

bined government-employer assault on the union which was capitalist class. expelled from the CIO in a coldwar move in 1950. Last year 17 gripped the workers, it rapidly present and former officials of assumed dimensions and a form the union were convicted on a which the leaders of the Belgian similar charge. Indictments Socialist party and trade-union were brought against them at federation had not bargained for. the height of bitterly fought In large measure, then, the strikes against the major copper strikes have been pressed forproducers. ward by the ranks, under a so-

Despite the union-busting cial-democratic and centrist type drive, copper workers won a leadership, which provide no 171-day strike last year at real sense of direction. Anaconda Copper and a 181- The Belgian movement thus day strike at Phelps Dodge, has immonse lessons for the However, a seven-month strike wolkers of other European coun-Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was brok- dous potential of combativity en last month.



the abolition of capitalism. The Background

However, once the movement

sistance" to school desegregation prevent any future mob action. to one of legal evasion. Shortly after the two students In the first three days after were suspended, a mass meettheir return to the Athens, Ga., ing of faculty members drafted at the Bunker Hill Co., in tries. It shows both the tremen- campus, Charlayne Alberta a resolution insisting they be Hunter, 18, and Hamilton E. returned to classes with the concealed behind the present- Holmes, 19, went quietly to necessary protection that offiday "prosperity" of the working classes, followed ten paces be- cials had been "unable or unclass and the danger that this hind by plainclothesmen. Only willing" to give them.

diver outlined plans to the state mobs formed.

federal court orders, the Uni-

About two-thirds of the 600 faculty members have ento direct these energies towards of students made a point of extending friendly words of state legislature.

had suspended the two stu- prowled the streets near Miss

dents. Meanwhile, Gov. Van- Hunter's dormitory. No new

legislature Jan. 18 to retreat An encouraging body of

from a policy of "massive re- campus opinion is mobilizing to

dorsed the resolution despite a threatening blast from the A newly formed Students for

neers Beneficial Association and Scafarers International Union. "scouts" were in the area, the They are standing firm on the versity of Georgia reinstated campus assumed a siege-like two Negro students Jan. 16. quality. Floodlights bathed the position that no jobs be elimin-Four days earlier, university of - grounds and buildings at night, ated unless changes in technolficials had bowed to a mob or- barricades stood near the camogy or methods of work abolish ganized by the Ku Klux and pus entrance and squad cars the need for the job.

The unions counter management's arbitration proposal by demanding the retention of the status quo for a period to be fixed by the employers. After the termination of that period all proposals to cut crews and establish minimum manning scales would be subject to reconsideration. While the immediate dispute

railroad tycoons. What is involved is the issue of "featherbedding" which the

Paul M. Sweezy, coeditor

ted to Congress only one day before he took to the air to bid us

farewell. For in Eisenhower's farewell budget well over one-half the total estimated expenditure of approximately \$80.0 billion is devoted to record peacetime

military spending. For the former year, total estimated budget expendituries total \$78,945,000,000 of which \$45,930,-

welcome.

involves only 664 workers, the earners.

issues raised are far-reaching and; can affect a great many thousands of railroad and other workers. This is made plain in the paid advertisement of the

Revolution. One purpose of the record straight. The internationally famous ing February and March." sculptor Beniamo Bufano was

the first speaker. Viewing the nore than capacity crowd, he said the meeting was a fine ly isl thing; but to be really effective we should be on the street cor- administration still insists it is ners speaking to those millions no recession, but simply a "roll-

who are reading only the lies of ing adjustment." "Mr. Eisenhow the American press about Cuba. er's advisers," says the Jan. 17 He said that the foreign policy Wall Street Journal, "blame the of the government was the re- downturn mainly on a business sponsibility of all of us, and he inventory adjustment they becointed to the latent power of lieve will end soon. The Presi-America's 60,000,000 wage dent's farewell economic report to Congress, due Wednesday,"

it adds, "is expected to predict "If the American labor an early business recovery." movement had a different Meanwhile? leadership," he declared, "the Meanwhile, as the U.S. Deworkers could stop the wheels partment of Labor's monthly reof industry until the governport on the status of the Labor ment reversed its policy of force points out: "The number aggression toward Cuba.

of persons unemployed for 15 weeks or longer was unchanged

establishment, Eisenhower is in a position to know whereof he speaks. He contributed more than his share to the Prussiani-

low, now estimates unemploy- the capitalist class to the posimeeting, he said, was to set the ment will be 5,600;000 this tion of Commander-in-Chief of month and almost as great dur-This, the editorial concludes, "is, obviously, too much un-employment." It most certain-

the entire American military: zation of American life.

His warning, although welcome, is couched in the wrong tense. Instead of speaking of the future peril of militarism he should have addressed himself to the present reality as disclosed by the budget he submit-

Nigeria and the Cameroons, a major political party in Nigeria, behind the present eruption of has demanded that the government protest to the United The southern part of the country States for racial discrimination is the oldest industrial region in in a Virginia restaurant against continental Europe. Its wealth C. Uchomo, Second Secretary of is founded on coal and heavy inthe Nigerian Embassy.

a statement to the press, "that class with a high level of class America, self-appointed leader of the Western power blocs and great advocate of racial equality in other peoples' countries, should be a country to practice racial discrimination against Nigeria.

"The NCNC believes that a country devoid of respect for human dignity, a country with completely bankrupt racial policy, a country which still lives in the dark ages, has no claim to leadership of free

one afternoon last week his tan-

brothers and should call each

front of the integration struggle.

For some time he and his wife.

Marie, traveled in a trailer spe-

cially built on a truck chassis

To express the theme of brother-

hood, the sides of the trailer

were decorated with a white

hand and a dark hand clasped

Marie is in poor health now

and can no longer accompany

car urge protherhood.

South has kept him in the fore- hoses.

gested an outdoor worker.

brotherhood.

together.

Traveling Advocate

By Harry Ring

ned face and lumber jacket sug- most recent of his 20 arrests in

For the past 30 years he has Negro minister staged a sit-in at

been outdoors a good deal. Ash- a Dallas, Texas, lunch counter

Of World Brotherhood

What are the historical factors the class struggle in Belgium? "It is a matter of regret," said tightly knit industrial working dustry. It possesses a large and

consciousness. The workers in this region are

organized in a Socialist party with a parliamentary and reformist leadership, and in powerful trade unions. The unions are largely under the conotrol of relatively young and dynamic leaders who emerged during the

war or the postwar period, In the favorable conditions of postwar expansion, the workers have been able great-(Continued on Page 2)

He quietly described how the

the South began after he and a

Hot Reception BOSTON, Jan. 16 - George

Va., got a hot reception. Rockwell had announced his ntention to picket the film 'Exodus'' which deals with Israel. By the time the fuehrer arrived, a crowd of counterfrom 2,000 to 10,000 had as-

chanting.

Boston Crowd Gives Fuehrer

Lincoln Rockwell, head of the tions." swastika-wearing American Nazi party, who came to this city by Barbara Veal, captain of the yesterday with a truckload of university's debating team. uniformed "storm troopers" from headquarters in Arlington,

> the mob action that drove the two off the campus. She urged they be accepted back "without any trouble." Another resolution urging

pickets which police estimated dignity and courtesy was adopted by 65 students who said they sembled. When they began represented several hundred managers it is a matter of "prin-"We Want Rockothers.

well," as the Nazi chief ap-Official treatment of the gunpeared, police hustled him away. toting Klansmen who led the The Harvard Crimson, estimating the crowd at 500, said today that part of the counterpickets consisted of refugees Three of the admitted Klansmen to act as a fact-finding board in land Place. (BMT or IRT to Ful- month, 5,600,000 in February, the millions of unemployed from Nazi concentration camps. (Continued on Page 3)

they felt that the Nazis had a right to picket the theater," the paper continued, "but upheld their own picketing as 'the only way we can protest against what they stand for.' "The Young Socialist Alliance,

ton (he believes all men are' last Easter Sunday. From Dallas, Ashton travelled other by their first name) is a to Marshall, Texas, where Negro traveling advocate of world students from Wiley College had staged a massive sit-in action This occupation in his native and had been attacked with fire

While he was on Wiley campus, police suddenly appeared and jailed him for 'vagrancy." He was sentenced to 90 days or a \$200 fine plus \$28 court costs.

Ashton was in jail ten days before his wife and a lawyer were able to raise \$450 to post bond pending appeal. During those ten days he was

her crusading husband. The kicked down a flight of steel trailer was wrecked by racists steps, lashed with a rawhide in Louisiana and with the aid whip and confined to a sweatbox

of friends he has replaced it cell. with a British compact car. Like On release, he encountered the the old trailer, banners on the "law" again in Shrevesport, La. (Continued on Page 2)

Many college students also The Rev. Ashton Jones is a | Talking with this amiable showed up. tall, wiry man who speaks in a man, it is difficult to visualize "Most of the students said soft, pleasant way. When he the suffering he has endured at walked into the Militant office the hands of racist authorities.

> labor unions, including the ILGWU, also marched in probaby, typified the sentiments of

said, 'We don't belong to any anything we can to help.' ¥ According to one newspaper

account the truckload of Nazis never arrived, due to breakdowns and wrong turns. Howshow up on schedule.

out of town.

Constructive Action was re-railroad companies of this coun-the Monthly Review, was the ported working virtually around try have made their number one main speaker. A recent visitor to However, this group of longthe clock to ensure that there target. Millions of dollars have Cuba, he categorically denied would be no new difficulties for been expended in newspaper, published reports that the Cuban 200,000 between the third and the two students. The group en- magazine, radio and television dorsed the faculty resolution advertising to create a favorand 282 students signed a able "public opinion" in opposistatement calling for immediate tion to 'alleged "make-work" suspension of "all students tak- union rules. ing part in mob demonstra-It is the same issue which

was raised by the steel corporations in their assault on The student group is headed union work-rules in the 116day steel strike last year. She told newsmen, "I think The main issue in the New most of us are ashamed" of York tug strike, say the railroad ads, is the demand for

union "make-work" on railroad boats. "This is the same basic economic issue that confronts Castro Regime Progressive?" the nation," they claim, "in althat the pair be treated with most every area of business and industry.

For the railroad owners and ciple", they aver, "to fight the unions' demands for 'makework' every step of the way.' attack on the campus did little Recently, Eisenhower appointed to ensure that the hooded thugs his Secretary of Labor, James would not make a new try. Mitchell, to head a committee (Continued on Page 3)

economy is on the verge of collapse. Far from that, he said, Cuba has registered a 30 per cent | earlier.

