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## Special Report Attacks on Democratic Rights From China on The Civil War

The Civil War (The following is a report by the Political Committee of the Revolutionary Communist Party, Chinese section of the Fourth International.)

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SOMEWHERE IN SOUTHERN CHINA, April 5 — The present situation in China is dominated by three outstanding he will be able to make a come-

- 1. The spectacular victories of the Stalinist - controlled peasant
- corruption and disintegration of

the Kuomintang regime.

demoralization, paralysis and compromise. To be sure, the disorganization of the city working class.

tribute not so much to its own cupied cities that Mao Tse-tung strength as to the abysmal corruption of Chiang's arch-reactionary rule. The great military debacle coincided with economic Tito Says Czech bankruptcy which in turn caused both Chiang Kai-shek and Mao Tse-tung, as well as the soberest revolutionists who were ever mindful of the threatening catastrophe which was enveloping the dominated Czech government old regime.

with the rout of the Kuomintang tegic materials to the Greek campaign in the Suchow campaign where all the military advantages abetting them in the Greek civil were on Chiang's side. But his army was corroded through and through, the top command pervaded with corruption and the ranks undermined by the deepest demoralization. The final blow came as Madame Chiang was turned away empty handed after Stalinists agreed to add to the a frigid reception at the White list aluminum, automobiles and House, Without American gold, trucks. In addition, Politika the strings of Chiang's regime began to unravel, and his undercover opponents, the warlords, maize and 2,000 cubic meters of cliques, began to turn against from Bulgaria on the plea that

### CHIANG'S WITHDRAWAL

and by rising rebellion in the ously denounced Tito's regime southwestern provinces, Chiang for engaging in trade negotiations for a brief moment assumed the with the Athens government. role of dove of peace. But the five Belgrade has flatly denied this conditions he offered as a basis and capped its denial by the for negotiations were a transpar- foregoing exposure, which has ent effort to gain a breathing yet to be disproved. spell and were deservedly rejected | It is nothing new for the by Yenan. Under the pretext of Kremlin to accuse its opponents a leave of absence, Chiang quit of the crimes it commits itself. the capital, but from behind the Stalin did not hesitate to ship scenes he is still trying to hold oil to Mussolini when the Italian the strings of Chinese politics in fascists were engaged in the rape his hands, hoping that tomorrow of Ethiopia.

hen the Kuomintang reshuffled 2. The bottomless bankruptcy, its cabinet in the hope of getting a breathing spell, Mao Tse-tung proclaimed his eight-point pro-3. The political indifference, gram, the basis for another rotten 'liberating army' is consolidating its positions and threatening to It is universally recognized cross the Yangtze. But it is clear among the Chinese people that from all the broadcasts and prothe surprising victories of the clamations from Yenan and from Stalinist peasant armies are a the Stalinist actions in the oc-

The Belgrade newspaper Polimonarchists and thus aiding and

Under the original 1947 trade agreement, the Czechs supplied the Athens government with machinery, textiles, chemical and timber. When this pact was extended to August 1949, the Czech charges, they diverted to the Athens government 2,000 tons of militarists and political wood which they had obtained these goods were needed to pay

Confronted by internal collapse | Czechs in particular had previ-

## **VIDEO STATION CUTS OFF WEISS CIVIL RIGHTS DEBATE**

By J. Blake

LOS ANGÈLES, April 23 -The television broadcast "Viewpoint Unlimited' was abruptly cut off after sixteen lively minutes last Sunday. The debate in which Myra T. Weiss, Chairman of the Los Angeles Local of the cast had been stopped. Socialist Workers Party, participated apparently was not

### Next Week:

Another exclusive dispatch from China, presenting the program and perspectives of the Chinese Trotskyists.

Colvin R. De Silva, member of the Ceylon Parliament and leader of the Ceylon Trotskyists, tells why he was barred from being a delegate at the Stalinist-dominated "World Peace Congress" in Paris.

