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Hartley, Kennedy - Landrum -Griffin, and all other antilabor laws; (3) lead a fight for the shorter work week; (4) international solidarity of all union workers. The call for a shorter work week campaign got the loudest burst of applause.

One of the most pertinent points made by Hoffa in his tele-

phone talk to the meeting was his warning: "There is a danger

within the labor movement today of failing to recognize that what we have gained by blood,

No Positive Alternative

osity about the Soviet economic

system, people showed great

concern about the dictatorial

Stalinist rule. But even on this

point there was less inclination

to accept out of hand capitalist

assertions that dictatorial rule is

an inevitable consequence of so-

cialism. Instead thinking people

able to impose a dictatorship

over the Soviet workers? How

could that be prevented in this

sions on this score that the prob-

ing for an explanation ran deep.

An account of the contrasting

historical factors involved was

listened to attentively and then

usually followed by the ques-

"Exactly how would the so-

cialists in power in this country

go about the reorganization of

the government and our so-

Typical Questions

"Why were the Stalinists

So great were the apprehen-

asked:

tion:

ciety?

country?"

Bung's Beer Enters Race



Path of the Soviet rocket that hit the moon Sept. 13, 1959. Tass, official Soviet news agency, said of the event, "For the first time in history, a space flight has been achieved

from the earth to another celestial body." American businessmen say the achievement was vasily overrated; believe they now have something far more practical in the works.

The Light, Stratospheric Brew

erase it."

Russians to sneer?

By Herman Chauka

It's downright silly to talk perhaps, a rocket might go up about the Russians being ahead of us in the race for space.

more and bigger satellites than 'Bung's Beer Satisfies.' we have and pulled off a few stunts like hitting the moon and photographing the back of it. But they haven't figured out any practical purpose for their space gimmicks

Even while our rockets are exploding on the pad down at Cape Canaveral, the men behind the missiles are working out sweeping ideas for the space age that will indelibly stamp it as the American Age.

One of the best of such ideas now, probing the possibility of comes from a modestly unidenti- hurling a satellite into prbit to fied official of the Aerojet-Gen- plug the firm's 1961 models. eral Corp. of California, one of the outfits sparking our space program.

After a discussion with this

"The Undying Dream," the New lence."

anonymous official, a UPI cor- standard model or one of the respondent reported: "Someday, new compacts.

The rocket-writing project has with a nose cone full of fluore- met with some skepticism. A top scent powder that will be ejected Aerojet scientist argues that it Maybe they have launched in the shape of words, like might prove a bit expensive since the current list price of an "The message would glint Atlas missile is about \$3,000,000. in the stratosphere indefinitely • He did concede, however, that American know-how could lick

because there is no wind to this problem. For example, the It's true, Aerojet's man con- government could decide at any ceded, that this new leap into time that the Atlas line is space is still only on the draw- obsolete and make a few availing boards. But who are the able to Madison Avenue at bar-

gain-basement prices. Furthermore, the Aerojet peo-Meanwhile, Aerojet has anple have been tipped off that other crack idea snapping in some Madison Avenue men are the breeze at the top of the getting their heads together with flagpole -- put a time capsule a leading car manufacturer right into orbit containing information for future generations of the type customarily buried in the cornerstones of new build-They are reportedly considings.

ering a satellite in the shape "It would obviously be much safer up there," sagely comof a car, but are stalemated on whether it should be the mented an Aerojet spokesman.

Raise for Minnie? Will Minnie get a raise? might save them a little time!) Five members of the Califor-It is generally conceded that the budget will be revised up-

\$1.25

ward, possibly as much as

\$600, which would result in a

recommendation to increase

the minimum wage from \$1 to

But an increase of \$600 will

at best make it possible for

Minnie to hold her own, and

purchase the meager neces-

sities of her 1950 budget at to-

she should attempt to get out

of this rut, skimp on enter-

tainment and buy a morning

paper. In addition to the

laughs she gets from articles

about the fabulous standard of

living enjoyed by American

workers, she will find interest-

ing news items about wages,

hours and working conditions

This is probably why the

commissioners - who allow

nothing for education --- fig-

ure she doesn't "need" a daily

Five Mean

.That's It

Three businessmen were at

NORAD headquarters in Col-

orado Springs when radar sig-

nals from the moon were

interpreted as a missile at-

tack last Oct. 5. Peter G.