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Lynn to Debate **Blackwell on Events in Cuba**

BROOKLYN, N.Y. - "Is the goods manufacturing."

will be the subject of a debate here Saturday, Jan. 28. The affirmative will be upheld by Con-

rad J. Lynn, civil-liberties attorney and a sponsor of the Fair sistant Secretary of Labor and Play for Cuba Committee. Russel Blackwell of the Libertarian bor Department, said that even League will defend the negative. Sponsored by the Labor Educational League, the debate will tors probably would swell the be held at 8:30 p.m. at 228 Ash- jobless total to 5,500,000 this ton St. in downtown Brooklyn.)

over the month at 1.0 million term unemployed rose by about fourth quarters of 1960 and was also 200,000 higher than a year

"As in November, about half the long-term unemployed had been jobless for more than six months. The majority of this group of very long-term unemployed was made up of adult men. The groups most affected by prolonged unemployment are workers over 45, nonwhites, and worker's last employed in mining, transportation, or durable

Yet, the outgoing Eisenhower

Where Are We?

What of the prediction of an "early business recovery?" Seymour L. Wolfbein, Deputy Asmanpower specialist for the Lawithout any further economic the funds to extend the payment downturn, "normal seasonal fac-(Continued on Page 2)

000,000 is requested for military expenses. For the year 1962, the figures are \$80,865,000,000 and \$47,392,000,000 with almost the entire \$2 billion increase going mor military expenses.

It is a frightening manifestation of the voracious appetite of the military machine which continues to devour an increasing share of our national wealth as well as undermine and destroy our civil liberties. Farewell speeches, especially accompanied by prayers, are all very good. But we think something should be done about the situation now! With millions of workers now unemployed, underemployed and partially employed, the \$46 billion military items in Eisenhower's 1961 budget could be better used for building homes. schools, hospitals, highways and public parks as well as provide money for medical research, to combat the killer diseases that afflict mankind. Also, to provide of unemployment compensation for the full period of unemployment at trade-union wages for

workers.

abor Needs New, Militant Leadership

By Jack Barton

DETROIT, Jan. 14 - What the labor movement needs now is a united rank-and-file con-

whose leaflets were distributed ference in Washington to plan all over the Boston area, had a and start a campaign for the 30small group of picketeers. Many hour week at 40-hours' pay.

What the United Auto Workers needs is the mobilization of test. A young couple, carrying a rank-and-file and local sentiment demanding that the comthe rest of the crowd when they ing UAW convention in April make 30-for-40 its major degroup, we just came down to do mand in the 1961 contract negotiations.

And what both the UAW and ever, a few swastika-wearers did the unions to the rank and file. These were the views ex-

They hurriedly ushered the at a well attended meeting of

Misheff began with a bristling | meet these problems, and is | the UAW constitution to provide | attack on the corporations. He working hard to win support for the election of officers by cited facts and figures to prove for it. He urged all auto workmembership referendum rather that their lust for profits at ers and UAW locals to join with home and abroad has turned it in flooding Solidarity House and to bring paid officials unautomation into a weapon for with resolutions and telegrams eliminating workers from their demanding that 30-for-40 be jobs and weakening the unions. made the number one demand at the April UAW convention. Equally sharp was his critic-

ism of the top union leaders, whom he charged with being soft and timid toward the employers while being tough and hard with the ranks of their own unions.

to show how the union leaders Cobo Hall, where the conventhe rest of the labor movement pay lip service to the fight for tion will be held, with slogans

mocracy to return control of impede and block that fight. jobs for all. And he quoted chapter and verse to show how the union

When the crowd saw them, a pressed last night by Cross bureaucrats have been taking great shout of anger went up. Misheff, a member of the Na- away, restricting and under-Eggs were thrown, some of tional Committee for Democ- mining the democratic rights which spattered the 125 police ratic Action in UAW, speaking of rank-and-file union members. The National Committee for Nazis inside the theater and then the Friday Night Socialist Democratic Action in UAW, Forum at Eugene V. Debs Hall. Misheff said, has a program to than by convention delegates der the control of the members. Other points touched on by Misheff were the need to intensify the fight against anti-Negro discrimination, especially acute in the skilled trades jobs,

He also expressed the conviction that it would be a good and healthy thing for thousands of

disarmament.

Unlike Goldberg

Misheff was introduced to the of movement. forum by Art Fox, also an need is a fight for internal de- shorter hours, but in practice calling on the union to fight for NCFDA member and a cochairman of the local unemployed

> Fox contrasted Misheff with Arthur Goldberg, the new secrerank and file. The unions must tary of labor. be made democratic, he said, because that is the way to and symbol of labor-manageraise the fighting capacity of ment collaboration, Fox said,

The NCFDA favors changing

leadership. Misheff explained his willingness to speak at a socialist forum by declaring that the crying need is for a united labor movement capable of beating back the corporation and government offensive against labor's standard of livand the need for labor to deing, and that he didn't care velop an independent policy on

what the color or politics of a man is as long as he will join the campaign to build that kind

rank and file rising to assert

their democratic rights to

The Hard Way

The New York Board of Education has raised \$142,000 for a special project to seek improved methods of training teachers as-Goldberg is the architect signed to "underprivileged" neighborhoods. The board hasn't considered the idea that it might be easier and better to just imother side of the picture-the prove the neighborhoods.

Jobless Should Act jobless UAW members to hold He gave numerous examples a mass demonstration ringing

the rank and file.

movement in the 1958 recession.

while Misheff represents the

One of the NCFDA's chief goals, Misheff explained, is to help return the union to the

Page Two

Continued from Page 1) [bright, heartening side to this] Hopes in Kennedy Are Due for Rude Awakening

orogram.'

While eating in a Negro caf- gruesome picture. eteria, he was arrested by two cops, again on a vagrancy charge.

He was thrown into the bull pen. and a jailer showed the ated themselves with me. They other prisoners news photos of him shaking hands with a Negro at Wiley College.

The prisoners beat him so savagely that he required four stitches in his jaw.

He was then held in solitary for four days before a hearing at which a judge ordered him to submit to psychiatric examination. That was another 17 days. (The "psychiatrist," it turned out, was a member of the White Citizens Council.)

Finally, a "trial" was set. By this time Marie had managed to secure the services of a local lawyer. But a previous case prevented the lawyer from being in court on the morning of Ashton's trial date. A request for a postponement was denied and turbing the peace. Ashton was convicted, without counsel, of vagrancy and disturbing the peace. The sentence -eight months on a prison farm.

Prison farm officials permitted prisoners to beat him. They hung him from an upper bunk by the heels, shaved the hair from his head and body. He was taken to a lake and held under water some 25 times.

Finally, \$1,500 bond was raised and that particular nightmare ended. For Ashton, there was a

Unnoticed Oppression

Writing from Miami in the Jan. 19 New York Times, Sam Pope Brewer notes that most of those leaving Cuba are lawyers. doctors, engineers, etc. He offers miss."

this explanation: "Most of the really poor in Cuba are said to be better off than before the revolution and not to notice the oppression."



DETROIT

"An Answer to Police Brutal ity" - speaker, Albert Stokes, of the Allied Citizens Defense League. Friday, Jan. 27. 8 p.m. Debs Hall, 3737 Woodward. Friday Night Socialist Ausp. Forum.

NEW YORK

The Effect of the Cuban Revolution in Brazil and Argentina, eral investigation of the viola-A discussion of social problems tion of Ashton's civil rights by and political developments in the Shrevesport police.) Also, the major Latin-American coun- the Emergency Civil Liberties tries. Speaker, Marvel Scholl Committee plans a suit against Friday, Jan. 27. 8:30 p.m. Mili- Shrevesport officials under the tant Labor Forum, 116 Univer- federal civil-rights act. lice (off Union Sq.) Con-

"A young white couple in Shrevesport attended my trial,' he said, "They became interested

in the case and publicly associraised \$500 of the bond money. "The young man was fired move with their children to

Texas. "But they were quite willing to accept this persecution to stand up on this great issue of equality of all geople. Isn't that

wonderful?" For Ashton, the Shrevesport ordeal was far from over. To appeal his conviction, his lawyer from the court that tried him.

At the beginning of this month, Ashton returned to Shrevesport to confer with his lawyer. A block from the lawyer's office the cops grabbed him again. The

charges — vagrancy and dis-Back in Bull Pen

He was put back in the same

bull pen and again beaten by prisoners. To finish off the job, jailers kicked and stomped him and heat him with a rubber mailet. The next morning his lawyer got him out on bail.

As he was driving out of town, the car still emblazoned with brotherhood banners, he stopped for gasoline. Near the entrance to the station another car forced him to the curb. A man leaped out, cursed and

bullets.

On Jan. 19, Ashton is due back in Shrevesport to stand trial. He assumes he will be convicted and given the maximum six-month

charges. Before returning to face this ordeal, he is seeking to raise bond money so he won't be put back in prison pending appeal union escalator clause in the if he's convicted. How does he size up the railroad magnates attacked the

this point? "Progress is being made so fast in the integration field." he said, "that it's causing a rather violent reaction among

ists." Does he need help?

By Cyrus Thomas

"Organized labor had a bleak year" in 1960, says New York Fimes labor expert A. H. Raskin in the Jan. 9 year-end-revicw published by the newsfrom his job and they had to paper, "but it hopes for a cheerier climate under the Kennedy Administration.'

Summing up the dismal 1960 ecord, Raskin points out that Unemployment, slack business conditions and stiffer management resistance at the bargain-

ing table combined to hold down union wage gains in 1960. To add to labor's unhappiness, required a bill of particulars higher living costs and a slight reduction in the average work week wiped out the effect of

velope than he had at the

What Raskin describes is the

workers' standard of living. This

Escalation Issue

The postwar economy has

een marked by an almost un-

interrupted hike in prices that

piled one increase after another

onto the cost of living. In de-

fense against the worst effects

of price inflation many unions

fought for and won the escala-

or clause in the union contract.

deterioration in the

hourly pay scales.' "The result," Raskin concludes, "was that the average factory worker wound up the year with less purchasing power in his weekly wage en-

start."

steady

reduction in the purchasing power of the working people serves to accelerate the deepening recession.

beat him and then proceeded to riddle the car's chassis with "He obviously didn't intend to The clause provides for an auto-

kill me," Ashton ouser to close to Ashton observed matic wage increase with each percentage increase in living ly increasing cost of living osts. Recently the corporations have undertaken a fierce campaign to take away from the

unions the protection against sentence on each of the two inflation provided by the escalator clause, The steel corporations succeeded in emasculating the 116-day strike last year. The

struggle for racial equality at cost-of-living clause in the union contract. More recently the General Electric Corpora-

ion eliminated the cost-of-living clause when it broke the strike of the electrical workers. The clause is a prime target of the some of the rabid segregationauto barons in the coming ne-

Oh, no, he replied. The Amercan Civil Liberties Union has

entered the case and will handle any 'necessary apeals. (The ACLU has also demanded a fed-

cil, top policy-making body

the working man?

they did in 1958."

for auto.

same period."

in present contracts."