Art Preis continues his ana; lysis of Bernard Baruch's extremely revealing article on Washington's plans for permanent regimentation of the American people.

And coming soon will be the first of a series of articles by Grace Carlson on the health plans being offered by various

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proceeding to the liking of the management of KFI-TV.

"The management has decided the subject is too delicate for discussion on the air," was the official reason given all those who telephoned to ask why the broad-

The topic of the debate, "Should the 'ism' parties be outlawed," was soon modified by author Oliver Carlson and his red-baiting colleague, who stated that the Communist Party should be outlawed, no others, since it alone is responsible to a foreign gov ernment.

Comrade Weiss, arguing the negative, emphasized two points: that the current drive of the government is not against the 'ism' parties alone, but against the civil rights of all who oppose the administration; and that the Communist Party consists not only of misleaders of the working class who follow Stalin's false policies, but also of thousands of workers who sincerely and mainly seek some way out

of the "mess of capitalism." Her "colleague," a young law student at the University of California, threw the debate into spokesmen for the ruling capital- Britsh imperialism. an uproar when he became horrified at the thought that he might directly or indirectly appear to be on the side of "anyone Britain and the United States. defending communism." He was much less concerned about the

back a la De Gaulle. At this most critical juncture. (Continued on page 2)

## an irreparable disorganization of the regime itself. Events moved Government Abets with such suddenness and rapidity as to catch all sides by surprise,

tika carried on April 21 a detailed account of how the Stalinistsince August 1947 has been sup-The fatal turning point came plying large quantities of stra-

## Model' Repressive Law Adopted by Maryland

Make Yourself at Home

state government was signed on guise of attacking the Commun- fice, and all public employees, went into effect the same day. the Maryland law does not name to mandatory "loyalty" investiga- bership meetings that the Na- nesses, Howard Rushmore, ex-Free State.

This new law, entitled "Sedition and Subversive Activities," is of especial significance not merely because of its severity and semi-fascist content, but because it is being hailed by anti-labor and reactionary elements as a 'model" for the other states and the federal government.

### COMBINES THE WORST

The Ober Act, named after Frank B. Ober, a Baltimore lawyer who headed the governor's commission that drafted the bill, was drawn up with the aid of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the FBI. Its principal provisions are

patterned on the Smith "Gag" against the Socialist Workers Party and the CIO truckdrivers in Minneapolis; Truman's "loyal-Nixon Bill which was reintroago. It is also a compendium of

terms "seditious" and "subpenalties for anyone convicted of to "believe" they are engaging in such activities. Any organization is defined as

"subversive" which advocates the "alteration" of the existing form of government by "revolution," force or violence. The law also defines a "foreign subversive organization." This is one which is controlled either directly or "indirectly" by a foreign government and which advocates the "alteration" of the existing government by any means whatever.

### HARSHEST PENALTIES

Anyone convicted of advocating or "teaching" such views or Act of 1940, which Roosevelt knowingly "supporting" in any signed and first used in 1941 way either a domestic or foreign "subversive" organization is liable to a \$20,000 fine and 20 years in prison. These are the ty" purge order; and the Mundt- harshest penalties of any law of its type-there are now more duced into Congress several weeks than 150 on state and federal statute books-except the federal similar laws enacted previously espionage and treason law, whose penalties range from a \$10,000 Unlike many other state "sedi- fine to death.

'subversives" yet enacted by any generally repressive intent under of all candidates for elective of-April 22 by Governor Lane and ist (Stalinist) Party by name, including teachers, are subject tions. Teachers and other public tional Council resolution and Daily Worker reporter and now a series of activities which it employees may be fired, without amendments had been drawn up red-hunting specialist for the their guilt being proved, merely versive" and provides savage if there are "reasonable grounds"

Gray

#### **GI Jobless Benefits** To End on July 25

Most of the 15,000,000 veterans will lose their eligibility for unemployment benefits under the GI Bill of Rights after July 25. After that date -unless Congress changes the law-only veterans discharged since July 25, 1947, will be eligible for GI jobless aid.

