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PACT'S AIMS ARE WAR, DICTATORSHIPS

What's to Be Done About Civil Rights?

By Albert Parker

What is to be done about the civil rights fight now that the Southern Democrats have succeeded in strengthening their filibuster

The N. Y. Times, a conservative capitalist paper that parades "liberal" on the civil rights issue, does not have an answer to this question, but it has plenty to say about what should NOT be done. In an editorial on March 16 it warns the Negro people not to get the idea that it will "take a revolution to correct abuses" and to beware "against pulling down the whole structure in order to get at the faulty parts." The Times wants the Negro people not to go "out of bounds" in the civil rights fight, to be patient — even if it takes another 300 years before they win equality.

Another self-styled "friend of the Negro people," the New Leader, a paper which speaks for Social Democrats, New Dealers and a part of the labor bureaucracy, on March 19 editorially congratulated the Negro leaders on the "fine statesmanship" they displayed in not demanding a "fight to the finish on the floor of the Senate." Why? Because then the rent-control law would have lapsed and everyone, including Negroes, would have suffered as a consequence. "It is too great a sacrifice to pay for such a victory. It will be better to get our social legislation now and deal with bi-partisan reactionaries two years hence." These are the words that Uncle Tom would have spoken if he had lived long enough, and unlike the New Leader, Uncle Tom never pretended to be a "democratic social-

The NAACP, through its secretary, Walter White, promises the fight for civil rights will go on. "We shall go to the people — the people who expressed their approval of civil rights legislation at the polls last November - and let them know how the majority of the senators, both Democratic and Republican, have defied their mandate. We shall urge them again to remember at the polls how their senators voted on this crucial issue." That's fine, but how much good will that do? The NAACP leaders are against the formation of a Labor Party. How will it help to replace Democrats with Republicans, or Republicans with Democrats, when both parties knife civil rights? Doesn't the Democratic 81st Congress, which replaced the Republican 80th Congress, once again prove the futility of such a course?

The common note in all this advice is a plea to sit tight for at least another two years. If such advice is followed, the Negro and least another two years, If such advice is followed, the Negro and white workers who want and need civil rights laws will end up in the him to this year. That's why we say: same blind alley that it led them to this year. That's why we say: Don't wait, the time to begin fighting is now, and the way to fight is by militant mass action!

The trouble with the fight up to now is that there has been The trouble with the light up to now is that there has been too much "fine statesmanship" about it, that is, too much hat-in-hand lobbying and reliance on capitalist politicians like Truman. This method couldn't work and it didn't work. Now is the time for applying pressure that the fine for applying pressure the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying and reliance on capitalist politicians like Truman. Wagner Act were demanded by Farrell Dobbs, National Property of the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that there has been the fine for applying pressure that the fine for applying pr through mass demonstrations and struggle, now is the time to show that our patience is thoroughly exhausted.

Now — not two years from now — the fight can begin in real earnest by the convocation of a United Labor and Negro Congress for Civil Rights, to be held in Washington next door to the Congress, attended not only by the official labor and Negro leaders but also by the representatives of all the labor and Negro organizations pouring into the capital from all parts of the country to express their wrath and their determination to fight without quarter until they obtain the passage of the civil rights bills promised by both capitalist parties.

This is the exact opposite of what the "fine statesmen" advocate, but it is the only thing that capitalist politicians will have respect for and listen to. The Times would call such a move "revolutionary" but it is only by such mass action that the civil rights fight

Labor and Liberal Leaders In Detroit Urge Kutcher Aid

DETROIT. March 21 - George Novack, National Secretary of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, last night made a court injunctions; staggering stirring appeal on "The Case of the Legless Veteran" to more fines against striking unions;

than a hundred unionists and civil here sponsored by the Greater Detroit and Wayne County Kutcher Civil Rights Committee.

Joining in this appeal for the defense of James Kutcher, who had lost both legs in action in Director of UAW Briggs Local Italy and was fired last summer from his Veterans Administration ing. job for membership in the Socialist Workers Party, were a number of prominent speakers from labor, liberal and church groups.

They included Tom Clampitt, personal representative of Emil Mazey, Secretary-Treasurer of the

Next Week:

Farrell Dobbs, Art Preis and William F. Warde cover key sectors of the civil rights battlefront (in next week's issue.) American democracy comes

with unclean hands-conscientious objectors still being sentenced to prison four years after the war.

Civil libertarians divided over "full disclosure" - what happened at the American Civil Liberties Union conference.

An AFL editor explains why intimidation failed to stop him from attending a Kutcher defense rally.

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liberties defenders at a meeting CIO United Auto Workers; Rev. Charles A. Hill; George Schermer, Chairman of the Michigan Committee on Civil Rights; Dr. 212, was chairman of the meet-

> Novack gave a powerful statement of the facts and issues in the Kutcher case. "The cold war against government workers represented by the loyalty purges," be said, "is a threat to all workers. These are police state

Clampitt said, "We must fight hose responsible for the many hrough political action." Rev. Hill called for solidarity against undemocratic loyalty purges and Marquart told his fellow-unionists from the resolution of the 13th who is going to be next?"

Arthur H. Fox, local secretary of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee, appealed for financial aid or the defense of Kutcher.

case March 19 over UAW Radio of America on the needy masses, this impact of economic pressure. predicted that the labor leaders instrument for world peace. Station WDET, FM.

First Fruit



To House Body

MAR. 21 — Repeal of the Taft-Workers Party, in a statement victed under it in 1941, why did filed today with the House sub- the government wait until 1948 committee considering the ad- to indict the Stalinists?" ministration's Thomas - Lesinski mitted at the request of John Labor Committee, and reads as

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

Speaking for the Socialist Workers Party, I support conditionally the Thomas-Lesinski Labor Bill to the extent that it repeals the Taft-Hartley Act and restores unimpaired the original Wagner Act. I urge strengthening of the Thomas-Lesinski Bill to provide full and adequate safeguards of the right to strike, which has been gravely undermined during and since the war.

Compulsory cooling-off periods; seizure of industries solely to break strikes; bans on strikes of (Continued on page 3)

SWP Tells Stand CP CITES ROLE IN WAR the people? They are bought and paid for agents of the munitions and arms corporations, the international banking and investment firms — the whole plutocracy of monopoly capital.

By Farrell Dobbs

The government, I then bill. The statement was sub- plained, got around that question by dating the charges from 1945, Lesinski, chairman of the House coincident with the expulsion of Browder and the reorganization of the Communist Party. Before that date no chore in the wartime service of the capitalist government was too dirty for the Stalinists. So the government naturally had no desire to use the Smith Act against them.

In the opening statements to ment and the Stalinists gave their campaign to convince the capital- war or peace—to be decided by own explanations for the rupture ists they were "serious about in 1945 of their previous intimate national unity." collaboration. The government denounced the Stalinists for breaking with the Browder line. While the Stalinists complained that the government has departed from the Roosevelt line.

PROSECUTION'S LINE The prosecutor, John F. X. Mc- and reconstituted the Communist plunged into a world blood-Gohev, described Stalinist policy

following the Teheran meeting of Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill. He quoted Browder's pledge sent, go to war for the profit pact members, each of them will to subordinate the class struggle and privilege of these parasites take "such action as it deems to the Teheran program of collaboration between all social classes. He characterized as a

formation of the Communist Political Association McGohey related how the Stalinists now on trial had called Browder's program "inspiring" the jury this week, the govern- and had voted unanimously for a

> Then in April 1945, the prosecutor told the jury, came the ruin. Duclos letter condemning Browder for revisionism. The present defendants, he went on, acting in obedience to Duclos, expelled Browder, repudiated his program,

Of War or Peace! An Editorial

When the Senate rubberthis country will be virtually by representatives of eight councommitted to go to war at the

nod of one man, the President.

The pact was drafted in secret behind closed doors. It is being rushed through at break-neck speed so that there will be little if any opportunity for popular tries bound by the pact. discussion.

Those who will do the sacrificing, fighting and dying in the war being prepared by this pact, are the only ones by right who should have the power to decide the life-and-death question of war or peace.

This question is being decided for all of us, however, by a tiny clique of Wall Street agents and professional militarists who dominate the Truman administration. It will be formally approved by a Senate oligarchy of reactionary Democrats and Republicans. Do they represent plutocracy of monopoly capital that seeks to save its rule and for capital investment.

Would the American people, of their own free will and conand exploiters? Never. That's why the people have not been consulted. That's why the war-"deliberate choice in fundamental the direct influence of the people.

> If the people do not assert their will, if they permit the most crucial of all questionsthe profit-seekers, the militarists and their political stooges, the world will go down in blood and

> themselves decide the question of war or peace. Let the people vote on whether they are to be

Let the People Pledges Military Aid of U.S. Vote on Question To Crush Popular Uprisings

By George Breitman

Preparations for World War III and counterrevolution in Europe are the main aims of the North tamps the North Atlantic Pact. Atlantic Pact, scheduled to be signed in Washington

> tries during the first week of April.

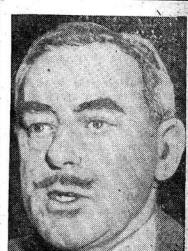
This pact marks the formal Yet what voice did the people have in this most fateful com- alliance" dominated by American mitment in American history? imperialism and designed to promote the transformation of the present cold war into hot wars against (1) the Soviet Union and her satellites, (2) rebellious workers and peasants seeking to establish socialism in the coun-

This program, giving Washngton a ring of advanced military bases around the Soviet Union, is presented to the world in the name of "international peace and security and justice" as a defense against "aggression." But how would it look if the Soviet Union had pressured Canada, Mexico and the rest of Latin America into signing a pact which established Russian bases with arms and committed them to come to the aid of the Soviet Union in any war in which it

PACT'S MAIN CLAUSES Would such an act be any more

strong-arm methods it used to least 20 years. drive several small European nations into line for the pact? Article 3 of the pact calls for

5 provides that in case of an 'armed attack" on any of the



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ecessary, including the use of in those countries, supplied them armed force, to restore and maintain the security of the North Atlantic area." Article 9 estabishes a council and a "defense committee" to implement the pact. Article 10 permits the inclusion of other European states by unanimous agreement. Article aggressive than the one the U.S. 11 provides for the ratification of government is now committing the pact by individual members through the formation of the after it has been signed. Article Atlantic Pact and the diplomatic 13 binds them to the pact for at

AGAINST REVOLUTION At a press conference on Mar. 18, the day the details of the action in case of an internal revolution in any of the countries.