AFL-CIO Proposals

parture from the usual small de-

cline in December job totals.

"Every major manufacturing in-

dustry reported a decline," says

the Labor Department report,

now -" says Business Week,

"to hold cost lines in 1961

even more successfully than

Elimination of the escalator

clause in the face of a constant-

means a slash in the workers'

living standards. Why the cor-

porations are eager to eliminate

The first five points, labeled the cost, of living. Any "recovmoval and public housing pro-

coverage; and health care for the aged tied to the Social Security system. The five points of "most con-

campaign "economic recovery Is this millionaire thinking up ways and means of helping Union officials insist they will fight against any such attempt. But all of the com-Kennedy forces. panies "are determined --

Conspicuous by its absence from the AFL-CIO "20-point program" was the demand for a reduction of the work week with no reduction in pay. Failure of the AFL-CIO Executive Council to endorse this demand has doomed the campaign of the Steel Workers union directed at Congress for legislating into existence the 32-hour week.

escalation is indicated by the figures given by Business Week The labor leaders, who boast that their support was decisive "The c-of-l clause," it says, in electing the Kennedy-John-'has added 51 cents an hour to son ticket, are relying on their UAW wages since 1948. The an-"political victory" to meet the nual improvement factor clause problems created by the drive (for deferred raises of 21/2 peron the workers' standard of cent or 6 cents an hour, whichliving and the now officially ever is larger) had added anadmitted "recession." other 61 cents an hour over the

Kennedy's Line

No wonder Business Week reports that the companies are "unhappy about c-of-l clauses What do the AFL-CIO tops propose to do about all this? Militant.]

"Escalation," says the Dec. 24 They recently met in executive be a crucial issue in bargaining and came up with a "20-point and headed by Dr. Paul A. and required a reassessment of

.... 509,000 Layoffs Stun Forecasters

with the collaborationist dropped sharply in December cline and get the unemployed tistic -- would have risen from (Continued from Page 1)

"The key planks," writes | tute of Technology. The report | fierce class battles in the coming | under such notorious agencies Bernard D. Nossiter, staff re- represents the thinking of the porter for the Washington Post, Kennedy "brain trust." Jan. 6, "adopted at a special "The influence of the report,"

tive Council, match President- New York Herald Tribune in the Nossiter adds: "The Coun-Executive had postponed his major decisions on budget

for the federation had been urged by some in labor to go awaiting the Samuelson findbeyond Mr. Kennedy's plans. ings. But on the central items, President George Meany led | cognizance of the fact that along the Council down the Administration's road,"

by Meany "as those we have ery" program, it is admitted, given the most concern to," will be accompanied by addicalled for: aid to depressed tional cost-of-living rises. "Postareas; bigger urban slum re- war experience, here and grams; funds for school build- gests that a mixed economy like ings and teachers' salaries; curs may tend to generate an, raising the present \$1 minimum upward creep of prices before it wege to \$1.25 and extending its arrives at high employment."

cern" to Meany figured prominently in the Kennedy election program. None pretend to deal with the immediate question of providing relief for the growing army of unemployed workers. All were tailored to avoid going beyond the limits set by the

But what does the Kennedy the American workers? A good indication can be gained from

meeting of the AFL-CIO Execu- says the financial writer of the the fact that the new Chief prices? and legislative recommendations

The Samuelson report takes with growing unemployment

has come a constant increase in

over labor. This has already been reflected in his contribution to the abroad," says the report, "sugunion-wrecking Kennedy-Landrum-Griffin law. His secretary of labor, Arthur Goldberg, publicly announced his adher-This in turn leads to resispartite board to settle labortance from the workers. The management disputes.

period. What should be done? as the War Labor Board will "Will it not be possible," the shudder at the prospect of a rereport asks, "to bring governturn to government regulation ment influence to bear on this of wages, hours and working vital matter without invoking conditions. Yet, that is the un-Kennedy administration.

While not replying directly, The union leaders who prothe report obliquely affirms vide a "labor" cover for Kenthat it may be necessary for nedy and his henchman, by prothe government in the 1960's claiming a program essentially "to meet head on the problem, identical to that of the adminisof a price creep." tration, are guilty of betraying The line of the report is in

the interests of the working people. Labor should formulate its own program to defend the workers against the economic

ministration.

Chief among the demands for defense of the workers against ence to the concept of the tri- unemployment and the rising cost of living should be the fight



(Continued from Page 1) ly to improve their real wage levels and to wrest social concessions from the state. This position of strength has developed a powerful class consciousness which the Belgian capitalist class views as a mortal danger.

The recent difficulties of Beltian capitalism reflects the underlying problems of an ageing, decrepit industrial and financial structure, confronted by more

vigorous rivals. Investment into industrial modernization has been insufficient to ensure a rate of growth comparable to that of France and Western Germany. This has been partly due to the overseas interests of Belgian Minister Eyskens is a memberfinance capital and its close tie-in with a few industrial groups which essentially defends the inwhich has hampered a more terests of Belgian capital.

Equally important as a social rounded industrial development. factor is the powerful Catholic Complicating problems are Trade Union Federation which those which followed overprocontrols the bulk of the working duction in the coal mines and the loss of the Congo. There seems class in the Flemish region. administration have in store for little doubt that the Belgian This is part of the attempt, capitalist class can pass the main which the Church has been makbrunt of the coal problem onto ing for some decades, to mainthe report entitled "Prospects the workers, many of whom are tain or reassert its control over and Policies for the 1961 Ameri- foreign immigrants. Even the the working masses; an attempt can Economy." [See last week's Congo losses have not been large which accepts, by implication, in absolute terms. Both, un- the existence of a class struggle desire to break the solidarity This was prepared by a task doubtedly symptoms of weak- but seeks to resolve it in line with his Flemish comradesiscue of Business Week, "could session to consider the problem force appointed by Kennedy ness, have shaken its confidence, with a doctrine which maintains

it does not exist.

From this contradiction has

come a working-class move-

ment, largely led by Catholics

of worker origin, who have to

square the inevitable demand

of their rank and file for a

militant policy on class issues

next fall between Detroit auto program" designed "to stem the Samuelson, professor of eco- future prospects. The "Single nomics at Massachusetts Insti- Law" issued from this necessity.

elect Kennedy's own minimum Jan 6 issue, "is underscored by direct controls on wages and mistakeable note sounded by the

consonance with Kennedy's views on the role of government n labor-management relations. Kennedy is for strict controls

recession and repudiate those who would cover up the lack of an adequate antirecession policy by the Kennedy ad-

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for a 30-hour week at 40-hours.

Samuelson report anticipates Workers old enough to re- pay with a cost-of-living clause conflicts that can flare into member the tri-partite swindle in each union contract.



The centers of industry, and Wallonia. Even the question of thus the mature industrial work- separation has been broached. ng class with powerful tradi-`The figure who has most tional organizations, are in the caught the imagination as a re-Walloon region. Over half the sult of the strike is the forceful population, however, is Flem- and dynamic metal workers ish, mainly in rural areas and leader, Andre Renard, whose the centers of new industries field is the industrial town of which have grown up in recent Liege. He symbolizes and reyears. There is, therefore, a na- sponds to the great energies tional problem which, at present, welling up from the working takes the form of a divided class; he talks their language

working class at different levels and claims to have no other of development. ambition than to serve them. The more backward Flemish Speaking from the balcony of workers are deeply influenced the trade-union center before by the Catholic Church which the great demonstration which plays an exceptionally important swept through the town on Fripolitical role. There is a Cathday, Jan. 6, he urged the workers olic political party, the Christian to go on to the end. Social Party -- of which Prime But, while attacking the

government and the employers and calling for a new social and economic policy, the means to be employed remained vague. In fact, in a radio interview on Dec. 28, he

said that the main thing was to prevent the passage of the proposed law, with or without a change of government.

Renard is a leading advocate

of the idea of a federal Belgium.

At Liege he explained his rea-

sons as in no way indicating a

many of whom had taken part in

the struggle-but because we"do

not wish to submit to a Flemish

najority which will impose pas-

sivity upon us. . . . I am a Wal-

loon," he added, "I am a federal-

ist and I shall remain one. We

do not want to submit to Flem-

If the Walloon workers did not

ish clericalism any longer."

old out against if. Renai

trib. 50 cents.

LOS ANGELES "Labor in the 1980's" - An analysis of key trade union problems. Speaker, Jack Storm, vieteran unionist and socialist. Friday, Jan. 27, 8:15 p.m. Forum Hall, 1702 East Fourth St. Ausp. Militant Labor Forum. Contrib 75 cents. Unemployed 25 cents.

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150 East Juneau Ave.

There are still legal fees for 3,400,000 in March and 4,900,0 Ashton to take care of, though. in April."

And there's still the problem of food and gasoline. Anyone who wants to help out on this should send a contribution care of Mrs. Marie Jones, 3640 Denton Ave., So, Gabrielle, Calif. She will forward it.

Negro Unionists Slate Workshop

The Negro American Labor Council, an organization of Negro unionists, will hold a national workshop in Washington. D.C., Feb. 17 and 18. Subject of ed to be highest among teen-Communist Party. Instructors, Arne Swabeck, a founder of the Communist party, and Max Gerdman, socialist lecturer and organizer. From 12:30 to 2 p.m. ticipate.

An announcement of the gath-1702 East Fourth St. Ausp. In- ering pointed to growing unemployment among Negroes and port, "compared, with 3.6 per-For reservations phone AN the additional urgency this 9-4953 or WE 5-0238. Contrib. places on working out practical steps to combat discrimination in they have accounted for three-Jim Crow union practices and in the field of government contract

Revolution?" Speaker, Mike Information on the workshop in July and then began turning

Twin Cities Labor Forum, 704 cil at 217 West 125 St., New York in December to a total of 66.0 27, N.Y., Room 319. million.