This prospect faces most of the veterans as unemployment is rising at the fastest pace in 11 years. Not less than 5 million workers are totally unemployed, while another 12 million have been reduced to parttime employment.

The GI Bill of Rights grants unemployed veterans up to \$20 weekly for 52 weeks. Up to now only 1,038,000 have completely exhausted their

CIO National Maritime Union in the largest ports on the east coast have gone on record against the proposal of the union's National Council to scuttle the nondiscrimination clause in the NMU

In the port of New York, the ountry, the NMU membership adopted a resolution condemning the National Council proposals by a vote of 1,535 to 97. This was followed by similar action in Philadelphia which voted 325 to B; Boston, 351 to 0; and Balti-

The proposals of the National Council in the form of amendments to the NMU constitution are to be submitted to a 30-day referendum vote of the entire nembership beginning on May . These amendments would require that all members "affirm, in writing, that they are not members of the Communist Party or of any other subversive totalitarian organization."

In addition to the yellow-dog program of the Communist Party alleged subversive activities at or any other subversive or totali- the University of Chicago and at tarian doctrine."

It was disclosed at the memby the union's attorney and were Hearst press, demanded inclusive, language so deceptive and ambiguous, that any critic expelled as a "subversive."

### OPPOSING AMENDMENTS

police regime under the pretext of combatting "totalitarian sub-Caucus slate which ousted the Stalinists in the last election, signed and circulated a statement opposing the yellow dog amend-

Under the union constitution the National Council proposals perts indicates that the NMU membership is prepared to resist worked." the red-baiting hysteria.

## Largest Branches Chicago Educators Challenge In NMU Condemn Witch-Hunt; 105 Aid Kutcher

One hundred and five University of Chicago faculty members joined in a public statement this week

tion and thought to the legless veteran James Kutcher. Almost every department of this leading Midwest university was represented among the signers argest shipping center in the to an appeal on Kutcher's behalf sponsored by Dr. Harold C. Urey, Nobel Prize winner and director of the War Research Atomic Bomb Project, with four other famous scientists and scholars on the Chicago campus.

The 105 educators declared that administrative agencies, using procedures which lend themselves to arbitrary action, should be subject to control both by public criticism and by judic al review.' They demand that Kutcher be granted the full and fair public hearing he asked, and record their agreement with the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee. This forthright affirmation of

he democratic rights involved n Kutcher's case by so large and distinguished a group of pro-SWEEPING AND DECEPTIVE fessors is especially noteworthy in view of attempts being made affidavit the amendments would by Illinois witch-hunters to stifle subject to expulsion "any per- free speech and ban progressive sons who subscribe to, support, ideas from the universities in sponsor or otherwise follow a that state. This past week the course of action consistent with State Legislature's Seditious Acand demonstrating membership tivities Investigation Commission in or adherence to the policy and held hearings in Springfield on Roosevelt College. One of the Commission wit-

so full of lawyers' double-talk, Professor Urey be barred from provisions so sweeping and all- further work on atomic projects because of connections with organizations arbitrarily designated cr opponent could be summarily by the U. S. Attorney General as subversive. He also attacked two other well-known initiators of the Kutcher statement, Prof. The revulsion against this Malcolm P. Sharp and Prof. attempt to establish a totalitarian Anton J. Carlson. Their statement on the Kutcher case answers the witch - hunters by pointing out versives," was immediate and that the doctrines of "guilt by effective. Twenty-four officials in association" and "subversion." the port of New York who were arbitrarily defined by administraon the Rank & File tive officials, "create a frightening atmosphere that cuts the nerve of independent thinking."

