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Bills Pushed by Witch-Hunters

duced into Congress last week intended to intensify the government's witch-hunt against all who oppose the bi-partisan imperialist war program.

Senator Mundt of South Dakota and Representative Nixon of California have offered a "revised" version of their bill before the last Congress that created such a storm of protest it was pigeonholed in the Senate after being passed by the House. Michigan's Senator Ferguson, a mouthpiece of the auto corporations, has introduced his own bill along similar lines, but differing in minor details. Both bills are of Republican authorship, but the N. Y. Times reports, support for thesebills "probably will be broadened soon to take in Democratic cosponsorship.'

Both bills would establish the principle of second-class political charges or hearing on unrevealed parties and second-class citizenship by requiring special conditions for the legal functioning of with "subversive" organizations. the Communist Party and "communist front" organizations and the activities of their members.

Each bill requires the registration of "Communist" organizations. The Communist Party would be compelled to list its members with the Attorney General and "front" organizations to list the names of their officers. Any written or printed matter from alleged "communist" organizations would be required to carry a label stating its "communist source.'

Both bills would make it a felony, punishable by a \$10,000 fine and ten years imprisonment, acting on similar anti-democratic the Kutcher case is important befor anyone in concert with others bills. The New York State legis- cause it involves righting a wrong to "knowingly" commit "an act lature, for instance, is rushing done to one man, the truly imwhich would substantially con- through not less than five major portant fact is that once any peotribute" to the establishment of thought-control bills. One, the ple permit this sort of thing to a "totalitarian dictatorship" in Scanlan bill, would bar the Com- become a common practice - or this country. The bills falsely munist Party and "kindred orequate communism with "totalitarianism." They do not mention the lot. Others would bar "communmilitary and fascist forms of cap- ists" from all schools and col- any man or woman, no matter

italist dictatorship.

clearly designated "Communist"

ticket. In one respect, however, the Mundt-Nixon bill pays greater lip-service to civil rights than With Influenza on the Truman administration does in its "loyalty" purge of government workers and public blacklist "subversive" organizations

issued by Attorney General Clark. Under the present version of the Mund-Nixon bill no organization could be stigmatized as "subversive" until after a public hearing with the opportunity of crossexamination of witnesses. Any "subversive" findings of the Attorney General could be appealed to the courts. At present, government workers are fired without "evidence" and on mere suspicion of membership or "association" Organizations are listed as "subversive" by Clark without even the right of a hearing or the opportunity of defense.

Once the principle of compulsory "public disclosure" of the members of any political organization and the registration of any minatory regulation of unions or any other organizations the government chooses to label "sub-

MANY STATES AS WELL

Numerous state legislatures are leges and from holding any pub- what their belief." the Communist lic job. The Illinois State Legisfederal appointive post, and could membership in the Communist run for elective office only on a Party a felony.

JURY SELECTED IN TRIAL OF 11 STALINIST LEADERS

By Farrell Dobbs

FROM THE FEDERAL COURTROOM, NEW YORK, March 16 - The verdict in the thought-control trial, of the Stalinists will be rendered by a jury of four housewives, two

women clerks, an unemployed clerk, a theatrical writer-producer, jury is the telephone wireman dustrial engineer, a telephone independent union. wireman and a retired beer 16 CHALLENGED

The real estate salesman and two of the housewives are Negroes, one of whom is jury foreman by virtue of having been the first juror chosen. Both Negro housewives work part time. One is a dressmaker; her husband driver, leads his own six-piece orchestra. The other is a beauty operator whose husband is a taxi driver. The husbands of the two white

housewives are salesmen in the wholesale clothing and woolen

goods fields. The only union ntember on the

'Next Week: -

On Mar. 30, James Kutcher's hearing before the Loyalty Review Board begins. Next week in The Militant Theodore Kovalevsky reviews the shocking facts in the case of the legless veteran, fired because he disagrees with the political views of the Truman Administration.

E. Banks, a reader of The Militant, and staff member J. Meyer discuss the role of the liberals in the Negro struggle. A thought-provoking debate!

Unemployment is growing in America. The Militant gives you the latest facts and the reaction of the workers to the mounting threat of job inse-

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a salesman dealing in real estate who belongs to the Communicaand fur coats, an unemployed in- tions Workers of America, an

> In choosing the jury, the prosecutor removed by peremptory challenge an unemployed veteran; a member of a Stalinistled union; and the wives of a woolen salesman and a taxi

> The defendants challenged three members of the American Legion; two retired employees of an insurance company which Jim-Crows Negroes in its housing projects; a member of the fascist subordinate of Gen. Robert with the reactionary Common Cause, Inc.; and the wife of a postal examiner.

Also challenged by the defense were an insurance executive who is seeking a job with the Veterans Administration; a retired of a prospective grand juror; a retired stock broker and former naval intelligence man; a juror not only the majority of the Rewho had read Out of the Night publican Party, who voted with by Jan Valtin; the wife of a big them, but also the Truman Demo-FRAUDULENT CLAIM real estate operator; and a public crats who put on a show of "oputility serviceman belonging to position" to the filibuster. an anti-Stalinist AFL union.

The judge dismissed for bias a a friend of the defendant on a bill. But this closure rule Benjamin Davis, Jr.; a member was interpreted to apply only to of the Catholic Holy Name Society; a friend of two of the tion" to take up a bill. indicting grand jurors; the father of a New York cop; and a juror mise" being considered as we go to who proclaimed "absolute con-

tempt" for the Stalinists.

NewPolice-State Truman Democrats in Retreat All Along Line on 'Fair Deal'

Novack Stricken Tour in Cleveland

CHEVELAND, March 15 -After two days of strenuous activity here, George Novack, national secretary of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, was stricken with influenza and is confined to his hotel room under doctor's care. His sudden illness forced cancellation of two full days of scheduled meetings on the case of the victimized veteran, James Kutcher.

Novack arrived here last Saturday, after conferring with AFL and CIO leaders in Canton on the case. Sunday he spoke over Station WSRS on the leading radio program in this area, the official AFL weekly broadcast run by organization is legalized it would A. I. Davey, editor of the AFL be but one step to similar discri- Cleveland Citizen and vice-president of the Cleveland Federation of Labor.

After Novack had given the facts on the Kutcher case, Davey said, "It seems to me that while even let it set a precedent-we ganizations" from the state bal- are fooling with dynamite that might eventually operate against

Sunday afternoon Novack ad-Party would be barred from any lature is considering a bill to make dressed a lively meeting of a Hashomer Hatzair branch.

PUBLIC MEETING

In the evening he spoke at a public KCRC meeting in the Hotel Hollenden. Hershel Holland, president of the Cleveland Lawyers Guild, chaired the meeting. Other speakers were Anthony J. Pirc, vice-president of UAW Local 337; Walter Davis, associate editor of the Cleveland Citizen, and Sam Pollock, international representative of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers. A collection of \$44 was taken.

Monday Novack spoke to a political science group at Fenn College, where the dean, Dr. Jenks,

ditional student groups. Unfortunately, his further ac-Guild and student groups at Fenn,

on the Novack tour.)



Stalin's Crimes Bared at Paris Kravchenko Trial

The most important and authen- | Margaret Neumann offered an | but Stalin and all his Vishinskys,

Party. In the middle Twenties alliance with Hitler. he also served as one of the central figures of the Communist International, being entrusted with carrying out official policy on several occasions, among them in the course of the 1925-27 Chinese

members of the KCRC. He re- prominent Communist refugees Jews). ceived invitations to address ad- from the Gestapo, they fell victims of the giant purges during STALIN'S CAMPS the Moscow frame-up trials of tivities were curtailed by his ill- 1936-38. This purge of foreign among many other tokens of Nazi- tried to discredit this testimony ness, which prevented him from anti-fascists on Soviet soil on such Kremlin amity, which as Molotov on the ground that the credibility appearing before the Lawyers palpably false charges as "Hit- then boasted had indeed been of any German was ruled out in lerite agents and collaborators" "sealed in blood." Here we have Western Reserve and City Col- was publicized at the time by the latest evidence of just who in the world Trotskyist press as an- the USSR was really guilty of tices and epithets by means of other striking proof of the serving as Hitler's agents and in-(See Page 4 for other reports trumped-up nature of all these timate collaborators. Not the have been trying to answer trials and purges.

tic testimony thus far presented insight into the real reasons all his judges and retainers! in the sensational Paris libel suit for Neuman's downfall. It Neumann's widow did not find Victor Kravchenko, author of appears that even prior to 1933, much to choose between the Ges-Chose Freedom" against the Stalin had personally informed tapo and the GPU hell-holes. Her rise to power, Heinz Neumann, such an orientation. He, like answerable. along with Thaelmann and Rem- many others, was, therefore, virate of the German Communist jected sealing of the treacherous brute terror, such as the Nazis

After Hitler's rise to power, the Stalin-Hitler pact, she was versation among prisoners," she Neumann and his wife fled to the handed over to the Gestapo with testified, "and no energy for it. USSR, only to be caught up there more than a score of other Ger- Our Russian guards were decent in the GPU dragnet. Together man, Austrian and Hungarian men and not sadists, but they and other faculty members are with hundreds of more or less Communists (including several faithfully fulfilled the require-

This gesture was only one

Stalinist literary periodical, "Let- him that a Hitlerite Germany testimony, based on years of peraret Neumann, daughter of Soviet Union, Hitler's friendship jective than the kind of material mele, composed the top trium- hardly convenient for the pro- ployment in Stalin's camps of

used. (This is reserved by the Neumann's fate remains un- GPU for more "important" cases known. He was among the many and practiced in strictest secrecy.) who simply "disappeared" in the The GPU prefers such "psycho Soviet Union. His wife Margaret logic" threats as life imprisonwas meted out a seven-year sen- ment and the like. Starvation ratence in one of Stalin's slave tions and arduous labor drained labor-camps. In the heyday of the prisoners. "There was no conments of the inhuman system.'

The Stalinist defense attorney at the Kravchenko trial in Paris advance. This chauvinism is only which the GPU and its cohorts

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Not a Single Pledge Fulfilled In Eleven Weeks of Session

By Art Preis

After eleven weeks in continuous session, the Democratic-controlled Congress has not passed a single one of the "Fair Deal" reforms promised by

Truman and his party before elections. Instead, the Truman Demo- prepared-after the usual for-thecrats are yielding all down the record gestures-to give ground line to the open reactionaries, la- on his whole "Fair Deal" probor-haters and Negro-baiters.