Yes, there would be consulta-(Continued on page 2)

FASCISTS, COLONIAL DESPOTS aims" the dissolution in 1944 of the Communist Party and the by a little clique removed from IN NEW IMPERIALIST LINE-UP

By Art Preis

Among the fascist dictatorships and colonial despotisms that American imperialism is lining up or has already lined up in its military alliance for the "defense of democracy" in a third world war, are Spain, Portugal | 9-

and Holland. Fascist Spain, where daily executions of opponents of Franco's regime continue ten years after the Civil War, has not yet been present parties to the pact "may We can stop it, if the people formally invited to join the "democracies" in preparing war against the Soviet Union. But it won't be long.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson, in his press conference on the Atlantic Pact, gave a strong

intimation that the United States will seek to include Spain in the alliance. In reply to a question on Spain, he emphasized that the invite any country with certain qualifications," and that the section of the pact describing the 'democratic" qualifications for membership "wasn't a bar."

POLICY SHIFT More explicitly, Assistant Secre-

cary of State Dean Rusk on March 12 indicated to a meeting the United Nations that the State Department is moving for a major shift in policy toward Spain. "He strongly implied that the United States will give vigorous support to a move at the forth-Assembly to repeal the anti-Franco resolution of 1946." (Christian Science Monitor, March 15.) Rusk "made it clear that many of his official associates frowned on any continuation of the world organization's anti-Franco policy as an unrealistic program . . . that officials in Washington believed that Madrid's Like the League of Nations be- Nationalist regime no longer conthe world." (N. Y. Times, March

bolster his shaky regime and Once again the lesson has been provide another military base for

Meanwhile, Wall Street has althrough the private loan of \$25

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Committee on Civil Rights; Dr. Harold L. Sheppard, sociology professor at Wayne University. Frank Marquart, Educational Plan Linked Directly to War Pact

By George Clarke

tions and plans cover the entire of U. S. imperialist economic, diplomatic and military intervention abroad. . . American work-Taft - Hartley Law. Support of the Marshall Plan would only strengthen the monopolists in victims of the loyalty purges their onslaught on American labor and their march to war."

The statement above is taken that "if Kutcher can lose his job, National Convention of the Socialist Workers Party, held in Schermer expressed his support July 1948. It was written at a or you were out of line with "CIO of Kutcher's defense, saying, time when the ears of American Policy." 'We must defend a man's right workers were ringing with the to belong to an organization with- alibis and arguments of labor leaders, Social Democrats and liberals in defense of the Marshall Plan. To believe them, it was nothing but an elaborate relief program designed to feed the starving peoples of Europe.

halted, the danger of war would pact. If there is any more doubt of peace." Like the Marshall the statutes of the United Na-

If you were in the labor movefierce internal struggle which ended with purges and splits aimed at ridding the unions of those who would not bind themselves to the elaborate war preparations embodied in the Marshall Plan. You accepted the lies of Murray, Reuther and Co.

PACT AS "COMPLEMENT"

The North Atlantic Pact now leaves little room for argument.

"Washington's war prepara- be lessened, if not eliminated on this question, listen to the Plan, it will become part of tions. Acheson has stated over completely, and the need for State Department White Paper "CIO Policy." globe. The ECA is simply a part large-scale rearmament would be issued by Acheson, the chief engineer of the pact, who is also credited with being the author of the Marshall Plan: "The North tendency who spoke the truth on denunciations of the Atlantic ers must oppose the Marshall ment, you accepted this version Atlantic Pact is a necessary com-Plan no less vigorously than the of the Marshall Plan - or else. plement to the broad economic coordination now proceeding under the European Recovery

None of this is new, as the tion clearly indicates. The truth was accessible to those who wanted to find it. But the lackeys only because it did not fit in with confuse and deceive - orders to line up the labor movement behind American imperialism.

the Marshall Planners argued, the The thinly-disguised condition for will soon be ballyhooing the North Yet the North Atlantic Pact "instruments of peace."

the Marshall Plan, who predicted Pact, the Kremlin writers have its military aims and evolution. of Acheson's remarks. The North The Stalinists, principal opponents Atlantic Pact is the ripe fruit of of the plan in the unions, were the United Nations. not less deceptive and misleading in opposition than their bureau- fore it, the UN has been nothing stituted a threat to the peace of port: that is, that funds for alliances. Will Murray, Reuther and Co. economic aid should be directed It is clear as crystal today that change their position now that through the United Nations inbehind the relief "carrot" of the the real aims of the Marshall stead of the agency set up by

and again, citing chapter and verse, that the Pact is completely in conformity with the charter The Trotskyists were the only of the UN. Despite their vehement not denied the legalistic accuracy

cratic rivals were in support. The but a world swindle to deceive Stalinists were against the plan war-weary people and to turn 13.) them away from the only real It is obvious that as soon as the of the State Department were the diplomatic game of their gle against capitalism. Within a UN whitewash of Franco, he struggle against war, the strug- U. S. State Department can effect masters in the Kremlin. With one both institutions, imperialist will be the honored recipient of amendment they were prepared powers jockeyed for positions an invitation to accept money and to shift from opposition to sup- only in order to line up war arms from the United States to

driven home: If you want peace, Union. Marshall Plan was the club of the Plan have been so plainly re- the State Department. Why the don't trust the con-men in the military alliance. Norway and vealed? That could be expected United Nations? Because, they ranks of labor who paint up the ready anticipated Washington's Novack spoke on the Kutcher By showering the good things Denmark were the latest to feel of honest men. But it can be lied again and again, it was the martial weapons and institutions approval and support of Franco of the enemies of mankind as

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Labor Union Trends

KNOLL VS. REUTHER ON POLITICAL ACTION

By Bert Cochran

There are deep political currents at work today in the Amer- tion of Marxism-Leninism as a fcan labor movement. The 1948 elections produced an impact doctrine of unrestrained violence, on the thinking of the workers that is far more profound than culminating in the physical ex-

many imagine. The ordinary rank 9and file unionist suddenly woke of the CIO's determination to people into the seats of govern- he had asked the CIO to send mental power. The broad mass of formal letters of commendation workers never believed that to 49 Republicans in the House possible before.

the political field and obscured the class forces at work. Nobody crity was the very thing that from removed the scales from the workingman's eyes.

After the election, Truman reestimation. So, if labor could win women can and will rally." with Truman, it followed that it REUTHER'S POSITION could win with pretty near anybody.

tinue getting labor's support.

They stand today at the pinnacle ing a coalition capable of startof their power. They head the two ing a third party." most effective national voteproducing political machines. They are partners, in the formidable alliance of the labor politicos inside the Democratic heroes used to call themselves "labor statesmen." Now they actually are beginning to believe it.

NUANCE OF DIFFERENCE

Their very success in November, 1948 now puts the question to them most insistently: What to do next? Where do we go from here? The masses who voted for the Democratic Party expect the promises to be carried out, they expect to see the victory translated into understandable terms of dollars and cents. The labor fakers know in their hearts that this is easier said than done. Hence, the squirming, the soulsearching, the many gabby seminars and round-table discussions of the labor bureaucrats and the New Dealers to try to figure out what to do. This uneasiness about what the future hold's has already produced a small rift, a nuance of difference inside the top ranks of the labor bureaucracy itself.

The National PAC leadership under the direction of Philip Murray wants to continue doing CAN THEY RESTRAIN business in the same old way at the same old stand. Jack Kroll, National PAC Director, outlined the policy most recently before tical Education, whose position is the UAW Education Conference the same as that of Kroll and held a few weeks ago in Mil- Murray, expressed the fear of the waukee. As reported in the Jan. bureaucracy that they may not 22 N. Y. Times, he declared "that be able to hold the labor ranks the CIO would not try to to the present line. At the capture either the Democratic "Round Table" he stated: "You

up to the fact that the working | maintain an independent political class, if it willed, could put its course, Mr. Kroll reported that of Representatives for joining While Roosevelt was alive his with the Democratic majority in magnetic personality dominated voting to curb the powers of the regardless of the cost to the House Rules Committee."

As against this traditional CIO was sure who had the winning policy, Andrew J. Biemiller, New deck of cards. Truman's medio- Deal Democratic Congressman Wisconsin, elected with DEFENSE PRESENTATION PAC backing, urged the conference that labor go whole hog secretary, who has elected to into the Democratic Party. "The defend himself without a lawyer, marked to newspapermen that election proved," he opined, "that made the main opening argument there were one million people in a genuine, liberal, non-communist for the Stalinists. He countered the United States who could do labor party is not necessary. . . McGohey's complaint that the line a better job as President than It proved that the Democratic Stalin agreed to at Teneran had he. Many people felt that, if Party has become the party to been broken, by accusing Truman anything, this was an under- which intelligent union men and of repudiating the line Roosevelt

The Times correspondent goes cracy that they are pretty im- persistent efforts should be made, portant people and that the poli- in cooperation with the ADA and and respect, if they want to con- Democratic Party and force out domestic front, when he reminded its States' Rights wing. If this the government that they sup-The AFL and CIO big shots drive failed, increased attention ported Roosevelt for re-election have grounds for this cockiness. would have to be given to form- in 1944. This position of Walter Reuth-

er's is the slant of the whole Social Democratic wing of the bureaucracy. This same thought movement and the New Deal is expressed even more clearly in a "Round Table Conference" Party. For years, these synthetic held Jan. 15 at the Hotel Carlton It was a set of circumstances in Washington, D. C., attended such as we had here in 1947 that by various dignitaries of the brought about the labor parties AFL, CIO, NAACP and the New in the other countries. The reac-Deal crowd. Joseph Lash, re- tionaries got in, and the labor presenting the New Republic, people felt the only solution was favored the same kind of policy to go into politics and elect as Biemiller: "It is about time candidates in order to impose that the liberal groups and labor their point of view. All of us groups married the girl. They are committed to the free enterhave been going out with the prise system. We like it, but if Democratic Party long enough!"

remembered by some as a former then you are going to have a 'militant" of the Norman Thomas | labor party [horror of horrors!] Socialist Party and now gracing and everything that goes with the title of "Political Director" it." of the International Ladies Gar- The younger, more pushy crew ment Workers, presented the of bureaucrats associated with hierarchy: "Labor does not wish amended CIO policy into practice. to tie its future up irrevocably In Michigan, the CIO is tryingwith the still amorphous Demo- not without success-to capture cratic Party. A considerable sec- the Democratic Party. The Feb. tion of labor believes that if the 28 Detroit Free Press gives the Democratic Party does not deliver new Reuther strategy a big front in terms of legislative per- page write-up under the title, formance — then there will be a "Gus Scholle Holds Reins in worthwhile movement in the CIO's Bid for Political Power; direction of a new party."