Testifying before the Commission on April 21, Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins of the Illinois witch-hunters. University of Chicago staunchly defended academic freedom against the witch-hunters. He must go to a referendum vote, said the university did not bethe largest and most decisive association" and declared that "the policy of repression of ideas cannot work and never has

The following day Dr. E. J

# protesting the denial of genuine freedom of associa-

Sparling, President of Roosevelt College, Chicago, upheld the right of Albert Einstein and Thomas Mann, members of his college advisory board, "to join, as their conscience dictates, organizations the purpose of which their understanding leads them to accept," despite their blacklisting by the Attorney General. When one of the hired inquisitors, J. B. Matthews, asked: "Does freedom of speech mean you must provide a man (like Gerhart Eisler, the

radio microphone? "Not necessarily," replied Dr. Sparling, "but freedom of students to hear all sides does."

Stalinist) with a platform or a

## **Heartening Signs** In the Fight for **Civil Liberties**

An Editorial -

Heartening signs of growing resistance to the witch-hunt are beginning to appear. This past week has seen two significant challenges raised against those who would stifle free speech and free thought in

America.

tions of higher learning, the University of Chicago, 105 leading professors and educators have dared to stand up and be counted among the true defenders of civil liberties. They have attached their names publicly, in the midst of a "subversive" probe of their own institution, to a statement in defense of James Kutcher, the legless veteran fired from his government job for membership in the Socialist Workers Party. At the same time, the heads of the University of Chicago and Roosevelt College have courageously upheld academic freedom against the And in the trade unions, a

new fresh wind has begun to blow. By an overwhelming but the opposition expressed in lieve in "the doctrine of guilt by majority, the rank and file members of the National Maritime Union in New York Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, have condemned the proposal of their National Council to introduce the witchhunt and "loyalty" purge into the NMU by constitutional amendment. This action by the members of the NMU is especially significant because they are so strongly anti-Stalinist. They have shown they know the difference between "the cold war has thrust us into fighting Stalinism as an antilabor tendency and giving support to policies aimed at des-States is "trying to spend its troying the principles of trade union democracy. These two events are a wel-

come beginning-but they must not remain only a beginning. The forces of reaction are driving unitedly on every front, in every sphere of American life, to reduce all thought and expression to the level of the police-state mind. The defense of democratic rights must likewise be waged relentlessly on every front by the united efforts means more than a catch-word.

# Baruch's Plan for Permanent Regimentation

By Art Preis

Winston Churchill visited these shores. His host was Bernard M. Baruch, whom the capitalist press "America's Elder States-Their meeting at that precise moment in history-the conclusion of the greatest mili- the press represents as a meltary alliance of all time-was no mere coincidence.

Although neither holds any formal governmental authority, sions and decisions at which they policy-makers and political the guiding line of American and ists of their respective countries. They are, each in his own way, the real war leaders of Great

Just before the signing of the White House, for he is the master North Atlantic Pact last month, strategist of American imperial-

> Parliament, and Baruch, whom lowed political philosopher holding office on park benches. But is war. we do know the general conclu-

DECISION MADE

in a programmatic article by too widely publicized to need Our Future?" — in the April 23 consequences of a decision alserved as chief adviser to the the problem of the future of our imperialism.

presidents in two world wars. society, Baruch indicates the No man has freer access to the course American capitalism proposes to travel. "Decision, decision, decision

l cannot stress its necessity too, We may never know the exact strongly. All business is now on words exchanged between Chur- a fear-to-fear basis," exclaims chill, who formally is merely a Baruch. That decision is a definileader of the Tory opposition in tive answer to the all-dominant question: War or peace? and that decision has been made, Baruch's article makes clear as crystal. It

The purpose of the Baruch statement is not to argue in they are actually the leading arrived-decisions which are now favor of this decision, nor even to make explicit that this decision has already been made, for war preparations must ever be masked in "peace" phraseology. It is his These conclusions are embodied purpose to lay out the line of propaganda to prepare the Ameri-The role of Churchill has been Bernard M. Baruch - "What of can people to accept the inevitable possibility of losing the debate comment here. As for Baruch, Saturday Evening Post. In his ready arrived at in the secret to those who would restrict civil the Wall Street speculator, he has article, under the guise of posing councils of American and British tionary changes in our habitual