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time.

The question is," says Wolfbein, "are we at the bottom of the recession or at the beginning? That's the hard one."

gotiations with the United

Automobile Workers union.

"and almost every decline was There has been a qualitative change disclosed in the 509,000 either more than seasonal or ocjobless added to the December curred where a rise would have otal who, Wolfbein noted, been more customary.'

showed that unemployment is "The largest reductions," adds the report, "occurred, as in past reaching the stable core of the abor force, no longer just the months, in durable goods indusnarginal workers." tries, particularly in primary

This is confirmed by the Laand fabricated metals and mabor Department report which chinery and electrical machinpoints out that while "the inciery. Apparel employment condence of unemployment continutinued to decline sharply.' For the first time in almost two years, the number of workers on nonfarm payrolls fell below its year-ago level in Decem- ance of those employed in non-

ber. "The total," says the report, families-reached 5.1 percent inmore than 600,000 jobs since December a year ago.'

ers were a little over a third of The areas hardest hit by unthe unemployed a year ago, but employment - mining, transportation and durable goods fifths of the increase since that manufacturing --- are key sectors of the economy. So long Total civilian employment in as the fever chart of the re-

absolute figures rose to a high cession continues to record increased unemployment in downward, plunging 1.2 million these sectors it is a sure sign that the economy is in decline and getting worse.

Ordinarily a seasonal rise oc-The Jan. 17, Wall Street Jourcurs in December. No exception nal reports that the index of into this was noted in 1960, but dustrial production has declined the rise was so small that when for the fifth straight month in employed" the official unemthe proper adjustment was ta- a row. "The Federal Reserve ken into account, the statistic- Board," says the WSJ, "said its than reveal, the full extent of ians had to list payroll employ- seasonally adjusted index of facment in nonagricultural estab- tory, mine and utility output

lishments as having dropped by dropped in December to 103 percent of the 1957 average. That

'The rise was unusually small was down from November's infor this time of the year," says dex of 105 percent." the Labor Department report, as Factory output began a de-"normally there is an increase of cline in August 1960 which conwell over half a million jobs as tinued through December. The the sharp Christmas expansion December index of industrial gestions by liberal Democrats in trade and post office employ- production was the lowest since

ment far outweighs the declines the steel strike-depressed level in construction and other out- of October 1959, said the Federal Reserve Board. This December, however, the With auto production off usual Christmas employment sharply after the first of the year

offset by an unusually sharp de- of industrial production will "under-employment" was dis .clime of 300,000 jobs in construction and a further downturn in manufacturing employ-

orkers back on the job. of 15.9 million. This was a de-

An interesting facet of the The way this is worked out is problem of rising unemployment shown in the following example: is given in the Department of "The number of under-employed Labor statistics on partial em- last month [November] had the ployment. The total number of full-time equivalent of 1,126,000 workers employed in nonagricul- totally unemployed. Two undertural industries is 59.3 million. employed workers, each on

Of these, those who work be- twenty hours a week, would tween 1-34 hours number 11,- comprise one full-time unem-633,000. These are divided be- ployed worker.' tween those who work between

The figure for December 1-14 hours (3,589,000) and be would be even greater, as the tween 15-34 hours (8,044,000). official statistics, which leave Thus, approximately 20 per- out the number of under-emcent of the labor force works ployed, was 0.5 percent higher less than 34 hours per week. Of than in November. The real the remainder, 29,340,000 work figure for December, including between 35-40 hours. The total the category of under-employed, number working less than 40 would be very close to 9 percent hours is 40,973,000 or 69 per- as the actual rate of unemploycent of the labor force. The bal- ment.

In his economic study, underagricultural industries numbertaken at the request of Pres-- most of whom are heads of "down by more than 400,000, re- ing 18,335,000 work over 40 ident-elect Kennedy, Dr. Paul A. flected the continuing job losses hours. It is only by adding all Samuelson, Professor of Eco-December 1960," says the re- in manufacturing, amounting to categories together that an aver- nomics at the Massachusetts Inage figure is arrived at of 38.5 stitute of Technology, estabhours for all persons employed lished that the "critical level" during the month of December of 7½ percent marked the point in nonagricultural industries. at which the government would . This is an aspect of the probhave to initiate emergency measlem that is deliberately played ures to lift the economy out of down in the capitalist press. It the doldrums. "In a country as is a source of considerable error wealthy as ours fortunately is,' in computing the actual extent says the New York Times, "there can be no excuse for anything of unemployment. The official designation for those on short approaching real suffering among those who are without work weeks is "under-em ployed" and not "unemployed." work through no fault of their

own." A sentiment to which we With 69 percent of the total number, of nonfarm workers can all respond with an Amen!

in the category of "underployment figures conceal, rather the problem. "Under-employment," says a

staff writer in the Jan. 10, New York Herald Tribune, "is a word that packs a bit of political dynamite. It describes job-seekers unable to get full-time work For five years, the Eisenhower administration has opposed sugthat the Labor Department take

official account of 'under-employment' when it puts out monthly unemployment statis-

tics. What it would mean if the rise [the figure was 180,000] was it is anticipated that the index statistics included the category drop still further in January. closed when the article pointed Thus far the Kennedy adminis- out: "If this had been done last tration that takes office on Jan. month, [November] for example, 20 has not indicated what meas- the rate of unemployment - a Manufacturing employment ures it proposes to stem the de- key political and economic sta-

0.3 percent to 8 percent.

teachings of their church. At times, therefore, the Cath- clared, Belgian industry would olic unions have been socially migrate to the low-wage areas militant. In the present struggles of the North. It was after listenhey have stood aside, or even ing to Renard that, despite conacted as strikebreakers, under ciliatory words from other union the instruction of the Archleaders, the vast crowd marched bishop himself who went on the in a revolutionary spirit through air and attacked the strikes in a the town to the sound of the way inconceivable in most other ["Internationale." countries of Europe today.

The absence of real slogans for The strike movement against anything but the end of the he Eyskens government has "Single Law" and holding out sharply disclosed the religious until the government retreats, and national division of the Belprepares the way, if not for degian working class. Obviously feat, at any rate for a purely the Catholic Church, financed by limited success bought at the believing employers and by price of great sacrifices. Freemasons alike, has acted as

Already these sacrifices are an instrument of the employing mounting up. Many of the class. Without its influence over strikers have been off for the Flemish workers there weeks, including the Christwould have been a great mass mas period. Their money is movement that could have long running low and credit is beago swept the Belgian capitalists ing exhausted.

way. It is winter, and winter in For the Walloons this has Belgium is cold and damp. Yet posed a knotty problem. Some Renard speaks of the strike goof the leaders have taken it up ing on for months. Given the inin a nationalist and regionalist creased provocation of the govform. Because their influence is ernment's armed strikebreaking paramount in the industrial forces it is possible that the areas of the South and seeing order will be given to put out little immediate prospect of in- the blast furnaces and withdraw creasing their inroads in the the safety men from the mines. lemish areas, some of them That could mean unemployment have been pushing the idea of a for thousands for as long as six federalist state structure. They months and a further sharpening mphasize the distinctiveness of of the class struggle.



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The Ban on Visiting Cuba

As far as the State Department is concerned, 'only thieves and liars may travel to Cuba

That's the essence of the Jan. 16 announcement that U.S. citizens are not permitted to visit Cuba unless they have a passport specifically endorsed for such travel. They can't get that endorsement unless they are businessmen having investments in the island or are newsmen whose trip would serve "the best interest of the United States."

In other words, it's OK to go to Cuba if you're one of the robber band hungry to resume extracting profits from the island's economy or if you're a professional propagandist who will feed this country's communication media with lies and slanders against the revolution.

The claimed reason for the ban — that the US, now has no embassy to provide "normal protective service" for its citizens - is a patent fraud. The U.S. has officially recognized diplomatic representation in Cuba — the Swiss legation — which is perfectly capable of handling any problem that might arise relative to a U.S. citizen there.

The real reason the State Department doesn't want ordinary citizens to visit Cuba is indicated in a Jan. 16 AP dispatch which says the travel ban "is likely to curb the efforts of the Cuban government to organize active support in the United States . . . "

The report also cites the view of an anonymous "Latin-American diplomat" that "one of the most immediate effects should be a curb on the activities of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee . . .

That committee has tried to get as many people as it could to go and see for themselves what is happening in Cuba; and the Cuban government has welcomed all legitimate visitors.

If Washington believed its own claims about "tyranny" in Cuba it could have no objection to the efforts of the committee and it would have applauded the "see-foryourself" position of the Cuban government. What better way to convince people about the truth or falsity of the press reports?

mation, which have cost the The fact is that the State Department UAW members more than 200.knows only too well what the visitors see 000 jobs in the last five years. and what conclusions they reach. And they want their union to

Americans see tenants whose rents have been slashed in half. They see workers moving into low-cost public housing that puts the housing program in this country to shame.

Negro visitors quickly see that it is entirely practical to stamp out Jim Crow.

People concerned about the acute medical care problem in this country see how easy it is to provide adequate care for ing 30-for-40 the major demand. those who need it.

Visiting workers begin to see that union-hating monopolies are quite unessential to the development of a country's economy.

Those concerned with farm problems are offered convincing evidence of the superiority of cooperatives and state farms.

Above all, visitors see that it is not utopian to seek to establish a government that is really interested in the welfare of the people.

Washington can't provide "protective service" against the revolutionizing influence of the impressive gains made by the Cuban people. They can't brainwash the ordinary American so thoroughly that a Latin-American diplomat that negotiations. But Reuther didn't the rational new society being built in an invasion was planned for the feel bound by that. Cuba has no effect on his thinking.

That's why the State Department now insists that everyone, except the businessmen it represents and the "news" reporters on their payrolls, must stay home.