The failure of the Truman

but there is real danger that in

abandoning the civil rights program, the immediate issue behind the filibuster, and for wateringdown their pledged reforms. The 'Fair Deal"-a frail craft even for calm waters—has met its first squall and is already leaking at every seam.

leaders and liberals, will now try tres Francaises," was offered by would serve the interests of the sonal experience, was far more ob- his Southern contingent and the out of it by supporting an amend-Republicans. But from the start the German philosopher, Martin being assured because of Ger- now being worked up in such vol- he had no intention of pressing individual rents to guarantee Buber, and widow of Heinz Neu- many's conflict with its Western ume for the yellow press all over the fight to the point where it landlords a "reasonable return" imperialist rivals. Neumann ap- the world. That is what makes it might crack the recemented al- on the "reasonable value" of their In the years prior to Hitler's parently disagreed in private with all the more annihilating and un- liance of the Northern and South- property. This would open a hole "white supremacists," Truman is

gram.

The successful Southern filimachine to put up a real fight buster has already put the knife has led once more to the triumph to any effective civil rights bills of a Southern Democratic fili- to safeguard the rights of the buster in the Senate. With the Negro people. It was Truman's Truman forces offering only fee- promise to press these measures ble and token resistance, the that led to the Southern "states Taft-Hartley elements and right- rights" walkout at the Democratic wing Democrats are pressing national convention last July and their attack with ever-greater helped secure widespread Negro poldness, arrogance and ferocity. and labor support for Truman's Not only have the promised election. But he has kept virtualsocial improvements been blocked, ly mum on the question since the elections and it was an open secsome fields even worse bills than ret, even before the filibuster, that those passed by the Republican- the Truman Democrats were talkcontrolled 80th Congress will be ing "compromise." Now they are tossing the whole issue out of the This threat has given the Tru- window. Other key "Fair Deal" man Democrats the pretext for promises are facing similar dis-

RENT CONTROLS GOING

At the very first test, administration supporters in the House, under fire from spokesmen of the real estate interests, disemboweled their own rent control bill. As it Truman and his supporters, in- came out of committee, the bill cluding most of the top union proposed to extend controls for only 15 months instead of the to foist the whole responsibility promised two years. Democratic for Congressional stalling onto leaders then cut more of the guts ment permitting the boosting of ern wings of his party. For the in rent ceilings big enough to sake of this unholy alliance of drive a truck through. It is even the big city bosses and poll-tax worse than the bill passed by the (Continued on page 3)

BUFFALO 'NEWS' SMEARS UNION GROUPS AND SWP

BUFFALO, March 14 — The rabidly reactionary Buffalo Evening News last January opened a virulent red-baiting campaign against a broad section of trade union militants and the

Socialist Workers Party. This which could only have been supcreased intensity and was cliarticles calculated to influence the current union elections of Bell Aircraft Local 501, UAW-CIO.

The press attack has its origin n the collusion between the local industrial magnates and the pubishers of the News. This is made obvious by the nature of the information contained in News articles about leading militants,

plied by the personnel managers maxed last week with a series of of plants where these militants work.

Another noteworthy feature of this red-baiting campaign is the active collaboration of a whole array of vicious anti-union elements and ACTU right-wingers who supplied information to the News regarding the internal struggles in various local unions in this area.

The "News" has conducted for years the foulest red-baiting attacks against the Stalinists as well as radical and liberal groups general. The growing influence of the Socialist Workers Party in the Buffalo labor movebate over suggested changes in apply to "motions" as well as wanted to put over a measure. Truman would have to break with ment and the increasing interest the split of his own party. He has fighting program have occasioned no intention of doing that, because the recent attacks. The "News"

SMEAR EXPERT

Each of these articles invari-Truman is aided in this duplicity ably mentions that the SWP is attended public meetings of the How long this situation can party. They then seek to tie the continue is another matter. In individuals mentioned to memberthe filibuster marks an impor- as "fellow-travelers." The articles

Tool Owners Union; a former Subordinate of Gen. Robert Eichelberger who is identified with the roadion of Gen. Robert Was A Sham Battle

By Albert Parker

The Southern Democrats have won a clear-cut victory in the

Previously, a two-thirds vote of the Senators present was required senting themselves as advocates member of the American Legion; to close debate and permit a vote a vote on a bill, and not to a "mo-

> Under the so-called "compropress, closure will apply on any

the closure rule in the future.

rights bills opposed by the South- of their filibuster powers. Senate debate over the filibuster, ern Democrats will require the corporation executive; the wife stronger position than before to support of 64 out of the Senate's the 1rumantes conducted the deprevent a vote on civil rights leg-islation. For this they can thank of majority rule by parliamentary tion of closure by majority vote, Truman Doctrine. But he did not methods alone.

The Truman Democrats, expressing great indignation about this "compromise," are now preof closure by a majority votewhich is the only position in accord with elementary democratic Why? procedure. But this claim is a fraud. All they waged in the Sen- SHADOW BOXING ate was a sham battle.

This means: 1. Passage of civil deprive the Southern Democrats occasion?

which they now pretend to support. Even at this level their role

On the eve of the filibuster desingle word on the filibuster issue.

To begin with, they did not powerful weapon of patronage to shadow-boxing. even introduce an amendment to whip recalcitrant Democrats into apply under any conditions to de- two-thirds vote so that it would weapon effectively when he really enact the "Fair Deal" program, independent political action,

He could have gone to the peo-

do so. Why didn't he?

Instead, he stated in an offence that he personally favors Southern Democrats were so ar- Party. rogant and sure of themselves! They could see for themselves!

bills, which would by no means Why didn't he use it on this his Southern wing-that is, risk of local militants in the party's And this was the level at which ple directly in an effort to arouse the Southern Democrats support articles pursue the calculated pursupport of 64 out of the Senate's the Trumanites conducted the de- popular pressure on behalf of his what to Truman is the most im- pose of smearing and discredit-

AN IMPORTANT STAGE

by the labor and Negro leaders listed by Attorney General Tom was thoroughly hypocritical. For hand manner at a press confer- who, instead of arousing mass Clark as a "subversive organizapressure to compel him to carry tion which seeks to alter the form closure by majority vote, and con- out his promises, are toeing the of government of the United bate, Truman spoke to the nation veniently departed for a Florida line obediently, singing Truman's States by unconstitutional means." from the Jefferson-Jackson Day vacation, leaving his Senatorial praises to the masses and doing Then they list the names and ad-Dinner, but he avoided saying a supporters to maneuver around a everything they can to keep their dresses of people, especially union bit for the record. No wonder the members tied to the Democratic members, who are alleged to have

He made no use at all of his that the Tumanites were only any case, the Southern victory on ship in the party or label them. Truman's hypocrisy should not tant stage in the short history of in general are of the same type ssue—"motion" or bill. But now achieve closure by majority vote line even for the weak Rules Com- be viewed in purely personal the "Fair Deal" because it will as those of the poison-pen artists, The composition of the trial it would be made operative only in the Senate Rules Committee. mittee amendment to extend the terms; it has a deep political surely renew mass discontent with Westbrook Pegler and Victor jury indicates that the challenge by two-thirds of the entire Sen- Instead, they voted in this com- closure by two-thirds rule. In the basis. To lead a real fight to the Democratic Party and Riesel. of the jury system led to some ate membership, and would not mittee only to extend closure by past he has always used this democratize Senate procedure and strengthen the tendencies toward Fred Turner, the News "red

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New Introduction to Cannon Trial Pamphlet

By Farrell Dobbs

Socialism On Trial is the verbatim testimony of James P. genuine exponents. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, in the publication of this third edition 1941 Minneapolis trial of the 18 of Socialism On Trial serves an Trotskyists under the thought- especially vital need. In it will control Smith Act. The salient be found a true explanation of facts about the trial and convic- Marxism, set forth in clear and tion are related in Joseph Hansen's introduction to the second edition which is reprinted in this * 9

of Marxism, Comrade Cannon's to 43 will be found Comrade Cantestimony in that famous trial has become recognized as the simplest and best introduction to tion by defense counsel. He exan understanding of the major questions of revolutionary socialist program and tactics. It is the most popular pamphlet ever published by our movement. Two large editions of Socialism On have already been exhausted.

The re-publication of this testimony in the Minneapolis trial is given added timeliness by the coincidence that, as this third edition goes to press, 11 leaders of the Stalinist Communist Party are on trial in a federal court in New York City. This new prosecution is a striking confirmation of Comrade Cannon's prediction, in the Minneapolis court, that the assault on civil liberties which began with the prosecution of the Trot-'skyists would be later directed against other organizations.

STALINISTS ON TRIAL

The Stalinists supported the government in its prosecution of the 18 Trotskyists and applauded their conviction and imprisonment. But this treacherous conduct did not save them when their own time came. It did not even save them from the truly ironical circumstance that the indictment brought against them alleges violation of the Smith Act-the very same law under which the Trotskyists were tried and convicted in Minneapolis.

The real aim of the capitalist government in these thought- ATTACKS ON LABOR control prosecutions is to outlaw Marxism. It is therefore ex- was later rewarded with a federal tremely important to know ex- judgeship, sought on cross-ex- tacks on freedom of thought has actly what true Marxism is. But amination to refute these predicthat knowledge cannot be gained tions. The resulting clash brought The Truman administration has from the Stalinists who have a more precise spelling out of betrayed the Marxist program in perialism and the terrible conse-

Labor Union Trends

has rallied his full-time staff to 9-

do a job on the opposition.

energy as on this assignment and

right to be defended by its

Under these circumstances, simplé terms.

IMPERIALIST WAR AIMS

I wish to call attention particularly to the remarks about Dealing with the whole range war and democracy. On pages 39 non's answers on these vital questions during direct examinaplains that imperialist wars to capture new markets, sources of raw materials and fields of investment are inevitable so long as capitalism continues in existence. The Socialist Workers Party is unalterably opposed to any and all imperialist wars. "It is absolutely true that Hitler

wants to dominate "the world," Comrade Cannon said, "but we think it is equally true that the ruling group of American capitalists has the same idea, and we are not in favor of either of them.