LABOR?

Joseph Keenan, Director of the AFL Labor's League for Polior Republican Party. . . As proof have only to go back to Europe.

THERE IS A DEFENSE

The capitalist propagandists say there is no military defense against the atom bomb. They picture America's cities levelled to radioactive ruins in the war now being prepared.

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Stalinists on Trial Plead War Role ATLANTIC PACT'S AIMS (Continued from page 1)

Party to . "advocate Marxism-

"Remember that phrase, Marxism-Leninism!" McGohey warned the jury; whereupon he launched into a typical prosecutor's descriptermination of all opponents.

McGohev's description of Marxism-Leninism isn't the only false picture he gave the jury. It is equally false to refer to the leaders of the Communist Party as Marxists-Leninists. They are the interests of the Kremlin. workers. While true Marxist-Leninists at all times serve the interests of the working people and no other interests.

Eugene Dennis, CP general agreed to at Yalta.

Dennis sought to garnish his protest against Truman's foreign on to report that "UAW leaders policy with the current Stalinist Labor's prowess in getting out made it clear that they were not criticism of the administration's the vote and the effectiveness of in full accord with either Mr. domestic policy. But his main its quasi-political organizations, Kroll or Representative Biemil- complaint was directed against BUDENZ FIRST WITNESS the CIO-PAC and the AFL-LLPE, ler . . . there was a strong belief Truman's refusal to make a deal have convinced the labor bureau- among the UAW leadership that with Stalin and "build a strong United Nations organization."

He intimated that if such a

"On April 1, 1945 we were allout in support of the government against the Axis," Dennis whined. We upheld the government against its domestic as well as its foreign enemies." He didn't explain who those domestic

the Democratic Party does not In reply to Lash, Gus Tyler, realize that it has a responsibility,

> Victory of Governor Williams Gives 'Operation Scholle' Fast Start." (Scholle is President of the Michigan CIO and Reuther's henchman in state politics.)

> "Many CIO leaders," the article reports, "believe Scholle may have hit on the magic formula to bring them a string of victories." And what is this magic formula? "It's Scholle's unqualified avowal that hereafter he will work exclusively within the Democratic Party and will back only Democrats for

> The article further states that the National CIO apparently told Reuther - what else could they do? - to go ahead with his scheme in Michigan. "After the purge [of the Stalinists]," we are informed, "Scholle served his ultimatum on Kroll. Kroll and CIO President Murray finally told Scholle to go ahead and marry the Democratic Party. . . If it succeeds in Michigan, it's bound to be tried in other states."

What does all this add up to? Let us keep in mind that the labor movement possesses right here and now the organizational structure for a mass labor party; that if the leaders wanted to, they could give the word today, and no additional organizational effort would be required to set up a big party of the working class. The Reuther policy of infiltrating the Democratic Party and throwing labor's weight around in more aggressive fashion is simply hastening an irreparable cleavage inside the Democratic Party between the Peoples Front liberallabor coalition and the traditional political servitors of Big Business.

And as the superbly organized American working class becomes disillusioned with Democratic Party politics and begins moving massively to the next political stage, the very least Reuther and the other bureaucrats and all their New Deal hangers-on - in order to maintain their leadership may even have to hitch their star to a new political party plenty lavish in its promises of a better world for the working masses.

|"enemies" were, but the record is clear enough on that score.

THE CP'S ENEMIES

The Stalinists defended the government against the "enemy" coal miners, fighting to smash the wage-freezing Little Steel formula. They finked on the 'enemy" auto, rubber, packing and other workers, fighting as best they could against the nostrike pledge and the speedup.

Dennis and his gang supported the jailing of thousands of conscientious objectors opposed to the draft. They sabotaged the Stalinists, who at all times serve struggle of the Negro people for social, economic and political equality.

The Stalinists cheered when the government jailed 18 Trotskyists in the first thought-control prosecution under the Smith Act. They slandered the Trotskyists as "agents of Hitler" for saying that the war would not bring peace to the world, that t would be used by the capitalists to undermine living standards and attack civil rights.

All these and many more acts of treachery against the labor movement have been committed by the Stalinists in their collaboration with the capitalist government. But the judge told Dennis, "You can't explain away the charges against you by telling of all the good things you did."

Louis F. Budenz, the first government witness, is now on the stand. Budenz was a leading member of the American Workers ficians had better start treating other labor and liberal organiza- deal is made the Stalinists will Party when it fused with the them with a little more attention tions, to win control of the make peace with Truman on the Trotskyist movement in December 1934. Here is James P. Cannon's succinct description of Budenz in pulsion of Browder. the History of American Trotkyism:

"He had been a social worker to begin with. His interest in the labor movement for years was the Stalinists before a grand that of student - observer and publisher of a subsidized magazine which gave advice to the workers but represented no organized Budenz to testify against Wilmovement. Eventually, through liam Z. Foster, Eugene Dennis, the medium of the Conference for Progressive Labor Action, he and to introduce in evidence the became engaged for the first time in the mass movement for which he unquestionably had considerable talents.

"Mass work is hard work and it devours many people. By 1934 background or education, was a sick and looking for a chance to

In 1935 Budenz joined the Communist Party and during the next ten years held posts as labor editor of the Daily Worker; editor of the Midwest Daily Record, position of Dubinsky and the ILG Walter Reuther are putting their front; and finally as managing Stalinism's "gift" to the peoples' editor of the Daily Worker.

tional Stalinist slanders. He related today how the defendant, war alliance. That is the clerical because his statement did not of Portugal. praise sufficiently the "beloved leader and teacher," Stalin.

Vatican alliance.



The army disregarded this Hands Off-Army Brass sign and forcibly smashed a stay-in strike of 143 members of the CIO Marine Cooks & Stewards on the Marine Jumper. The strike was in protest against Truman's directive transferring 11 ships to army control under which the unions are out and 3,000 seamen are losing their jobs.

In his book, This Is My Story, Budenz tells how he aided Stalin's preparing to assassinate Leon Trotsky in Mexico.

He stayed with the Stalinists while they were all-out for the war, but finally broke with them sistently supported Roosevelt with in October 1945 after the ex-

Thereafter he joined the 'atholic Church and now teaches economics at Fordham University, when he isn't testifying against jury, loyalty board, Congressional committee, or in the courts.

Jack Stachel and Gilbert Green, program adopted by the Sixth Congress of the Communist International in 1928.

Budenz said the Midwest Daily of its latest victims.

Gohev asserted that the Stalinist ers government. line at the time of the pact disproved Dennis' sweeping claim that the Stalinists had con-"criticism on some points."

The prosecutor has read to the jury page after page of the program of the Sixth Congress, which is crammed full of the ultra-leftist phraseology of "Third Period" Stalinism.

There was more than a touch So far the prosecutor has used of irony when McGohey read passages on united front tactics asked if "an attack on aircraft as I sat within a few feet of the Stalinists, who have rejected the Socialist Workers Party's offer of a united front to fight for repeal of the Smith Act and in defense

Budenz, who had no socialist background or education, was a 100 percent patriot, three-fourths a Stalinist, tired and somewhat

(Continued from page 1) million recently extended him by disappear more discreetly the Chase National Bank, with doomed to a slow death on islands other loans under negotiation. This is a risk no American bank tugal have never heard." would take without the certainty cf Washington's backing for the bankrupt Franco regime.

that has been every bit as bestial

Since 1926, when Salazar's coup abolished the democratic parlia-That little session with Stachel mentary system, the Portuguese has not gone in for the spectacle Budenz defended the Moscow of public executions, as in Spain. Trials through which Stalin As Del Vayo wrote in the March

12 Nation, "Portuguese rebels of which people outside of Por-Early this year, Salazar decided

"democracy" to give Washington Another fascist dictatorship a basis for justifying Portugal's the Congress alone has the power membership in the United Nations to declare war." signed a statement denouncing as Franco's and, in fact, provided and inclusion in the forthcoming Trotskyism with all the conven- him with a model, has already Atlantic Pact. He permitted opbeen invited to join Washington's position to himself in an election for the first time in 23 years. The Jack Stachel, took him to task fascist regime of Dictator Salazar enormous response to the liberal opposition candidate, 82-year old General Norton de Mattos, so frightened Salazar that he "persuaded" Mattos to withdraw the was only the first step in his people have lived under the iron day before the election. Del Vayo Stalinist education that was to heel. The U. S. capitalist press states that Salazar was so scared prepare him for his present has given little publicity to at first, he was preparing to services to the Washington- Salazar's crimes - and Salazar retire, but was advised against this by the American embassy in Lisbon. "His friends in the embassy are said to have convinced him that this was no time for democratic experiments in a country of such great strategic importance to the Western powers," reports Del Vayo.

Imperialist Holland, butcher of the Indonesian Republic, is an original member of the Atlantic Pact. Dutch officials have expressed their satisfaction with the pact, particularly that section which provides for U. S. aid to Agents Report Plans the signatory governments against internal revolutionary activity "inspired from outside." A spokesman for Foreign Minister D. U. Stikker revealed that "wide latitude purposely was given in the wording of this article because you never know where danger will crop up'." (N. Y. Times, March 19.)