Peterson of Bell & Howell re-

vealed two months later how

where top officers sit at a ser-

ies of desks studying the huge

plastic screen that shows un-

identified aircraft moving over

"On a light panel there was

a series of numbers, from one

"As I recall it, we were told

that if No. 1 flashed, it meant

only routine objects in the air.

If two flashed it meant there

were a few more unidentified

cbjects, but nothing suspic-

"If five flashed, it was high-

"We were in this big room

- Joyce Cowley

My own suggestion is that

day's inflated prices.

in organized shops.

paper.

it felt.

North America

through five.

ious. And so on.

people.

nessman

nia State Industrial Welfare Commission are studying the problem of a 1961 Minnie (short for minimum) Budget. On the basis of their previous findings that a girl on her own could live in "health and decency" on \$2,003.98 a year, California established a minimum wage for women of \$1 an hour.

The American Way of Life

A raise seems long overdue, since the last time they figured out a budget was 1950, and the possibility that living. costs have increased since then led the commission to its present study.

The commissioners report that in 1950 the girl earning this minimum worked six days a week to get it, and she did not (obviously!) belong to a union.

If you want to know how a girl can get along on a dollar an hour, a breakdown of the Minnie Budget gives the answers, although the term "strait jacket" seems more appropriate than "budget."

She could not afford a radio or a daily paper. Expense for medical care was limited to \$104.67, which should make it possible for any robust girl with good eyesight and perfect teeth to live in "health." There was an additional

sum of \$44[°] for insurance and emergencies. If it was a big emergency, she might borrow from a curious item described as "miscellaneous -- candy, gum and church."

She ate out for lunch, at an estimated cost of 57 cents; 55 cents for a sandwich and coffee, two cents for the State of California Sales Tax, which helps pay the commissioners' salaries.

\$44 was set aside so that she could take a seven-day vacation, an average of a little more than \$6 a day. \$94.97 was allowed for car-

fare. On a six-day basis, this would take her to the job. But how did she get home?

The Minnie Budget is described as "somewhat above the subsistence level" which means that so far no one has starved to death on it.

The commission is now revising its standards on a girl's necessities. Exactly what does she require "to hold the respect of her friends and fellow workers at minimum

California Betrayed

A table-model TV is contending for a place in the new budget. Assuming that she shares a furnished apartment with two other girls, they may be able to swing it if all

the state's major industries!

she needs, the commission will

go shopping to find out if

these things really cost more

Editor: During three coast-to-coast tours this year as presidential

candidate of the Socialist Workers Party, I had a chance to get a fair idea of changing political moods among the American The general complacency of recent years is being shaken by fear of nuclear war, feelings of economic insecurity, anger over denials of civil rights and concern about attacks on civil liberties. These acute problems are causing an increasing number of people to probe into the basic causes of their difficulties and to listen with an open mind to all proposed solutions. In the course of my campaign activities I was able to talk with such people in various categories of the population: work-



Even the Reporters

Even at press conferences a the latter question, the discus- series of more concrete inquiries: changing attitude was apparent. sions showed an increased tend-Newspaper, TV and radio re- ency to conclude that something under socialism? porters often stayed around is fundamentally wrong with

after the formal interview to "the system." express their own opinions and ask questions on matters in which they were personally interested.

At campaign meetings the discussion period was generally lively. Questions asked and views expressed were in the main of a searching, thinking nature. Hostile attitudes of a "know-nothing" kind were comparatively rare.

Many subjects were probed: strength, its dramatic scientific What can be done immediately advances and the fact that the but the above should be enough to cope with the most pressing Soviet workers are not plagued to illustrate the general nature problems? Can't a long-range by unemployment. They asked: solution be found through reforms under capitalism? Won't up a nationalized and planthe basic change advocated by ned economy in this country? socialists confront us with new Would it assure steady emdangers ployment for all?"

Despite the hesitations over Alongside this increased curi-

Letters from Our Readers

"How would socialists set

To the Memory **Of Carl Skoglund**

ly probable that objects in the air were moving toward Editor: America. In other words, an

attack was likely.' As the visitors watched, the lights flashed — one . . . two three . . .

"When the numbers rose to four, key NORAD generals all his adult life. came running from their offices," Peterson said. "As five flashed, we were quickly es-

corted into another office." They were held for twenty minutes - long enough for a rocket missile to travel from They waited with the "hope-

Mood Is Changing



can assure lasting peace, eco-

all and genuine democracy.

A general reply to this quesbasic social change expressed in tion brought forth in turn a "Who would do the planning

"Who would manage production and distribution?