BERNARD M. BARUCH

First of all, Baruch defines the cause of the jitters spread- how long - without wrecking through the country" as "the absence of peace." It is not with us?" 'generally appreciated" by the American people "what revoluways are being forced by our

We are, in fact, in "a continuous state of near-war" and an around-the-clock twilight, with no telling where peace begins, where war ends." The United way out" of this "twilight" state with a huge military budget and enormous foreign expenditures. "Yet, although taxes exact one

> cans earn, and grave domestic needs in health, education and housing are neglected, nowhere have we achieved a decision in the peace-making," says Baruch. "How much can we do-and for ourselves and taking the world There is no peace. Baruch in

out of every four dollars Ameri-

forms us, in an echo of The Militant's first headline after V-J of all to whom civil liberties (Continued on Page 2)

## A Special Report from China Militant Fund Still Lags

is trying to come to power and set up a factory committee city workers.

#### UNDER THE STALINISTS

What is happening in "lib-May, land reform was formally taken off the agenda. Under the new Stalinist policy, struggle for division of the land in newly owner. liberated areas is prohibited, con-strike broke out for the simple the landlord and "excesses" are conomic demand of equal treatfiscated land is to be restored to to be severely punished. In formerly liberated sections the crushed by the Stalinists and peasants are to decide for themselves whether to retain the seized firing squad. land or to return it to the former

agricultural level."]

eign industry and trade and was accompanied by a series of decisions legalizing a longer working

#### MILITANTS MURDERED

When the "liberating army" occupied the cities, all the old were preserved intact. But Stalinist "political workers" spare no suppress any spontaneous proletarian action. From a worker, just escaped from Tsinan (capital of the Shantung province), we learn of this horrible incident:

**KUTCHER RECEIVES SUPPORT** 

FROM MANY DIVERSE GROUPS

from widely separated points of on Kutcher's behalf.

in the fight of James Kutcher physical disability."

Greetings of solidarity and ex- gional director Charles Fischer,

against political discrimination of the Kutcher Civil Rights Com-

came to James Kutcher last week mittee endorsing the campaign

through a short-cut of maneuvers to control production. They were with the capitalists and not immediately visited by a Stalinthrough a solid revolutionary ist political worker who demanded alliance between the peasants and to know who was responsible for this action. The workers replied that they had decided in common to liberate themselves. He then insisted that the committee men erated" China? A series of the follow him to headquarters. There most abominable crimes are being they were chained together and committed in the name of the led to a courtyard where they revolution. As far back as last were massacred wholesale by a firing squad. The factory was then returned to the frightened

In another factory where a ment, the strike was brutally three strikers stood up before a

In Tientsin, second largest in dustrial center in China, a great This information is confirmed strike occurred immediately after by excerpts from the most recent the Stalinist military governproclamation of Mao and General ment was established. The strik-Chu Teh (N. Y. Times, April 27). ers demanded an eight-hour day Feudal land ownership, they say, and a reasonable increase in must be eliminated "only after wages. To their astonishment preparations stage - by stage." they were answered by a savage Furthermore, "reduction of rent proclamation in which the Staland interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and interest should be carried out inist military authorities decreed and initiative authorities are also and an analysis first and land distribution later." a longer working day — ten solini's corporate control. There Yugoslav rebel, he is now nurtur- las thus far prevented this op-Meanwhile peasants should "at- instead of eight — a 25% wage is not the slightest change of ing a 100% pro-Moscow force in position from finding organized tempt to maintain the present cut and the establishment of ah arbitration board which eliminat- trila centers. A decision was also adopted ed at one stroke the limited rights protecting native as well as for- which even the Kuomintang had of "revolution" — a "revolution" equipped and trained in Man- workers will provide a solid not dared suppress.