The Dutch monarchy has already received or had earmarked for it more than \$900 million in U. S. funds and arms under the ERP. Even the American capitalist press was forced to criticize the use of these funds for the bloody assault on Indonesia, particularly after the Dutch government renewed its war against the Indonesians fighting for national independence. Now the Dutch imperialists are the beneficiaries of a pact that assures them a great increase in American arms and the promise of direct military aid in the event of "attack" both from the outside and "internal revolution . . . inspired from the outside."

pact, the invitation to Portugal, continued in some cases while and the preparations to invite Spain are three clear tokens of the true aims of this new milito the world, but to crush it taining Bert Cochran's analysis of the fire a few weeks ago in our under capitalist dictatorship. the United Electrical Workers offices.

about revolutionary activity from this pact the participating governments assume the power to intervene when revolutions threaten from "outside.")

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opinion, "purely internal revolu-

tionary activity would not be

revolutionary activity inspired,

armed, directed from outside,

nowever, was a different matter,"

The important thing here is

Article 4, Greece, if it was a help and the other members could send armed forces there to put down the opponents of the regime. The same thing, under the "out- participating in the decision. framed up and eventually mur- Record folded up from loss of side direction" formula, could be dered all the surviving members circulation soon after the Stalin- done in France or Italy or any of Lenin's Central Committee. Hitler pact was signed. A big other country where the majority argument followed as to whether of the people rebelled against the Stalin-Hitler pact had any their capitalist rulers and sought secret police when they were bearing on the indictment. Mc- to establish a workers and farm-

And even if all the pact members would not intervene in such situations, it is obvious that the governments getting arms from the U. S. will use them against "purely internal" revolutionary movements at home, or in their colonies.

'FREEDOM OF THE AIR" Equally ominous were Acheson's eplies to other questions, par- is why the arms plan has been ticularly about the conditions under which a third world war separate measure only a majority could be initiated. A reporter flying over Soviet territory into Berlin" would be considered an the pact, just as the pact itself is armed attack within the meaning a logical consequence of the of the pact.

emphasizing that it wouldn't partisan Congress would do anymake any difference where it thing to block it. occurred. United States entry into World Wars I and II was hastened by the assertion of her right to "freedom of the seas"to send ships wherever she pleased. The same thing is of "freedom of the air."

The pact pays its respects to Acheson took special pains to stress that it would not commit to put up enough of a show of the U.S. to "automatic" war because "under our constitution,

CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM

But, he added immediately, the U. S. would be "bound to take promptly the action which we their butter if they permit the ieemed necessary to restore and capitalists to build more guns; maintain security in the North who will be asked to surrender Atlantic area. . . This is not a more and more of their liberties legalistic question. It is a question if the ruling class is permitted we have frequently faced, the to have its way in dictating the question of faith and principle in carrying out treaties."

both sides of his mouth - one of fodder in a war they never wanted the specialties of capitalist and were never consulted about. diplomacy — but he cannot cover powers into the hands of Truman human affairs.

and the State Department, whose tion, Acheson replied. In his actions in the pact council and whose power to send U. S. troops abroad would have twenty times regarded as an armed attack; a greater weight in initiating war than a subsequent decision by Congress, which could only have a rubber-stamp character because of the "obligations" under the pact.

not the diplomatic reservation Support of two-thirds of the outside," but the fact that under Senators voting will be needed for U. S. ratification of the pact. (Thus a smaller proportion of the Senate is required to approve a or take place. "Purely internal" fateful decision to drag the Amerrevolutions usually are, can, and ican people into atomic war than under this pact surely will be is needed to stop a filibuster denounced as foreign-instigated. against civil rights legislation -(Remember, for example, that where a two-thirds vote of the when the Dutch imperialists at- entire Senate is now needed.) tacked the Indonesian Republic a There is little doubt that the few months ago, they called it necessary votes for the pact will communist movement instigated be forthcoming in short order. (War is far more popular in the Acheson also noted that under 81st Congress than civil rights.) The members of Congress seem nember of the pact, could ask for quite willing to grant the warmaking powers to the White House, provided they can retain the face-saving formality of

ARMS PLAN NEXT

The pact itself contains no provisions on when or how or how much U. S. aid will be given to expansion of European armaments and military forces. But, s Acheson explained, the U.S. is the only power with the resources to rearm western Europe, and therefore, we expect to ask the Congress to supply our European partners some of the weapons and equipment. . . " Estimated costs for the first year are over one billion dollars.

This move is not as popular in Congress as the pact itself. That separated from the pact: as a vote will be needed for its enactment. But after all, sending the arms is a logical consequence of Marshall Plan, and it is highly It would, Acheson answered, unlikely that the present bi-

WHO CAN BLOCK WAR?

Capitalist politicians certainly. cannot be depended on to oppose either the pact or its consequences because in the last analysis all threatened by this new assertion of them are committed to a war to preserve or restore the capitalist system throughout the world. 'constitutional processes" and all of them support increased armament production as a means of staving off a catastrophic cepression at home.

The only ones who can block the war drive are the people of the United States and Europebe sweated to pay for the whole project through higher taxes; who will have to give up some of conditions of political life to the whole world; and who in the end Acheson was talking out of will be ordered to serve as cannon-

Their voice must be raised now. up the fact that by approving the their energies aroused, to prevent pact, Congress would in effect mass murder and reaction on a transfer the real war-making scale never before witnessed in

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sales."

To Increase Number Of 'Militant' Readers R. B., our literature agent in

Boston, writes that "all the comrades are enthusiastic about the recent issues of The Militant. We are considering a sub drive to get more readers locally."

J. C. of Flint informs us that "Our campaign for renewals begins next week Here is one to show good faith." Milwaukee is like-

wise moving into action. G. H. reports that four comrades went out over the week end government because his religious and got six subscriptions. "We are just getting started again to in the armed forces. "He declined distribute the paper at local union meetings." At a UAW-CIO He said, 'The things you stand Educational Conference held in Milwaukee in January, L. G. made sure that at least 200 delegates got copies of The Militant. During the meeting many delegates 'were calling each other's atten-The inclusion of Holland in the tion to things it said, and this Walter Reuther was making his

speech. Pittsburgh ordered 10 extra

Union," G. W. specifies. Joy C. of Chicago writes that the Socialist Workers Party branch there is moving to the Loop, the center of town, and expects a resulting "increase of

New York's Literature Agent. Harry Gold, reports that 70 Militants were sold in the past week. 48 of them on college campuses. In addition, 13 copies of Fourth International, the monthly magazine of American Trotskyism, were sold.

W. N. writes us from St. Paul that a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses called "to get as many copies as we had left" of the issue telling about the murder of one of their members by the Greek beliefs barred him from fighting a sub to The Militant, however. for are all right, but isn't it foolish to work so hard for something you'll never get?' Our representative in headquarters answered him that if this were true, 'you're just as foolish, because you're

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swimming against the stream

York who sent us \$1 to help publish The Militant; and to C. M. of tary alliance — an alliance not copies of the March 7 issue and Buffalo who contributed \$5 to to bring peace and democracy 10 of the March 14, the ones "con- help repair the damage caused by



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"There is no epoch in human history so saturated with antagonisms as ours. Under a too high tension of class and international animosities, the 'fuses' of democracy 'blow out.' Hence the short circuits of dictatorship. Naturally the weakest 'interrupters' are the first to give way. But the force of internal 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

LENIN

Truman's Weird Alibis

Truman has offered some weird alibis about the beating his promised "Fair Deal" program is taking in Congress. Everybody's to blame; it seems, but the Democrats.

Take the question of rent control. Who's responsible for the crippling amendments already passed by the House and the Senate?

The "real estate lobby," says Truman, in the only "explanation" he has offered to date. Now, it's true that the landlords and rent sharks are putting a lot of heat on down in Washington. But they don't do the voting.

When the House voted 246 to 31 to write into the rent law a guarantee of a "reasonable return" on the "reasonable value" of a landlord's property, that vote included an overwhelming majority of Democrats, North and South. The House amendment to empower state and local governments to abolish rent controls in their areas passed 227 to 188and it was the vote of 77 registered Democrats that was decisive in passing this amendment to virtually destroy federal rent control. In

the Senate, 19 Democrats—and not all of them Southerners either—cast the decisive votes to give local governments power, with the consent of their state governors, to remove controls. Thus, a majority or substantial minority of the Democrats has/approved every action so far in Congress to destroy

As for the debacle of the administration's attempts to halt the anti-civil rights filibuster, did good dues-paying Democrats have anything to do with that? No, that's all the fault of "state's righters" who have "imposed a third party system on the country," says Truman .The records show, however, that 29 out of 44 voting Democrats supported the "compromise" closure rule that now makes it more difficult than ever to halt a Senate filibuster. And that's clear majority.

The Democrats as a party, whom Truman leads, bear the chief responsibility for what's happening to the "Fair Deal."

"Devotedly Yours in Christ"

Francis Cardinal Spellman, the Roman Catholic Prince of strikebreakers, last week spent \$17,875 for a special act of Christian Charity. He sent individual checks of \$65 as "gifts to the families" of 275 Catholic cemetery workers whose strike for a 40-hour week he had smashed by personally mobilizing and directing seminary students as strikebreakers.

His Eminence, in a form letter to the defeated strikers, expressed the view that "undoubtedly" the eight weeks they had been on strike had caused them "many hardships" which so touched his heart that he was enclosing a check for the amount of a week's pay. He invoked God's blessing on them "this Eastertide" and signed himself "devotedly yours in Christ."

The publicity the Cardinal got for this gesture of forgiveness and Christian Charity was easily worth twice the price-although he got bigger headlines for nothing when he was demonstrating to employers how to improve their strikebreaking technique by doing it in the name of "religion" and "Christian morality," particularly the Roman Catholic hierarchy's variety.