"Who would decide where Explanations were sought as to exactly how socialism people should work? "Would the workers retain the

right to strike? nomic security, civil rights for "If your party held power

would you allow other political More people seemed inclined to take capitalist propaganda parties to exist?

"What would happen to indeagainst socialism with a grain of salt, especially where economic pendent newspapers and to the matters are concerned. They ap- use of television and radio? peared impressed by the Soviet

"What would be the rights of Union's growing industrial the individual under socialism?" More questions could be listed. of the growing interest in socialist ideas; also some of the key issues socialists must be prepared to deal with in their recruitment work

Fraternally, Farrell Dobbs

ing.

Carl Skoglund has taken his both children. farewell from his many close After a fruitless search, the friends, and departed for the mother called the toy company

eternal sleep from which he will itself to see if they could help never again be disturbed by her find the toy. The company those who hounded him nearly could not help. "It may be a very happy

Like Debs and other noble Christmas for you," she told Opening Gambit characters, he had to go to them. "But it is going to be a prison not for any crimes he terrible one for me."

committed, but for truths he told I certainly can sympathize to those who toil at productive with harried mothers who have labor. But prison and persecu- this additional problem added opportunity to do just that. tion at the hands of reaction by unscrupulous advertis- People get in my cab and Russia to the United States. never swerved him from his goal ers. And as far as TV commer- sometimes, after the inevitable of a better world, a world minus cials are concerned, I've had it. discussion about the weather,

der the tree on Christmas morn- with the vote polled by the SWP and want us to spend time One mother with two children with them to discuss our politics has been searching the stores for and to compare the ideas of soa particular toy demanded by cialism with their own. We hope to convince them.

A.C. New York

Cuban Weather Editor:

I like to talk about Cuba. Being a cab driver I often get the

will ask me what I think about

cost?" Need a Christmas Tree?

werful brotherly love, one of the key item in the Times that helps ex- backdrops." issues in the cold war.

In a great part of the world it is pleted in three major markets he saw on television." the anti-Christmas part of the world."

In noble language, the are ringing" on this "birthday of one of humanity's noblest dreams" and why "they will be heard after the artillery, big and little, atomic and sub-

defense of in my ears, I ran across another front of incredible

plain why brotherly love is held He quotes a father as saying: "In this quietness," the editor so precious in the Christmas part "My youngster is only 5. He canwrites, "we read or listen to of the world. Bill Silverstein, an not read. It's a helluva thing to news that is infrequently in har- advertising manager, is quoted: spend \$15 on a toy and then see mony with the songs the angels "The toy industry is in my kid sit down and cry besang in the beautiful old story. trouble. A 'survey just com- cause it doesn't fly like the one

launch into space between

considered subversive to show shows a growing, if not full- Toys are losing out in the signs of the Christmas spirit. In- grown, resentment leveled by birthday and gift market. Now, deed, the nations that celebrate the public at the toy industry— with resentment growing, "we Christmas are in conflict with and in no uncertain terms.... may find toys losing a share of "It seems that it is almost im- its Christmas market, too."

possible for some of our leading And if the Christmas market manufacturers to put a toy on goes to pot, what's the use of Times tells us "why the bells television without misrepresent- brotherly love, peace on earth and hark! the TV commercials

ing it. "We see non-floating battle- sing? ships move through fog and Anybody like to buy a virtuhaze, tanks crash through ally new Christmas tree? barbed wire blowing up en-

In its Christmas Day editorial, atomic, has fallen into si- emy outposts. Toy rockets

York Times, an authoritative Two days later, while the actual film clips. Toy sub-

voice of American capitalism, atomic artillery was still ringing marines surface and sink in

than they did in 1950. Chief Maurice J. Gershenson of the Division of Labor Statistics will fan men through the state, pricing the two girdles, one summer hat, two pairs of shoes and various

other items on Minnie's list. (Checking the U.S. government cost-of-living index

three of them cut out the less feeling" that World War movie going that was permit-III had begun.

ted in the 1950 budget. A "Our first thoughts were of startling betrayal by a Caliour families, our deep concern fornia commission of one of for them. They weren't with us and we could not reach When they have reached dethem.' finite conclusions about what

A NORAD officer finally entered the room to explain that it wasn't World War III after all. Just the moon. Peterson said one comfort-

ing thought came to him during the panic. ". . . you realize there's very little one can do if a missile attack is on the way."