"We do not think that Sixty Families who own America want to wage this war for some sacred principle of democracy. We think they are the greatest enemies of they would only use the opportunity of a war to eliminate all wage freeze in the face of a civil liberties at home, to get the steeply-rising cost of living. best imitation of fascism they can possibly get."

These significant words were spoken seven years ago, on the these Sixty Families and their eve of the formal entry of the supporters to stop the populariz-United States government into ing of ideas inimical to the the second world war. (The 18 capitalists, and to check by legdefendants in the Minneapolis Trial were sentenced to prison on December 8, 1941, at the same hour war was being declared by Congress.) These words gave an grinding out propaganda about accurate forecast of the present campaign to crush civil rights in freedoms." Comrade Cannon's this country in preparation for a new war to conquer the world.

The special prosecutor, who

been making some headway in a

If Reuther is half the progres



Top CIO leaders meet with Truman to applaud his threat that he may stump the nation for his legislative program if Congress doesn't enact it soon. The CIO leaders haven't said anything about really arousing the people themselves to make Congress (and Truman) live up to their promises. Shortly after this meeting, Truman went to Florida for another long vacation. Left to right: Jack Kroll, John Green, George Baldanzi, L. S. Buckmaster, Joseph Curran, David McDonald, Walter Reuther, Arthur J. Goldberg and Frank Rosenblum.

page 80, for example.

Comrade Cannon predicted, "then been fired from his clerk's job in the capitalists will begin squeezknows today after the wartime

"The next thing that will probably appear on the horizon," he continued, "is attempts of islation the organization of the

When that prediction was made back in 1941 the capitalists were a holy war to defend the "four warning was like a cry in the wilderness. Yet all he failed to give was the name the federal anti-labor law would bear - the Taft-Hartley Act.

His prediction of further atbeen confirmed many times over. issued a Hitler-like decree black-

Listen to these quotations from stigmatized organizations for a of war and unemployment and "Once they have deprived the has been disregarded by the Deworkers of the right to strike on partment of Justice. James Kutso-called patriotic pretexts," cher, a legless war veteran, has

a Veterans Administration field ing down wages and refusing office as a result of that blackconcessions." Truer words were list. An ominous thought-control democracy here at home. We think never spoken, as every worker purge of teachers has started at the University of Washington. Civil rights are under attack on nany fronts, including the present witch-hunt trial of the Stalinists.

> non said, "and they will try to strations, one on the economic on the staggering amounts ap-prediction of a mighty upsurge of propriated for war. The national "the people who want freedom debt stands at the fantastic sum and a right to live." of \$260 billion, and additional billions of the national wealth

"Demands will grow in this twisted, distorted, perverted and the war aims of American im- listing organizations alleged to be country, among people who want "subversive." The demand of the freedom and a right to live, for Socialism On Trial, issued by so many ways. Marxism has a quences to the working people. Socialist Workers Party and other some way out of this madhouse Pioneer Publishers.

high taxes and robber prices.

full public hearing on all charges growing fascism," he concluded. POSTWAR DEMONSTRATIONS

The vast post-war strike wave was a preliminary confirmation of his prediction that the masses would rise in struggle against the apitalist assault on their standard of living. The defeat of the Republicans in the 1948 elections -unexpected by all the political experts and prognosticators-was due in large measure to a political uprising of the workers against "All this sixty to one hundred the Taft-Hartley Act. Their supbillions of dollars that they are port of Truman as the "lesser appropriating for the wasteful evil" by no means signified a vote expenses of war has got to be paid of confidence in his administrafor by somebody," Comrade Can- tion. These two post-war demonmake the masses and the poor field and the other on the polifarmers pay it." All that need be tical, already represent downadded here are the latest figures payments on Comrade Cannon's

These remarkable 1941 forecasts of coming events bear are still being poured into the eloquent testimony to the validity maw of the war machine. The of the true Marxist method and rich are coining unprecedented program that is explained by profits from war production, Comrade Cannon. I commend his while the workers and working testimony to the careful attention farmers pay the piper through of the reader.

> The above is the introduction written for the third edition of

Stalin's Crimes Bared at Paris Kravchenko Trial

he Kremlin is amply demonstrated not only by the extremes also by the scope to which they have mobilized all their auxiliary forces. Every "notable" who could crimes. be gulled or forced to toe the mark has been brought to the fore. Among those who paraded to their own discredit as wit- Stalinist dignitaries as Krivitsky nesses for the defense were: The Dean of Canterbury, Konni Ziliacus, Pierre Cot, Jean Cassous, and such notorious GPU hacks as the American writer Albert Kahn. EVIDENCE VERIFIED

The Kravchenko trial has been n part transformed into the public trial of the Stalin regime itself. Except for details, however,

Commission of Investigation into wise self-evident. the Moscow Trials, Trotsky re-

Victor Serge, and later such ex- known. tention in Paris.

of one of the biggest lies of our a public disclaimer and requested munism and Stalinism are one time in court to clarify this asthe gist of the central evidence and the same—a lie, incidentally, pect. This request was not granted is not new. Years ago Trotsky which helps rather than harms on the pretext of "lack of time."

charges for which they have no USSR-like Ignace Reiss and war-mongering American imperi-Tarov-exposed the bestial Sta- alists and their Western allies are The importance of this trial to linist regime. Before the Dewey seeking to put this trial is like-

Nonetheless, one of the outof slander and abuse to which futed all the charges against him- standing features of this trial, they have resorted in their French self and his son and corroborated and in particular of Margaret press and in the court-room, but with countless documents and eye- Neumann's testimony, is that it witness testimony his counter- throws the spotlight on some of charges against Stalinism and its the abominations of Stalinism. It is the truth, and the cause of rev-Long. before Kravchenko's "re- olutionary socialism can only benvelations" men like Dr. Ciliga and efit by its becoming widely

The French press, especially and Barmine, spoke out to tell the Stalinist Humanite, have much of the truth that is now seized upon some remarks of Mrs. once again coming to public at- Neumann in order to try to connect her and her husband directly Kravchenko is hardly the prop- with the Trotskyist movement. To er man to indict the Kremlin. His these unfounded contentions the own hands are far from clean International Secretariat of the and he himself acts as purveyor Fourth International has issued generation, namely, that Com- that its representative be granted

wide scale. The decline of the Caucus. Stalinists in this area and the growing influence of the Trotskyists made it inevitable that he would turn his venomous pen against the SWP and the anti-Stalinist militants on the Niagara Frontier.

The January campaign of the News had as its objective, besides smearing the SWP, to disrupt the newly-formed caucus of militant trade unionists, called the UE Solidarity Group, of Local 1581 UE-CIO (Cheektowaga Plant of the Westinghouse Corporation). This caucus was organized several months ago by a number of progressive unionists against the right-wing administration of among the Westinghouse work-

ers. The administration failed miserably in its attempts to impede the progress of the Solidarity trumped up charge of salary overpayment; this failure only increased the prestige of the caucus.

INTERVENES IN UE

"News" intervened against the Of special interest to the labor Solidarity Caucus and several of and radical public is the role of ficers can only talk FOR these article entitled "Westinghouse and its allies, the Shachtmanites "Reuther lashed out against decisions and do not have the Labor Relations Imperiled by Journal of Feb. 21. "He warned trary proposals, wherein does that to his lowest form of character that such elements would ruin differ from Hitler's philosophy of assassination in order to aid the Westinghouse Corporation and stem the rising tide of sentiment The Auto Union Builder, publi- ing a couple of isolated, sporadic tecting his flanks—that he was cation of the opposition group, sectional stoppages which started In Fire Emergency destroy. The paper states: "Walt- This in itself would hardly have er P. Reuther, even as a member engaged the attention of the of the International board, often Westinghouse workers were it not violently criticized the policies of for the slimy barrage of redbaitthe then UAW president, R. J. ing and finger-pointing at out-Thomas, and the board majority. standing militants in the caucus Emil Mazey, our present Sec- who allegedly "attended Trotretary-Treasurer, fought on many skyist meetings held at 629 Main different occasions for a labor Street where a compact little

> Militant workers can easily see Conference in Milwaukee listened wing "brought a prolonged era of to a remarkable address by Pro- industrial peace" which is now fessor Robert Lynd which has being imperiled. He then goes on part of the Corporation.

The union-conscious workers at tiated by leading members of the issue. reclassification program which copies of that issue. W. N. reports lars to the workers of the Cheek- two copies of Fourth Interna- his friend, L., who put a note in towaga plant-the only plant in tional; two copies of James P. the bottle after the last drop was the entire 52-plant national West- Cannon's pamphlet, 'The Coming gone and dropped it over the side

rilous" leaflets in elections, that board decisions, and institute bring the blessings of democracy ants the world over. Democracy, moreover these leaflets—crime of proceedings against violators. But to the suffering masses of human-like charity, begins at home.

Chicago asked for 50 extra copies of the Mar. 14 issue for dis-

a reclassification program. No of the Workers Party, in the presexpert," does the same dirty job amount of red-baiting and slander ent offensive unleashed by the on the local labor movement which can obliterate this achievement bosses and the News. The role of Pegler and Riesel do on a nation- by the leaders of the Solidarity these organizations as allies and

SWP MAIN TARGET

News as an outspoken anti-labor article. house organ of the Buffalo indus trial magnates is becoming more obvious as it injects itself into April FI Features the internal affairs of every union and seeks to discredit the militant elements. The Buffalo SWP has become the particular target of International, soon off the press the News not only because of its will feature a timely study of the increasing influence but also be- class and historical significance of cause of the party's aggressive public activities in the city.

The SWP was the only labor Democracy.' organization which put up a consistent fight against the Erie imperialist demagogy and the County 1% sales tax and initiated Stalinist half-truths in the inter-Local 1581. The caucus immedia a referendum to enable the people national controversy over the ately gained wide popularity to vote on the question. This meaning and application of the campaign aroused wide-spread in- political form of democracy. terest. Even the News' radio station had to grant free radio time origins at the dawn of capitalism to the chairman of the SWP to to its present abuse both under Caucus by framing one of its participate in a radio discussion imperialism and in the so-called leading militants, former local of this issue. The party has also resident George Gould, on a fought for municipal ownership Stalin. He revives again the genuof Buffalo's transit system (the ine concept of workers' democ-IRC) and exposed some of its racy as taught by the great Marxswindles. To this day it is a legal ist leaders. party to any public hearings which the transit commission It was at this point that the may be compelled to conduct.

abettors in the hounding and baiting of militant unionists in general, and the SWP in particular, The role of the Buffalo Evening will be described in the next

Study on Democracy

The April issue of the Fourth democracy in an article by Ernest Germain, entitled "Marxism and

Germain penetrates beyond the

He traces "democracy" from its

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coming in to help repair the dam- way I think it is an excellent idea age caused by the fire in our of- to announce future issues and San Francisco sent in \$28.82, of which Milwaukee is wo



west Side Branch mailed \$15 and Los Angeles contributed \$5.

the superior virtues of democracy.

