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# Of "Loyalty" by Members

tion includes on its proposed

purge list those "who join to-

reaucrats identify themselves as

"the union." to be anti-admin-

istration means, in their eyes, to

Under the pretext of combat-

ting "totalitarianism" the Cur-

the NMU. To sweeten the bitter

dish they have larded the reso-

lution with references to "anti-

union acts," "anti-union groups,"

be anti-union.

"In the shadow of Tast-Hartley," reads the first sentence of the lead article in the latest issue of the Pilot, official paper of the CIO National Maritime Union, "the National Council met

in New York this week to review 3 the work of the Union to date and ent in the union. To eliminate any doubt on this score, the resoluto prepare the ground-work for contract negotiations and the September convention." The NMU had been informed gether and are members of anti-

that the National Labor Relations union groups or factions within Board had resumed its attack on the NMU." Since all union buthe union hiring hall by pushing for a court decision to ban the closed shop under the Taft-Hartley Act.
The National Council had the

job of formulating much needed revisions of the union contract ran administration seeks to imwhich expires on June 15 and of pose a totalitarian regime upon rallying the membership around their demands.

It was also charged with the responsibility for completing arrangements for the coming NMU convention in September.

#### "T-H" AMENDMENTS

Meeting "in the shadow" of ership of President Joseph Curran, proceeded. . . to drive the wedge of Taft-Hartleyism deep into the ranks of the union membership, by adopting a resolution proposing to add a number of "Taft-Hartley" amendments to the union constitution. The proposed amendments are to be submitted to a 30-day referendum of the members.

Among other things, the resolution calls for an amendment requiring all members of the NMU to affirm, in writing, that they are not members of the Communist Party or of any other subversive totalitarian organization. The proposed amendment, almost word for word, was taken directly propaganda barrage against his from the union-busting Taft-Hartley Act!

shall not be "retained" by any country." persons who "subscribe to, support, sponsor or otherwise follow RUTHLESS PRESSURE a course of action consistent with ian doctrines."

#### ALL-INCLUSIVE

and all-inclusive it can be applied Tito, has been accompanied by to any critic, dissenter or oppon- physical assaults against Yugo-

in a half-hour radio program

Replying to an attack on so-

Truman's proposed health in-

surance plan is not socialized or

nationalized medicine, said Brav-

erman. Genuine socialized medi-

cine "means the complete aboli-

tion of the profit system in medi-

explained the superiority of so- require it."

over WBBW here.

cialized public medicine.

ical system for profit was attacked tonight by Harry Braverman

secretary of the Youngstown local of the Socialist Workers Party

cialized medicine recently made system or post office. All doctors,

at the Mahoning County Medical dentists, nurses, hospital attend-

Society by a lawyer, Braverman ants, etc., work as salaried em-

exposed the grave inadequacies of ployes of the government and

the present medical system and medical care is free to all who

#### Truman Labor Bill Faces Amendments

The Democratic - controlled House Rules Committee sent he Truman - sponsored labor relations bill to the House on April 11 under an "open" rule which will permit amendments from the floor.

This will allow the Taft-Hartleyites of both major parties to stall repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act by piling on delaying amendments. It is also feared that enough amendments may be successfully attached to the bill to make it a virtual replica of the Taft-Hartley Law under a different

Debate on the labor relations law has been scheduled tentatively to begin on the

#### etc. But the present constitution, widely heralded as the "most dem-House floor Apr.l 26. (Continued on page 2) these weighty problems the NMU National Council, under the lead-

By Ruth Johnson

In recent weeks the Kremlin has stepped up to fever pitch its war of nerves against the Yugoslav government. The answer to this campaign was given by Tito at the People's Front Con-

gress in Belgrade, April 9,9 where he declared that "no in- slav militiamen on international timidation from the West or East trains entering Bulgaria; by cil endorsed the Kutcher case. can divert" Yugoslavia from the independent course it has pursued form last year.

Taking note of the Stalinist regime, Tito pointed out that in the course of March "press organs In addition to requiring all and main radio stations of the members to sign a yellow-dog af- countries of people's democracies fidavit, the resolution provides and the USSR made about 240 that membership in the NMU attacks of all kinds against our

Assailing the "fierceness and and demonstrating membership in unscrupulous perfidy" of these or adherence to the policy and pro- attacks, he added that neither he gram of the Communist Party or nor the Yugoslav Communist any other subversive or totalitar- Party would be provoked into

stepping into a trap. The stream of propaganda urg-This provision is so sweeping ing Yugoslavs to revolt against

cine and the building of a medical

All the Truman plan would do

s "spread the payments in an

insurance fashion," not abolish

the medical fee system. But the

plain insurance function of Tru-

man's plan has not prevented

income of the average doctor with

average patients tends to rise. Not

only is the health care of the pa-

tient insured, but the income of

and specialists who fatten on ex-

"On the other hand, the in-

structure similar to a free school

THE TRUMAN PLAN

health insurance.

the doctor as well.

**SWP Radio Speaker Upholds** Socialized Medical System tractor.' Moreover, Cominform countries YOUNGSTOWN, April 8 - The organization of the med-

commodities even at these fantastic prices.

This is why Tito's speech emphatically declared "of course" ne would trade with the west, that it would be "a crime" not to. 'They will give us machines and plants and we shall give them what we have and what we can

## secret trials of Yugoslavs in Sofia, on charges of "spying";

naterials, for exploitation by the defense fund. more industrialized of the Cominform countries.

slavia have been revealed since January of this year.

On April 2, the Belgrade trade union paper Rad, listed some of the terms demanded by Czechoelovakia, Poland and Hungary:

of barite or 17,050 kilograms (about 19 tons) of caustic soda 60,042 kilograms (about 65 tons) of copper or lead, for one

have delayed or failed to fulfill Yugoslav contracts for essential

#### TRADE WITH WEST

(Continued on page 2)

# NMU Heads Demand Oath New War Moves Follow Signing of Atlantic Pact

### More CIO, AFL **Unions Extend Aid** To James Kutcher

AFL and CIO unions are rallying in greater strength behind James Kutcher's campaign to regain the job he lost with the Veterans Administration because of the "thought-control" purge of government workers.

The Executive Board of the Chicago CIO Council, representing several hundred thousand industrial workers in Cook County, voted to back Kutcher's fight for justice. The CIO Council of Mahoning County, Ohio, passed a unanimous resolution protesting Kutcher's dismissal and condemning the procedure of labelling groups or individuals as "subversive" without public trial, hearing, or charges. The Council gave \$25 to Kutcher's defense fund and will send letters urging all CIO locals in the Youngstown area to aid the work of the Kutcher Civil Rights Commit-

Following similar action by the Hennepin County CIO Council, the Duluth, Minnesota, CIO Coun-

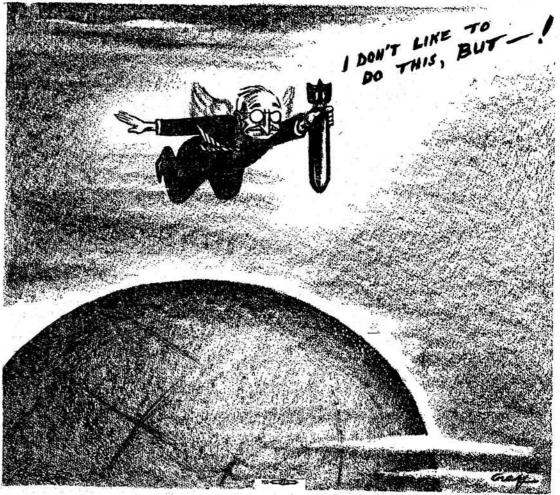
New AFL organizations coming to Kutcher's defense reach from since the split with the Comin- and by ruthless economic pressure the East Coast to the West. In aimed at destroying Tito's 5-year New York City, Painters District Council 9, representing 9,000 A front page article in the building trades workers, con-Yugoslav newspaper Politika on tributed \$25 in token of its official March 20, signed by former Min- support of the legless veteran's ister of Foreign Affairs Stanoje fight for reinstatement. Two in-Plan. He charged that its purpose ers, Knitgoods Workers Local was to keep Yugoslavia in the 155 and Cloak & Suit Tailors position of producer of cheap raw Local 9, also helped Kutcher's

Through James Gorman, International Secretary - Treasurer Devastating facts about the ex- the Amalgamated Meat Cutters tortionate prices charged Yugo- & Butcher Workmen with headquarters in Chicago became the first AFL International to assist Kutcher's defense. Typographical Union Local 202 of Seattle, Washington, is the first AFL union in that area and in the Typograph-"377 tons of bauxite or 112 tons | ical International to endorse the

> Other supporting unions include AFL Amalgamated Lithographers Local 2, Buffalo, N. Y. UE-CIO Local 455, Trenton, N. J. and UE Local 707, Cleveland; CIO United Rubber Workers Local 297, North Bergen, N. J.; CIO United Steelworkers Locals 1845 of Maywood, Calif. and Local 2715, Minneapolis; CIO United Furniture Workers Local 262, San Francisco.

James Kutcher has been invited to address the Pennsylvania State CIO Convention at Harrisburg on April 26. Decision on his appeal to the top Loyalty Review Board is expected to be handed down in several weeks.

# Angel of Mercy



NEWS ITEM: Truman says he "hopes and prays" it won't be necessary; "but if it has to be done. . . I wouldn't hesitate to make it [decision to drop atom bombs] again

# Simich, likened the Cominform's fluential locals of the AFL Ineconomic methods to the Marshall ternational Ladies Garment WorkPlan. He charged that its purpose ers. Knitgoods Workers Local Cleveland Strike Pickets

By M. Toohey

CLEVELAND, April 11 -The broken by judicial decree after an unprecedented barrage of strike breaking, treachery, and factional adventurism by all sections of

Fawick Company, a small Cleveland manufacturer of air brakes, following a familiar pattern, withdrew recognition from the UE on the grounds that the union had not complied with the noncommunist affidavit provisions of the Taft-Hartley Law. The Stalinist leadership of Local 735 thereupon called a strike. The company then obtained a court injunction limiting the union to

AFL REPUDIATED

a petition for an NLRB election. the Taft-Hartley affidavits.

leaders countered by blockading bail of \$2,060,000. the plant gate.