Whether he now thinks something should be done before a missile attack occurs, he did not say.

the People's Republic of China

and "other unrecognized re-

gimes" 'on the condition that

they do not represent or speak

for the U.S. government.

poverty, ignorance and war. I first met Carl on a night

nearly all night with an outpour-

ing of vital and interesting in- Editor: formation about the labor move-The pious hypocrisies of the ment. I went to bed marvelling at the depth of his knowledge and understanding, and from that moment on we always found common cause and understanding on the many problems that plague this changing world. Together with his many warm

friends and associates I honor his memory. C. R. Hedlund

Minneapolis

Munch Money

Editor: starvation, disease and murder.' The enclosed \$5 is a little gift Why must we always blame for the staff. Buy a box of chocolates and munch while you

work.

F.S. New York

all revolutions are the result of [Our warmest thanks. If it's all right, though, we'll just add it to the kitty to pay the printer. revolutions inspired by CIA He's a pretty steady muncher. funds be just as successful? If

much heat. During the recent his granddaughter is demanding today. cold snap, the City Health De- a doll for Christmas. There's partment had to install a special nothing unusual about that. But Times says we stand for are Jersey CIO Council plans to trunk line (WO 4-3414) to handle this little girl is demanding a ancient indeed: human sacrifice more than one thousand no-heat doll that "Your Old Uncle Sel- to the idols of profit and war and A Pattern? spokesman, but don't get dis- Claus this is the doll she wants. a real life-size walking doll that couraged. will be a constant playmate.

True Charity --- Fifty children The entire family is scouring from the slums of West Dallas, the stores in search of the "con-

train bound for Chicago nearly 40 years ago. He kept me up

D.B. New York

the year cannot be so calm about

The moral ideas which the

It Always Pays

To Advertise

Brooklyn, N.Y.

I tell them I think it's great and when they ask me what I 'Under the Influence' mean by that I tell them, "Well,

take Cuba for instance . . . " And off we go. If they don't get past point

the international situation.

capitalist press sometimes make number one of conversation, I you feel like retching from in- mention that, the weather in dignation. An editorial in the Cuba is great, and off we go New York Times on Dec. 16 de- again.

clared that 250,000 persons are Every now and then I get a "actually starving" in Kasai few who are interested and who province in the Congo. Then the don't think that everything editorial goes on to say "The So- that's going on in Cuba is so viets have always seemed indif- terrible. For instance I get guite ferent to slaughter if it advanc- a few Negro fares who will say ed their aims. The rest of us who "That's right" and some will buy are still under the influence of a copy of Joe Hansen's pamphlet the ancient moral ideas that on Cuba which I conveniently flourish especially at this time of carry.

B.F. Detroit

the Russians for the misery and slaughter which our capitalist A Post-Election system causes? How is it that **Return for Dobbs** only the other side can "take advantage" of bad conditions? If Editor:

Soviet agents' infiltration and to various parties on TV just be-My wife and I were listening scheming, why can't counter-fore the presidential election and we found ourselves agreeing with most of the speech given the Russians are gaining by Mr. Dobbs and we are wonthroughout the world, it is bedering if a copy of the speech is cause the colonial people are be-still available and if you could ing forced more and more by also send us a copy of the latest U.S. policies to side with the issue of the Militant.

> Mr. and Mrs. F.H. San Diego, Calif.

[Sure thing. — Editor.]

Editor: Anthony Econom

In the Nov. 7 Militant is an article, "Settlement at GE Is Followed by Reprisals" and in the Nov. 14 Militant is "North Carolina Strikers Begin Terms in Prison."

All of this follows a pattern, and unless immediate attention One of the interesting sides of is given to this problem it will the recent election campaign for become more serious. I think the tons we wore, showing our sup- ihe one from which the United States may not be able to mocracy.

D.R. Baltimore

Atlanta Vote - Willie B., a dollar spent by Congress in 1960, gorilla at the Atlanta, Ga., Grant 73.9 per cent went for the arms Park Zoo, polled 390 write-in program and payments on past votes against labor-baiting, race- wars, with 56.4 cents going dihating Rep. James O. Davis, rectly for military expenditures. Texas-Economy .- The Dallas

square meals a day" from 63.3 health, education and welfare. cents in 1959 to 55.9 cents in 1960.

Democrat.

thority. it or not, their country is becom- charge" that smoking may crease chances for survival in be similar to the Group Health ing more and more America's front line of defense, an expendable land mass in the eyes of American strategists."

mittee for a Better New York. casians" only. He says authorities should do something about it.