Reuther's Flint opponents are is a section of this speech that I "agitation" with "amicable bar
polis. "It's an example, now, of new Hook" Then and Now." This are example, now, of new Hook are discontinuous leafwhat we want. Who will not be dissection of Hook's current supattracted to and inspired by this port of the witch-hunt in the collively, to-the-point working-class leges made instructive reading. presentation of news? As a mem- I. G., who brought the article to ber of the United Electrical the attention of Hook's students, Workers Union, I was particu- reports that the irritated profesconstructive and beneficial action article, 'The Struggle for Control losophy with some remarks on taken by the union since the ad- of the UE." Minneapolis ordered Trotskyism and morality that ministration took office was ini- 25 extra copies of the Mar. 14 were considerably more pungent

compelled the company to grant the results four comrades obalmost a quarter of a million dol- tained on call-backs: "We sold dropped in to tell us that it was inghouse setup which won such American Revolution' and one coming out of Seattle. The note, copy of 'American Stalinism and as we reported the other week, International Union policy? goose is sauce for the gander. it, that the opposition in the UAW here as everywhere else) and lack Many people, he informed the Undoubtedly a union leadership Reuther has been widely ad- is to be deprived of its democratic of money generally. One of our friend had promised, Whitey said:

is writing for the Militant again," Financial contributions are still says Joy C. "I think his column is really one of the best. By the fice some weeks ago. their contents in advance as you

Milwaukee is working out plans \$19.82 "was raised on Militant circulation, according to G. H. "We have noted the Chicago North- change and improvement in recent issues. The issue of Feb. 21 in particular with the articles on pledged \$8.70 more. Greece and the UAW was liked very much. We like the way our theoretical position is put for-M.W.S. of Empire, ward in articles on current events Ore., sent \$10 for and criticisms of our political opponents in the unions.'

When Sidney Hook, professor We again thank all our friends of philosophy at New York Uniwho rallied to help The Militant versity, entered class Mar. 14, he in the emergency caused by the met with what was apparently an unpleasant surprise. Twentytwo of his students had bought "The Mar. 7 issue is first copies of The Militant containing than his usual philosophical ap-

Whitey, a sea-going comrade,

Paying the \$2 for the sub his see he gets a case of bottles to

THERE IS A DEFENSE AGAINST THE BOMB!

dent Walter Reuther - like the alert politician that he is -

perpetuate the ruling machine in In the last few weeks, Reuther

igan to buck up their local sup- that his administration is in any

ture and in every other way to But the opposition forces have

izers exhibited such unflagging ous development - for him.

Workers report that at no time number of key spots, and Reuther

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roll of his accomplishments over national UAW policy." All the locals of the CIO auto union are now busy holding the past period to silence all hecktheir annual elections for officers and committeemen. And Presi- lers and confound the critics.

THEY CAN'T EAT IT

But apparently the situation is office. Shoals of organizers are decided that even this was not from the unctuous writings in the wandering in and out of some of enough, that the situation called Luce publications and the liberal the best organized locals in Mich- for his personal intervention, Not press. The auto workers cannot work up the same lather for their porters, help them out with litera- actual danger of being toppled. "labor statesman" as the glib journalists. Possibly the reintroduction of speedup in the automobile industry has something to do with it. Possibly the growing arrogance of management in the plants has something to do with it. As for the shining achieve-

in the past year have the organ- considered that a pretty dangerin no negotiations with corpora- sive and democrat that he and his tion executives have they dis- supporters claim he is; if his adments-they are difficult to find. played the cold ferocity with ministration is half as good as his Reuther, who enjoys a monopoly which they are now treating the apologists say it is-the job of of the union leadership, unquesopposition brothers in their own defending his stewardship would tionably runs rings around the seem to be a singularly easy one. previous UAW officers in pyrotechnics and swashbuckling rhetoric. But can the auto workers

> eat that? These circumstances probably go a long way toward explaining an opposition on home grounds, our hero reveals himself as a OPPOSITION'S "CRIMES" god with feet of clay. Here are no "Reuther plans," no talk about and misdemeanors of which crat" simply threatens his oppo-

SPEECH IN FLINT

breaking a strike of Chevrolet position simply claimed that crankshaft workers who were resisting the raising of production standards - speedup to you -Reuther came up to Flint to address a meeting of 500 Chevrolet and Buick members at the National Guard Armory, reported with great fanfare in the Flint Reuther's pension program, so far IT BEGINS AT HOME Journal. Since he couldn't point as the GM workers were conto any outstanding successes dur- cerned, was a fraud. ing his tenure of office, and since apparently in his own heart, he nection, to even discuss the merits lawed the Carey-Block opposition, doesn't anticipate any signal of the opposition's claims and Reuther's soul-mates in the UE achievements ahead, he decided to program as against Reuther's. excoriated the Stalinists for their ity ground under the tyrant's heel Anti-Stalinism' by the same promised the lucky finder a free browbeat his opponents. Moves Who, though, can question the anti-democratic action and pro- behind the Iron Curtain. His author. In addition we got prom- subscription to The Militant. were afoot, he warned, to outlaw democratic right of a union group claimed their resolve to continue threats at the Flint meeting hard- ises of five or six more Militant E.V.S. of Palo Alto, Calif., found opposition—in other words, to to offer such a proposal and dis- the fight. If democracy is good ly square with this mission. If he renewals when payday comes. We it while fishing in the surf thirty wipe out democracy, the very tribute handbills for it in the for the UE, it is equally good for goes through with his "hint," as ran into the problems of unem- miles south of Golden Gate and thing that made the UAW the course of an election campaign? the UAW. What's sauce for the the Flint Journal delicately called ployment (for there are layoffs sent it in. great union that it is.

audience, asked him to take action has the right to enforce conven- vertised as a great democrat rights, he will be entering on the new comrades went out this morn- "When he ships out again, I'll against those who put out "scur- tion and international executive burning with righteous zeal to path of all bureaucrats and tyr- ing and did very well."

Reuther Threatens the Opposition It would be sufficient to call the crimes—were "contrary to Inter- if UAW members or local of- its outstanding militants. In an the Socialist Party of Erie County

> labor and hinted that some action | the "leadership principle?" not as glowing as it would appear against them might be taken at the next UAW convention." Reuther quickly added-pro-

have to be done.

Reuther's assurance is not very re-assuring. Everybody over the age of ten knows that no action will be proposed to outlaw the opposition unless Reuther personally gives the word. Everybody over the age of five knows that this threat hurled at the Flint militants was an attempt to pave the ground for bureaucratic supcritics into silence.

the type of election campaign proposition groups to exist, to voiced opinions contrary to the type of election campaign propagate and fight for their ternational UAW policy."

Special points of view, is like a The recent UAW Education last year's victory for the right knife without a blade.

What are these high crimes guilty? Issuing "scurrilous leaf-have not seen mentioned any- gaining between management and lets?" Let us see. I have just where before. I am quoting from the union." Actually, this "amicreceived the hand bills issued by the report printed in the Briggs able relationship has resulted in nent with disciplinary action if both sides in the election contest. Local 212 paper in its February a most arrogant attitude on the An examination of the literature in question reveals no scurrilous Fresh from his triumph of or even personal attacks. The op-Reuther tied up the GM contract for two years, that therefore the growth of bureaucracy in the union could not bargain with the General Motors Corporation for pensions and wages in 1949, and that unless a program of industry-wide bargaining were adopted,

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eftist elements," reports the Flint | right to criticize and offer con- | Trotskyists," Fred Turner stooped HIS OWN RECORD

personally opposed to any restric- correctly comments that Reuther, spontaneously among a small tions, but that something would when he was in a minority, re- group of workers, Turner magpeatedly made use of this same nified these into a "peril to the democracy which he now seeks to Westinghouse Labor Relations." pressions and to intimidate all party, when it was the policy of clique" presumably decides policy the board to support Democratic for the Westinghouse local. candidates. No one dreamed, in But then what happens to the those years, of threatening through Turner's real purpose of democracy of the UAW? Union Reuther, Mazey or others with aiding the company and solicitdemocracy, without the rights of disciplinary action, because they ing support for the present local opposition groups to exist, to voiced opinions contrary to 'In- administration. In a dead give-

been widely commented upon in to shower praise on the do-noth-

"Lynd advised labor educators to read Michels' book [Political | Westinghouse know that the only larly pleased with Bert Cochran's sor wound up his lecture on phi-Parties by Robert Michels] on the labor movement. He urged workers in the union to be vigilant of their democratic rights lest they Solidarity Caucus. This was the St. Paul also sent for 25 extra proach to such questions. lose them." We recommend these words to all UAW members.

When the Stalinist leadership

of the CIO electrical union, at It is not in order, in this con- the 1947 Boston convention, out-

for the Solidarity Caucus. Utilizing a couple of isolated, sporadic Our Thanks for Help tribution at a Stalinist meeting. "I am very glad that Kovalevsky



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"There is no epoch in human history so saturated with an-

tagonisms as ours. Under a too high tension of class and inter-

national animosities, the 'fuses' of democracy 'blow out.' Hence

the short circuits of dictatorship. Naturally the weakest in-

terrupters' are the first to give way. But the force of internal

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and world controversies does not weaken: it grows. It is doubtful if it is destined to calm down, given that the process has so far taken hold of the periphery of the capitalist world. Gout begins in the little fingere of a hand or in the big toe, but once on the way it goes right to the heart."