tion of the workers' demands in reasant movement is being be- step taken by Moscow was, the party and the working class as a Mao's eight-point peace program. trayed and the peasant army is appointment of Li Li-san, a die- whole. Hrein lies the perspective and cutting wages to a level even Not the eight-hour day for which being transformed into a reachard tool of the Kremlin and for the growth and development lower than under the Kuomintang. the Chinese workers have fought tionary bourgeois instrument for Mao's old bitter enemy, to head of Chinese Trotskyism, the Revohai workers; nor the freedom to the Chinese revolution. organs of the Kuomintang regime strike, assemble, etc., although rumors are current in Kuomin- is knocking at the doors of there was undoubtedly some extang areas that these rights are Shanghai, China's greatest inpains to hunt down and ruthlessly heing trampled upon by the Stal-dustrial center, the proletariat

#### "PRODUCTION CONTROL"

led by the Kuomintang, called than by the victories of the Stal-As the "liberating army" ap- "bureaucratic capital," we re inist armies. Of all the turbulent proached, the workers in his simply transferred to Stalinist struggles, not one occurred as a factory instinctively undestood military authorities. They have positive, enthusiastic political that it was time to liberate them- promised that private stocks in reaction to the Stalinist selves. They drove out the boss the nationalized enterprises will victories. Indeed, it offers a

pressions of support in his fight wrote to the Pittsburgh section vague radical sentiments are

### Chinese Students Ask Peace



More than 6.000 students in Nanking's schools demonstrated for peace just before the renewal of warfare in China. A few days later Nanking had been taken by the Stalinist forces.

Although the "liberating army" remains indifferent, cool and full of doubt. The sporadic, spontaneous economic strikes were caused Enterprises formerly control- more by the unbearable inflation woeful contrast with the revolution of 1925-1927 when the Shanghai workers greeted the northern expeditionary army with an insurrection. The epidemic of disillusionment has spread to Peiping, penetrating the consci-

ousness of the intellectuals whose

## branded as "infantile leftism."

Chinese Stalinism is now at the the compass and diverse political "The Progressive Party has always opposed the use of any zenith of its strength after 20 by the government because of his In a letter from abroad Danish arbitrarily composed list of or- years of vicissitudes. But the political beliefs. and Swedish Trotskyists sent ganizations as a measure of a closer it comes to power, the more The local president, Paul Jentionary socialist greetings man's loyalty to his country," it concentrates within its own nings, thanked the legless vetto the legless veteran. "Danish the letter stated. "We know that ranks all the complex and un- cran for coming to tell his story. and Swedish comrades assembled already hundreds and soon thou- postponable problems of the whole Executive board members George for a mutual meeting in Malmo, sands of our country's most loyal nation. Today Mao Tse-tung is Butterick spoke on behalf of Sweden send you our best greet- citizens have suffered directly capitalizing as much as possible Kutcher before making a motion ings," their message read, "and and will suffer further from this upon the conflict between the of support for his fight. congratulate you on your valiant infamous betrayal of the prin- United States and the Soviet fight against the oppressors." | ciple of freedom of thought on Union and upon the great resent- | was by a leading Stalinist in the In a telegram to the Kutcher which our nation was built. The ment of the Chinese people to- local who did not attack Kutcher Civil Rights Committee the fifth case of Kutcher seems strikingly wards American imperialism.

national convention of the Work- unfortunate in view of his service ers Party expressed "its solidarity to the country and his resulting tung will be obliged to deal with civil liberties cases the Stalinists On the West Coast, Railroad savior to disentangle him from Jennings whether he was for or Workers Industrial Union No. 520 the multitudinous and almost in- against the local's giving aid to onslaught of the government of the IWW has condemned Kutcher's discharge and recommend- difficulties which his coming to 'I'm non-commital." ed to the IWW General Defense power will confront him with. He Committee that it take appro- will be attracted toward the orbit meeting, and the overwhelming

resistably than Tito.