Police and deputies were mobilized and four skirmishes took the Cleveland labor leadership, place before the plant gates, resulting in the arrest and constrikers fought with great heroism for the preservation of their union but the combination of AFL indifference was too much for them.

A meeting of the Cleveland Federation of Labor held April the strike are lodged in jail, the 6 voted to support the activities union is broken at Fawick and of the UAW-AFL in breaking the Fawick strike. They justified history of the Cleveland labor torces to Europe. As the April 15. their treachery on the grounds movement has been written. The U. S. News stated it: "Gen. Omar A few days later the UAW- that there was no union at Fawick responsibility for this defeat lies Bradley now hints that it may AFL appeared on the scene with as the UE leaders had not signed jointly on the shoulders of the be necessary to have a big U. S.

An election was held, with only | The daily press, which had the AFL appearing on the ballot, been screaming for the blood of trical Workers Local 735 at of 131. The AFL then started members of Local 735 were sen-

JUDICIAL STRIKEBREAKING

morning to enforce the order.

At this writing the leaders of (Continued on page 4)

## gress moves to hand the Big Brass more billions than even Truman has asked. Washington's

Truman Hurls

Atomic Bomb

Threat Again

By Art Preis

licly to use the atomic

bomb. Top militarists

urge a "preventive" war. Con-

Truman threatens pub-

European partners demand immediate arms shipments. The White House calls for a new huge arms fund for its foreign allies. The capitalist press begins to run scare-heads about M-Day -Mobilization Day. And on Army. Day the generals, in the words of a Scripps-Howard columnist, 'let the oratory roll with the ominous thunder of war drums."

The first week of the North Atlantic Pact — greatest military elliance in world history - has seen the imperialist war drive speeded up to a frenzied pace: Washington, the generals, the neadlines of the Big Business press, all sound a sinister note of immediacy and urgency in the campaign to drag America into nother world war.

With cold and brutal cynicism, I'ruman on April 6 demonstraively asserted that not only had he no regrets for his decision to drop the atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, "but if it has to be done for the welfare of the United States. . . I wouldn't hesitate to make it [decision to, drop atom bombs] again." There could be no mistaking the threa implicit in these words.

#### TROOPS TO EUROPE

In a major speech made at the The AFL was decisively repu- the strikers, got its wish fulfilled invitation of the U. S. State Destrike of the CIO United Elec- diated, getting only 50 votes out on April 8. Twelve leaders and partment, Army Chief of Staff Omar N. Bradley on April 5 told Fawick Airflex Company which running carloads of scabs through tenced to a total of 440 days in a veterans' organization meeting began on March 7 was finally the two-man picket line. The UE jail, fines of \$22,500 and held in in New York that it would be necessary "to funnel the great strength of our New World to the ramparts of the Old, and thus The judge further ruled that challenge the enemy where he they should be held in jail for transgresses. At present, the further bond in case the union balance of military power is centempt proceedings against 12 should be able to raise the two tered in the United States, 3,000 strike leaders. The Fawick million, and that the strike was miles from the heart of Europe." "judicially ended" by court He spoke against reliance on the decree and all picketing was forces of "our friends" in Europe banned at the plant. Scores of and of permitting imperialism's strikebreaking and official CIO mounted police and deputies were military power to be "deposited at the plant gates the following in reserves this side of the ocean."

> Clearly, Gen. Bradley was demanding implementation of the Atlantic Pact with the immediate one of the darkest pages in the dispatch of American armed Army in Europe, to man a defense line to keep Russia bottled up in the East.'

#### "PREVENTIVE" WAR

On April 9, in his Army Day. speech, Lieut. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, recent Ambassador to the USSR, enunciated the views of Washington and Wall Street that war between world imperialism and the Soviet Union is inevitable. The mutual trust and understanding which seemed to prevail" at the time of the founding of the United Nations, he said, "was transient. What we did not realize then was the barrier imposed by the fundamental differences between communism and democracy." In short, the American ruling class holds, with Churchill, that a military show-

down is unavoidable. No less a spokesman for Wall Street interests than Marriner S. Eccles, member and former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, at a meeting of the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco on April 8 boldly and publicly voiced the doctrine of

#### Report on ADA Convention Republicans in the present Con- | who hate Stalinism which they | ing the convention in the hands | 2 to 1. However, the convention

By Farrell Dobbs

critics from shouting that it is the next step to "socialism." The SHERMAN HOTEL, CHI-American Medical Association, which attacks even the very lim-CAGO, April 10-Bitterly hostile ited Truman plan, has fought toward reactionary Democrats every single advance in medical who have united with the Repuaid for the people, from Workblicans to block civil rights legismen's Compensation Laws to colation and prevent repeal of the operative hospitals and voluntary | Taft-Hartley Act, 578 rank and file delegates came to the second "The opposition to the health annual convention of the Ameriinsurance plan is clear evidence cans for Democratic Action in of the controlling hand behind the this city looking for a program AMA," said Braverman. "Under to smash the reactionary coalia system of health insurance, the

The delegates, representing 30,-000 members in 40 states, accepted without discussion the come of the wealthy practitioners party "in the present period," and independent unions. and voted to campaign for the

horbitant fees tends to decline. election of Fair - Deal Congressional candidates in 1950. These top income physicians represent in the United States about five percent of the medical profession. This top layer controls on Fair-Deal legislation in order present. the organized medical profession and uses that control in its own Truman Democrats and liberal were inexperienced young people, "loyalty" purge.

Truman administration's friendliness toward Nazi and fascist elements abroad and stiff opposi- James B. Carey, CIO secretary, civil liberties in this country.

CONVENTION COMPOSITION Among the delegates from the ADA chapters were 150 local union officers, committeemen stewards and rank and file union ists, of whom 60 were AFL mem-ADA leadership's declaration lers, 50 CIO members and 40 against formation of a third members of railroad brotherhoods

There were 122 delegates from To Support Kutcher student chapters, a thin scattering from rural areas, a number

vague policy statements that left lawyers and other professional Democratic Action has voted to the door open for horse trades people. Very few Negroes were support the fight for the reinstate- tical party.

Two days of convention debate ism-Leninism, and honestly beparliamentary free-for-all - re- leaders that dependence on liberal vealed much uneasiness over the capitalist politicians is the true road to social justice. William Green, AFL president,

tion to the unbridled attack on Senators Hubert Humphrey, Paul Douglas and James Murray and Governor Chester Bowles addressed the convention. Apart from these ceremonial appearances, the high union officials and leading capitalist politicians remained in the background, leav-

## **ADA National Board**

CH1CAGO - The newly-elected ment of James Kutcher, legless

mistakenly identify with Marx- of the secondary ADA leaders. | called for the abolition of the sometimes stormy and often a lieve the fairy tale spread by their Policy submitted a resolution sup- and its counterparts in the states

> to "members of totalitarian political organizations." IVIL RIGHTS DEBATES When a sponsor of the minority cusers, a full opportunity to exeport, who happened to be in amine and cross - examine witthe chair at the time, abused the nesses and adequate provision for privilege of the char in defend-

#### ng his position, the convention emoved him and adopted the najority report upholding unestricted academic freedom.

tion designed to outlaw any poli-

loyalty purges was defeated about

The Commission on Domestic House Un-American Committee porting the rights of teachers to and asked that the loyalty purge "join and participate freely in be confined to "security-sensitive" the political organizations of areas.

their choice." A minority report | The delegates also demanded sought to deny academic freedom that no organization or individual "be adjudged disloyal without a fair hearing, based on specific written charges and disclosed evidence, confrontation of acappeal."

#### "MUST" OR "SHOULD"

A large minority fought hard to amend the domestic policy The convention then voted to resolution to read that housing. defend the civil rights of Stalin- health and other social legislaist student organizations and tion "must" prohibit racial dis-But they battled to correct of teachers, artists, writers, National Board of Americans for went on record against legisla- crimination. "If you don't stand fast on this issue," a Negro delegate warned, "ADA won't get A motion to demand abolition the support of the Negroes." The to obtain support from lukewarm A majority of the delegates victim of the government of the present federal and state fight was lost and the resolution

the "preventive" war. "In any realistic appraisal of the outlook today we are bound to ask ourselves whether we are (Continued on page 3) (Continued on Page 4)

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Novack, Secretary of the

Kutcher Civil Rights Commit-

tee, on his recent tour in be-

half of the legless veteran who

was unjustly fired from a gov-

ernment job. Send to The Militant for extra copies. Only 3c. each in

bundles of five or more.

- Labor Union Trends -

# Two Million-Dollar Organizing Campaigns

By Bert Cochran

dustry, an electric shock went a prize fizzle. through the nation and the First, several tens of thousands day, we have two million-dollar department store owners are quietly going about their busithe Potomac.

it that the juice has gone out of group. once-militant unions and that their leaders no longer constitute a THE AFL CLERKS threat to the Big Business moguls? Judge for yourself:

and handed it over to the Amal-(business efficiency, you know!) ity. composed exclusively of Amalgamated officers and payroll hacks

THE AMALGAMATED'S OFFER

increases in 1949.