Leon Trotsky, Article in New Republic, 1929

The Demand of the Miners

1,015 killed and 54,100 injured in a single year. No, these are not figures of military casualties. They are the "normal" casualty statistics of America's coal mines in 1948. They are the toll of men blasted, burned, gassed, crushed and dismembered down in the dark bowels of the earth while digging coal for the greater profit of the mine owners. 55,115 killed and injured — that is the price in life and limb paid by the coal miners because of the greed of the operators and the indifference of the capitalist government.

Who has more right to say how the mines shall be run than those who every year pay such a price? Who knows better the conditions of labor and the needs of the mine workers than the miners themselves? Are they asking too much, then, when they demand that their voice be heeded in the naming of the Director of the Federal Bureau of Mines?

That is the immediate issue in the twoweek memorial "holiday" of the 425,000 soft and hard coal miners east of the Mississippi, called by the United Mine Workers. This "period of inaction," said John L. Lewis, "will emphasize the mine workers' opposition" to Dr. James M. Boyd, Truman's nominee for head of the Bureau of Mines. The miners had nothing to say about this nomination; they were not even consulted.

Yet, the fact that the United Mine Workers dared to call a stoppage to insist on a voice in the selection of a mine bureau director has the capitalist politicians foaming at the mouth. They are "outraged" that the men

who dig the coal at daily risk of their lives should try to "dictate" the choice of the head of the government's mine agency. One day after the stoppage began, the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee demonstratively approved Boyd's nomination — which had been before them for a year.

If there is any criticism to be made of the miners, it is that their demands are too modest. They are a thousand per cent justified, of course, in demanding a decisive voice in the naming of the mine bureau head. But if they win this, it doesn't begin to solve their fundamental problems.

No industry reflects the parasitism and social irresponsibilty of the present-day capitalists more than coal mining. The absentee owners contribute literally nothing to the operation of the industry. Their notorious greed is insatiable. They have reduced the industry to chaos, so that a high percentage of the miners are now working only two or

The only ones who can stabilize the coal industry, ensure adequate safety and health conditions, and regularize employment are the miners themselves. They are the only ones qualified to run and manage the mines. The big task for them, while battling for every immediate gain and concession, is to fight for the ousting of the parasitic mine owners by government expropriation and nationalization of the mines and their regulation and operation under the control of the organized

Stalinists Smear Their Defenders

At the government's thought-control trial of 11 Communist Party leaders, the defense lawyers gave the judge a list of questions to be asked prospective jurors. Did they have any connection with the NAM, American Legion, Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, Liberal Party, ADA, etc.? Had they read anything by Gitlow, Kravchenko, Martin Dies, etc.? Did they know Louis Budenz, Sidney Hook, Michael Quill, etc.? As the judge read off this last question, a Stalinist lawyer passed up a note. It read: "Do you know

Farrell Dobbs, as Militant readers know, is national chairman of the Socialist Workers Party. He is reporting the frame-up trial for this paper. The SWP is the only anti-Stalinist organization which is taking a principled stand in opposition to the prosecution of the Stalinists and has called on the Communist Party for a united front to fight the Smith "Gag" Act under which the Stalinists are being tried.

What could be the purpose then of the Stalinists on trial going to such lengths as to slanderously lump the representative of the only group that has come to their defense with organizations and individuals who aid the witch-hunt in one way or another?

The Stalinists are more concerned with smearing the SWP and Trotskyism than in a principled defense of civil rights. This is a continuation of their conduct during the famous Minneapolis Labor Trial, when 18 SWP leaders, including Dobbs, were convicted under the Smith Act on charges similar to those the Stalinists now face. Then, the Communist Party hailed the prosecution.

What do the Stalinists fear? They are afraid of the SWP because it exposes the fact that the Stalinists are not genuine communists, that they caricature and betray genuine Marxism and Leninism. They are afraid because the Trotskyists are coming to be recognized as the true continuators of the program of Marxism - as well as consistent defenders of civil liberties, not excluding the civil rights of Stalinists.

The Stalinists, for their part, are continuing in their own traditions - above all, the tradition of the infamous Moscow frame-up trials when they linked the real revolutionary socialists, the Trotskyists, with the Hitlerites. Now, as then, the Stalinists employ the method of the amalgam - the attempt to discredit the best fighters for labor by lumping them with the worst enemies of the workers.

Truth About Trenton Frameup

By Bill Smith

TRENTON, N. J. - An unmatched tale of police brutality, stony justice and race hatred surrounds six men who sit today awaiting death in a dreary Tren-

They have no hope, these men. Because they are Negroes.

They are charged with a murder they could not, from the evidence, have committed. They were ndicted by a Trenton press, which rendered its verdict the day the men were arrested. They were convicted by an all-white jury on the basis of confessions some never remember having seen be-

DETAILS OF THE CRIME

William Horner, a 72-year old furniture dealer, was killed the morning of Jan. 27, 1948, in his shop, 213 Broad St. The murder weapon, police said, was a bottle wrapped in a stocking. He was beaten to death in the presence of his common-law wife, Elizabeth McGuire, who was herself badly

The murderers rushed into the street and into a parked car, in which they escaped. Seconds later Elizabeth McGuire staggered, bleeding, to the door. She and her husband were rushed to the hos-

Among the people who saw Miss McGuire come to the door were a cigar salesman, Frank Eldracher, and a woman, Virginia Barclay, who was looking through a window across the street. Both had seen the murderers; both agreed there were only two, and that both were "white or light." Miss McGuire, questioned by

police when she regained consciousness, could describe her assailants only as being "slant-eyed." The murder made the headlines, and Trenton's hard-pressed police department received "shoot

to kill" orders from the commissioner, with a directive to "find the murderers.'

MAN HUNT

This is the way they found Wilson.

out of jail the day after the mur- was in jail, she knew, but she did der, and couldn't find his car. He not know what for. So she called notified nolice, who found that the in a friend, McKinley Forrest, and

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Next step is the selection of

four alternate jurors to replace

FIRST SMITH ACT TRIAL

government to present its case

against the Stalinists, it is in-

structive to review the evidence

used in 1941 against the Social-

ist Workers Party (Troskyist)

in the first thought-control

prosecution under the Smith Act.

The 18 Trotskyists were im-

prisoned because the SWP seeks

to convince a majority of the peo-

ple that capitalism must be abol-

peace, freedom and security. On

trial with the 18 were the ideas

of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Trot-

As the time approach

changes in selecting the panel basic belief is based on Marx, so

ished and a socialist society cre- denounced our proposal that the

ated before mankind can have question of war or peace be de-

"This party [the SWP] is like emergency" and of "urging re-

"Lenin and Trotsky based showed the jury an SWP banquet

the Bolshevik party of Lenin and liance on mass action rather than

from which the jury was drawn. they are Marxists."

Three Trenton Victims



Shown above are three of the six Negroes who face the electric chair in Trenton, N. J., for a crime they could not possibly have committed. Left to right are James Thorne, one-armed youth who was with his father at the time of the crime; McKinley Forrest, whose employer swore he was working in a slaughterhouse; and Horace Wilson, who witnesses proved was also at his place of work.

car was being driven by English's

The brilliant police remembered suddenly that Horner had been killed by men who fled to their car. So the masterminds put two and two together.

What had Collis English been doing with the car the previous day? Well, during one part of the day he went riding with a friend, Ralph Cooper. Police were elated. Two men in a car. This fit the murderers perfectly. They held English, and went to look for Cooper, whom they found in the home of a friend, Horace Wilson. So they arrested both Cooper and

Meanwhile, English's mother A man, George English, walked was worried about her son. He

Included in the government's

History of the Russian Revolu-

killers were likewise part of the

Attacking the SWP's opposition

to imperialist war, the prosecutor

cided by a vote of the people.

He accused the SWP of "fo-

menting strikes for unreasonable

demands in times of national

Troisky," the prosecutor told the arbitration." The prosecutor ried out by a few dozen union

their philosophy on the Marxist program and solemnly read from spiracy to overthrow the govern-

philosophy. Not only are these de- it the words of the famous union ment by force and violence.

evidence against the 18.

THE ACCUSATIONS

his assassination by Stalin's hired charge.

Jury Selected in Stalinist Trial

| fendants Trotskyists, but their | song "Solidarity Forever."

any regular juror who might Communist Manifesto written by ciety, the capitalist minority will ist system and the creation of a

Leon Trotsky and our tragically ernment by a minority. He claimed

unsuccessful efforts to prevent to have proof of his fantastic.

tain asylum in this country for overthrow of the capitalist gov- the trial.

lution by Lenin, and Trotsky's feat the will of the majority.

asked him to go to the jail to see what was wrong. Forrest called at the jail-and was immediately thrown behind bars. The next day, police, continuing

their roundup, added a man named James Thorpe to the list. It was a few days later that they picked up John McKenzie - 'apparently just because he was a nephew of Forrest, and resided at the same The two witnesses, Frank Eld-

racher and Virginia Barclay, were brought in to have a look at the suspects. Both stated these were not the men they saw rush from the house; and both repeated that there had been only two.

WITNESSES FOR ALL

Undaunted, police asked the six men for alibis-which all had.

The SWP predicts that, when a

evidence were the 100-year-old italism and create a socialist so- cates the abolition of the capital-

Marx and Engels, State and Revo- seek by force and violence to de- socialist society and that the

Attempts by the SWP to ob- the SWP advocates the violent defendants at the beginning of

in Minneapolis and hurled threats

members holding office in the

helped organize a Union Defense

Guard to protect the union hall

The prosecutor described to the

jury this act of self-defense car-

members and branded it-"a con-

against the Silver Shirts.

RESULT OF TRIAL

next-door neighbor.

Ralph Cooper was visiting a girl friend. The girl friend testified to that, as did a postman and peculiar phraseologies. who sought to deliver a special-

delivery package. James Thorpe, who is onearmed, was helping his father repair a car. The father swore to this on the witness stand, and so did no less than three neighbors

who passed the parked car. McKinley Forrest was working at a slaughter house, and his employers testified as to his where-

abouts at the time of the crime. Horace Wilson was working. His foreman, a company official and several employees testified that they saw him.

John McKenzie was working at chicken house. Six persons testified to his whereabouts.