Does the bread on the tables of the cemetery workers taste sweeter now that it is flavored with this honey of Christian Charity? Or does it taste bitter from the gall of the thought that the one who forced them to strike, who caused them the loss of eight weeks' pay, is now tossing them a crust in "mercy?" Does it choke in their throats when they think how the Cardinal has made a good bargain in exchanging \$65 worth of Christian Charity for the time-and-a-half pay on Saturdays of which he has deprived them every week and which would have brought their weekly pay to \$77 instead of the \$64.35 they now receive for the straighttime 48-hour week which the Cardinal im-

posed on them when he broke their strike? Will scab-herder Cardinal Spellman purchase their gratitude for \$65? Or will it remind them of the hardship and suffering they and their families were forced to endure for eight weeks because of the greedy, reactionary stand of the Catholic hierarchy? Let the voice of the April Catholic Worker, publication of the small liberal Catholic Worker Movement, speak for these men: "It is all yesterday's news now, those

strikers who had to drop their life insurance because they couldn't meet payments, the ones with savings dissipated, the rent owed, the vacation money laboriously put by and now swallowed up in the paying of bills owed to the butcher and the grocer. The striker whose only child, a boy of sixteen was dying of a chronic kidney complaint, too ill to be moved to the hospital and who needed money desperately for food, medicine, doctor bills, rent, who still stuck with his union and refused to scab. The striker with seven hungry children who said to us. 'In the name of God how can they keep saying that burying the dead is a work of mercy and we should be satisfied to take less and I've got seven kids to feed? Feeding my kids is work of mercy enough for me and it takes more than what they're giving me to do it on.' And the shamefaced seminarians, surrounded by heavy police guards, who drove through the picket line to help break the strike, past signs in the hands of the strikers that read, 'Is Calvary the Graveyard of Catholic Social Justice?"

No, \$65 won't pay the men and their families for this, nor buy for strikebreaker Spellman and the Catholic hierarchy the respect of decent men and women. For selfrespecting working people, his "Christian charity" is neither Christian nor charitable. It is the final insulting cruelty—the salt rubbed on the raw wound.

forces-all these and other devices of compulsion have been used by government to restrict, restrain

and deny the right to strike.

through President Truman's claim of "inherent power" to break strikes by injunction. If permitted to stand unchallenged, the render null and void any act of 108, should be eliminated. Congress lifting present restrictions on the right to strike. It is therefore necessary for the Congress to enact legislation specifically forbidding the President to break strikes by injunction.

The right to strike is similarly subject to attack under certain provisions of the Thomas-Lesinski

Title III empowers the President to proclaim a national emergency in major labor disputes, appoint an emergency board to investigate the dispute, and ask postponement of strike action for 30 days. That provision

tion for the President to invoke interpretation, then dangerous fought the Dixiecrats word for government employees; threats to his claim of "inherent power" to precedents will have been estab- word and took the worst of indraft strikers into the armed go to the courts for strikebreak- lished for a later attempt to order sults to defend the rights of the ing injunctions. Title III should compulsory arbitration of wage Negro people. be eliminated in its entirety.

it an "unfair labor practice" to secondary boycotts are banned had a street meeting of 15,000 A new and most serious attack terminate or modify collective- in jurisdiction disputes, tomorrow people at Lexington Ave. and 116 on the right to strike has arisen bargaining contracts without 30 the ban may be extended to all St. hear him expose and condemn days prior notice to the United boycotts. Title I, Section 106, race haters and labor haters in States Conciliation Service. Here should be eliminated. again government compulsion is introduced to restrict free ex- rights of the working people, I district to get the right to vote. President's sweeping assertion of ercise of collective bargaining and strikebreaking powers would the right to strike. Title I, Section Hartley Act and restoration of

> right to strike is the declaration guards: under Title II, Section 205, that the United States" to demand all workers, including government out of the interpretation or application of collective-bargaining agreement. That provision means the full weight of government pressure would be used to impose compulsory arbitration in an important area of collective bargaining. Title II, Section 205, should other means.

be stricken from the bill. Compulsory arbitration of jurisbecause the full weight of govern- in such disputes is provided under a strike thru refusal to bargain ment condemnation would auto- Title I, Section 106. If the govmatically be brought to bear ernment orders compulsory ar- corporation shall be nationalized therefore I defend and support is more able to fool the people WHAT WE DENOUNCE against workers who might decline bitration of jurisdiction disputes, by the government and its facili- him 100%.

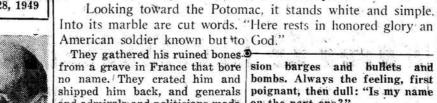
rates, hours of work and general Take Vito Marcantonio, a man Title I, Section 108, would make working conditions. If today who on the night before election

the original Wagner Act with the Another infringement of the following supplementary safe-

1. There shall be no restricit shall be the "public" policy of tion whatever on the rights of arbitration of disputes growing employees, to organize, bargain collectively, strike and picket.

2. It shall be unlawful for any agency of government to restrict, restrain or deny the right to strike and picket, by injunction, by seizure of struck facilities solely to break strikes, or by any

to stay on the job for 30 days. and strongly advocates arbitra- ties operated under the democratic I say the smart thing for the And it constitutes an open invita- tion of disputes over contract control of its employees,



By Theodore Kovalesky

and admirals and politicians made speeches and said the Unknown Soldier had died to make the world . .That was 1921.

They took Jimmy Kutcher ("From the President of the United States, Greetings: . . . ") and they put a uniform on him and gave him a gun and taught him to kill. They jammed him onto a ship with a thousand, five thousand others (he never counted hem, they were everywhere, on the decks, in the head, down in the dark, stinking holes where they slept packed together) and took him where the killing was Jimmy Kutcher didn't want to

go. He was like a million other men who didn't want to go. He didn't want to kill anybody. (Today they say he wants to overthrow the government by "force and violence," but he hated war, he hated force and violence, and they took him and they taught him force and violence like ten million other men, and they made him go.) He was a Socialist, he belonged to the Socialist Workers Party and believed in the brotherhood of man. He believed in the solidarity of workers of all lands. But they drafted him, and when they called his number, he went. He told his parents goodbye.

He sweated through basic training. He learned what they had to teach him. (You don't just kill a man. You don't just decide to do it and then go ahead. You have to know how to hold the gun. You don't pull the trigger, you squeeze it. When you sight, you suck in your breath, let out a little, then hold it so you're steady. You have to know your bayonet drill.) Then he ran at Fort Bragg, in Algiers, after a while they packed him in Sicily and up into Italy...up onto a ship to take him where to San Pietro. But that was where fused to get used to a body withhe could use the knowledge he nad gained.

on the next one? Then Italy and more invasion

barges. More steel and iron splitsafe for democracy, for freedom ting its way through the air, gouging furrows and pits in the land, splashing explosions of spray out of the ocean. (How many will get it this time? Whose names are on these?)

What did he think? Jimmy Kutcher was drafted into the war of imperialism, but he was a volunteer in the class struggle. The army took him, with ten million others and wrenched him out of the life he knew, tore him from the fight he loved. He was there with ten million others. . . but what a lot of them wondered about, he knew. He knew why the war was being fought. He knew it was a contest between rival groups of capitalists, that the workers would suffer and die and be oppressed no matter which side won. He knew that his fight was not the imperialist struggle but the class struggle.

Would he ever again see his comrades? Would he once more take his place with them, organizing, building, fighting for a better world, the world of Socialism? Or would there be a grave for him far from home a letter to his parents?

Fort Bragg, Algiers, Sicily, Italy . . San Pietro. . . You're born with legs. You walk. You run. When you crack your shin or sprain your ankle, then you know you've got legs. But otherwise you never give them a thought. You've got them. You're supposed to have them, so you walk and you run, and you never give them ed and ran at home. He walked, he stopped. That was where he left his legs.

What is there to say? How First there was the invasion of describe it? The shock, the sud- to wear for dress. Then they sent | warfare. So the brass hat lieuten-



grown light and flung beyond the wasn't useful any more. That was laws of gravity, the agony, the 1945. hospital with the smell of disinfectant and death and the sounds of pain and death, and the realization that he no longer had legs. (Phantom feet under the flattened blanket, cold, uncomfortable feet that weren't there but felt cold all the same. And dreams at night when he walked and ran and was a thought. Jimmy Kutcher walk- just another man, just a man like any of the other ten million that walked and ran. Dreams were that way a long time: the mind reout legs.) A grateful government thanked him, gave him another ribbon for his chest and a medal

The Unknown Soldier and the Legless Vet

Without legs you don't just walk into a place and go to work. The steel plants, the shops, the shippers and truckers don't want legless men. So the grateful government found him a job as a \$40 week file clerk in the Veterans Administration.

Only that's not the end of the story. Jimmy Kutcher was a veteran, but he wasn't a Republican or a Democrat. He didn't stand by idly in a world of racial oppression without lifting his voice. He wouldn't go his way silently while Wall Street laid plans for atomic Algiers. Then Sicily, more inva- den wild force, the human body him home again, because he ants of the capitalists struck at

threw him out of his job.

Jimmy Kutcher had dangerous ideas, dangerous thoughts. He didn't deny that he believed all men are born equal and have certain inalienable rights, the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. He believed in government of the people, by the people, and for the people. And therefore he believed in revolution. (It was a "crime" to fight for freedom in 1776, and it's a "crime" in 1949: that's why they fired Jimmy Kutcher.)

So what has the grateful government done for the man who lost his legs in the burst of a mortar shell? They have given him a hearing or two. They let him present his case. But their minds were made up. Attorney General Tom Clarke had decreed that the Socialist Workers Party, the party of Jim Kutcher, the party of all of today's freedom fighters, was subversive. (A veteran of their war? Lost his legs? Ribbons, battle stars, and a Purple Heart? So what? The man has dangerous thoughts. So give him his walking papers - and out with him!)

In 1921 they bundled together few sticks of dusty rot that used to be a man and placed them in a gleaming tomb looking toward the smooth Potomac, as a souvenir of World War I.