Your Tax Dollar - When you studies, the average employee

Of the \$83 billion spent by Congress, almost \$63 billion went into the war hopper while less

Proof Positive — "We tobacco View from Canada — "There awareness of our public responis scarcely anything really co- sibilities, and we consider health metic, that means he keeps on operative about the defense of of overriding importance," says stealing from the boss for four North America," says Dr. G.F.G. William S. Cutchins, president Stanley, a Canadian military au- of the Brown & Williamson Tocause cander.

> Underground Jim Crow—The far but progress is limited. Korean-born wife of an Amer-

Vital Statistics — According Americans on an equal basis. to FBI and insurance company

get ready to pay your income who taps his boss's till fits this bill has been introduced in the ment-employed scientists to at- "Nothing is more jovial for the successful and children are tell- have new friends." tax next month you might bear picture: He is 35 years old; his British Parliament to make it tend international meetings Christmas breakfast than a glass ing their parents that nothing One couple has been very in mind that out of every tax average term of employment is an offense punishable by heavy which include scientists from or two of champagne."

months after he's fired.

Thought for the Week

-Paul Abbott

Was Reported in the Press

"Whatever the appearances, from the appointment of the new Attorney General and the designation of a successor in the Senate for the President-elect, a man obviously does not have to be a brother, brother-in-law or old Harvard roommate of Senator Kennedy to get ahead in politics. But it doesn't hurt." -Editorial in the Dec. 22 Wall Street Journal.

County jail cut the cost of "three than \$5 billion was spent on nine years and three months; he fine to print any of those four- landlords to maintain a minworks for six years and five letter Anglo-Saxon words. The imum temperature of 65 degrees "Uncle Sellem" months before his first theft and bill would eltiminate evasion by during the day, with no heat recontinues to steal for three years also prohibiting use of the first quired after 10 p.m. For a lot Editor:

caught. According to our arith- the customary dashes. Labor Health Plan-The New

"The weapons are bacco Corp. As evidence he Help Wanted — The Army's surance plan in opposition to the complaints a day. Even with the lem" on the kiddies hour told American. The strategic de- cited the fact that the industry Medical Research and Develop- state's Blue Shield plan which it cisions are American. The fin- supported a research program ment Command wishes the pub- said was too costly and provided busy signal, says a department all she has to do is tell Santa gers on the triggers are Amer- "that is helping to bring facts lic to know it is seeking an anti- inadequate coverage. Spokesican. Whether Canadians like to bear against the unproved radiation drug that will in- men said the new setup would

> a nuclear war. About 1,500 com- Insurance Plan, used in New pounds have been evaluated so York.

It Figures - A federal judge Texas, were guests of honor at stant playmate." ican soldier was denied burial in Equality for All - The U.S. excused Roland Levesque from a Christmas charity party spon-Foul - New York's air "is a Springfield, Mass., cemetery ban on hoarding gold has been jury duty in Providence, R.I., sored by suburban high-school children so successfully? four, it irritates eyes, it stinks because of the cemetery's "all- extended by President Eisen- after Levesque said he believed students. As presents for the A recent daily tells the same and it could very well be poison- white" policy. A spokesman hower to include Hawaii, the a defendant must prove himself children, they collected toys, story, very appropriately under socialism was the nice big but- present economic crisis may be ous," says John L. Casey, Jr., said the cemetery's charter pro- Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, innocent. "I was in the service," used clothing and bottles of "advertising." chairman of the Citizen's Com- vided for the burial of "Cau- Guam and the Canal Zone. Press he said, "and you were guilty cough syrup.

secretary Hagerty said the move until proven innocent." was intended solely to put all

Busy Line — A very generous New York City law requires Editor.]

people rank second to none in and two months before he is letter of such words followed by of rent gougers, even that's too A friend of mine told me that progressive forces in the world

TV channels have been "alive port for Dobbs and Weiss.

Post-Xmas Hint - It's too late dren - a saturation campaign for a long time has turned up sentially as it was before. Long Progress Reports - The State for this year, but you can file whose purpose was to whet the some very interesting people as years ago Plato said that greed, Department disclosed Dec. 20 this thought from the New York children's appetite for certain a result of that button. Everyone selfishness, stupidity and lack of Salvation for the D-d - A that it will now permit govern- Times away for next season: toys." The campaign has been now knows my politics and I standards would ruin any de-

but the "real thing" is to be un- much impressed and delighted

slavery.

You doubt that TV "sells" Editor:

with advertising directed at chil- The building I have lived in emerge with the government es-