Victim of the United Nations

On Jan. 18 the Associated Press sent a complete. It does not reveal where the dispatch from Elisabethville, the Congo, final responsibility lies for this bit of savreporting that Pres. Joseph Kasavubu, who is supported by Washington, had turned 1961 A.D. Premier Patrice Lumumba and two other As legally elected head of the Congo captive government figures over to Moise government, Lumumba made a tragic mis-

Tshombe, puppet of the Belgian imperialists in Katanga province. Admission of the delivery of the legal country to help solve its economic and head of the Congo government to the Belsocial problems. gian puppet came a day after an agreement was announced between Kasavubu and

years and is advancing on all the hands of the Soviet government by trying to reduce the fronts. Sweezy charged that the U.S. volume of U.S. production, government is actively plotting Such tactics are less effective the overthrow of the Castro renow. Reuther made a few stabs gime. He documented his along that line in 1958, when a charges by quoting published convention was held to formureports of invasion plans late demands for the present

engineered by the Central Intel- contracts. But his main gambit ligence Agency and other gov- at that time was to offer a subernment bureaus. stitute for the shorter week fight. Castro's mobilization of the A convention in 1957 had

militia was no phony maneuver, voted to make the shorter week he said, but followed a tip from the main objective in the 1958

middle of January. The diplomat was in position to know, for his country had been invited by the U.S. to take part in the intervention, Sweezy said.

tract negotiations with the auto corporations next summer.

One is the growing support

among the members and locals

for provisions to cut the work

week to 30 hours without any

It is the most popular de-

mand today among auto work-

ers - employed and unem-

ployed, skilled and unskilled.

They see 30-for-40 as an an-

swer to unemployment and auto-

make it the number one demand

in this year's contract negotia-

Makes Good Speeches

But wanting and getting are

two different things. Which

brings us to the second trend

in the union — its leadership's

obvious determination to pre-

vent the convention from mak-

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increase in agriculture in two

Cuba Rally

tions.

cut in weekly take-home pay.

The editor of the Monthly Review proposed that the U.S. reverse its catastrophic policy toward Cuba. The first step

should be immediate withdrawal from Guantanamo. The U.S. should stop encouraging and assisting counter-revolutionary forces operating here and elseagery which so fittingly opens the year where. Diplomatic relations

should be resumed as well as trade on the basis of equality. He suggested negotiations on compensation for American investors take. With the best of intentions he invited whose holdings have been taken the United Nations into his newly freed over, again on the basis of

superprofits these investors have

already taken out of Cuba. Lawrence Ferlinghetti, poet

demning

Castro.

County.

picket lines,

The UN with a fine Machiavellian and publisher, read a poem conhave grown. Resolutions sup- New York Times Jan. 14 that Council, dominated by reactionporting 30-for-40 are being pass intervention against The youngest speaker was 17-

Not that Walter Reuther is For another thing, there is

1958 fiasco.

be seen in the United Auto one else about the "need for for Democratic Action in UAW, Christmas some unnamed person Workers as the union approaches more leisure" and the "inevit- whose chief activity during the at UAW headquarters informed its special convention in April, ability" of the shorter work last year has been the develop- the local papers that UAW ofto draw up demands for the con- week. He also would like the ment of 30-for-40 sentiment. ficers and technicians, working. prestige of signing a contract Some of its members will be under Reuther, are "exploring delegates at the April conven- three possible approaches to

tion, and it may be able to encreating more jobs." They were for-40 will mean a serious cut list the support of others who listed as: don't want a repetition of the (1) A shorter work week with no cut in pay. (2) Earlier A good sign of the times was retirement with full benefits.

the UAW's national skilled (3) Longer vacations. trades conference in Chicago last This surely is a move aimed month, representing about 100,at slowing down the growth of 000 of the better-paid members 30-for-40 sentiment in the union of the union. Reuther, Emil ranks by making it appear that win this demand is by beating Mazey and other officers made Reuther is considering it serispeeches to the conference, but ously too. It is intended to blunt none of them said, hinted or the edge of opposition criticism whispered that the UAW should of the Reuther leadership for its ight for shorter hours. failure to mount an effective

Nevertheless, the conference movement for the shorter week. voted in favor of a program Indicated Moves whose first point, described as "a must," was the shorter If Reuther and Company were

I have to hand it to the Militant. You know how to talk straight from the shoulder. I rules and regulations for the go for absenteeism. This is serinean that article by Tom Kerry coming election.) Jan. 9 about the "soft buttocks and supple spines" of labor skates who "play the labor-management gambit."

It started me thinking, so I vent down to the local union pany. . . meeting to see for myself what McDonald's boys are up to now. boards." So Tom reads the sec- of mortgage.) All I can say is they put on ond sheet: "To the foremenuite a show.

The following rules will be We have a small local - 3,000 strictly applied on absenteeon the payroll with 900 laid off ism . . ." etc., etc. End of report, or two months now. But that No comment. nakes no difference. The local The kicker comes on the next

geniuses ut us in hock for order of business, when the pres-\$130,000 to open our new hall ident announces a brother has ast November. It's more like a been fired for absenteeism. The barn than a palate, except that it executive board has decided not has no ventilation and gets stuffy to take his case to arbitration balance, lifts his hand to the and he wants to appeal their de-

First off, a staff man gets up cision to the membership. nd this is his report: "I was at Brother Kellems gets the mike step two meeting yesterday, and states his case. He was off the rank and file an opening, oys, and when the meeting sick, came to work and found the broke up I noticed a couple of company had pulled his card. He time. And not only the bosses, sheets of paper under a fore- presents some doctor slips and Mac, but the bosses' stooges too. man's chair. Here they are! Read asks the members to back his it to the members, Tom." (Tom, right to arbitrate.

In Other Lands

Arturo Frondizi, antilabor

These developments seem to, joined the Steel Workers Union opposed to it "in principle." He now an organized opposition be generating some concern at campaign for Congress to enact DETROIT - Two trends can makes as many speeches as any- group, the National Committee Solidarity House. Just before a 32-hour week law. If Reuther was serious he

would have lined up the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO, of which he is presi-dent, to support of the 30-for-40 demand.

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If he was serious, Reuther would have at least made a try at getting the Jan. 5 meeting cl the AFL-CIO Executive Council to support the fight for 30-for-40. To win a fight of this kind against the powerful auto barons requires the support of the cre ganized labor movement.

Now is the time, for those who are serious, to step up the cam-paign in all sections of the union movement for support to the fight for a shorter week with no reduction in pay.

Only increased pressure: by the ranks of the UAW for the 30-for-40 demand will force the serious they would have openly Reuther leadership to act!

Lesson in Democracy

the recording secretary, has just | Then the executive board tries finished a 20-minute communica- to defend their decision. The tion from the international on president: "The company won't ous business!" The v.p.: "I told

The first sheet begins: "The the gentleman in Sibley's Bar to Company is making a careful come down to the executive record of ABSENTEEISM. This board today and present his case. is your job. By good attendance He didn't show up." The finanyou help to build the Com- cial secretary: "We can't afford " Somebody pipes up, cases that are hard to Beat." (He "Hell, that's on the bulletin has just okayed \$130,000 worth

They keep this up for half an hour, kind of like a pinball game with the members on one side and the stooges on the other. But no go. Somebody gets a

word in edgewise: "I move to, arbitrate." And the vote is two-to-one in favor of arbitrating. Brother Kellems, with 41/2 years of seniority hanging in the members, "Thanks, brothers." I could say, let this be a les-

son in democracy for Mac. Give they'll rap the company every Jim Campbell

Detroit, Mich.

Frondizi Finds Cuba Hot Issue Afraid to Buck and guns. The demonstrators de-"Fifty-five per cent of all chil-

fended themselves with sticks dren die before reaching the age and stones. More than 50 were of five," Popular Support arrested. For Revolution

There have been pro-Cuban Bigger Crops demonstrations in Montevideo almost every week since last Main Goal for president of Argentina, told the fall. As a result the Government Chinese in 1961 aries, has been split on a pro-In 1961 the People's Republic posal to follow the U.S. lead of China will place its major efforts behind the development of agricultural rather than industrial production, according to a Jan. 14 Hong Kong dispatch to the New York, Times. The two principal reasons for this per-Students in Haiti are still givspective, the report says, are ing the Duvalier dictatorship a the severe floods and droughts hard time. Last November, that sharply curbed Chinese Haiti University was shut down crops last year and a further loss after a completely effective stuof yield attributed to bureaudent strike. Martial law was decratic mismanagement. clared and a strict curfew estab-Cited is an article by the Shensi Communist party secre-The University reopened Jan. tary in the party publication, 16 but classrooms were virtually Jemmin Jih Pao, which declared empty. High-school students that in some farm communes were reported joining the boythere are "antagonistic elements cott to protest government opusurping the leadership and vorking deliberately to sabotage Now attempting to minimize the policies of the party. the situation, the minister of for-"There are also some comrades eign affairs told newsmen that "for the Government, the probwho do not make enough effort to study the policies of the party lem is solved, . . . The situation is normal. The Government has in real earnest and to carry them washed it hands of the probout soberly."

Instead he came up with a fancy "share - the - profits" scheme, which he reinforced with a heavy dose of pessimism about the difficulty of

making new gains during a recession. Although nobody took Reuth-

fight for the shorter week. One

A New Opposition

For one thing, their numbers

er's profit-sharing plan seriously, and he himself dropped it out of sight as soon as the negotiations began, he was able to get the 1958 convention to dump the

factor that helped him was the delegates' lack of organization and cobesion at the convention. Now, three years later, Reuther isn't going to be able to silence the advocates of the

shorter week quite so easily. equality and bearing in mind the

The Redbaiting Pitch Editor: In the early 1950's, during the Korean war, his machine relied mainly on redbaiting. At one convention their chief argument against 30-for-40 was that its supporters were playing into

But Reuther can't say that to work week. the auto workers. He can't tell them. "I don't have the guts for In Steel Instead, he has to try to prevent a UAW commitment to



with a shorter week.

But Reuther knows that 30-

in the profits of the auto cor-

porations; that in this fight the

corporations will demand and

get the help of the government,

whose new president and secre-

tary of labor are also opposed

to any shorter week; that the

only way the auto workers will

he corporations in a bitter fight.

The last thing in the world

Reuther wants is a serious

struggle with the corporations.

"Labor statesmen" don't have

the stomach for that sort of

30-for-40 by evasion, diversion

thing.

that kind of fight.'

and deception.



Tshombe to hold a "round-table conference" of Congolese politicians some time in February.

Here is how the AP described the delivery of Lumumba into Tshombe's power: * * *

Swedish UN troops on guard here when Lumumba arrived said he and two fellow prisoners got "a terrific beating" from Katanga police at the airport. The other two prisoners were the Youth Minister in Lumumba's cabinet, Maurice Mpolo, and the Vice President of the Congo Senate, Joseph Okito.