They tried to make the Unknown Soldier the symbol of the First World War. . . and if death and the destruction of youthful bodies was what they meant, they

They never intended to make Jimmy Kutcher a symbol of today. . . but they've done that anyway. For by throwing Jimmy Kutcher out of a job for his political beliefs they have thrown a glaring light like a railroad flare onto the darkness, oppression and persecution, tyranny and reaction

that is America today in 1949. James Kutcher, formerly of the United States Army, lately of the Veterans Administration, is a warning, an alarm signal. In his speech and in his silence, limping from place to place on artificial limbs, leaning on two canes, or lying on a hospital cot, he is a hundering voice that cries out to all the workers, all the poor:

"Beware of what is happening o the last shreds of freedom you still think you have. The day is here when your political freedoms are going and even your freedom of thought and conscience is being torn from you. The government machinery reaches even into your mind and seeks to punish you for what it finds there. And unless you act with courage and resoluthe workers, the small farmers tion to prevent it, tomorrow will bring even greater tyranny. Yours is the power to create a world of liberty. If you do not use this power, you will awaken one bright morning and find yourselves in a hell of despotism that you cannot today imagine. What has happened to me will happen to you and then to others. First, thought control; n e x t, concentration camps. First, firing; next, firing squads. We have come to a fork in the road. One direction leads Party and President Truman are skyists support a federal anti- to the hell-holes of fascism, with its secret police and tyranny; the other will take us to the sunny fields and clean cities of Socialism.

The Liberals Help or Reader Criticizes useless condemning and slander- Administration are out to fool placed by socialism. Imperialist ing of innocent people, and to the Negroes and any politician wars must be opposed. Eighteen

Our Attitude to Liberal Politicians

principles of Marx and Lenin and your views on certain political leaders of the fight to help the minority groups and the masses in general.

To begin with, for the past six onths your paper has continually denounced and slandered Really Stand For such outstanding militant fighters as Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Congressman Vito Marcantonio, Henry Wallace and

in the name of good common sense I just can't imagine him fighting against outstanding men as these who have made sacrifices to defend the peoples' rights. Even if Lenin could not accept

Take Henry Wallace, a man who went into the Southland and

Congress and defend and help the To secure full protection of the Puerto Ricans and Negroes of his urge total repeal of the Taft- Can this man be as bad as your paper says he is?

Take Congressman Adam Powell. A few weeks ago your people have been betrayed once perialism. Where do you stand, paper, branded him in the most more. humiliating way and said he was people in Harlem. Do you know fought for many anti-Jim Crow a small section of the people are 3. If a corporation in any basic tics and economic affairs. I do equitably with its employees, such credit for what he has done and gets more prestige, and therefore That is what the Trotskyists do.

of your committees to Washing- fooling the Negroes too. ton and confer with Adam Powell POWELL AND TRUMAN and other liberal - minded Con-As one who has studied Social- gressmen and help to pass some Vito Marcantonio and Henry a straight civil answer from your better and in the next election have it both ways. If Vito Marthousand votes.

E. Banks.

Answer Shows What Powell and Wallace

The central argument of E. Banks is simple. Inasmuch as Congressman Powell, Congressman Marcantonio and Henry Wallace are fighting actively on Now if Lenin was living today, behalf of the Negro, why should the Trotskyists "denounce" and "slander" them?

To begin with, the Trotskyists do not slander anyone. But 'denounce" them we certainly them politically, he would speak do, and our central argument is a good word for them and give as simple as Banks'. We believe writes as a man acquainted with them credit for what they have and we can show that the total radical politics. He must know effect of the political activities Vito Marcantonio is a stooge of of people like Powell, Marcan- the Communist Party and the tonio and Wallace is harmful to Kremlin. When Hitler and Stalin

the Negro people. situation of civil rights. A sub- the United States as imperialist stantial majority of the people and tried to stir up the American in the United States today are masses against the government. ready to support civil rights bills As soon as Hitler attacked for Negroes. But Congress. Demo- Stalin, Marcantonio changed and crats, Republicans and the Tru- denounced all who opposed the man administration are playing war. Now today Marcantonio is politics with civil rights and the once more denouncing American filibuster. Congress and the imperialism because it is mobiliz-Roosevelt administration did the ing for war against the Soviet same. The Chicago Defender, the Union. Wallace, on the other Amsterdam News, and the Pitts- hand, denounces American imburgh Courier, the NAACP and perialism but he says that if and Walter White are now bitterly when the war begins he will be bewailing the fact that the Negro on the side of American im-

Now the Trotskyists say this: a conspirator against the Negro that any politician who claims stand: we denounce American imto represent the Negro people and perialism, and we say that any this man has introduced and the masses and does not tell them war upon which it enters is a openly and bluntly that this reactionary war, helping to and pro-labor bills in Congress? capitalist Congress and the destroy civilization and bringing Adam Powell cannot do more capitalist administration are play- torment and ruin to tens of milthan he has done. Harlem is not ing politics with Negro rights lions. And all who say otherwise an organized community and only and will always play politics with we denounce. You say that only Negro rights, is a misleader of a small section of the people have active and civic - conscious and the people, and we shall denounce any understanding in politics and have any understanding of poli- him as such, day in or day out. economics. We don't think you In fact, the more loudly he are correct, but at any rate, if industry or public utility should not agree with him on just every- shouts, the more often he gets a that is so, then the first thing is diction disputes between unions cause public hardship by institut- thing, but he is a courageous little school-bill passed here, or to tell them the truth about

> about fundamental things. SWP to do is just stop so much Republican Party, the Truman capitalist system must be re-

Democratic Party and the Repu-'denounce" Congressman Powell. we denounce as a fool or a faker. For either Congressman Powell That is Trotskyism. does not know that the Democratic fooling the people, and if this is lynching bill, we support a naso he is unfit to represent the tional FEPC, we are for the Negro masses; or else Congressman Powell knows this and does

VITAL WAR QUESTION

Now about Congressman Marcantonio and Henry Wallace. Where do they stand on a vital question such as war? Mr. Banks were allies in the last war, Mar-For proof, take the present cantonio denounced Britain and

Mr. Banks? We can tell you where would impair the right to strike and a ban on secondary boycotts ing a lockout, or by precipitating speaker and tells the facts to a bill on bus-traffic passed there, things like war and denounce the people and deserves much the more dangerous he is. He those who tell them otherwise.

> This we learned from Lenin. The Democratic Party, the First things come first. The

change its strategy. Send some who does not make that clear is of our leaders went to jail for this during the last war. These capitalist parties must be re-But, Mr. Banks may point out, placed by a great mass party of ism and also the present social of the bills the people need. If Wallace said that very thing in and sharecroppers, the Negroes, conditions pertaining to the Negro you do this, the people will come the last election and sought votes the white collar workers, the race and its welfare, I would like to know you and your program for a new party. Mr. Banks can't Such a party can but an end in the next election and sought votes Such a party can put paper on the relation between the you might get more than a few cantonio and Henry Wallace are to these interminable wars, right because they say that the guarantee workers' rights, Negro rights. And who ever tries to tell Harlem, N. Y. blican Party are fooling the workers and Negroes that they Negroes, then he has got to will get their rights otherwise

> That is not all we say. Trotabolition of Jim Crow, root and branch, we are for the abolition There is no other choice." not say so, which means that he of Taft-Hartley. Whoever is is equally unfit to represent the seriously fighting for these Negroes, in Harlem or anywhere. things, with them we will fight. whether they agree with us on fundamentals or not. As a regular reader of our paper, Mr. Banks knows that. But the Trotskyists will denounce and combat all who write and speak lies and nonsense about fundamental questions, such as war, or tell the people that Congress and the Truman administration will abolish Jim Crow. That is where we stand Mr. Banks. Where do you stand?

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It has come as a shock to many people, therefore, to see how a minority of Senators, through the use of the filibuster, can block any measure no matter how much desired by the people. And the "right" of such a Senatorial minority to obstruct indefinitely the passage of bills mandated by the people has just been upheld by a majority vote of the entire Senate.

The undemocratic procedure of the filibuster is but one aspect of the undemocratic and unrepresentative nature of the Senate as such. For the Senate was designed from its very founding as a means for frustrating the popular will.

Most of the constitutional founders were not convinced democrats. A majority of them were wealthy land-owners and merchants. They therefore established two federal legislative bodies, with an "upper chamber," the Senate, as a "check and balance" on the "lower chamber," the House of Representatives. While the number of Representatives is based, in part, on the proportional population of the states, the Senate is elected on a strict geographic basis, two from each state regardless of size.

Today, six Southern poll-tax states — Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia - with a combined population about equal to that of New York state, have a total of 12 Senators to New York's two. The seven polltax states, including Texas, because of the polltax restriction on voting cast a total vote in the 1948 presidential elections of 2,911,305, as compared to New York's 6,111,530. A similar proportion holds in the voting for Senators. Thus, the 14 Senators from the seven poll-tax states who spearheaded the recent filibuster against civil rights legislation were elected by less than half the votes cast for just two Senators from New York. Over 50% of New Yorkers voted, as against the 10 to 15% permitted to vote in the poll-tax states. The Southern Senators literally represent a minority of a minority.

We can see how unrepresentative the Senate

is when we consider that Nevada, the smallest state with 110,247 population, has the same number of Senators as New York, with 125 times as better position to succeed to the powerful committee posts, whose chairmen are selected by

almost irremovable. Some have held their seats for decades. A number of the most important committee posts this session are held by the aged chair-warmers from the Bourbon South who are able to keep themselves longest in Senatorial office through the poll-tax and terrorism against the Negro people. As heads of committees, these On the Filibuster Southern Senators are in position to bottle up most legislation they oppose.

Two-thirds of the Senators who held forth in the 80th Congress still remain in the Senate. They are elected for six-year terms and even though the people voiced their mandate for social reforms in the election of Truman, they could not touch the two out of every three Senators who were not up for re-election. Senators elected on a sixyear basis are far less responsive to popular demands than Representatives who come up for reelection every two years.