What did the Amalgamated of- some tough competition. ficials tell the department store in the way of improved condi- in that city, outlined to the public the employers guaranteed the everywhere established "harmoni- their employees that union organ-

Under the circumstances, it is employer and the community." not too surprising that the masses | But despite their high-sounding

Will Big Business succeed

in dragging the United States

into another world war? Not

if the deepest wishes of the

women of America break

through into the arena of

political struggle. They know

that another war with its

bloodshed, death and atomic

ruin can mean the end of

his life in the struggle to

make our globe safe for man-

kind, understood what power

women can wield when they

decide the time has come for

a basic change. Among these

wage-earners a n d house-

Leon Trotsky, who gave

everything we hold dear.

organizing campaigns supposedly impressed - in reverse - with labor movement. in full progress in the department the Amalgamated propaganda and store field. And there is no ex- decided they had better stick with eitement abroad in the land. The their own union, even if it was Stalinist-run. This is the outfit self as an important labor figure that pulled out of the CIO in Seattle. He took full advantage ness, nonchalant and unperturbed. Wholesale and Retail Clerks when of the NRA and CIO upheavals The police departments in the the Wolchok leadership tried to to organize everything that metropolitan cities have not been squeeze out the Stalinists by wasn't nailed down. In addition put on the alert. All is quiet on forcing them to sign the Taft- to sewing up things in Seattle Hartley "yellow dog" affidavits. Beck branched out and perfected Can it be that the employers A number of the big department a strong over the road truck have seen the light and now in- stores-Macy's, Loeser's, Gimbel's tend to cooperate in extending to Saks', Norton's - seeing they state West Coast area. Time their workers good wages and couldn't bust up the union, decided

That was only the first catastrophe to hit the Amalgamated The announcement of a million- campaign. Soon, the Wanamaker dollar drive to organize the de- local and Oppenheim-Collins unit partment store workers came seceded from the CIO clerks and states. . . In Beck's domain right after the Portland CIO con- joined up with the AFL Retail vention held last November. Clerks Protective Association, The CIO Executive Board with- which organization, evil tongues out a by-your-leave took away the have it, is racketeer - ridden in jurisdiction from the CIO clerks many cities but, thank the Lord, clean suits." has never been accused of being gamated Clothing Workers Union. anything less than 150% Ameriwise didn't bother consulting with Wanamaker local decided that ecutive board, set up there and the edge, if not in class collaborathen an organizing committee tion zeal, then at least in senior-

The AFL Clerks have been in and informed the department up to now worked up any high began disciplining the union memstore workers that they would not blood pressure about organizing bership, in the words of Time be permitted to form a union of the department store workers, or, their own but would be herded for that matter, any other group right into the Amalgamated itself. of workers. But, suddenly con-chiefly employed in jurisdictional fronted with the possibility that raids on the CIO, in busting rival Sidney Hillman's heirs did not potential dues - paying members building up his personal power. stop with this in making their might be corralled into a rival A decade ago, the CIO broke inspiring bid to the underpaid setup, they sprang to life and an- the backbone of the employers' and overworked department store nounced that they too were resistance to unionism. But if the employees. At about this same launching a million-dollar drive. bosses had to deal with unions, time, the Amalgamated interna- (Two million-dollar campaigns!) then the Dave Beck brand of tional office made public its As for pitching a "responsible" unionism was the one they most decision not to demand any wage line of unionism, the Amalgamated was obviously up against ous. It was this set of circum-

workers that unionization was AFL Clerks Council President in bosses with his "American" type going to do for them specifically Cleveland, in announcing the drive of unionism — a unionism where tions? You don't know much press his labor philosophy at the labor bureaucrat his dues-collecabout the Sidney Hillman brand same time: "We do not intend to tion agency while he kept the of "labor statesmanship" if you attack or malign the personality "hired hands" cowed, docile and ask a question like that. The of the employer. We have no faith Amalgamated officials wanted to in the fiction that the employer win over the bosses first. They is a malefactor. From experience, weren't so much interested in we know that most employers wages and working conditions. are honest, hard-working mem-What was important to emphasize bers of our society. We believe was that the Amalgamated was that through proper education a "responsible" union, that it had they can be convinced as well as ous" relations with the employers. ization benefits the worker, the

didn't flock in serried ranks to talk and "million dollar drive,"

WOMEN UNDERSTAND

THE NEED FOR PEACE

wives, said Trotsky, will be found "inexhaustible stores of

porters are women. They stand courageously beside their hus-

bands in the battle for peace through socialism despite the dif-

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When the CIO was first formed the Amalgamated offices. As a the AFL Clerks are small potain 1935 and announced that a matter of fact, despite its mil- toes. Behind the real power in million-dollar war chest had been lion-dollar kitty, the organizing the AFL bid looms the sin ster set up to organize the steel in- drive up to the present has been figure of Dave Beck, Vice President of the Teamsters international, who is gradually emergprinces of industry began to know of New York workers organized ing as the boss of the Teamsters the agony of sleepless nights. To- in the independent Department and one of the two-three most Store Employees Union were duly powerful bureaucrats in the whole

DAVE BECK MOVES IN

Dave Beck-first established himdrivers organization in the 11wick: "His principality now spreads from Canada to Mexico. from the Rockies to the Pacific. The unions encompassed by his Western Conference of Teamsters move virtually 'everything on wheels' in the eleven Western 'teamsters' make beer, can fruit dehydrate 'vegetables, sell and service automobiles, pump gasoline, work in warehouses and

Beck is very aggressive and ambitious. He doesn't smoke or The big brains of this outfit like- can. The ACTU leaders of the drink and he works at his job. In the early days, he made any department store workers. since the goal was "responsible" frequent use of goon squads and They held a confab of their ex- unionism, the AFL distinctly had gangster tactics to bring employers to terms. But no sooner were the unions consolidated and contracts signed, than Beck established most amicable relabusiness since 1899 and have never tions with the employers and magazine, "with an iron hand." His strong-arm squads were now thousands and thousands of picket lines and strikes, and ir

> prefered and found least obnoxistances which made possible For example, Peter Formica, Beck's "servicing" the West Coast "disciplined."

BECK'S METHODS

When insurgent groups of workers threatened to disrupt this beautiful partnership, Beck would go into action with his strong-arm squads, black - jack artists, dynamiters and similar labor activists. West Coast militants can relate harrowing tales

of Beck's exploits against the CIO lumber and sawmill workers n Portland and Tacoma, against the brewery and warehouse workers up and down the coast, and his most recent atrocity in breaking the strike of the Boeing aircraft workers and sending his awyers into the courts to cooperate with the company in opposing an NLRB decision to reinstate discharged strikers.

It is entirely logical, therefore. for Time magazine to chortle over its "labor leader": "The great majority of employers think he strikes and stands for free enter-

prise with a capital E." This is the vicious figure who labor picture, and among other projects, has decided to move in agreement involving the AFL Clerks, Building Service and Teamster unions to cooperate in present union organization." the store drive. He has already

democratic unions of the CIO or tiation. the conservative bureaucracyridden unions of the AFL. Today, in each case followed its estabthe CIO leaders are working lished policy of sending the strikovertime to efface the difference ing workers back to their jobs between the two. Dave Beck without a settlement. For this unionism? Or Sidney Hillman cowardly policy the auto work- purge victims "including Wladisers are paying heavily in terms law Gomulka of Poland, Lucretiu unionism? That's not much of a of increased production standards Patrascanu of Rumania and

**Atlantic Pact Ceremonies** 



Secretary of State Dean Acheson is shown addressing delegates from the 11 European countries who signed the new war alliance along with the U.S. The agreement must now be ratified by the

## their workers good wages and couldn't bust up the union, decided magazine of Nov. 29, 1948 waxes decent working conditions? Or is to sign up with the independent lyrical in describing Beck's bailification of group. DEMAND 'LOYALTY' OATH

(Continued from page 1)

largely rewritten by the Curran group through extensive revisions | Taft-Hartleyism. presented to and adopted by the 1947 convention. The bulk of the revisions sponsored by the Rank from control, were devised to strengthen and extend the democratic rights of the membership. Among the constitutional amendments then sponsored by the Curran group was one which de-

"The National Maritime Union shall strive to completely eliminate and outlaw Jim Crowism, anti-Semitism a n d all forms of discrimination against racial, religious, national or political minorities."

This pledge was incorporated and repeated over and over again in the statements issued by the point number one in the six point program distributed over the signature of Joseph Curran. The de mand for democratic reforms attracted the support of large secbureaucratic practices of the Stal- | right. If not," he added, "they inist officialdom.

Now, all the promises and by the proposal to institute a regime of police unionism unheard of in the CIO since its very inception.

yellow-dog affidavits and witchhunts are reactionary concepts completely alien to the spirit and practice of working class democ-

## **Auto Workers** Fight Speedup In Detroit

DETROIT, April 11 - The flurry of strikes against the increasing speedup in auto plants Co. with speedup, the general council of the giant Ford River Rouge Local 600 ordered a strike vote among its 60,000 members. for April 16. Tommie Thompson, is wonderful and applaud like Local 600 president, stated happy seals when he speaks at "Present Ford time-study technic MACEDONIA ISSUE the Chamber of Commerce. They is designed to increase production have their reasons. Beck abhors without regard to the total effect a upon the workers involved."

WALKOUT IN PROTEST

has now stepped into the national 212, was hit by a walkout in protest of the docking of 200 on the department store field. At The Briggs management was workers during a former dispute. the AFL Executive Council meeting in Miami, Florida, held early Reutherite leadership a bailing this year, Beck worked out an bucket, attributing the walkout to "a group in the trim department trying to discredit the

At Briggs Local 742, producer swept into the Teamsters' maw of Packard bodies, a general the CIO Clerks and Warehouse walkout occurred when men in The Yugoslav events are only a locals of St. Louis and Toledo, and the trim shop refused to work overtime while 1500 men were international crisis of Stalinorganization campaigns have been still laid off. The committeeman ism." started in a number of the big leading the action was fired. The members were ordered back to purges has hit the Communist Ten years ago, the workers had work by the International officers. Parties of Eastern Europe. Imthe choice between the militant Reinstatement of the discharged portant leaders have been accused committeeman is awaiting nego-

and fired workers.

racy. They are devices borrowed ocratic" in existence, contains from the arsenal of the most rabid adequate provisions for defend- union-haters and labor-baiters in ing the integrity of the union and the country. Those who seek to punishing those guilty of overt introduce into the unions devices which are the very essence of the The existing constitution was Taft-Hartley creed cannot be trusted to lead the fight against

On the contrary, the Council proposals can only serve to embolden and encourage the Taftand File Caucus, which was then Hartleyites to intensify their organizing to oust the Stalinists drive to cut the guts out of the organized labor movement. Meeting "in the shadow of

Taft-Hartley," the NMU National Council delivered a body blow to the unity of the organization. thereby weakening the fight to preserve the hiring hall, diverting the energy of the ranks from the

schedule before the next "Score-The branches which have not yet reached the 20% column and especially those who still remain in the zero column should take a hint from the regular pacers. A little effort now and less scrambling at the finish

> Not only branches of the Soialist Workers Party, but also friends of The Militant are pitching in to make sure that the Fund drive reaches 100%. R. M. of Milwaukee, an "old Socialist and fine comrade, donated \$2 for the Militant Fund." W. B. of Portland.