'It was sickening," one of the soldiers said. "Lumumba and the other two were dragged off the plane. They were trussed with ropes and tied together. They had little freedom of movement. Then the gendarmerie -- African and whites - surrounded them and the Africans assaulted them over a longish period. Lumumba and the other two fell to the ground where they were clubbed, hit in the face with rifie butts, and kicked and pummeled.

The gendarmerie let them lie for awhile and then resumed their beating."

"I had to turn away," said an airport official. "It was too much for me to watch."

Lumumba and his companions reportedly groaned while the assault was taking place but did not protest or ask for mercy. * * *

This is an eloquent story but it is not

Beginning with our next issue, the Militant will change its format to a tabloid.

Some of our readers have long advocated such a change on the ground that it would provide greater flexibility and tend to make articles more readable by shortening them. We hope that this proves to be the case but we must admit that we are making the change at this time primarily for a different reason; namely -- finances.

Along with the general inflation which all our readers feel through the rising cost of living, printing costs have steadily mounted in recent years and we have found increasing difficulty in meeting them. By turning to a tabloid we are able to reduce costs without affecting frequency of publication although our weekly space will be more limited.

For a time we will print four pages. As events require (and funds permit) we will from time to time increase the number of pages. We hope that it will not be too.

hand immediately began undermining Lumumba; and when Kasavubu and Mobutu seized power it placed its weight behind this unsavory pair.

The UN acted in this way because it enthusiasm of the Cuban youth is dominated by Washington. The big corfor the Revolution. The awareporations who rule through the Republicans and Democrats stand with the Belgian imperialists insofar as they have not yet taken over the Belgian role themselves. One of the big stakes in the Congo is the rich radioactive ore bodies needed in producing nuclear energy.

All these reactionary interests and forces were concentrated in those rifle butts that pounded the premier of the Congo government as he lay groaning on the ground.

It was a stiff price to pay for the illusion that the United Nations would help him to bring peace and prosperity to his cessful meeting. country.

Let us hope that we in America do not finally have to pay in an even costlier way for the illusion that the United Nations represents the road to world peace.

To Our Readers

long until we can expand to eight pages. It is strictly a financial problem as we have a number of first-rate writers at present and new promising writers beginning to make their first contributions.

Our circulation expanded most encouragingly during the election campaign and every indication is that it will continue the News, "were added to by to grow. Many of our new readers have the refusal of several hundred written enthusiastic letters about the Militant, have been passing it on to their friends, and they in turn have widened our circle of supporters.

We think that this is one of the heartening signs of a growing interest among man," adds the News, "said all a pupil "placement" measure popular pro-Cuba sentiment, pomany sections of the population in socialist ideas, portending a big surge forward railroad unions." for the socialist movement and its press in America in the days ahead.

So take advantage of the tabloid size by putting more Militants in your pocket each week for distribution where they will sters, has voted to observe do the most good.

by locals whose leaders have alyear-old Laurette Arms, a highways been loyal Reutherites. school student just back from a trip to Cuba. She spoke of the



ness of the young people of Cuba (Continued from Page 1) concerning world problems and their eagerness to learn more, arrested were released on \$27 bond. Five were charged with she said, was in marked contrast to the apathy and disinterest of carrying guns to "a public meether fellow students in the U.S. ing." Two of the Klansmen arrested were deputy sheriffs.

Fred Fiatt, a member of the Meanwhile, Vandiver's speech local organizing committee for Fair Play, appealed for funds to the legislature indicated that and membership in the organizmany white people of Georgia, ation. He told of the rapid as in other southern states, are growth of the committee in the not ready to see their public Bay Area and announced the school system destroyed for the establishment of two new chapsake of maintaining segregaters in San Jose and Marin tion.

During his 1958 election campaign, Vandiver had pledged political problem. A lively question-and-answer period concluded this highly sucthat so long as he was gover-

school with a white. He has now switched to the groups are using the 'defense of ...N.Y. Tug Strike position that rather than shut- the Cuban revolution' as a poli-

(Continued from Page 1) the national railroad "featheradministration will use "every support for electoral purposes legal means" to block integration.

bedding" dispute. "Defiance, no," he declared. One of the reasons the tug pickets are getting such a ready response from railroad workers last resort, yes.'

is the recognition that the issues in the strike do affect all current legislative proposal the United States and Cuba with railway employees. The New York Daily News, Jan. 19, reports, for example, the sad plight

of the New York Central, al- rather than desegregate. A conready shut down because its stitutional amendment will be trainmen refused to cross the submitted to voters of the state picket line.

"The Central's woes," says compelled to attend a desegregated school. This would mean clerks, elevator and telephone the end of compulsory attend-

operators and telegraphers to ance at public schools. cross picket lines yesterday to Other projected statutes get to their jobs in the railwould provide state aid for road's office building at 466 communities embarking on "private school" programs and Lexington Ave..." in midtown

would add further gimmicks to Manhattan. "A Central spokesthe defectors were members of designed to impede desegregation.

Unless the strike is settled his racist tactics, the eyes of people Jan. 11. soon on terms satisfactory to the unions involved it threatens the nation and most of the to spread and can paralyze the port. Teamsters Joint Council 16, representing 169,000 team-

Georgia.

efforts by the Kennedy adminised now not only by locals with tration to negotiate differences an anti-Reuther record, but also with Cuba would be favorably and break with Cuba. received in Latin America.

> Frondizi's estatement makes Student Strike clear that Wall Street's ruthless exploitation of Latin America Solid in Haiti

has stimulated such extensive popular support for the Cuban Revolution that even reactionary politicians there are reluctant to line up behind the State Department's anti-Cuba drive.

Reporting that Argentina intends to maintain diplomatic relished. lations with Cuba, Times corresondent Juan de Onis observed: It is apparent in Argentina as in many other Latin-American

countries, that the break in relations with Cuba by the Eisenpression. hower administration has created an uncomfortable internal

"In Argentina, as in Uruguay, nor no Negro would ever attend Chile, Peru, Colombia and Venezuela, important opposition

> lem.' Last November, the regime aserted "Communists" and supand to defeat the present largely porters of the Cuban revolution pro-United States government. were behind the school strike.

Now Catholic priests are being "Some Latin-American Govblamed for "inciting" the students. wary of being placed in a posi-

> Found Nicaragua 'Vast Poorhouse'

> > the most backward in Latin

America. In the capital city of

The benefits to the people of "Adding to the wariness in Nicaragua of U.S. domination, coupled with the Somoza dicta-Argentina and other countries is the fact that they are facing intorship, was summed up in a renext year that would provide ternal unrest as they struggle to cent dispatch to the Vancouver Sun that described the country long period of inflation." as "a vast poorhouse and pest-

Police Attack

Cuba Backers In Uruguay

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Managua, he reports, the "average" income is \$170 a year, but In a desperate effort to smash "there are a lot of Managuans whose average yearly income is lice in Montevideo, Uruguay, close to zero." raided the Communist party While the governor shifted headquarters and arrested 131 Illiteracy, he says "is as com-

mon as an unshod foot, reaching an estimated average high of 80 The day before that, police per cent in the rural areas." world were on the two heroic made a savage attack on a large young students who are carry- crowd of Cuba partisans who "Communicable diseases take ing the struggle against Jim sought to hold a counter demon- a terrible toll in Nicaragua. In-Crow into the University of stration to an anti-Castro rally, testinal disorders are the No. 1 The cops used tear gas, sabres killer.

Peking is reported as stating that last year's harvest was only slightly higher than in 1957, befor the organization of the communes. 1.

The government is said to have levelled strong criticism against agricultural officials who take such special bureaucratic privileges as eating better food in separate mess halls and allocating themselves more grain and wages than commune

workers. In reply to this trend the gov-

ernment has announced a "five. sameness" program which ut mands that party cadres eat and live with commune members, do the same kind of work, receive the same wages and give their dependents the same treatment as other commune members.

Advertisement

Labor Politics "Which Way for Labor Democratic Party or Labor Party?" by Murry Weiss. Bulletin No. 3 of Marxist Studies. 22 pp. 25 cents. **Pioneer** Publishers 116 University Place New York 3, N.Y.

hole.' Correspondent Gerry Robichaud found the country one of

ting down the school system his tical platform to attract popular

"Private schools offered as a ernments," he continues, "are

This was in accord with his tion of having to choose between

that the various communities be public opinion agitated as it is permitted to decide whether by Leftist emotional appeals to they want to close their schools solidarity with Cuba.

that no white child would be stabilize their economies after a

To Help Build a New Cuba



The Cubans sought to buy farm machines from the U.S. to step up agricultural production. When they were turned down, they had to seek help from the Soviet bloc countries. In this picture a member of a cooperative in Pinar del Rio drives a much-used American-made tractor. Signs over the motor read "Cooperation. Employees Routes 10-41." The label "INRA," signifying government ownership, is seen everywhere in Cuha today.

"Life Can Be Wonderful"

By Harry Ring

Cuba Committee's Christmas person familiar. I remembered quality. new Cuba.

He had other bases for com- him." democracy and justice.

port Ed ever visited. Back in ple were political 'abstainers.' 1932 he was lucky enough to get a regular run on a cruise ship people - in the good sense, in out of New York that stopped regularly at Havana.

Ed fell in love with Havana the first time he saw it. But it's a lot different now, he adds.

asked me to mail a letter. There seemed very indistinct. There's a country," he said. "It's a wonder- schools close by. was a post office a few blocks real unity." from the dock. I only had a few hours ashore so I went running up the steps of the post office. Suddenly a soldier jumped in front of me and jabbed a rifle in my belly. When he saw I was a foreign seaman he stepped ing of what could have happened to a Cuban. It was a taste of the

Machado dictatorship. "But I was still fascinated by

shoulder and handed it to me. He was struck by the artistic "One of the things that struck quality of the architecture. At It's no puzzle to Ed Graham me," he continued, "is that I the same time, as an old do-itwhy the State Department has heard quite a number of people yourself hand, he looked closely clamped a ban on travel to Cuba. refer to Cuba now as one big at workmanship. "The doors are A long-time merchant seaman, family. I walked through the well hung. The windows open Ed knew the old Cuba. As a par- streets and I would hear people and close the way they should. ticipant in the Fair Play for talk to militiamen in the second The plumbing seems good

rovernment's screening of mili- feeling of fraternity. In the thing to criticize. And don't for- in the film. ant maritime unionists as "se- thirties, he said, the average get, I'm not a 16-year-old kid curity risks," So he knows Cuban had all the political prej-struck by a glamorous star. But "equalization" program "no stu-nomething about problems of udices of Americans. The "Com- it's just unbelievable what's be- dent can get a better education munist menace" was as effective ing done there. Havana was the first foreign there as here. "Most of the peoit." Now they're a highly political

> the social sense. "And it's -democratic. As a unionist I've always been aware practical than we are." of the division between the rank and file and the leadership. The

Good Workmanship

The new housing program "Cuba proves that life can be made a big impression on Ed. wonderful."

a foreign seaman he stepped Has an "Intensification Of Relaxation" Hit You?