Some political commentators have called the Senate "Our House of Lords." But the British House of Lords, while based on inherited titles the GOP won't pass it. It conof nobility, is far less powerful than the U.S. Senate. The House of Commons in England, similar to our House of Representatives, can pass any measure over the adverse vote of the House of Lords. The 96 long-term Senators - or even a filibustering minority of them - can indefinite-

ly block any bill. But if, by some miracle, they do pass a bill in the interests of the people, there is still another "check and balance" — the Supreme Court. This appointed body of nine who hold office for life can set aside any law passed by Congress. Between them, the 96-man Senate and the nine-man Supreme Court constitute an oligarchy of government standing completely above the will of the

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many people. The two Nevada Senators have just as much power as the two from New York, and if they have been in the Senate longer they can wield even greater power, because they are in mittee posts, whose chairmen are selected by seniority. The Southern Senators, because of the virtual one-party system in most Southern states, are almost irremovable. Some have held their seats almost irremovable irremovable. Some have held their seats almost irremovable irremovable irremovable irremovable irremovable. Some have held their seats almost irremovable i

Courier's View

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A significant reaction to the filibuster comes from the Pittsburgh Courier, largest Negro weekly, which backed Dewey last year and then thought a new and better day in race relations had dawned with Truman's inaugura-

In a front page editorial on March 12, the Courier finds a great dilemma facing Negroes because the Democratic Party .can't pass civil rights legislation, and cludes:

"In national elections Negroes are orphans of the political storm raging about them, and neither the Democratic nor Republican party is a safe haven. There is talk of Walter Reuther and other labor chiefs establishing a labor party which would eventually break up the Democratic solidarity of the South. Maybe this will in time, offer an alternative from the 'great dilemma' now facing

Talked Civil Rights to Death



Republican Senate leaders William F. Knowland (Calif.) and Kenneth S. Wherry (Neb.), who teamed up with southern Democrats in 3-week filibuster, confer with Senate majority leader Scott Lucas (D., Ill.) just before successful conclusion of their campaign to bury civil rights legislation. They also adopted new rule making it even more difficult to halt future filibusters.

to ever-widening circles.

E. Patterson.

In this election for mayor of

Los Angeles, she is pitted against

eight other candidates, all repre-

sentatives of the capitalists, in-

cluding incumbent Mayor Bowron,

who was supported by the CIO in

1945, and the present choice of

the "leftists" and liberals, Ellis

Evidence is mounting that in-

creasingly large numbers of work-

out to be "liberals," that is, on

every key question they support

the employers against the funda-

vote for Myra Tanner Weiss, has

toured the city streets daily, and

will continue to bring the Social-

voters until election time.

BUSY SCHEDULE

15-minute presentation.

Your Mayor" broadcast.

speak during the last days of the

campaign include the League of

Women Voters Candidates Night

mental needs of the workers.

By John G. Wright

Highly optimistic economic forecasts for 1949 continue to emanate from Washington, with Mr. Nourse, chairman of Truman's economic brain trust, cast in the role of Pollyanna. Nourse's latest assurances are no dards have been lowered since more well-founded than were the November. earlier predictions this year that How is it possible to sell as

by mid-March there would be an much in 1949 as before when the upswing in employment. Even main sections of the population New York railways, it will be are able to buy only less and less? recalled, in announcing their lay- This obvious impossibility is only offs, promised that they would another of the many vicious start rehiring by March 16. circles created by "free enter-Instead there have been further prise."

layoffs. Unemployment is now officially admitted to be "around 3,500,000," with the actual total being larger by at least another million. As serious as spreading unemployment are the continued cut-backs in production, with workers in one industry after another working fewer shifts and less hours weekly per shift. will collide head on against the

Outweighing all the Pollyanna orecasts is the admission by the Commerce Department that metals and auto remain today as the only two relatively strong props of industry.

What the Commerce Department omits to say is that this has been true since last November. Moreover, it refrains from Big Weiss Vote Sought As Mayoralty Race Ends taking into account that developments in metals and auto are not sealed off hermetically from what is taking place in the rest of the economy. And these afford least grounds for optimism.

MOUNTING INVENTORIES factors in the existing situation which are bound to play a decisive part in the months ahead. First is the top-heavy condition of business inventories. Despite produc- in the existing circumstances, as tion cut-backs, stepped up sales the direct threat of all. And such and generally lower prices, these a culmination, barring a sudden inventories continue to pile up. The reductions recently effected would unfailingly bring to a close by large retailers have simply resulted in swelling the inventories in the hands of wholealers and manufacurers. Officially these inventories are estimated at the 55 billion dollar mark. How large they really are

no one knows. By means primarily of credit manipulations, large-scale liquidation of inventories has thus far been avoided, except in isolated This past week, a sound truck, instances. But how long can such with banners urging workers to a highly unstable condition last? On the other hand, liquidation of year high in this area, "depressuch huge inventories can prove nothing short of catastrophic. ist Workers Party views to the They can't hold on and they don't dare let go - such is the vicious circle in which many businesses

During the week, also, Comnow find themselves. rade Weiss addressed a number PURCHASING POWER SAGS of meetings, including one spon-The second key factor is the sored by the Americans for Demosteadily dwindling purchasing cratic Action, which Mayor Bowpower of the mass of the people. ron also addressed. She made a inability to buy necessities has for some time now found its ex-On Sunday evening she was pression in declining retail sales. scheduled to speak on the Mayors' Nourse and his colleagues con-Day program of the Elks club on Central Avenue, and at 10:30 P. inue to cite imposing figures of M. to give a nine-minute talk over 'national income." Meanwhile, high living costs combined with radio station KNX on its "Meet spreading unemployment and Other meetings where she will shorter work weeks have slashed

still more savagely into mass

purchasing power. No official statistics are kept on inkling from such items as sales family on \$25 a week." of staples like meat. According hint of how sharply living stan- other effects of this "solution."

SIGN OF WEAKNESS The officially admitted fact that this country's economic life hinges today directly on what happens to auto and metals is thus not a sign of strength but of weakness. It is, of course, beyond anyone's ability to predict how soon these two closely interrelated industries

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limits of the shrinking home markets. Nevertheless, it is already evident that these industries have likewise passed their peaks. First signs of weakness are becoming manifest here as well. This is particularly true of metals, where the market for steel scrap, lead, copper and zinc has turned shaky. As for the auto market, it too has become "soft" in relation to higher priced cars and the critical

test for the lower priced models

still lies directly ahead. The optimism of Nourse and his colleagues rests in actuality Suffice it to single out two on the arbitrary assumption that metals and auto will continue to hold up. But a sharp break in both auto and metals, far from being excluded this year, looms, shift to full-scale war production, the prevailing transitional economic phase and usher in a new stage - the definitive downswing of the economic cycle.

Phila. Jobless at Seven-Year Peak

By J. Minuit

PHILADELPHIA, March 23 sion jitters" and general uncertainty have become the rule. Only a few months ago there was a spirit of cautious optimism. Today, with many tens of thousands walking the streets and with short weeks, downgradings, and ratecutting affecting far greater numbers, the workers are taking a second - and closer - look at the

Pessimism as to the economic outlook for the immediate future has become so rife that the term "Prophet of Doom" is no longer used as an epithet. "Get rich quick" rackets, among them Pyramid Clubs, flourish as the squeeze of continuing high prices is intensified by reduced incomes.

The current crime wave is generally blamed by workers directly upon the unemployment situation. "A man's out of work, he still has this score. But we may get an to eat — and you can't support a

The solution most frequently meets occasionally with the opinhave dropped to 290 million get an enthusiastic reception. Too pounds. In this decline we get a many families have experienced

vice, where it is receiving exceptionally sympathetic response. MORE EDUCATORS, RELIGIOUS the Stalinists, both dissidents and LEADERS BACK KUTCHER CASE

that two more educators at the University of Minnesota and Weiss for Mayor of Los Angeles. four relgious leaders in Minneapolis have associated themselves

with the statement asking justice 3 for the legless veteran issued last for better conditions in their own week by seven professors at the

The new signers of the statement are Starke Hathaway, professor of psychology; Mitchell V. Charnley, professor of journal-ism; Rev. E. S. Hjortland, pastor

way. We recognize that the same forces which have brought about Kutcher's dismissal and the persecution of his party can, if not stopped, curb the freedom of action of the League, and of all groups sincerely fighting in the interests of the working people." Additional support to the KCRC

was reported last week from three UE-CIO locals, 112 in Easton, Pa., 501 in E. Pittsburgh, and 623 in Pittsburgh. Also, United In New York the Lenox-Fifth Steelworkers Local 1330, Youngstown; UAW Local 14, Toledo; \$10.10 collected at a meeting to UAW Local 581, Flint; CIO Fur Workers Local 30, Philadelphia; Window Cleaners Union Local 2, Tenants League has its own seri- New York; Rubber Workers Loous housing problems. But we cal 135; Grand Island, N. Y.; AFL to the security of all who fight | Chicago (second donation).

You may have read occasional newspaper stories about some wretch who steals pennies from newsboys or blind men. My vote for the "meanest man of the month," however, goes to the Right Rev. Monsignor John O'Grady, who in the name of charity wants to deprive millions of kids of relief

O'Grady is the secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities. As its spokesman, he went to Washington on March 13 to tell the House Ways and Means Committee to stop the proposed federal assistance program.

This great-hearted spokesman of the Catholic hierarchy wasn't worried because the federal relief program is too small to help all the unfortunates who need aid under capitalism. Oh, no! He's against it because he's afraid it will put his own charity racket right out of business.

"How can we maintain our spirit of Christian charity, our spirit of brotherhood, without the appeal of the great institutions for the care of children?" he wailed.

Keep the kids hungry, so that the O'Gradys can know the joy of pitying them! And so, that Catholic hierarchy can keep on collecting vast funds from others whose sympathy is less cynical, whose generosity is touched by the plight of suf-

Let private, religious, and local organizations handle relief, he demands. For the federal government to "guarantee every family what it needs on a budget basis," O'Grady laments, is nothing less than "national control of family life."

Will the powerful Catholic hierarchy, with its vast treasury from contributions and business investments, fill the desperate needs of the people and thus "save" them from the threat of government aid? Not at all! O'Grady flatly opposes more funds for the underprivileged, from any

"We had always expected that aid to dependent children would solve many of the problems of child dependency and delinquency, but we have been disillusioned." Instead, he says - like all who excuse their greed by slandering their own victims - the Catholic hierarchy found "wholesale neglect" of children whose families received

So what to do? Clearly, he leaves one course: let the children come humbly begging alms at the door of the resplendent Catholic dignitaries. Let them kneel in desperation before the well-fed and righteous clerics, who can dispense or withhold

the wealth poured into their coffers for charity. In a word, let there be "control of family life" by the Catholic hierarchy, or no life at all for the children of the poor!