By Reba Aubrey Campaign Manager

With the \$7,500 Militant Fund at the one-third mark, the na-

tional percentage is lagging 8%

behind schedule. With only four

weeks to go our "Scoreboard"

shows collections have reached

25% of the quotas. The "Score-

Ten of the Socialist Workers

Party branches, however, are

right on schedule, with Morgan-

town in the lead. The comrades

of this branch rushed in their \$30

payment to boost them to first

Other branches are using the

cientific method of reaching

their goals - regular pacing

which fulfills a certain percentage

of their quota each week. This is

the method that places Phila-

delphia, Pittsburgh, Newark, New

Haven, Baltimore, San Francisco-

Oakland, Reading and New York,

just where they should be at this

noment - or a little bit ahead. A little extra spurt during the

week by those branches in the

20% category will put them on

board" should show 33%.

place with 120%.

Janice M. of New York Local expressed our thought when she said: "It is a constant inspiration struggle to win their contract to see how the comrades and demands and making a mockery friends of the paper take the of the coming September conven- needs 'of our press right in

Oregon, contributed \$8.80.

### KREMLIN STEPS UP ITS RABID Rank and File Caucus. It was CAMPAIGN AGAINST YUGOSLAVS

(Continued from Page 1) give, money for goods and vice-

versa. If they are willing to trade tions of the union repelled by the with us on that basis, it is all cannot expect anything from us." Contracts with American firms

for capital construction and heavy industrial equipment, much of it off to Moscow. are cynically jettisoned Times, one day after Tito's with Yugoslavia will double this

"From the export side," the Thought-control, loyalty oaths, Times said, "it is understood that the State Department now shows a 'sympathetic' attitude toward split. granting export licenses," and that "possible loans to Yugoslavia are also rumored."

Britain is in agreement. Minister of State Hector McNeill told the House of Commons on March 23 that "no embarrassments should be placed in Yugoslavia's path" so far as trade negotiations are concerned.

Apparently the imperialist powers do not intend to apply. any immediate political pressure in the buffer countries, must cause here continues. Charging the Ford being, they are content to help Tito remain in power. They have their eyes on the Cominform's latest maneuver against Tito, the proclamation of a "Macedonian National Liberation Front."

As planned by the Cominform, "fine Macedonia" pledging allegiance to Stalin would be carved out of Macedonian areas of Yugoslavia, Greece and Bulgaria. Such a development might, as Tito warned and the imperial ists hope, lead to war in the Balkans and be the imperialists' excuse for intervention against the Soviet Union.

In any event, as long as Tito survives, the rifts in the Kremlin's periphery states will grow. As the Political Committee of the Socialist Workers Party pointed out last August, "Far more than Yugoslavia itself is involved here. component part of the unfolding

Since that time, a wave of of "Tito-ism" and "national deviations" for seeking a measure of The International UAW has independence from Moscow's economic and political squeeze.

PURGE CONTINUING

As the Times points out, the Laszlo Rajk of Hungary - developed too much 'nationalist' independence as underground leaders to be trusted by Moscow." Most famous of the ousted leaders was Markos, leader of

the Greek guerrilla forces. He

Now, all the promises and industrial equipment, much of it pledges to preserve and extend to expand Yugoslavia's steel into the democratic rights of the members are now on trial, herebin are cupically jetticoned with heiner "agents in pleased with charged with being "agents in speech, predicted that U. S. trade the service of the Yugoslav Trotskyists." They are accused of trying to rescue Koci Xoxe,

former secretary of the Albanian

shortly after the Tito-Cominform Now the Bulgarian CP leader Traicho Kostov, a Central Committee member who headed the resistance movement during the war, has also been placed on trial for "an insincere and unfriendly policy regarding the Soviet Union," "nationalist deviations"

and "gross political and party errors. These will not be the last of victims; the nature of the Soviet bureaucracy itself, and its aims increasing rifts.

The Kremlin's main aim in the satellite countries is to exploit their resources in order to try to solve the difficulties of the Russian economy. It can carry out this plunder program only by keeping the Communist Parties completely subservient to its will. But the desperate needs of the economy of their own states, forces resistance by those CP leaders whose base is among the

#### Fellow-Victim

popular masses.

The \$1,000 check which Anna Louise Strong donated for the defense of the 12 Stalinist leaders, was endorsed as follows: "For the American Communists who are getting as raw a deal from American justice as I got from the USSR. From a fellowvictim of the cold war - Anna Louise Strong." The Stalinists rejected the donation.

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## THE MILITANT ARMY

#### **New Haven Reports Encouraging Sale** At Student Debate

Two comrades in New Haven, Conn., met with encouraging results selling The Militant and Fourth International, the monthly with the war makers."

magazine of American Trotskyism, at Literature Agent N. S. "Here amid rain drops the students passed us by with only a few buying The Militant. in came back out to

buy two or three copies. When we ran out of new and about five past issues on hand, we pushed the FI. We had only six copies was charged with "Tito-ism" and with us, and though those boys is reported to have been spirited don't have much money, they looked at the titles of the articles and magazine were exceptionally As a result of this distribution, one student has already sought ing town whose sub had expired further information about the some time ago. He said he sat up Socialist Workers Party, "Things looking slightly rosy," concludes passing them along to friends in CP, who was ousted and arrested N. S.

George S. of Bayport, N. Y., on renewing his subscription, ranks of socialism."

his combined subscription to The even with our emphasis on ex-Militant and Pourth International, plaining to the vanguard. tions." It's loyal, self-sacrificing in one article explained concisely supporters like J .G. B. who make makes for better reading. And it possible for our press to ap-additional points dealing with pear regularly throughout the the same topic can be treated in

L. B. Courts of Sharonville, anything better," he says.

in for 150 extra copies of the the LAID OFF and the atom April 4 issue containing the So- bomb explosion picture heads are cialist Workers Party call for eye-catching."

liberties. He thinks the Jehovah's Witnesses are inconsistent but "will support and defend their civil right to refuse military service the same as I will defend the rights of Socialists and all cthers to refuse to collaborate

united action in defense of civil.

St. Louis is working hard to increase circulation of The Mili-"political student tant. Through the efforts of debate on the Taft- D. C., two more newsstands are Hartley law," reports taking small bundles, Literature Agent F. R. of West

Virginia writes: "Most of us are very pleased with The Militant. Keep up the fine work. We're going to make a special effort to start sending some local articles Soon those who went by miners." The West Virginia comrades increased their regular bundle order by another five

Worcester, Mass., also increased its bundle by five more copies. "The last issue of both the paper out to a member in a neighbor till 2 a.m. reading them and is

Dan Roberts of Seattle reports, "We are now discussing plans for wrote us, "Never before has your a drive on selling the press after fighting paper of the working May Day to make up for neglect class been more needed. May the in the past months." Comrade ranks of your subscribers con- Roberts thinks that "the press is tinue to swell and with them the very good. All the comrades are pleased with the quality of The J. G. B. of Alberta, Canada, en- Militant articles. However, I closed a \$10 bill upon renewing think they tend to be too long, The balance," he explains, "is Especially the articles analyzing a donation toward both publica- the news. Two or three points

separate articles." Literature Agent G. H. of Ohio, ordered five extra copies Milwaukee tells us that "Favorof The Militant. "I never read able comment has been received on the heads you are using on A Railroader of Minnesota sent the sub blank in The Militant;

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NAACP Secretary

Gentlemen:

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Despite the fact that news ac-

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New York papers, and that I

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party and Senator McGrath was

released to the press.

- Leon Trotsky, Whither France, 1934.

LENIN

### New Attacks on Democratic Rights

The blitz against democratic and civil rights grows more ferocious. In every sphere - politics, unionism, education, journalism, religion — the witch-hunt daily claims new victims. New attacks on civil liberties and freedom of thought just in the past week or two have been so numerous that we are hard pressed for space to report them in detail. We here list a few cases.

"Talk or rot in jail" sentences have been imposed on six persons in Los Angeles who refused on constitutional grounds to answer questions before a federal grand jury investigating "communism." They were sentenced to jail INDEFINITELY until they answer to the satisfaction of the federal judge who fixed sentence. They are now out on bail pending appeal.

In Cleveland, 12 members of the CIO United Electrical Workers were thrown in jail under more than TWO MILLION DOL-LARS bond for alleged "contempt" against an anti-picketing injunction of a local judge.

Governor Chester Bowles of Connecticut was confronted by the demand of Catholic Action Committee and Knights of Columbus groups that he withdraw as a sponsor of a dinner forum held in New York City last week by The Nation, the country's oldest liberal weekly.

British Laborite leader Harold J. Laski, who is lecturing in this country under the auspices of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers, was barred last week from speaking

in a public school hall by the Cambridge, Mass., School Committee, after Mayor Michael J. Neville attacked him as "pro-Communist, anti-Catholic and anti-religious." Laski, who is anti-communist, previously had two scheduled lectures cancelled by trustees of the University of California.

The Karl Marx Society, a student organization, was simultaneously suspended last week from three New York City college campuses, Brooklyn College, Hunter College and Columbia University. Several student participants were given brief suspensions and one was suspended for the rest of the term. at Brooklyn College simply for speaking at an "unauthorized" meeting to protest this attack on the students' organization.