At about this point, another element entered the case. It was discovered that a roomer, Jerry Griswald, who had lived at the Hor ner establishment for some time, had disappeared about the time of the murder. Bloodstains were found on his cot. And to this day he has not been apprehended by of the murder. Bloodstains were he has not been apprehended by

Witnesses had agreed that two men killed William Horner, and the police had arrested six. Wit- ployees, organized in the Federal skinned Negroes, and these men Court in Washington, challenging were dark-skinned. Police had the constitutionality of Truman's charged that robbery was the motive-yet more than \$1500 was O. John Rogge. found in Horner's pockets, and no money was taken from his cashregister. A logical suspect was at large, and blood had been found a legal challenge of the purge it on his cot. And, to top it off, every one of the six men had a perfect alibi.

CONFESSIONS EXTORTED

and at the trial came up with trump cards-confessions! Somehow, police had obtained admis sions of guilt from every one of the men, except Wilson, who steadfastly refused to sign.

The true story of these confessions may never be known. Three Collis English was helping his of the men admit they allowed Kutcher case has been posed more

Many other wild assertions

were made by the government,

In his final argument to the

jury, the prosecutor wrapped him-

self in the flag and called for a

The jury of four small business-

majority becomes convinced of but it could prove only that the

the burning need to abolish cap- Socialist Workers Party advo-

that prediction into evidence that facts were frankly stated by the

Some time before the 1941 trial, conviction in the name of the

convict.

a gang of fascist hoodlums, called sanctity of family, home, church,

the Silver Shirts, became active school and nation.

the murder occurred. Mrs. Eng- to calm their hearts! Two admit lish testified to that, as did a they signed only to escape the terror of a third degree.

These were strange confessions . . containing odd contradictions,

At the trial the six denied the validity of these confessions. They told the jury how they had been

Police denied they had used

The prosecuting attorney asked the jury a simple question: Which do you believe, these six men, or the entire Police Departmen, charged with the protection of your welfare?"

The jury gave its answer in its verdict, following a 55-day trial. It decided: "Guilty!"

Today the "Trenton Six" languish in the death house, awaiting action on their appeal.

For them life or death now depends on the amount of mass protest that can be aroused to prevent this legal lynching.

So the story seemed complete. Suit Against Purge

Twenty-six Post Office emesses had agreed that the two Employees Defense Committee, men were either white or light- have filed suit in the U.S. District "loyalty" purge. Their lawyer is This suit is similar in some re-

spects to the fight which is being waged in the Kutcher case, and as is fully worthy of support. It also has some important differences from the Kutcher case.

For one thing, as Rogge told reporters, the present suit is con-But police wanted a conviction, fined to the Post Office Department, which he charged has "the worst record" in the government.

The Kutcher case although it involves only one person, is being used to test the attack on government employees in all depart-

Furthermore, the issue in the clearly. Most of the 26 deny membership in organizations listed by Attorney General Clark as "subversive" or refuse on constitutional grounds to answer questions about such membership.

Kutcher, on the other hand, does not deny membership in the Socialist Workers Party. The facts in his case are simple and beyond dispute. This will make it more difficult for the courts to evade decision on the civil rights issue.

There naturally is no conflict SWP is striving to win a majority between the two cases. A victory The prosecutor tried to twist in support of its program. These in either one would substantially advance the cause of civil rights.

> TRADITIONS OF THE AMERICAN WAR OF INDEPENDENCE Three lectures every Friday

at the union movement. SWP men, two farmers, two clerks, a at 8 PM banker, salesmanager, newspaper General Drivers Union Local 544 publisher and housewife voted to

> This crude thought-control prosecution of the Trotskyists was supported by the treacherous Stalinists. They spread the lie that the Trotskyists were "agents of Hitler" who had been imprisoned for "treason." Today the Stalinists are victims of the same Smith

Despite our irreconcilable political opposition to the Stalinists. the Trotskyists defend them against the present thought-control prosecution because the democratic rights of the whole labor movement are at stake.

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increases to a voluntary 15%.

rent controls at all, the administration promised to decontrol rents invoke injunctions without any The Truman-sponsored 75-cent in more than a hundred areas and law. "list of these areas which might be decontrolled was circulated has been stalled in Congressional cratic-controlled House commitprivately among House members." committee hearings and the Tru- tee has already performed a (Associated Press, Mar. 11.)

on Mar. 15 by voting 227 to 188 are obviously intent on keeping tend coverage of the bill, the comfor a clause in the rent control the Taft-Hartley law in force for mittee, revised the bill to exclude the Senate has received a copy of the Truman administration is debill giving state and local govern- possible use against the miners millions of agricultural and other lution, to decontrol all rents in tries who might go on strike for wage law protection. their own political subdivisions This, in effect, completely de stroys federal rent control.

TO RETAIN MOST OF T-H

promise of unconditional Taft- ments than they have on the civil Hartley repeal, which he used as rights filibuster? his chief inducement to win labor votes. He has opened the way for HOUSING BETRAYAL restoration of much of the Taft-

80th Congress which limited rent that Truman's bill eliminates the this proposal has been "comprouse of strikebreaking injunctions, mised" in the bill now pending be-In order to line up enough Truman himself has publicly ap- fore Congress, which whittles the for himself "inherent powers" to in six years.

For weeks Taft-Hartley repeal wage boosts this spring. When Congress as a whole, it will then be loaded down with union-busting From the opening of Congress, Democrats show any more fight Truman has been hedging on the on these Taft-Hartleyized amend-

amendments include curbs on ing experts. His proposal for Congressional chopping block. various types of strikes, a "cool- 1,050,000 new government-fi-

minimum wage bill is being simi- rations. larly whittled down. A Demo

After all this talk about what Congress to date, as well as the Europe. We can be certain that

blitzkrieg speed toward its real social reform measures. objective-militarization of the country, war alliance of all the we predicted originally to expose next period are going to learn

man Democrats have made no at- major surgical operation. Despite the North Atlantic Pact, which by the voracious war program. The House went this one better tempt to speed up action. They the Democratic promise to ex- has been secretly drafted and is being set into motion even before the actual text. When it was termined to stifle all opposition. the new labor bill does go before social security and increase the to go to war in the event of "at- of having the slightest difference amount of benefits has given way tack" on any signatory, is inoper- of opinion with the administrato "states rights" measures which ative without the approval of the tion. With the Truman adminiswill turn over federal funds to Senate, the Senate Foreign Rela- tration giving the lead, Congress reactionary state governments to tions Committee hastened to give is readying a whole series of brings forward with renewed force

workers with additional pay-roll armaments budget and his pro- American imperialism's headlong taxes. And the record of the 81st gram for militarizing Western drive to war.

It is taking even less time than The American workers in the

whatever the cost to the people,

tional emergency" strikes. Al- for the normal loss of housing and Negro people, the Truman an alibi for yielding quickly to immediately in Washington, on and helpless.

plan and lead the fight.

Democratic votes for continuing proved their use and has claimed program down to 850,000 units capitalist countries under U.S. the contradictions of Truman's that the politics of the "lesser domination and suppression of all program for both "guns AND evil"-of supporting one capitaldomestic opposition to war prepa- butter." Now it is becoming ist party and candidate against frightfully clear that it is "guns another capitalist party and can-The Truman administration has OR butter." Truman's demagogic didate—will not solve a single one contemptuously ignored any Con- vote-catching promises of social of their major problems. The reform are being swallowed up contradictions of American capitalism—leading either to another To push this program through, depression or atomic destruction

BALTIMORE—1121 E. Baltimore St. Open daily 5-9 p.m. MILITANT and FOURTH INTERNATIONAL on sale. gressional voice of opposition to reform are being swallowed up contradictions of American capiin another war-shape the course of both parties of Big Business, Democratic and Republican, Only ments the power, by simple reso- or other workers in major indus- low-paid workers from minimum pointed out that this greatest mili- Truman is remorselessly intensi- a party dedicated to the interests tary alliance in history, which fying the witch-hunt purge of of the working class-the over-Truman's promise to broaden commits this country in advance all government workers suspected whelming majority of the people -can solve the problems of the working class.

The record of Truman and Congress in the past eleven weeks administer and distribute. These it an O.K. to keep up appearances. witch-hunt and thought-control the need for labor to build its measures are to be financed in Truman is showing no timidity laws against "communists" or own party and advance its own large part by soaking all the about pushing his monumental anybody else who dares to oppose program. There is no other way out of labor's political blind alley. The demonstration of labor's The immediate need is for the strength in the last elections Hartley Act under a different he was going to do for housing, feeble showing of the Truman he and his Congressional sup- full-scale mobilization, on a na- shows what a mighty independent label by tying repeal of this act the specific proposal Truman Democrats, indicates that even the porters will ruthlessly brush aside tion-wide basis, of organized labor political power the workers could to simultaneous adoption of an made to Congress has evoked inadequate measures advocated any opposition that might arise and its allies for a mighty coun- wield through their own party. amended Wagner Act. These openly-voiced dismay from hous- by Truman will be trimmed on the to impede speedy passage of all ter-offensive against the reac- The rank and file of labor must military and war measures. In- tionary enslaught of Congress, now throw off the shackles of But while the Truman Demo- deed, administration spokesmen A United Congress of Labor, with capitalist politics by which the ing off" period and government nanced, housing units in seven crats are in ignominious retreat are already pleading the "pressing rank and file representation from union officialdom has so far been machinery for intervention in "na- years would not even make up on their promises to the workers nature" of the war program as every union, should be convened able to keep that power bound

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paying off on some of the furniture. . . " "I'd like to help you, son," the clerk says (once in a while there's a clerk like that). "My boy was in the service, but there ain't anything. Maybe next week. . .

"Yeah. . . OK." He turns, goes out, still holding the check. He thinks of the war bonds he bought, of the promises he heard, sixty million jobs! Induction, basic training, the Southern Pacific, invasions, Japan; then home, Jerry (short for Geraldine), Jimmy and the new baby. In the Army he made a little playing poker, but it seemed there were always debts once he got home. He wanted to work, even if it was hard; he could take it. He wanted security, wanted to work and raise his kids better than he had been raised. He smiled bitterly: now he was raising them on

unemployment insurance!

The old man placed his check carefully in his shabby billfold and hurried out of the building. Outside the door he turned to the right, faltered, stopped. He looked up the street, then turned and started back in the opposite direction. He had thought to go home with his check, but now he didn't know. He didn't know where else to go either. The State Employment Service didn't have any job for him, but maybe if he looked he could find something. Only, where? Who wanted an old man?