BUFFALO UAW LOCAL PROGRESSIVES DEFEATED BY SINISTER CONSPIRACY

Bell Aircraft Local elections has plant. astonished the local labor move-

and tested militants for three opened a violent Trotsky-baiting

won the union shop, liberal vaca- assassination, the News singled tion allowances, paid holidays. out for attack each and every one They were the trail-blazers in of the prominent progressive securing company-financed health leaders. insurance, hospitalization, severance pay and many other so- Reutherite stool-pigeons, it linked called "fringe" issues for which these leaders with attendance at other UAW locals are only now "Trotskyist meetings held at 629 er bureaucracy was further beginning to fight. In addition Main Street." From alleged atthey secured the highest wage tendance at Trotskyist meetings, rates in the airframe industry it neatly inferred "outside domiand certainly the best in the nation and control by the SWP."

was a model of democracy. Local egainst the SWP as a "subversive 501 became a symbol for pro- erganization which seeks to alter gressive labor action, militant | the form of government by unpolicies and aggressive struggle constitutional means." for the improvement of the lot

ment at this administration's red hysteria, operated to unnerve developed — outside the UAWdefeat in the recent local elec- and confuse the Bell workers and tions by a group of corrupt, in- stampede them into the arms of competent and lazy office seekers the discredited Reutherite clique - utterly destitute of any devo- whom they had consistently retion to the most elementary trade jected in previous years. This union principles and lacking the was facilitated by the nature of slightest urge to fight on behalf the plant, which thrives solely of the workers; in a word, a on war orders and is thoroughly group of bankrupts with nothing ridden with Army and Navy but the heaviest dose of reac- Brass. tionary prejudices to qualify thems for union office.

same or an even greater majority shameless exhibition of rank opthan in previous years. But no portunism and cowardly boot-tive members of the union still one reckoned with the sinister licking by supporters of the So- want a militant leadership and campaign. Royball is an Ameri- the road to improving the lot of conspiracy hatched between the cialist Party and the Shacht- that the present defeat is a tem- can, but of Mexican descent. He members of all minority groups Buffalo capitalist press, the com- manites was displayed on a porary one.

Just before the elections the Buffalo Evening News, reaction-Bell Aircraft Local 501, under ary mouthpiece for local financial the leadership of a group of tried and industrial interests, suddenly successive years, has achieved attack against the Bell leadersuccesses which made the local ship, the like of which had not one of the best in the entire been seen in Buffalo. Indulging in an orgy of vilification, finger-This administration not only pointing, hounding and character-

With "information" supplied by To this, each of the News articles The internal life of the local invariably added the usual smear

The suddenness and virulence of the News attack, coming as it All the greater is the amaze- did in the midst of a general anti-

This reactionary attack might still have been repulsed were it Up until the eve of the elec- not for the treacherous support tions, it was taken for granted given to the opposition by the that the incumbent officers would phoney "left" allies of the be returned to office with the Reutherite bureaucracy. The most

BUFFALO, March 21 - The pany, and the local Reutherite motion presented by the addefeat of the progressive ad- bureaucracy in alliance with the ministration to condemn the News ministration in the recent UAW most anti-union elements in the for its red-baiting and interference in the internal affairs of the local.

The Socialist Party adherents, who control the sub-regional office of the UAW, voted AGAINST its brazen attempt to decide the local elections! Even more ignoous Shachtmanite supporter and undeviating Reuther henchman, who didn't have the courage to publicly vote against the motion and shamefacedly abstained.

The division of labor between the vulgar red-baiters and the phoney "left" allies of the Reuthdemonstrated in their campaign material. The former issued an anonymous leaflet surreptitiously handed out at the plant which contained an alleged list of SWP members and "fellow travelers" which included practically every militant and activist in the local. The phoney "leftists," on the other hand, carried out their side of the attack against the militants with more subtle but equally poisonous red-baiting: "The party line of the SWP is largely CIO;" militant opposition against Reuther is "inspired by the political line of the Socialist Work-

forces was made possible by the combined efforts of the reptile press, the company and the unscrupulous alliance of the local Reutherite bureaucracy and their CHAUVINIST ATTACK finger-men and shoe-shine boys in the SP and WP. The sizable vote for the progressive leaders, however, even under this unmony in the fact that the most ac-

ers Party as contained in its of-

LOS ANGELES, March 20 -With elections only a few days "I urge you to vote for me for mayor on April 5 as an expression of your opposition to continued unemployment, inadequate housing and lowered living standards,

off, Myra Tanner Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidate for Mayor, this week was issuing an appeal to workers to go to the polls April 5 and express their opposition to employer-controlled politics by voting for the only working class candidate running for the highest administrative office of the city.

By Lois Saunders

"Capitalist class politicians whether so-called liberal or outright reactionary - inevitably serve the interests of that class which they represent," states Comrade Weiss. "Capitalists," she continues, "are interested primarily in profits, regardless of the misery and despair that their greed for enrichment brings to wealth.

"In times of growing unemployment, even in the face of continued high prices, the employers ruthlessly point to the growing lines of jobless outside the factory gates to threaten those still on the job, in an endeavor to decrease the already inadequate wages and increase still further the backbreaking speed-up.

"The politicians who serve their interests provide them with the laws necessary to carry out their capitalist class aims.

"To protect working class interests, workers must have their own representatives in office.

ers, and significantly Stalinist ONLY SOCIALIST CANDIDATE workers, are growing weary of everlastingly chasing after "lib-Comrade Weiss, meanwhile, was continuing her energetic cameral" capitalist candidates, only to find in the end that they turn

paign; confronting her capitalist class opponents face to face and Final L. A. Rally Will Be Held on April 3

ers' needs above employers' prof-

and as a positive affirmation that

you are prepared to struggle de-

terminedly for your needs, your

rights and your share of the na-

tional wealth which you produce."

LOS ANGELES — The final election rally for "Myra Tanner Weiss for Mayor" will be held Sunday evening, April 3, at 8 P. M., at the North Hall of the Embassy Auditorium, 9th and Grand.

Speakers will include Comrade Weiss, Socialist Workers Party candidate, and Murry Weiss. The meeting will deal primarily with the socialist answer to the growing unemployment crisis and the need for workers to elect their own representatives to government of-

the motion — a motion to condemn the Hearst-like gutter press for SWP Supports Candidate of local elections! Even more igno-minious was the role of a vocifer-ous Shachtmanite supporter and

LOS ANGELES, March 20 - For the first time in recent history, a representative of the Mexican community has a better-than-even chance to be elected to the Los Angeles City Council in the April 5 elections. 3-

office in the 9th councilmanic dis- designed to combat disabilities trict, is seeking election on the encountered here by members of basis that it is essential that the Mexican and other minority the large minority population communities. should have a voice in city government, there to combat wide- ist) has as yet given no endorsespread discrimination and in- ment to either candidate. They

tion on the part of organized ing and giving no leadership.

workers and minorities. opponent, the incumbent Parley Parker Christensen, who has The victory of the reactionary of late years has virtually ment. ignored the mounting injustices cans, as well as Negroes.

Edward Royball, running for campaign, as claimed, but one The Communist Party (Stalin-

have for years supported Royball has the enthusiastic Christensen, but in view of his backing of the entire Mexican co-nothing policy and the present community, which he represents. clamor on the part of the He has also been endorsed by Mexicans for their own reprethe CIO-PAC, a welcome recogni- sentative, they are still hesitat-

abor of the unity of interests of The Socialist Workers Party (Trotskyist) is giving Royball In contrast, the AFL Voters critical support. Its members are League has endorsed Royball's working energetically for his election, agreeing with him and the Mexican community whole many times been elected to office heartedly that it is high time ficial paper, The Militant," etc. as a "liberal," but who, especially they had a voice in city govern-

The Socialist Workers Party, in the way of police brutality and however, is critical of the nature discrimination visited upon Mexi- of Royball's program on the grounds that he, like Christensen, bases himself on preservation of Even more to be condemned is the capitalist system, which the action of the AFL Building breeds and fosters discrimination. Trades, which is carrying on a His program does not touch the chauvinistic attack against Roy- fundamental issue of the need precedented onslaught, is testi-ball, on the grounds that he is for socialism. His election, how-"Mexican," and that he is ever, in the opinion of the SWP, running a "Mexican nationalist" would be a much-needed step on is carrying on not a "nationalist" in this city.

DANCE

Caravan Hall

-and-Jimmy Ryan's Nite Club

Ausnices:

to Business Week, March 19, as discussed here is the 30-hour week recently as last November, when at 40 hours pay in order to spread prices were higher, weekly sales out the work available. Also one of beef, pork, veal and lamb, used to average 330 million pounds, ion that "a war would provide but in recent weeks these sales plenty of jobs," but it does not

at the Los Angeles High School, the Lincoln Heights Community Service Organization, the Boyle Heights Community Service Organization, AFL Carpenters' Local 1976, and the Socialist Workers Party final pre-election rally, Sunday night, April 3.

Local meetings are being held weekly in four working class sections of the city, and Comfade Weiss' platform is being widely distributed, especially in front of the California Employment Ser-

Unemployed workers, as well as those still in the party, are showing deep interest in Comrade Weiss' appeal to "Vote Socialist April 5th!" Vote for Myra Tanner

ANNUAL SPRING Friday, April 8 - 9 PM

110 East 59th Street - N. Y. C Music by the drumming star of the famed Art Hodes Trio Freddy Moore

His Blue Note Recording Band Direct from his engagement at Subscription \$1.20, incl. tax

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The Kutcher Civil Rights Committee reported this week

university.

of Central Lutheran Church; Rev. James Claypool, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church; Rev. Carl A. Storm, First Unitarian Society; Arthur Sternberg, Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Ave. Tenants League donated help Kutcher's fight. Its secretary, Jean Bennett, stated: "The have seen in this case a threat Service Emplyoees Local 329,