The witch-hunt reached out last week to silence the editor of the N. Y. Post-Home News, considered the leading liberal newspaper in the city. T. O. Thackrey was forced to resign as editor and publisher because, as he said, "I was given the choice of supporting the Atlantic Pact or resigning."

Any one of these cases would be cause for alarm. Take them together and add them to the hundreds of other attacks on democratic rights — the moves to ban minority political parties, the Jim-Crow drive on the Negro people, the government "loyalty" purge, etc. and we have the greatest assault on civil rights in American history. It demands that all true defenders of civil liberties join forces in a common defense front before free speech and free thought are strangled.

## Germany and the 'Democratic' Imperialists

The "democratic" governments of the United States, Britain and France have finally told their native collaborators in Western Germany just what sort of "democratic federal republic" they must set up. Western Germany is to remain much in the same condition as it is today, except for a fraudulent "constitutional" facade.

· In place of the incumbent military governments, the supreme power is to be wielded by three civilian Allied High Commissioners, each with a complete veto power. The occupying forces are to remain permanently, with the sanction of the "new constitution."

Western Germany will have no say whatever over either foreign policy or foreign trade. Complete control must remain here with the occupying powers. The same thing applies to "scientific research." In brief, Western Germany will not be accorded even the status of a puppet state.

As a matter of fact, the proposed regime, along with the corresponding new "constitution" for Western Germany, would differ only in minor details from colonial regimes which Britain and other imperialist powers have maintained for generations in Far Eastern

countries and elsewhere. This is too raw for even the German Social Democrats to swallow. These rascals may not themselves be averse to it; what they fear is that their followers will desert them if they expose themselves too openly as compliant tools of the ruthless conquerors. In any case, their opposition has, for the time being, brought to a standstill the work of the gathering at Bonn which has been drafting the constitution for this "new democracy."

Whatever may be the outcome of the cynical farce that is now being played in Western Germany, the German people will gain from it neither a measure of democracy nor any significant relaxation of their oppressed condition.

They can find their road to salvation only if they are left free to decide for themselves what kind of government and social order they wish to set up.

And the precondition for this free and untrammelled choice is the removal from German soil of all foreign troops - not only the occupation troops in the Bizone and French zone, but also the Kremlin's armies in Eastern Germany. They must all get out and stay out of Germany.

None of the occupying powers will withdraw unless there is an overwhelming mass demand for it. That is an additional reason why the workers in this country should back the demand that American froops be withdrawn immediately.

## **NEW WAR MOVES FOLLOW PACTS**

not relatively better prepared tary of State Dean Acheson gave National Military Establishment" now-or could soon become better them assurance of its speedy prepared - to enforce a settle- fulfillment. Secretary of the added that Washington should on April 7 that "leaders of minutes after the next war issue an ultimatum to the Krem- several Western European coun- begins. lin to accept the capitalist powers' tries" have asked the U. S. to

Simultaneous with these bel- American troops on the European licose proclamations, Congress and continent. And Royall defended the administration are stepping this request. up all practical measures to put | The drive to prepare American the U. S. on a war footing. The public opinion for a war that may House Appropriations Committee come at any day and any hour on April 9 approved a military is being carried directly to the as military units, "The 391st evidence. budget for 1950 of nearly a bil- American working class in the Engineer Power Plant Mainlion dollars more than the \$15 industrial centers. A doublebillion armed forces budget sub- bannered scare-head on the front 977th Quartermaster Petroleum and sympathizers, is this: Should tered on the long term political mitted by Truman — the greatest page of the April 3 Pittsburgh peacetime military budget in his- Press proclaimed: tory. And for every dollar Congress adds to war spending, it will strip two from the proposed social reform measures.

Furthermore, Truman last week announced that he would seek additional funds - now estimated at close to two billion dollars for the first year - for arming the Pact signatories.

proval of the Atlantic Pact by center to get ready for "M-Day" the U. S. Senate, eight of the

American imperialism, and Secre- | the Office of Public Information,

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Plant managers, bank presigreatly increase the number of dents, lawyers, industrial entheir already assigned roles as military officers. All plants and other facilities will be organized tenance Detachment . . . the Railroad Operating Battalion,"

The workers of Pittsburgh dictatorship will be administered etc.)? by employers and their agents in leading Pittsburgh paper is army officers' uniforms. In fact,

fight." Best testimony to the nonsecret and stringent comments on the Democrats came from Senator McGrath himself who was quoted To Senator McGrath as saying, "Walter often rides his friends harder than his enemies."

I trust I am not in error in Third, never at any time was it assuming that The Militant would asserted by anyone that Senator not wilfully distort the truth to McGrath had "misinterpreted the fit its political convictions. Yet remarks in the confidential appears that you have done letter." The letter was in plain just that in your editorial of language, not subject to misin-April 4 entitled, "Walter White terpretation. At no time have we apologized for anything in it.

The accounts of the disagree-The politicians in Washington ment between Senator J. Howard have many faults. The so-called McGrath and myself were publishcapitalist press has its faults. ed in the New York dailies, Your editorial reveals that you notably in The Sun. The best and can match them any day in the fullest account appeared in the week. Washington Post. The material which appeared in weekly papers

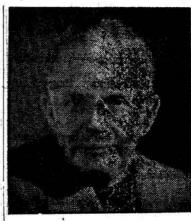
WALTER WHITE Secretary, NAACP April 8, 1949

#### Answer to Walter maintain an office here where I White's Complaint By Albert Parker

time did your publication attempt My article to which Walter to interview me. This is a bad nough journalistic practice when White objects was not an editorial t involves merely a news story, but a signed column. As a columnbut to proceed to write an edi- ist himself, White knows quite torial without diligent search for well that it is impossible to check facts is inexcusable and argues every statement or quotation that you have a case to make printed in the press. He knows rather than an interpretation to also that it is an accepted journalistic practice to use such First, I did not apologize to material, especially if the people Senator McGrath. My letter to quoted issue no denial or correcim quoted the text of a state- tion after its publication.

My column began by giving the iedly. He said what he did on "heated argument" between White His own statement to the press dispatch printed in the March 25 vrote me expressing regret at closer to the NAACP leadership the incident and that letter was than it does to The Militant. Subsequent issues of that paper Second, the letter to NAACP carried no complaint or denial pranches about the Democratic from White.

I regret to confess that I don't not a confidential communication, read the N. Y. Sun and the Washbut was read openly in many ington Post and that I learned of country. It was not labeled "con- Call, from which all the informathe Democrats and the filibuster factual mistakes my column may about. was expressed many times during have contained were derived from the fight in the daily and weekly the Call dispatch, and not from press and there is, therefore, no any desire to distort the truth Grath misunderstood a letter been playing a role that was clearpasis for your assertion that to fit my political convictions. White . . . kept these charges The Call reported that Mc- ment which had contained the text state designers. Evidently they



Walter White Protests Article in 'Militant'

WALTER WHITE

on White and "told him off" after he got hold of a letter by White to NAACP branch presidents, denouncing the policy of McGrath and other Democratic leaders on the filibuster issue. The Call dispatch designated this Militant's request, White has supplied us with a copy of this letter, dated Feb. 21. He is completely correct when he says it was not marked confidential.

From this, however, White concludes there is no basis for my assertion that he kept the charges in this letter confidential. Now I never claimed that the NAACP did not complain about the way the Democrats were stalling on their promises. In fact, I quoted one such complaint by White in the Feb. 7 Militant, and our Feb. which he had glanced at hur-source of the story about the 28 issue reported another at some length. But neither these nor any the basis of his hurried glance, and McGrath - a Washington of the other NAACP press releases this year compare with the was an admission that he had Kansas City Call, a Negro weekly Feb. 21 letter in sharpness and misread a phrase or a line. He which, stands politically much detailed factual material about for his right to choose his own the double-dealing of McGrath and other Democratic leaders. While the letter was not marked confidential, neither was it reeased to the press. I see no reason therefore for withdrawing my charge that White did a of thought-control. At the same disservice to the fight against the time I would like to call your atpublic meetings throughout the the incident only through the filibuster by not releasing to the tention to a number of errors in press the full information about your article. In discussing my fidential" and at no time was con-tion reported in my April 4 Democratic duplicity, so im- case, you wrote: sidered so. Our feelings about column was taken. Whatever portant for everyone to know

to McGrath, explaining that Mcconfidential during the filibuster Grath had used "strong language" of a press release by White. The are no longer useful, and hence-

Militant asked White for a copy program down the river. But is had formed part of his letter.

White's word about the nature of the future? his letter which McGrath mistook White's denial that in this letter saying McGrath must have misinto this effect.

White evidently feels, as I did when I read the Call dispatch, that he would be demeaning himself by an apology to the poli- clusion. ticians who sold the civil rights

of this letter so that we could it less demeaning for the leader confirm his explanation. Instead of the largest Negro organizaof the letter, White supplied us tion in the country to collaborate only with the press release which and consort with such politicians, as White has done in the past Although I still have only and intends to continue doing in

Granted that the Call dispatch for an apology, I am willing to was erroneous, the fact still reaccept White's word rather than mains that White has not broken McGrath's. The same goes for with the Democratic machine, one of the chief instruments for the he tried to mollify McGrath by oppression of the Negro people. The main point of my April 4 terpreted the remarks in the column was that such behavior is "confidential" letter, although cowardly and cringing and rethe Call dispatch quoted McGrath sponsible in great part for the defeats we have suffered in the civil rights fight. I see nothing in White's letter that would justify me in altering this con-

Albert Parker

# The Call dispatch designated this letter as "confidential." At The KUTCHER CORRECTS STORY OF

Editor:

The following is a copy of a letter I have sent to John M. Lee. labor columnist of the California Eagle, a Negro weekly which supported the Wallaceites in the last

Dear Mr. Lee:

I have just read your March 31 column which discusses my dismissal from government employ and concludes: "The terror is keep it from touching us is to go out and meet it by fighting to get the soldier's job back and political party.'