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The recession's got you down?

'A Life that Was Fully Lived

By Arthur Jordan

How to Sell

'Happy Way'

Two sterling products of the Mississippi Way of Life, a judge last hour" was held at Forum many blessings to a psychology class at New York University a few days ago. Their audience was quizzical, unregenerate and -alas! - unsegregated.

The two apostles brought "The Message from Mississippi," a 27minute film purporting to show keep "cooperating" and "making

"Fine race relations . . ," purred the sound track as a tiny Negro girl knowingly hoisted her drinking cup in a "For Colored" section.

One film scene showing a white librarian with Negro pupils puzzled an NYU girl. that." Later she asked just where Jim

up with it to know. . . ."

doctors and nine Negro lawyers ment.' Mississippi, Erle Johnston, Jr., ex-editor turned salaried state "public relations director," groes prefer to go to white doc-

get" out-of-state medical aid.

abruptly closed when Sugg and Johnston announced they had to tour, he got a good look at the that soldier at the post office. I "It's all just wonderful," he catch an early plane - for bet nobody felt familiar with exclaimed. "I never thought it Mississippi. They hoped the stuwould happen to me -- I've been dents would remember the parison, too. He has been a The change in the Cuban peo-leader in the fight against the ple goes even deeper than the didn't find one really important sissippi Governor Ross Barnett

Thanks to his state's costly dent can get a better education than . . . the colored children . . "I really got a kick out of in Mississippi," Barnett proudly he laughed, "the way affrms.

But according to President they're showing up us 'pratical' Yankees. They've got big C. R. Darden of the Mississippi NAACP, the program is "a big the conference, dreams and they're artistic, but they're a hell of a lot more monstrosity of brainwashing, downgrading techniques which Ed is deeply concerned about cripple our children. . . ." While Washington's hostility against new "Negro" schools have been unions, co-ops and state farms Cuba. But he thinks Cuba is go- built, pupils have to ride 80 "Til never forget my first time that I visited, the lines between ing to help change the U.S. "Cu- miles a day to get to them, and ashore there. One of the crew the ranks and the leaders ba is the best hope for this they are still inferior to "white" ful poke in the nose to our arro-

As to statements that a majority of Mississippi Negroes gance and a real stimulus to favor segregation. Darden says, "No white man can make an . . . objective analysis . . . as long as he has rope . . . around the Negro's neck and a gun in his back. . , ."

If a Mississippi Negro escapes the gun or rope, he may get the sentence recently given society. Clyde Kennard for "stee

not the dominant note struck by who worked and fought so long this Sunday evening, Carl join-By Della Rossa

geles local of the Socialist Work- Cannon pointed out. "First, and away." ers party paid "affectionate and properly, is that part where we respectful tribute" to Carl Skog- pay affectionate and respectful lund, who died last month at tribute to Carl as we remember the age of seventy-six.

how Negroes and whites can best ed as a three-day-old infant, then as a quiet, friendly social; progress" by being kept apart. and who remained Carl's close of "Skogie." friend to the end, set the "cele-

bration" note of the meeting with, " I can think of no better

in, and he fought vigorously for in the Trotskyist movement,

Crow lines applied. "The schools, that he suffered as a conse- to get closer to him and to see churches and practically all guence of those ideas," Coover him in action in the mass moveareas of life are segregated," re- said: "but he had the grand ment and get a profounder applied Judgé Robert P. Sugg; feeling of being with the people preciation of his many-sided "but . . . I don't know, you just he wanted to be associated with qualities than I had before." have to live with it and grow and of never having compromised on basic principles. And prison," Cannon went on, "and

When another student asked he lived his life in the best trawhy there are only 60 Negro ditions of the socialist move- alone. I can't think of him as a Not Liked by Bosses

Max Geldman, a leader of the patiently explained that "Ne- Minneapolis unemployed movement in the thirties who was tors." But why no Negro med- later imprisoned for sixteen ical school in Mississippi? the months in Sandstone with Skogquestioner persisted. Slipping lund as one of America's first into his accustomed vernacular, Smith Act victims, told the Johnston dryly observed that meeting that "Skoglund was not "any nigger who wants to can liked by the bosses; but he was loved, genuinely loved, by the The 15-minute question period workers of Minneapolis."

"Skogie never figured he suffered," Geldman said, "He figured he had lived a full socialist life. He had a love of human beings, the truck drivers, the people, From 1911 until he died, scratch the labor movement and you find Carl Skoolund."

Arne Swabeck, who met Skoglund in 1916 at a conference of Scandinavians in the Socialist party, described Skoglund as an exceptionally warm human being who seemed to represent something particularly stable at

Skoglund was a fighting socialist. Swabeck said. He noted that the author of "American City," a book on the great Minneapolis strikes of 1934, quoted Skoglund as saying, "I've got to put on my fighting clothes and organize a union, or else I'll be

out of a job in a week." "He was that rare combination," Swabeck said, "of a revolutionist and an effective 'mass leader." Swabeck said that Skoglund

and liked to speak about.

"We don't deny a great sense of

not that debilitating sadness

"Carl lived long enough and

and with a purpose, He wanted other Latin-American country. to study the laws of nature, the seven years hard labor instead- better to understand the laws of every country of the world, Editor.] "Just as organic evolution

either of the two preceding and so consistently and brought ing in the banter and exchange

him." Secondly, as the kick-off Oscar G. Coover, chairman of of a new action by the party in the meeting, who was introduc- the local election campaign and forty years ago, to Skoglund, again in keeping with the spirit

Met Him in 1923

life than the life that Carl Skog- Skoglund in 1923 in Minneapolis first hard years." lund lived. He lived his life and had been with him ever fully, serving what he believed since - in the Communist party, "and in the big strikes in Min-"There were many penalties neapolis, where I had a chance

> "And we were together in everywhere else. Carl was not single individual. He was one of that remarkable group of worker Bolsheviks in Minneapolis



movement in the Minneapolis mor. Then he fell out of his The meeting was planned struggles. And all that remains chair and in a few minutes was and an ex-editor, extolled its last hour was need at rorum ine meeting was plained struggles. And an ever be taken dead from a heart attack.

In the Dog Days

Rather than the prominence that Skoglund gained in the Minneapolis labor movement and the world-wide attention given the 1934 strikes, Cannon said he remembered Skoglund "most affectionately and most gratefully for the quiet, unobtrusive things he did to help Cannon said that he first met keep the Militant alive in the

the very last hour. Skoglund had been blacklisted out of a good-paying job as a What Johnny railroad mechanic because he was chairman of the strike committee in 1923. When he found Gets to Read work it was in a coal yard. He was in that humble occupation in the early dog days of the Militant when every week In School represented an agonizing financial crisis.

been ridiculed for inferior edu-Out of his meager wages, cation and living standards. Skoalund sometimes contrib-Jews, on the other hand, it is aluted as much as half to help leged, 'succeed too well too fast,' the Militant carry on its obli-They do 'too well' in business. gation to tell the truth about They are too able in school. They the emancipating struggle for are called 'pushers.' " socialism and especially how this struggle was being hamstantly attacked the feebleness pered by Stalinism. of the Republic that tolerated

"I thought his death and the circumstances of it," Cannon said, "were so representative and symbolic of his whole life that even in our sorrow there is a certain cause for rejoicing about differences between them might the way it happened."

cause unpleasantness." Just a few days before his • "In the post Civil War perideath he contributed \$100 to od, the Ku Klux Klan adminishelp the Socialist Workers tered whippings to unruly Neparty. It was only after he groes." died that it was discovered he had only \$174 to his name.

Widely Used Texts

At Mountain Spring Camp, Those four anti-Negro and where he worked the last years of his life, he helped install a anti-Semitic quotations are from new boiler. A day or so after textbooks which the Anti-Dethe job was completed, he sat famation League says are among around with some young social- those "most widely used" in ists who had helped put in the junior and senior high schools. A leading spokesman for an boiler, celebrating how perfectly the new equipment function- American textbook publisher conceded the texts aren't "as

Communists."

All were in good spirits on good as they ought to be.'

from Our Readers Letters

Blockade of Cuba An, Act of War Editor:

A blockade of Cuba, fenced in with battleships and submarines, will be a brazen attack upon world free trade and free- can send their letters to the dom of the seas. It means war Militant and we will be glad to took great interest in astronomy, and so does a blockade of any forward them. Same for auto branded by false nutritional Monopoly capital has invaded to J.E.P. (See letter above.)---

hogs it all and eats everything up from the people. It does not Would Not Want

merger of all crafts into one or The report was that the prodtwo unions, due to our weak- uct contained a lot more fat ened condition in a dwindling and a lot less protein than advertised.

Somebody goofed. The New York Times for Jan. 6 published [Railroad workers interested a correction saying that the govin corresponding with R.P.R. ernment did not charge more fat and less protein but only that the product was "mis-

workers who may wish to write claims." What that means I don't know. But you can probably starve on the stuff while feeling as satisfied as if you'd just

industry.

R.P.R.

Minneapolis



Monday, January 23, 1961

"The whole three sides of

his, systematic, persistent life

were represented in his last

hour," Cannon said. "Talk for

socialism, work for socialism.

and even give a little money

for it, even if you've only got

\$174 to your name at the end

of a lifetime of work. That's

In Los Angeles his comrades

were saying, "He died with his boots on." And they celebrated

a life that was fully lived, up to

• "Some minorities have

• "In the 1920's, Hitler con-

the traitorous acts of Jews and

• "Very likely it is best that

people of different races should

not be forced to live where the

Carl.'



sr , who - . .