be returned to the proprietors. A | Stalin is aware that China is rural areas. A large number of counterfeit system of production too big and too dangerous a Stailnist workers have been excontrol has been set up under a bomb for the Kremlin to play cuted with the aim of eliminating joint committee representing labor with. Basing himself on the fresh the specter of "Trotskyism." The property relations in the indus- Manchuria, General Lim Pio's political expression. But it is army, the elite of the Stalinist quite different in the industrial Here then is the Stalinist type armed forces, was especially centers where the well-organized led by the very people who fear churia under the auspices of the framework for a revolutionary

There was not a solitary ment it like death itself. The Chinese Kremlin. The most significant regrouping within the Stalinist from the beginning; nor the the suppression of the proletariat! Manchuria. While Lim Pio's forces lutionary Communist Party. "sliding scale of wages" which Herein is the core of the new were marching on Pieping and was partially won by the Shang- development in the tragedy of Tsientsin, a rumor circulated that

aggeration in the rumor, there How else explain why Liu Shiotse, organizer for the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, openly denied the existence of any Titoist tendencies in his party, reaffirming loyalty "international communism"?

It is obvious that Mao Tsethrough the excellent equipped

### Sperry UE Local **Votes Aid for Vet**

NEW YORK - A membership the UE-CIO voted \$200 to the annihilation may break out at Kutcher Civil Rights Committee after hearing James Kutcher describe how he was victimized

The only opposition expressed directly but blasted the officers Tomorrow this same Mao-Tse- for not participating in other foreign imperialism as his sole are interested in. When asked by soluble financial and economic the Kutcher fight, he answered,

Seven hundred attended the The Progressive Party of West- priate action to aid the veteran's of western imperialism more ir- majority voted in favor of the

#### 11% With 2 Weeks To Go army of Lim Pio and through the alert eyes of Li Li-san. The By Reba Aubrey threatening clash between Mao Tse-tung's nationalism and Stalin's pseudo-internationalism is only a distorted reflection of the

conflict between the interests of

those of the Soviet bureaucracy

representated by the malignant

Another inevitable conflict

within the Stalinist camp will be

cies are sporadically but in-

heory of Pan-Slavism.

INEVITABLE CONFLICTS

Campaign Manager With only two weeks more to

go, the \$7,500 Militant Fund campaign is 11% behind schedule as the oppressed Chinese people and this report goes to press, April 26. The national percentage was raised to 56 with payments from Socialist Workers Party branches and friends totaling \$1,318 for the week. The schedule calls for 67% at this date.

Los Angeles left the zero colproduced by the entry of the umn and hit the top in one leap. best proletarian elements into the "Enclosed is the check we prom-Stalinist movement. The more ised for our quota in the Militant brutally Mao enforces his anti- Fund - \$600," writes Myra Tanlabor policy, the deeper will be- ner Weiss. "Now we can proceed come the gulf between the top to clear up our regular obligations sureducracy and the rank and to the National Office. And since the comrades here are so anxious file within his own party in particular, and between the exploited to help the N. O. with dispatch, workers and his party in general. perhaps we can do that quickly

There is plenty of evidence to Allentown likewise jumped show that revolutionary tendenfrom the zero column to 100%. 'We wish we were able to do cessantly rising in the "liberated" more for the Fund," says Regina

> Akron squeezed out of the zero column with \$50 sent in by S. Harte. "It gives us great pleasure to enclose this sum toward our Militant Fund quota.'

> Milwaukee jumped from 1% to 53%. A. Williams says for the comrades of that branch: "We are happy to enclose \$76.50 as our first installment for the Militant Fund. We hope to raise the balance and more at our May Day Social.

"It's nice to be up near the top," comments Eloise B. of Pittsburgh. "We had assessed ourselves \$5 per head per employed comrade.