I want to thank you for this expression of support. I regard it as another sign of the growing realization that all sincere defenders of democratic rights must unite to put an end to all forms

"It becomes clearer now how the Socialist Workers Party has White denies that he apologized devoted most of its time to baiting the Communists. They have White sent him after their argu- ly cut out for them by the police-

forth shall be on the hunted end of the game. One can hardly linger, for any length of time, in sadness over the plight of the Socialist Workers. They chose the road on which they must henceforth travel. . . In due time, the Socialist Workers will find themselves on the subversive lists. They'll get the old routine - loyalty checks, inquisitions and jail, and they won't like it any better than do other Americans who spreading and the best way to have been subjected to the same terrorizing treatment."

You evidently are not aware of the fact that the Socialist Works ers Party is already on the subversive list - and has been since the Attorney General's original blacklist was issued in November 1947. There is no need for you to predict that the SWP will be subjected to persecution. That has een happening all along.

You evidently are not aware of the fact that the SWP was the first to be prosecuted under the Smith Gag Act - over seven years before the Communist Party was brought to trial under this Hitler-like law - in the famous Minneapolis Trial of 1941, where 18 SWP leaders were sent to prison for advocating revolutionary Marxist doctrines. At that time the CP was working hand-in-glove with the administration in Washington, opposing strikes and advising the Negro people to subordinate the fight against Jim Crow to support of the war. The CP leaders sabotaged defense of the SWP at that trial, just as they are now sabotaging my defense.

You evidently are not aware of the fact that despite our political differences, the SWP defends the 11 CP leaders now on trial in New York and the CP members who are being subjected to prison for "contempt" in your own city. In the same spirit of labor solidarity, we are trying to mobilize the labor movement to stop these persecutions, although the CP's reactionary behavior toward other victims of the witch-hunt makes this more difficult to achieve.

I urge you to study the literature of the SWP (available in Los Angeles at Room 325, 124 West 6th St.). If you do, you will find for yourself that our freelyexpressed differences with the Communist Party have never led us to serve the cause of reaction in any way or at any time.

James Kutcher

## Dilemma of the Socialist Party vocated by the Democratic Party 1the Democratic Party as per- State Department as salesmen

By George Breitman

paign last year when the capitalthe main stream of reformism? ist press and radio, mainly out of hostility to the Henry Walposition of its entire history.

crisis that has struck its press. In December its weekly paper, for the collection of \$10,000 by Christmas to guarantee its survival.

this sum had been collected. It are to finding resources to mainwas not until the middle of March that the fund campaign was terminated, with about \$9,300 PREPARING CHANGE donated. The Call returned to eight tabloid pages in the middle of February, but a month later announced that for an indefinite

MORE FUNDAMENTAL

Financial difficulties are the military dictatorship will be rule, rather than the exception, ment than we will be five years, Army Kenneth C. Royall told the established over Pittsburgh and for small papers that get little or ten years from now." Eccles House Appropriations Committee the whole steel area within or no income from advertising. But the severity of the SP's difficulties and its failure to arouse sufficient support from its own members to maintain the Call gineers - the whole managing on a weekly basis, point to someapparatus of the capitalist class thing more fundamental-a poli-- will suddenly blossom forth in tical crisis that places a question mark over the very future of the organization. This conclusion is at the beginning of April in Deborne out by plenty of additional troit. According to the Call's

The problem facing the SP, and being debated by its members take. "Its major discussions cen-Products Laboratory . . . the 717th they try to continue the organ- goals of the Party. . . Without ization as an independent force committing itself to any one long their own candidates every two Committee adopted a resoluand presumably all other in- or four years)? Or should they tion . . . which is part of the dustrial centers - will be placed become a left wing of the left Socialist Party's growing emunder military rule as though in wing of the Democratic Party phasis on fundamental program the front-lines. This iron military (through the ADA, Liberal Party, and ideas in contrast to short-

Independent election campaigns

The Socialist Party got a of the SP be able to exert greater party as British labor did. strong shot in the arm from influence if they gave up such Norman Thomas' election cam-unrewarding activity and got into UNITY WITH SDF

Such are the questions being lace candidacy, afforded the SP asked of the SP by its best extremely favorable opportunities friends. One of these, Daniel Bell, for spreading its propaganda. appeals in the January Modern But six months after the elec- Review for "a formal statement tion, the SP is in the weakest by the Socialist Party forsaking electoral activity on a national Plainest of all is the financial scale. It would free many of its own people [to enter the Democratic Party] and give them the Socialist Call, was cut from freer play to be effective. . . The eight tabloid pages to four, and demise of the Socialist Party as an emergency appeal was made an electoral party . . . is not a tragic event, but a clearing of the ground." The SP leaders are as hard put to find satisfactory originally scheduled around De- while longer to retain its old

By Christmas less than half answers to such appeals as they tain their press on a minimum basis.

Executive Committee voted to

#### Last December the SP National

open up an internal discussion, re-examining "the Socialist role, tion every two weeks instead of particularly in our relations with those who consider themselves socialist but are not willing to identify themselves with us." They also voted in favor of establishing an "American Socialist Center," which would coordinate the activities of the SP. Social Democratic Federation and similar groups; to continue their efforts to achieve organic unity with the SDF; and to hold a national conference around Decoration Day "to discuss future policies and activities."

The NEC held another meeting report, it has not yet made up its mind about which road to (by which they mean running term role, the National Executive

term political electoral action." Despite the deliberately foggy have a useful purpose even for language in which this report ing;" equally disappointing is the devoted to an appeal to the work- the article lists these officers by small groups because they offer couches the SP's dilemma, it is prospect of trying to hold the avenues for spreading socialist apparent that the NEC is lean-organization together - let alone Thus, the American imperialists propaganda. But are independent ing in the direction of a change to build it. Why shouldn't they "it could happen next month are moving ever more rapidly campaigns worth all the time and in its traditional policy. The be "realistic" especially when Pact signatories immediately or next year — the United States toward dictatorship and war. bother for a group like the SP, resolution, adopted unanimously, there are soft and well-paid jobs raised a clamor for a big down- may mobilize to fight a third They have little hope for peace whose brand of "socialism" is warns the labor movement to work to be had in the trade union appayment on the guns, tanks, World War." In elaborate detail and are not seeking it. Let the hardly distinguishable from the out its own program, not to paratus of the Reuthers and planes and bombs promised by - "after some deletions . . . by American workers take warning! New Deal reform measures ad- accept its present alliance with Dubinskys, and careers in the

left wing? Wouldn't the members manent, and to develop its own for the Marshall Plan abroad?

hint about what the memi for Democratic Action, despite into complete inactivity. that organization's political weak- This process, which has been ness." And the ADA, of course, going on without interruption is a part of the alliance of the since the mid-30's, steadily drains Democrats and the labor leaders. the SP of its most blatantly op-

tion" by the members, the NEC and leaves open the possibility postponed the national conference that the SP may decide for a coration Day. It also approved policy. But if it does, there can the plans for a Socialist Center be no doubt that it will drag on (worked out) by the unity com- in a state of continued decline, mittees of the SDF and SP; all beset by the demoralization that that is needed now is the "of- overcomes old people who realize ficial endorsement of the SDF." that they are living on purely out Every day makes it clearer that of inertia.

there are no principled differences to keep the two wings of American Social Democracy apart any longer. The main obstacles to reunification were the SP tradition of running its own candidates (now being "re-examined") and the remnants of pacifist phraseelogy that crop up occasionally in Thomas' utterances (becoming more and more infrequent as the SP embraces the State Department's foreign policy with increasing fervor).

In this connection, the Call reports that "the controversial ssue of the North Atlantic Pact was not resolved" at the NEC meeting in Detroit. But the dispute is only over unconditional as against critical support of the Pact, with no one on the NEC supporting a socialist opposition. to the war program. A sub-committee headed by Maynard Krueger was appointed to craft a position which will be yo ed on by mail.

ONE COUNTER-FACTOR

The SP leaders see greener pastures beckoning as they engage in their "re-examination." Their 1948 campaign was "disappointThe outcome of this crisis could

be predicted with certainty, except for one factor: Virtually The resolution itself gives no none of the SP members who get pers of attractive offers of soft berths the SP are to do about participa- considers it worthwhile to go tion in labor's alliance with the through the motions of discussing Democrats. But in a separate and trying to convince the other motion, "the Committee reaf- members of the need to fold up firmed the right of Socialists to the SP; they just accept the offer work actively in the Americans and either guit the SP or drop

To permit further "re-examina- portunist and careerist elements

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now takes 170,000 lives annually, may be brought

Although medical scientists do not yet know the exact cause of the Number Two Killer, they are able to offer very useful advice on the importance of early detection and treatment of cancer. More important still, they are able to demonstrate that cancer may be prevented in many instances if certain environmental conditions are

The natural environment contains only a few cancer-producing substances or carcinogens. One of these is solar radiation, which may cause cancer of the skin in certain light-skinned people who become oxerexposed for long periods of time to ultraviolet radiation in southern dry and sunny

But it is in the occupational activities of an industrial society that most of the carcinogenic dangers are found. Here workers come into close and prolonged contact with substances which either have never before existed in the natural environment, or have existed in such weak concentrations as to be relatively harmless.

In a very illuminating booklet, Dr. W. C. Hueper, Director of the Environmental Cancer Division of the National Cancer Institute lists all of the known chemicals used in industrial processes which have been studied as cancer-producing agents. Dr. Hueper reports, for example, that a study of the cobalt mines of Schneeberg, Germany, showed that 80% died of lung cancer as a result of radio-active poisons.