Just a little while ago everything was so different. On Fridays he used to cash his check with the boys from the shop and have a little beer. And in the evenings he'd go to the show almost any time he felt like it.

But now, would he ever again be his own master? When you're laid off at the age of sixtythree, where will you ever find another job, espe cially when jobs are getting scarce?

He stood at the next street corner a long time deciding which way to go.

The kid was impatient waiting in line. He smoked cigarettes, whistled snatches of popular songs in a low hissing whisper, and stared idly at the office girls.

Finally he got his check and left, whistling out loud. He wasn't thinking much of getting another job. Hell, he just wanted some fun. He'd be in the Army soon enough.

It was a wonderful party. Wonderful food, wonderful drinks, wonderful people, and all of them having a wonderful time. Dexter P. Ramsey II felt happy and contented in the salon of his yacht. Gradually he woke from his sweet, Bourbon-tinted daydreams and heard Liz talking to him in a light, bantering tone. "Don't you know you're an awful parasite, Dex, darling?" she was saying.
"Not a stroke of honest toil in your entire wasted life! Aren't you afraid of what will happen to you if there's a revolution?"

Dexter P. Ramsey II laughed easily. "Liz, darling, you know father wouldn't allow a revolution to happen. But even if it did, I'd be all right." (He rolled his r's, mimicking a politician.) "I'm one of the grrreat army of the unemployed." They all laughed. Dex had a wonderful sense of humor.

Meat in the Diet

By Grace Carlson -

Despite the conviction of George Bernard Shaw and thousands of other food faddists that a vegetarian diet promotes health and prolongs life, there is no scientific proof of this position. Rather, the scientific evidence is on the side of the meat

In the first place, it is necessary to define a vegetarian diet. Many so-called vegetarians eat eggs and milk as well as fruit, vegetables and nuts. Others include breads and pastries made with animal fats. Both of these deviations remove their dietary supporters from the strictly-vege-

Experiments with 100% vegetarian diets have shown that they do not supply all of the essential nutritional elements. Because of the possibility of maintaining strict laboratory controls over their subjects, most nutrition experts have carried on their experiments with white rats. Most thorough and careful of these experiments on meat versus vegetarian diets was performed at the University of Chicago last year by Drs. Anton Carlson and F. Hoelzel.

(In addition to his distinguished record as part president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and as a leading physiologist for over three decades, 74-year old Dr. Anton Carlson has joined with the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee in opposing the government program of "thought control.")

Drs. Carlson and Hoelzel performed two experiments on the diets of white rats. In the first experiment, the rats, which received the omnivorous diet (including meat) reached weights 30 to 35% higher than their parents. But the rats placed on a strictly vegetarian diet weighed less than did their parents.

In the second experiment, the rats were of more uniform heredity. Carlson and Hoelzel found that these animals simply could not live on the vegetarian diet. Accordingly, seven of the original thirteen vegetarians were transferred to the omnivorous diet before they were 200 days old and the remaining six to the omnivorous diet before they were 345 days old. Before they were transferred to the omnivorous diet, the vegetarians weighed considerably less than the rats receiving

Carlson and Hoelzel attribute the increased rate of growth on an omnivorous diet to the high content of animal protein and fat and the low amount of roughage in this diet as compared with the vegetarian diet.

And now that we know for sure that meat is an essential in the diet, the only problem left for the experimenters to work on is to discover how workers can introduce enough meat into their diets at today's high prices!

Dubinsky's Radio Station

- By Ruth Johnson -

er, in his capacity as Chairman of government expenditures will be hands of government agencies

CIO National Housing Commit- channeled into payment for war such as the Congressional Avia-

tee, has submitted to Truman a or the threat of war, less than 1% tion Policy Board, the President's

plan to provide 20 million homes will flow into housing or com- Air Policy Commission and the

homes on a mass production scale. porter of these war preparations the government authorities con-

ect be financed by cutting down of the people and diverting vast ments would allocate any sub-

very quickly become obsolete and as housing. The problem is one needs. Here is where the program

The plan points out correctly for obsolete war planes, but of its superiority over the Reuther

unwilling to tackle the job: "It homes and other socially benefibuilding program. But it advo-

placing the 7,500,000 slum dwell- plan seems to parallel The Mili- labor be placed in the hands of

ings that ought to be torn down, tant's long standing program for the workers' organizations, the

15 million non-farm homes that the unused productive capacity of project with full protection of the

It also notes the great dispro- could be used to provide low-cost a plan in the hands of govern-

funds allocated to war purposes take up the slack in employment. to Reuther's own testimony, plan it.

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union has bought an FM radio station in New York. At first glance that looks like a great advance for labor. Everybody knows that the air waves, like the columns of the daily press, are flooded with capitalist propaganda. It's high time for the workers of the United States to set up their own broadcasting stations, and newspapers too, and send the voice of labor ringing through the country.

But they'll be lucky to get a word in edgewise over the ILGWU mikes. The station's going to be run on the principles that have made the AFL and its garment chief, David Dubinsky, so acceptable to the bosses.

According to the union officials, the station, to be known as WFDR, will be "a community service radio station, not primarily a labor station." The programs will be divided something like this: 63% of the time for music, 13% for news, 12% for education, 10% for civics, and 2% for religion.

Nobody will object to the musical part. . . though we doubt that we'll get many of the famous labor songs like Solidarity, or the stirring ballads of Joe Hill. We certainly won't hear Pie in the Sky under the 2% of the time apportioned for religion. All the same, if the rest of

in the next 10 years. The plan munity development."

CIO press and to some extent in HOMES, NOT BOMBS

that the privately-owned con- halting all war expenditures and Plan.

struction industry is unable or using the war funds for new

is inconceivable that such an in- cial ends.

dustry will ever get around to re-

are more than 35 years old."

THE HOUSING

UAW President Walter Reuth-

has been widely publicized in the

the capitalist papers.

program went to the workers we'd give three loud cheers.

But we have it straight from station director Morris Novik, former adviser to LaGuardia, that labor needn't expect much. He says, with Dubinsky's okay, that "a radio station should not be used. . . as an instrument to present one point of view or one specific interest as against the interests of other groups in the community." So 'equal time will be available to all sides if a strike or other controversy is at issue." What could be fairer? Garment workers' dues

to the tune of \$150,000 bought the station. For at least two years, they will have to subsidize it with another \$50,000 annually. In return, when they're on the picket line, they will have the great advantage of being able to hear the bosses' back-to-work propaganda on their own radio station. And they'll be able to hear him for just as much time as they get to tell their own de-

Gone are the days when they had to depend on the capitalist stations for attacks on labor. Without a flick of the switch, they can hear all the filth and lies at their own expense.

Broadcasts are scheduled to start about April 1. We can't think of a day more appropriate for the bureaucrats' cynical joke on the ILGWU ranks. among its top bureaucrats.

National Housing Authority.

housing government expenditures the Socialist Workers Party shows to do so by genuine mass pressure.

The Militant proposes a similar

cates that the control over factory

potential disaster: 75% of total control over this program in the

ing factories and machinery built tion facilities, resources and labor the National Housing Authority the private builders and the air-

war to construct pre-fabricated Reuther himself is an ardent sup- is hardly realistic to expect that only in lush profits from luxury

His plan suggests that the proj- that are devouring the substance cerned with air force require- extremely doubtful that the pres-

In many respects the Reuther facilities, materials, prices and

the additional 4,500,000 dwellings a large-scale government financed unions, in order to guarantee the gram of action to realize them.

that need major repairs, or the housing program. Without doubt successful carrying out of the What is neded is a national hous-

the government-built war plants workers' interests. To leave such

portion between huge government housing and at the same time ment authorities who, according program of action for achieving

THE MILITANT

Cardinal Spellman Smashes Strike of Cemetery Workers

Rubber Workers In Front Line of **Wage Rise Fight**

AKRON-The United Rubber Workers, CIO, has moved into the front lines of the national "fourth round" wage fight, as a result of the program adopted at its Policy Committee meeting at the end of February. In asking for a flat 25 cents an hour general wage increase, a \$100 a month pension oaid for by the companies, and other welfare benefits, the rubber union has taken a more militant stand than any other international union in the CIO.

In this union the wage program has not been shifted into the background to be displaced by a pension demand as the number one issue in coming negotiations.

On the contrary, International Vice-President H. R. Lloyd, at a Mar. 4 rally of officers and stewards of the union, stated that wages are the most important part of the union's program. His position was that talk of falling crices should not sidetrack a demand for more wages and an inreased living standard for the rubber workers.

Quoting figures on profits and ncreased productivity in the industry, Lloyd stated that it is the union's job to get an ever greater share of the national wealth in the hands of workers.

He severely criticized the labor movement for failing to draw up a uniform nation-wide wage program and a cohesive program of action. "That is the way to put up an effective fight," he said.

At the same rally International also stressed the importance of the pension program.

Following out the mandate of the International Policy Committee, Buckmaster also pledged to wage a fight to spread the sixnationally.

Pointing to the means by which the program could be realized, to bring back the old revival spir- er for racial equality and civi it which sparked our union in its rights. early organizing days. We must prepare to strike if necessary."

The program includes the de- meeting and assisted in the formand that negotiations be con- mation of the local committee. ducted on the "widest possible" Fessenden was elected chairman, basis, that is, an industry-wide and Mrs. Spears secretary.

Actual negotiations are not expected to begin until the summer

Wright to Discuss Soviet Russia Today

NEW YORK-John G. Wright, author of many articles on the Soviet Union, will discuss Soviet Russia Today in two lectures on P.M., in the SWP hall at 116 University Pl. Among others questions, he will discuss the present strength and stability of the Stalin regime, and the latest shifts

ACTION IS NEEDED

Reuther would give the Aviation ment in our economic life, spread-

The acute need for adequate

housing plus the newest develop-

homes and fancy airplanes. It is

ent administration and Congress

Reuther is adept at getting pub-

licity for some plan or another to

solve social problems by techno-

logical devices. But whether these

plans are good or poor makes

actually little difference because

he never offers an effective pro-

ing conference of all unions to

work out a suitable plan and a

"Discouraged and Disgusted"



leaving the New York City residence of Cardinal Spellman after pleading in vain with him to cease his strike-breaking and deal with the union. The leader of the delegation said they were "discouraged and disgusted" by the "adamant" attitude of His Eminence. The strike was smashed when the ACTU leaders of the union capitulated to Spellman.