A "celebration of a life that speakers or by the chairman, so much credit and glory to our of ideas with his usual good huwas fully lived, up to the very and it shouldn't be.

the country. It was so beautiful The recession's got you down? Or about an "intensification Clyde Kennard for "stealing five and the people were so warm Has there been a slippage in of the relaxation" (International bags of feed" — after he tried they were desperate to get a been deflated by a cut in the "high-level creeping stagna- criticize Kennard's sentence, he tion." These last unlovely words got 30 days and a \$100 fine. Not the tion." These last unlovely words got 30 days and a \$100 fine. point swarmed with cab drivers, pimps and prostitutes.

What a world of difference today! The people are still warm and friendly, but they're not looking for your money. I've never seen in any couniry.

That's the big inspiring thing tract from an article in the Janfor Ed. "Human nature," he says, uary issue of Fortune magazine. almost with awe, "has changed in Cuba.'

One Big Family

You're suffering an intensifi- constituted the diagnosis of point swarmed with cab drivers, You're suffering an intensific constituted the diagnosis of Perhaps, Sugg and Johnston social powers of production he hogs are in their fields devour-beggars, kids, and, of course, cation of nervousness resulting Charles L. Schultze, an Indiana may have reflected, the timing began to change nature." from enforced relaxation?

creeping stagnation? gress. You don't have troubles. It's

Nowadays, we keep hearing tion. the same thing as a "contrac-

about, say, "a sidewise movement with a slight slippage in With that point established,

"This is a small example, but industrial production" (Henry he asked five economists present globe may go hungry but as of ished. It impressed an old sailor, I was C. Alexander of Morgan Guar- that day whether in their opin- Aug. 1 four nations - the U.S., changing pesos for dollars at the anty). Or about a "deflation of ion we are in a "recession or Canada, Argentina and Ausairport and dropped a 20-peso inflationary tendencies" (FRB contraction" right now. They tralia - had a combined total note on the floor. A militiaman Chairman William McChesney said that we are. But the vote surplus of 2.7 billion bushels of noticed it. He tapped me on the Martin, Jr.). was three to two.

even then. But that was during your income because you lost Monetary Fund's Managing Di- to enter an all-white college. the worst of the depression and your job? Or has your paycheck rector Per Jacobsson). Or about When a Negro lawyer dared to

University economist, testifying of their tour was not too aus-Or is it that doing nothing before Senator Douglas' Joint picious. A few days before, anleaves you with a feeling of Economic Committee of Con- other "Mississippi item" hit the press. Two teen-age white brothers mounted their motor-Senator Douglas did get one bike and rode off to fire a vol-There's a dignity and pride the captains of industry who small point clarified. He got ley of shots into a crowd of Neget headaches from a depres- Geoffrey H. Moore, who is an groes, wounding two. Just two economist for the National Bu- more products of "cooperation" main speaker, told the meeting, reau of Economic Research, to and "progress" intoxicated with concede that a "recession" was the spirit of "fine race relations." personal loss - his presence, his

Not Enough Bread?

Millions of people across the one dies before his work is finfull enough to accomplish what he was capable of and he died in a good way." Cannon said that sadness was wheat.

proceeds from the lower stage want to share even a crumb.

to the higher," Swabeck ex- It's stealing the markets, busi- To Miss an Issue Editor: Enclosed is money order to

Perhaps, Sugg and Johnston only that, but as man acquired bloc to drive it out because the sue A few remarks—I endorse the

egan to change nature." ing everything. So, too, man himself has been The proper place to attack transformed, and this was the monopoly and cut it off at the historical development that roots is on its own soil. Get your Skoglund understood so well industries and business out of foreign countries, monopolists, James P. Cannon, national before you are struck by lightchairman of the SWP and the ning.

D.W. E. Chicago

company, and so on -- but it is Favors Tabloid

that comes over you when some- Editor: would be easier to handle and labor union rights. make for a more attractive layout

page is an improvement.

M.B. San Francisco

[See next week's issue.-

Wants to Hear From Members

Editor.

stamps.'

provide no rehabilitation or of international officers and re- sooner or later, be shared by all a worker, not middle class)

same

have earned and are receiving."

the UN like a maniac." Christ must have been even ing affairs within Cuba." more insane when he upset the

the trail of free speech.

money tables, turned loose the cattle and whipped the capi-

> Fillmore, Utah 'A Beautiful Cause"

A.G. Gregerson

Yours is one of the few publiwe are giving 50 trading tic Action in the United Auto- cations that did not disappoint ago — as recently as last summobile Workers Union. I un- me when I first came to the mer — the wage scale was fairly derstand this group is calling United States. You maintain high because of the shortage of dangerous such dances as the country fail to meet acceptable I have been calling for 30-for- an earlier and better American replies.

committee. And, adds Senator the rank and file, particularly cause is not more united in its think also happens? The salary vast majority of nursing homes I have also called for election and reasonable cause that will, (wages is the wrong work of

restorative services, thus un- gional directors by direct vot- decent people in the world. M.A. New York

Editor:

Would like to hear from , UAW members interested in **Cheering Diet News**

Paterson, N.J.

espousing or participating in various types of ballroom dance he failed to make one, to voice creased respect which police ating and nonoperating crafts? may feel relieved to know that We are interested in the an error was involved.

had a big meal of chocolateflavored plaster.

O.T. Road New York

extend my subscription as I Letters to Cuba Editor:

The New York Mirror, a Casstand you took in your Dec. 12 tro-baiting gutter sheet of the issue when you refused to print first water, on Jan. 12 printed a letter from a reader because an editorial that urged Amerhe failed to identify himself. icans to write letters to any con-Such as are afraid of capitalist- tacts that they might have tic snake bites should stay off among the Cuban people, claiming that a letter-writing cam-Enjoyed the clever wit in the paign on the part of Italianarticle about the Cuban electri- Americans in 1948 prevented cal workers - about the Cuban Italy from going Communist.

woman the papers said ripped I wrote the Mirror the folthe tires off cars and about capi- lowing: A tabloid size for the Militant talism's pretentious concern for "I agree with your editorial

urging Americans to write let-Also, recently I was chatting ters to Cubans. This is a good with a Republican neighbor and idea. It might also be of ben-The light touch on your back he remarked, "That Khrushchev efit to us Americans, and we is insane, waving his shoe at might thus be able to get an idea of how truthfully the U.S. I conceded, perhaps. However, newspapers have been report-

G.L. New York

talist money changers from the N.Y. Office Jobs

Getting Scarce

Editor:

Times are really rough now. For the first time New York office workers are having a hard time finding jobs. Not too long the progressive and fearless at- help. But now! For every ad titude that was characteristic of that appears there are dozens of

So the bosses not only have I only regret that the socialist their pick, but what do you aims and goals. It is a beautiful (wages is the wrong word of drops just like those two planes that crashed into each other here.

And so you walk and walk and walk, and call and call and call, and when you finally Your Bronx reader, Onna breathe a sigh of relief because Diet, who complained in the you have located a job, you find Jan. 9 Militant about seeing in that your shoes have worn out

> A.C. New York.

color preference is becoming in-For Whites Only - A group Negro film, "Porgy and Bess."

is the first time to our knowledge that their talents are being Doctor Shortage? - Comused in the banking industry."

But They Can Still Bounce- five New York high-school

Industrial designer Francis graduates refused to sign a

Blod is building himself a nice "loyalty" oath as a condition for

balance by providing banks receiving a diploma. School of-

with new checks in bright pas- ficials have now decided to eli-tels, grays and greens. "The ef- minate the written oath, which

fect of consumer design and was instituted in 1917.

Liberals at Work - The Jan. apply for staff appointments at tinguish between a red wire and delegates reported that they had been denied service in a . ism all across the board."

says Blod. "Although profes-sional industrial designers are being used to sell soap, auto, housewares and telephones, this Negro film "Porcy and Bess" fense Den

menting on the lack of quali- but will exclude color blind at fied medical personell in some all times. A spokesman said fied medical personnel in some color blindness is dangerous and copal Society for Cultural and necessarily condemning many ing. Issue of I. F. Stone's Weekly hespitals, a Jan. 6 Milwaukce expensive in the atomic age. Racial Unity, dedicated to pro- patients to a life of helpless-

than any other place in the and perhaps lesser, doctors are than any other place in the principle restriction of the society state and your phone bill is double, getting such appointments right choose Your Partner — A that the society stage a sit-in professional designation 'police' is heard more and more. A getting such appointments right choose Your Partner — A that the society stage a sit-in professional designation 'police' is heard more and more. A getting such appointments right choose Your Partner — A that the society stage a sit-in professional designation 'police' is heard more and more. A displeasure of the old, conserva- lished in Vatican City estab- voted instead to ask the pro- information concerning railroad product named "Way Rite Nutri- that befit your station in life, liber medical associations by lished moral classifications for prietor for an apology and, if the board."

Pays to Protest - Last spring, 'group practice,' for example, ing. "Limited contact" dances regret.

It Was Reported in the Press Thought for the Week

> "A nuclear attack on our country would create a fire problem unparalleled in history. We have therefore put great emphasis on preparing our fire-fighting forces to meet this threat."-Henry Thomas of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

fense Department standards ing on sin are such "external

eyed men in a total mobilization and one step.

Rights Fighters - The Episculied these gems of "liberal" hospitals, a data of introducte expensive in the atomic age. Racial Unity, dedicated to pro-patients to a life of neipicss-dial Stevenson: "Laos is press. Adlai Stevenson: "Laos is productors say that it would be up in smoke" because a color in Williamsburg, Va., the first absolutely useless for them to blind technician failed to dis-apply for staff appointments at finguich between a red wire and delegates reported that they delegates reported that they had been denied service in a Herald reported: "The word Rail Labor Unity

of Louisville, Ky., sold tickets Editor: for a social affair at \$1.50 each.

Care for the Aged - Nearly for the 30-hour week and dem-

will permit the drafting of one- contact" dances as the fox trot Pat McNamara (D-Mich.), "the on political matters.

local restaurant and proposed 'cop' is 'heard less and less; the

Spiritual Stamp - The Mea- Of Auto Union dowview Presbyterian Church I am interested in correspond-An announcement said, "Ladies, ing with members of the Na- Editor:

with the purchase of each ticket tional Committee for Democra-

rumba and mambo which bring fire and health standards, ac- 40 for more than eight years and society. Cyclops Army - Revised De- "contacts at intervals." Border- cording to a Senate Labor sub- asking for democratic action by

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