Among other carcinogens listed are: Organs Affected

Aromatic amines Bladder' Paraffin Oil Bone Marrow (leukemia) Benzol Skin Pitch and Tar Nasal sinuses, lung Nickel Carbonyl Skin Lubricating Oils

Lung Tar Fumes Creosote By exposing animals in the laboratory to these substances, experimental cancers have been produced in mice, rabbits, dogs and rats, thus offering conclusive evidence that these agents are car-

Dr. Hueper has a series of very important rules for the protection of workers who use such substances in their plants:

"Adequate protective clothing, respirators, and gloves should be given workers handling carcinogenic substances; separate lockers should be provided for work and street clothes; shower facilities should be installed for all workers; and a thorough indoctrination of exposed workers in the methods of avoiding exposure to the carcinogens they handle should be made a part of all personnel rou-

Workers experienced in the money-saving ways of the employers will understand immediately that Dr. Hueper's sound advice will not be accepted by management - unless the trade unions enter the cancer control program by enforcing these safety regulations for members who are exposed to the dread cancer-producing agents.

## The Human Scrap Heap

Not-So-Free Enterprise

By Ruth Johnson

prices up.

By John G. Wright

The current leap in unemployment once again brings into sharp focus, among other things, the plight of middle-aged men and women under the system of "free enterprise." The years of the war boom served to cover up temporarily how difficult it really is for people in this age group to find employment, even under conditions of

To illustrate, let us cite recent experiences in the wealthy state of New York. Here a special "counseling service" for those over 50 years old has been in operation for the last 16 months. Yet in this period of peak "peacetime" employment, the New York State Employment Service has been able to find jobs for "only 404 men and women over 50 years old out of 5,400 interviewed," or less than one out of every ten. This figure was made public by Miss Houghton, supervisor of Adult Counseling Service of the N. Y. State Employment Service.

As jobs become scarcer, the plight of the middle-aged obviously becomes utterly hopeless. In the face of this problem, a group of New York social workers has just held a panel discussion, attended by representatives of the Welfare Council and 130 other affiliated organizations. The speakers agreed that we are threatened with an era of "fearful fifties," with the middle aged being forced onto "public relief rolls and into mental hospitals." (N. Y. Times, April 16.) Miss Randall, who chaired this conference, said

Remember how the Big Business mouthpieces were shouting, just three years ago, that "free enterprise" would bring us lower prices and pros-

perity - if only price controls were smashed?

The government obeyed its master's voice, and

tore away the last shreds of the wartime ceilings.

Nobody needs to remind you how prices leaped,

we were unable to buy things we needed, inven-

tories piled up, and millions lost their jobs be-

cause the market is glutted. Now the corporations

There have been some frank statements in

Women's Wear Daily, a publication written for

On March 24 it headlined an article "To Cut

Output Rather than Prices, Wool Mills Report."

The story said: "Out of the 'buzz' created by the

American Woolen Co. statement, curtailment of

production rather than reduced prices emerged

as the general policy to be followed by the mills

. . . Rumors of shutdowns which could not be

confirmed were flying around the market. One

selling agency head noted that he heard of a mill

operating three shifts - Monday, Tuesday, and

a time ago? "Generally speaking, executives feel

that it is useless to go into an operation to make

goods below cost to satisfy a retail public that

the all-time record loot the textile mills grabbed

in the war and postwar profit-spree.

below cost," they mean of course below

What of the lower prices they promised so short

store executives and rarely read by workers.

are singing a different tune.

is bargain conscious."

quite frankly that there was "little hope for either the aged or middle-aged in the way of gainful employment." There are in this country some 15 million men and women in the 50 to 59 year old group alone. Most of them now face the prospect of becoming paupers; many of them, of losing their sanity.

Miss Randall urged "support of state bills proposing counseling service for older workers." The only good this might do would be to provide some additional jobs for social service workers and presumably keep some of them from completely losing their own sanity.

As if to underscore the blind-alley in which older workers find themselves, Mr. Irving Barshop, supervisor of placement of the Federation charges were substantiated at to hire not only those in their fifties but "even had held. CCNY President Wright, women as young as 35, or men as young as 38."

In prewar days, workers in their forties found themselves on the scrap heap. They were temporarily salvaged by the war boom only to find themselves grown older and discarded again at an older age. And now a new generation in its middle and late thirties is already beginning to repeat this same inhuman experience. A bigger tive trial is held. The college adand better human scrap heap - this is what capitalism has to offer to the vast majority of adults who are lucky enough to survive its periodic

But it seems that some hard-pressed retailers,

who have shelves groaning with stuff no one can

buy, have figured out a dodge. They are adver-

tising perfectly good merchandise as "irregular"

This really upsets the Women's Wear editors.

"Now it all comes out in the open, what we've

been suspecting for some time," the column wails.

whereby the customer is fooled. Not that the

merchandise isn't as good as stated, but that the

What to do about this fearful threat to high

prices? The column reminds its readers, "If you

say merchandise is good when it isn't, the Better

Business Bureau and all their associates can get

after you. What's the procedure when the re-

Maybe they'll pass some more "fair trade" laws

verse deal is pulled?"

under "free enterprise."

merchandise is not as inferior as represented."

A front-page column in the same issue is devoted

or "sub-standard" in order to sell it for less!

to an attack on this "unscrupulous" scheme.

# THE MILITANT

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# Five Million Jobless, Report Of Census Bureau Indicates

### **CCNY Students Keep Ranks Firm** In Protest Strike

By Arthur Kent

NEW YORK, April 14 - Students at the College of the City of New York today ended the third day of their strike despite vicious police intimidation. This strike comes on the heels of a previous sit-down in CCNY last Fall and a walkout of Walton High School girls in the Bronx only a few weeks ago.

The issue behind the present CCNY walkout is clear cut. Two teachers, Prof. Knickerbocker and Mr. Davis, have been accused of racial prejudice by students and by other faculty members. Four years ago, Knickerbocker was brought to trial before the Board of Education on the charge of anti-Semitism but was acquitted. However the Hart Anti-Discrimination Committee of the New York City Council investigated the case and upheld the accusations. The CCNY administration has nevertheless permitted Knickerbocker to continue to teach.

Davis was brought up on trial before a faculty committee some time ago on the charge of discrimination against Negroes. The however, re-appointed him as an instructor, with a substantial wage increase.

In reply to these shenanigans, the students have demanded the suspension of both Knickerbocker and Davis until a new and definiministration ignored this demand. ballots for a strike.

The strike began Monday. word. Strike headquarters were set up Johnson

The wealthy monopolies can afford to toss their workers onto the street, and wait until "surpluses" are used up. Meanwhile, the "fair trade laws" are u

sale of blood by students. orderly except where the police blinded by factionalism. themselves used violence to break It "throws the spotlight on certain practices

> The demonstration on Wednes-New York dailies, who in line publicly call for such support. with their policy of misrepresentwas crumbling.

to prevent you from getting those rare bargains. days unless their demands are did not even support the motion meeting of representatives of all the full meaning of this ex-Maybe they'll just boycott the little offenders, and granted. Among the many signifi- on the floor. Moreover, none of local unions in the city to take perience, to arouse the labor drive them out of business. In any case, they've cant unions and community or the well-known Stalinist union action to halt the company-AFL movement to the growing menace given us further proof of what The Militant has always explained: only the monopolists are free dent strike are the Teachers gave any public support to the Fawick strikers. Branch of the NAACP.

Strikebreaking in Cleveland



A scene from the strike at the Fawick Airflex Plant, which was finally broken by a court decree, holding strike leaders in two million dollars bail and banning all picketing at the plant.

continue to view the economic sag with "cautious optimism," the July. The number of totally unemployed was given at 3,167,000 - a figure based almost exclusively on the number of workers seeking or obtaining unemployment compensation during the

The Bureau issued another very significant figure, however. It reported that a sample seven-day survey in March disclosed that of the 571/2 millions listed as employed, 21% or 11,914,000, have been reduced to less than 35 hours work per week, with corresponding reductions in take-home pay.

#### AMONG THE "EMPLOYED"

Workers who work only one day, or even one hour, per week are listed as "employed." And of the nearly 12 million listed as only partially employed, the report admits, 1,816,000 did not work at all. They were listed in the employed column because they were laid off for less than a month, were due to report to a new job within a month, etc.

Thus, the number of FULL-TIME workers last month was only 45,734,000, according to the Census Bureau, and not the 57,-647,000 most newspapers implied when they failed to publish the

own figures shows that the numcold statistics on employment is- ber of totally unemployed in any sued by the U. S. Census Bureau given week in March was close to, reveal a far from rosy picture. if not well over 5,000,000. If to On April 8, the Bureau reported this figure is added those ad-57,647,000 persons employed in mitted by the government to be March, a 4 million drop from last only partially employed we have a truly staggering total: Almost 16 million American workers now out of jobs entirely or working from one to four days of a regular five-day week.

These figures, taken from conservative government sources, pear out the contention of the CIO United Electrical Workers that the number of unemployed has been greatly underestimated in the statements of government officials. The UE's charges have been attacked by Washington and the capitalist press, which simply claim that the UE is "communist" - that is, Stalinistdominated - and therefore anything it says is not to be accepted as accurate.

#### CLAIM AND COUNTER-CLAIM

Government spokesmen and the American Big Business press have been denouncing the Moscow press for its article on April 8 stating that there are at least 5 million unemployed in this country and that lay-offs are increasing. Will Lissner in the April 9N. Y. Times purports to examine the figures published by the Moscow paper Trud and concludes that "some statistics were manipulated."

As an example Lissner claims that "Trud's estimate of railroad inemployment [in the U.S.] at 100,000 is 50% exaggerated" and that anyway railroad dismissals were related to the coal stoppage" last month. But a Feb. 13 survey of the Associated Pressmore than a month before the miners' two-week strike-reported the number of railroad unem-Stalinists were well satisfied with Council, stated that the UE had ployed at 100,000 and related this

> A N. Y. Times article from tives have asked the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to discuss the unemployment problem and admits that this question can "cause maximum embarrassment" to the U.S. and its allies. The Kremlin lies a lot about claim in this instance.