President L. S. Buckmaster stated that wages are "number one" and

George Novack, national retary of the KCRC, spoke at the tant professor of physics.

clude leaders of the CIO, AFL, the Negro community, the church and the faculty of Akron Uni-

On Tuesday he discussed the Youngstown College and was ining: "The blunt figures spell out plan lies in his proposal to place purposes than for housing, is to where his talk aroused great in- to office individuals who because ensure the failure of the plan in terest.

honing County CIO Council, which decided to contact the national boards authority to stake out their ing unemployment, make it man- on Novack's plea for support. A major reason for the housing requirements in both the presently datory for the unions to press for

Reuther's plan calls for utilizing crisis is the diversion of a giant operating and unused plants and a realistic program. The Reuther terviews with AFL leaders, the unused aircraft and shipbuild- proportion of America's produc- leave the not-needed facilities to plan has already been attacked by NAACP spokesmen and clergymen. The local KCRC hopes to by the government during the power into war preparations. But to put his program into effect. It craft industry who are interested place the Kutcher case before the Capitalists in office will not be next meeting of the United Labor Congress, AFL.

That night Novack gave the

MINNEAPOLIS, Mar. 14-The local Kutcher Civil Rights Committee today announced that the

READ

Fourth

section of the Kutcher Civil professors have joined it: hour day to the rubber industry Rights Committee was established Frank Oppenheimer, assistant here today at a luncheon meeting professor of physics; Ralph Naf- week of 40 hours and went on ers and then betrayed them. in the YMCA.

The organization meeting was W. Buchta, chairman of the de- the strikers called his "red herr- millions of Catholic workers who Lloyd said, "We must arouse the sponsored by Paul M. Fessenden, partment of physics; E. W. Zie- ing" of "communism." Even the detest strikebreaking are sick at rank and file of the union and executive secretary of the Akron barth, chairman of the depart- ACTU leaders of the local felt heart at the Catholic hierarchy's infuse it with a militant fighting CIO Council and Mrs. Margaret ment of speech; Alburey Castell, constrained to complain about this demonstrative smashing of the spirit. It is up to the leadership Spears, well-known liberal work- chairman of the humanities course lying charge.

Members of the committee in

Thoenen, Barney Lasky, Samuel R. Shepard, Ben Works, Karl T. Martin, Frank Smith, Henrietta Geller, David Herrshoff, Chet Sun., Mar. 27 and Apr. 3, at 8 Smead, Charles Lannin and Mildred Babcock.

> YOUNGSTOWN, Mar. 14 -George. Novack spent two busy and successful days mobilizing support for James' Kutcher here last week.

executive committee of the Ma- and the oppressors.

Youngstown Committee a full reexpenditures on aircraft which funds from useful purposes such stantial facilities to housing will support any large-scale build- port of the national KCRC's six ing program along the lines of months of work on the case. This using the money for homes in- not merely of ear-marking for advocated by The Militant and the Reuther plan, unless compelled was followed by a discussion of plans for future work in this area.

amicamial from the

A delegation of wives of striking Catholic cemetery workers

ziger, professor of journalism; J. and professor of philosophy; Her-

sity of Chicago.

NEW YORK, March 12 - Francis Cardinal Spellman, with the aid and connivance of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, has broken the eight-week strike of ClO cemetery workers at two Catholic burial

The ACTU leaders of United a strikebreaker and that it was Cemetery Workers Local 293, a "thing of honor" to scab against originally affiliated with the CIO decent workers fighting for their Food, Cannery and Agricultural rights against the immensely Workers, capitulated completely wealthy Catholic hierarchy. to the strikebreaking edicts of the Cardinal, who is the supreme authority of the Catholic hierarchy in America.

pushed through a motion to dis- union-busting tactics of any emaffiliate Local 293 from its parent ployer." A committee of the CIO international. They then took strikers' wives went to Spellman the local into the AFL building to plead with him to negotiate Service Employes, whose inter- in good faith. To these worknational vice president, David ers' wives, who scrape together Sullivan had secretly negotiated dimes from their household funds a deal with Spellman to get the to maintain the hierarchy, the men back to work on the Car- Prince of the Church turned a

dinal was willing to recognize him nence said afterwards. as the collective bargaining agent for the cemetery workers. Sul- tion, Mrs. Sigmund Czak, said livan praised the strikebreaking they were "discouraged and discleric "who has always been a gusted" because the Cardinal friend of labor" and claimed "this "wants the men to go back to strike would not have resulted if work as individuals, not as union there had been responsible union men and he said he would not leadership." To show how "re- allow members of the strikers' sponsible" he would be, Sullivan committee to go back to work added: "I have assured the Car- because they were ringleaders." dinal that such a strike will never occur under my leadership."

THE STRIKE'S ISSUES

Yesterday the cemetery workers began returning to the job under a "sweetheart" agreement whose terms most of them didn't ACTU RESPONSIBILITY even know and which was imposed on them by Sullivan and the half for Saturdays. The Cardinal same program—only he exposed raise for 48 hours work.

sisted on a legally-standard work ACTU first disoriented the strikstrike that Spellman raised what

bert W. Fiegel, professor of phi- bend the knee to him, Spellman Communist" body which reprelosophy; J. W. Weinberg, assis- personally led more than a hun- sents many thousands of Catho-In addition to joining the dents in scabbing on the strikers. "We condemn in strongest possi-KCRC, these educators signed a He sought a court injunction to ble terms the strikebreaking tacdocument subscribing to the main halt picketing and threatened to tics of Francis Cardinal Spellline of the important statement fire the "ring-leaders" of the man." issued last week by five famous strike. He likewise demanded that faculty members at the Univer- the workers return as individuals has said nothing about Spellman's without any union. He boasted strikebreaking.

that he was "proud" to be called

"DISGUSTED," SAY WIVES

A meeting of the striking workers, all devout Catholics, had Under Spellman's orders, they passed a resolution assailing "the disdainful shoulder. "They had Sullivan's statement on the deal nothing to offer me, and I had shows why the scab-herding Car- nothing to offer them," His Emi-

The head of the wives' delega-

Faced squarely with the issue of defending the workers' interests or powing to the dictates of their strikebreaking Cardinal, the ACTU leaders submitted abjectly to Spellman.

The priest-ridden ACTU has split more than one union on the ACTU clique. The new contract grounds of "communism" and has retains the straight-time 48-hour upheld strikebreaking against work week which the men had allegedly "communist" unions, fought to eliminate. They had de- such as in the Brooklyn Trust Co. manded a 40-hour week with no strike two years ago. The Carreduction in pay and time-and-a- dinal was merely carrying out the graciously granted them his orig- its real nature by applying it to inal offer of an 8 1/3% weekly devout Catholic workers themselves. As in every other strike It was after the worker's in- in which it has interfered, the

There is no question but that cemetery strike. The Connecticut When the strikers refused to CIO Council, a right-wing "antidred priests and seminary stulics members, on Mar. 11 stated:

CIO President Philip Murray

Among them are Raymond Brown, Dr. Noble E. Elderkin, Dr. R. J. Rosemurgy, Glenn E. Myra Weiss' Campaign Arouses Wide Interest

By Lois Saunders

LOS ANGÉLES, March 13 — Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor, is energetically carrying her program to the workers of Los Angeles. Night after night, she appears

variably she is given an interested, sometimes even an enthusicase with several professors at astic reception. In each instance she drives home the fallacy of vited to address a sociology class, workers and minorities electing of their own capitalist class in-In the evening he presented terests and sympathies inevitably gobbled up. the facts about Kutcher to the serve the aims of the employers In each speech, she makes clear

the urgent necessity for the work-The next day Novack held in- through on the political field those measures which will benefit the workers in their need for jobs, for decent wages, for security. our agents any more than are the capitalists who own the factories, the houses, the hospitals.

On Sunday night, Mar. 20, Comrade Weiss is scheduled to give a nine-minute speech over Station KNX on one of its three "Meet Your Next Mayor" programs.

WARM RECEPTIONS

This past week she has spoken before the CIO Council's rankand-file interviewing committee, the AFL Miscellaneous Restaurant Workers local, the AFL Millwrights, the AFL Metal Polishers, and the AFL Conference of Studio Unions.

from 30 at the Metal Polishers' Lloyd Aldrich. meeting to approximately 500 at Studio Unions. The latter group dorsed Aldrich, while the Team- of the employers.

before trade union meetings. In- was extremely receptive, according her frequent applause. Several people stopped her after her speech to congratulate her on her forthright presentation. Twentytwo copies of The Militant were sold. Platforms setting forth her socialist views and proposals were Comrade Weiss was also given

an exceptional reception by the 150 people at a meeting of the Civic Betterment League, despite sters, also AFL, have endorsed CIO before taking formal action ing population to elect its own limits. Four times during her tion, Olia E. Darby. The Ironthe presence of a number of Sta- the head of the Board of Educarepresentatives, prepared to carry half-hour presentation, the audi- workers, AFL, meanwhile, have ence applauded her remarks. The given official endorsement to Stalinist heckling began as she none of the candidates. They are finished her talk but Myra, an presenting their members with a able campaigner, was easily cap- record of each. The phrasing of able of giving far better than she these records implies that the or-

CONFUSION AND DISUNITY

The interest aroused by the Weiss campaign can best be understood on the basis of the con- didates offers any real hope to fusion that exists in the local the workers and minorities of the labor movement. With nine can- city. The workers have looked didates in the field, the unions to their official union leadership are split five ways over whom for guidance, but they haven't to endorse.

endorsing no one, though a num- way out. ber of its members have indicated



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ganization favors Mayor Fletcher Bowron for re-election.

What is clear from this is that none of the eight capitalist canfound it.

The CIO Council has indicated | They are beginning to recogthat it probably will endorse the nize the futility of voting for just so-called liberal capitalist can- another capitalist candidate, and didate, Ellis E. Patterson. The are looking for a program and a CIO-PAC, on the other hand, is leadership which shows them a

In increasing numbers, there-Audiences have ranged in size that they favor City Engineer fore, they are listening to Comrade Weiss, the socialist candidate The Central Labor Council who is fighting for the needs of the meeting of the Conference of Voters League (AFL) has en- the workers instead of the profits