## Employment Service, told the conference that it this trial and Davis was removed this trial and Davis was removed the practice of "most employers" to refuse to him not only those in their fifties but "even had held CCNV President Wright to him not only those in their fifties but "even had held CCNV President Wright to him not only those in their fifties but "even had held CCNV President Wright to him not only those in their fifties but "even had held CCNV President Wright to him not only those in their fifties but "even had held CCNV President Wright to him not only those in their fifties but "even had held CCNV President Wright to him not only those in their fifties but "even had held CCNV President Wright" the him not only those in their fifties but "even had held CCNV President Wright" the him to had held CCNV President Wright the him to had held CCNV Pre **Held on 2-Million Bond**

(Continued from page 1) AFL and CIO bureaucracies

and the Stalinists. The Student Council of the upneither the CIO Council nor its the company, the AFL and the mistakes of the leaders of UE plains that the Soviet representatown college buildings held a officers took any stand in supreferendum on the question of port of the Fawick workers. Even strike action last Friday. An in the face of the open strikeoverwhelming majority cast their breaking of the AFL, they chose not to move a finger or say a

meographed leaflets used in the that the Stalinists were reaping to support the strike and save a strike. A functioning organization the ripe harvest of their ten CIO local from being smashed by of Strike Committee, supervisors, years of domination of the Clevepicket captains and pickets was land CIO movement. During this Fitzmaurice is an anti-Stalinist soon established. Finances for ten-year period, they did every-leader of the big General Electric the strike came from the Student thing to break down labor Council treasury and through the solidarity and to raise up against themselves the type of opposition Contrary to press and police now in top CIO leadership reports, the strike has been ignorant, red-baiting elements

The behavior of the Stalinists up mass picketing and to prevent in the strike, in the face of ofthe use of public address systems. ficial CIO abstention, is extremely suspicious. At no time did the day, as big as the one on the first leaders of the strike contact the day, disproved the claims of the CIO Council for support, nor

ing the strike, reported that it Stalinists are very influential, it CIO, long known as a militant, their leaders. was an anti-Stalinist militant anti-Stalinist local, introduced a The students plan to continue who introduced a motion calling motion calling upon the officers this may not be the last one. The their strike after the Easter holi- for CIO backing. The Stalinists of the CIO Council to convene a task of the militants is to explain ganizations supporting the stu- officials in the CIO movement strikebreaking and support the of strikebreaking injunctions and Union, Local 555, and the Harlem strike or called upon the CIO to

One can only conclude that the | Malley, President of the CIO courts to smash a CIO local.

clear-cut position on the Fawick the question. local here.

a turning point in the strike. But many other unions. was too little to change the situation since no one else in the CIO responded.

#### AUTO COUNCIL

speak for the motion. Pat O'- genuine left-wing.

the situation where they were not asked for support. Delegate to "a decline in business." acting like militant fighters while Frazer of Local 337 replied that Throughout the Fawick strike, the Murray leadership permitted regardless of the motives or the Geneva, datelined April 7, com-Local 735, it was the duty of the CIO leadership to take action to defend any CIO Local under such In the ent're labor movement an attack and that factional cononly one prominent leader took siderations should not enter into

nothing.

Thus, the leaders of the Cleveland labor movement have permitted a strike to be smashed His support created a sensa- and a terrible precedent to be set tion for one day and it looked like which will surely be used against

The breaking of the Fawick strike has aroused the ranks of the labor movement, CIO and AFL, as nothing has done in years. CIO workers are becoming The only other public support increasingly aware of the need from any source came from the of a genuine left wing. AFL Cleveland Auto Council. Here a workers in the shops are shocked In the Auto Council, where the delegate from Local 337, UAW- and dismayed by this action of

The lesson has been costly and jurisdictional warfare, and to No Stalinist took the floor to work toward the building of a

#### First Results of the **New Rent Law**

When Truman signed the new rent "control" law, he said that it would give "more effective protection for tenants" than the old law.

But in the first week after the new law went into effect, Housing Expediter T. Woods had removed federal rent ceilings from about 148,000 rental units in 27 states, and that was only the beginning.

Truman's Housing Expediter ish't even waiting for local and state governments to exercise their "option" under the law to decontrol rents in their own

## **Notes from the News**

THE TRUTH IS "SUBVERSIVE" - Rep. John E. Rankin wants Drew Pearson banned from the air because he broadcast the fact that ex-Secretary of Defense Forrestal, who is now in a hospital, "is out of his mind and apparently has been partly so for some weeks." Pearson thinks it would be wise to "review" some of the important decisions made by Forrestal during his last weeks in office, when he already "was not completely in his right mind."

LORA ALBRO ILL - Lora Albro of Flint, Mich., long an ardent supporter of The Militant, underwent a serious operation recently. Lora is the mother of Genora Dollinger of Flint and Bea Allen of Detroit. Friends can write her at the Hurley Hospital in Flint, where she is now convalescing. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery,

MORE ON LOCAL 302 - The AFL has petitioned the NLRB for an election at the New Kensington ALCOA plant where bargaining rights are now held by Local 302, CIO United Steelworkers of America. If an NLRB election is held, Local 302 will not be on the ballot because the USA has not signed the "non-communist" affidavit. (The history of this local, now under receivership by an appointee of Philip Murray, was reported in last week's Militant.)

"FAIR DEAL" FOR WHOM? - "The 'Fair Deal' is turning out to be fair only to American Tent sharks, race-baiters, slave-drivers, thoughtcontrollers and munition makers," according to a legislative committee report unanimously adopted by UE Local 103 at the RCA Camden plant. \* \* \*

VERN SMITH'S APPEAL - The U. S. Supreme Court has received the appeal of Vern from the opposite point of view, asked that General MacArthur It came into existence partly be-Smith, convicted of "contempt" for refusing to be sworn before the Tenney Committee, California's legislative witch-hunt body. Smith, former editor of the Daily People's World, was expelled from the Communist Party some time ago. Smith's appeal to the Supreme Court contends the Tenney Committee is unconstitutional. His defense is endorsed by the SWP.

CHRISTIANITY AND CHILDREN - Archbishop Richard J. Cushing, of the Boston Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, last week denounced proposed federal legislation for increased child welfare as a "dangerous step toward the 'slave state' we deplore so much abroad and fear so much at home." He also urged the defeat of federal public health insurance legislation on the same grounds.

CONSISTENT ANYHOW - Upton Singlair, the novelist who supported the first and second world wars, is lined up for the third as well. eign policy resolution a clause The greatest hope for a continuation of our civilization lies in the Atlantic Pact supported by free countries and other free people," he said in happens. The convention over- were Harvey Brown of the IAM, Republican - Southern Democratic ing board for pressure politics denial of a Russian claim that he was friendly ruled the chair and deleted the A. F. Whitney of the BRT and coalition in Congress. to the Soviet Union.

"should" be barred.

strategy."

The convention supported the wanted, to knock totalitarian convention declared. Portugal out of the setup. When they were told that would disor- elected ADA chairman and Govganize the whole alliance, they ernor Chester Bowles, Senator against the Stalinists. Its first State Department not to try to Paul A. Porter and Franklin D. ram things down our throats."

#### FOREIGN POLICY

A motion that the U.S. pull out of Greece unless democratic reforms are put into effect forthwith was defeated by a close vote. The chair then ruled out of order a motion to delete from the forto the effect that "we can't pull Laurin and Arnold Zander. out of Greece" no matter what clause from the resolution.

merely says discrimination the resolution a demand that no in 1947 as an anti-Stalinist, tween the capitalist politicians tion can let off steam. A group of Southern - white until they cease their imperialist union officials, capitalist poli- ADA policy toward the Demo- other hand, already tend to think delegates attacked the resolution attacks on Indonesia. They also ticians and liberal intellectuals. cratic Party. trying unsuccessfully to knock out be recalled from Japan and cause of the break with the Stalthe FEPC demand as "poor denounced the policies of the inists and partly because Truman U. S. generals in Germany.

Atlantic Pact, but many delegates the fascist regime in Spain," the ward-moving administration. Senator Humphrey was re-

elected to the national board.

ADA board are James Carey, the 1948 Democratic platform. Allen Haywood, Walter Reuther, John Green and Emil Rieve.

AFL officials on the board include David Dubinsky, Sal Hoff- federal patronage and enabled

a few liberals variously occupied. A behind-the-scene dispute oc- ties, and as a place where union

The delegates next added to | The ADA was launched early curred here at the convention be- members eager for political acwas then cleaning the few remain-"We unequivocally condemn ing New Dealers out of his right-

Report on the ADA Chicago Convention

#### HISTORY OF ADA

For a year and a half ADA vote-hungry Northern Democratic CIO officials elected to the Taft-Hartley repeal planks into candidates.

Truman's surprise victory wept several ADA'ers into public office, gave them a slice of the from the ADA. All union memman, John Eklund, B. F. Mc- ADA to recruit a few thousand ADA have joined as individuals. new members. Then they ran into Also elected to the ADA board the present road block of the look upon the ADA as a sound-

further aid be given the Dutch peoples - front type coalition of and the union officials concerning

BEHIND-SCENES DISPUTE

Efforts by the Democratic politicians to have ADA enter the Democratic Party were rebuffed. A counter-demand that ADA make no general commitment of support to the Democratic Party was vigorously opposed on the concentrated entirely on the fight ground that it would put ADA's described by Murray D. Lincoln, Democratic officeholders on the president of the Cooperative replied, "OK! That will teach the Frank Graham, Leon Henderson, big political break came when the spot. The convention adopted a compromise pledging cooperation when he declared, "We may not Roosevelt, Jr., were among those big-city machines lined up with with the Democratic Party but ADA to write civil rights and retaining the right to back other don't want to go back where

The CIO and AFL officials have kept the PAC and LEPL committees entirely separated bers and officers belonging to The top union officials tend to

inside the capitalist political par-

Many rank and filers, on the of ADA as a party. In the Commission on Organization, which was left pretty much in the hands of the Jimmy Higgins workers, they talked about the need to construct ADA along party organizational lines

The spirit of the ADA rank and file was quite accurately League, who received a big hand know where we're going, but we we've been.'

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