## **SCOREBOARD FOR MILITANT FUND**

#### Branch Morgantown Seattle Allentown 100 Los Angeles Youngstown Toledo Newark Flint Minneapolis 400 Baltimore 100 Boston 61 Pittsburgh Reading New York 2,000 Milwaukee Philadelphia New Britain St. Paul New Haven Worcester Buffalo San Francisco-Oakland St. Louis Lynn Chicago Akron Cleveland 22 Detroit Rochester 42 115 General \$7,500 Total through April 26

Now we hope to begin contacting ing these fund campaigns, the our friends. We are also counting 'Scoreboard' and the accompanyon raising some of our quota from ing notes is the first section of May 1 social. If the push comes | The Militant that we read, so we too slow, we can always assess ourselves again, though, of course, we prefer to have contacts paricipate in the fund raising."

They "are trying to reach 100%

A payment of \$27 from Flint raised that branch to 73% of its the way the pledges are being quota. Genora Dollinger says, We're driving hard to bring it the pledges represent a real sacup as high as possible.

will follow.' Jean P. of St. Paul mailed in \$45. "This pays us up 50% with of The Militant in Los Angeles, a couple of weeks to go, so I'm | contributed \$25 to the Militant sure we will make it."

\$10 with a promise that "more

"I am enclosing \$110 which will laid off. ly," writes Grace Carlson. "Dur- in \$5.

were grievously disappointed to find that our last check came in too late for the April 18 issue.

"It is a very humiliating thing Rose of Reading sent in \$13. to have the same old percentage two weeks in succession! Anyhow it won't happen again. . . We have been very favorably surprised by paid. Money is tight and most of rifice on the part of the comrades Oscar C. of St. Louis sent in making them. But they seem determined to do their duty by The Militant, even though it hurts."

Chris Andrews, an old friend Fund even though he has been

boost Minneapolis' percentage on | Cyril Z. of New York sent in the 'Scoreboard' quite substantial- | \$10 and John McB. of Seattle sent

## the quarrel between Lim and Mao had been aggravated. Although Baruch Plan for Permanent aggeration in the rumor, there was also some modicum of truth. How else explain why Liu Shioland dictatorship-even the "tem-

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of world powers is secured once what is most important is "that no illusions [about the North see." committed to resist aggression by every means, including war." "The trial may come" - that

is, the outbreak of world war through flagrant invasion or in the form of civil war" or over any number of immediate premeeting of Sperry Local 450 of texts. The total war of atomic any time and its outcome for imperialism "will hinge on how promptly we mobilize" for that conflict. Therefore, America must "be prepared to mobilize before war has begun."

America must be placed on a the day of Washington and era of "near war." It is the con- from his Government. . ." sequences this must have for the emphasis by Baruch.

the decision "to mobilize in ad- ing prop of world capitalism has opposite of our free, individual- alliance. These are only beginning istic ways. To the extent that we adjustments." war itself entails."

the regular and dominant preoc- stresses, the American people cupation of this country from now must now submit to a fundaon and the American people will mental alteration in their way of have to suffer regimentation and peacetime living. They must be the loss of freedom, material placed under material restrictions privations and sacrifice.

"Young men might have to be their civil liberties, their polidrafted while the rest of us tical activities "for the duraregistered at rationing boards. tion." The production of automobiles, trols instituted."

the traditional opposition of the of American imperialism — is American people to regimentation (elling us.

Day. And there will be no peace porary" restrictions of actual until a decision in the struggle war. "Many of these disciples were resisted during the last and for all, he continues. And war. . . . How much greater will be the temptation, when war has tung is being watched by Stalin the American people be left with not yet broken out, to wait and With consummate hypo-Atlantic Pact]. We already are crisy, Baruch bewails, "How poignant for a democratic people to be forced to embrace the regimentation they hate to pre-

serve the freedom they love!" How poignant, indeed, to embrace dictatorship in the name of democracy! The great dilemma of the American ruling class is that "in exorable continuity between war and peace, but our cherished 'American way' denies that continuity." This "American way"

must now go, alas. American im-

perialism no longer has the

luxury of time. This is no longer war-footing. M-Day-Mobilization Lincoln, when "war was apart Day-must be every day in this from peace, America apart from new and indefinitely prolonged the world; each American apart The collapse of capitalist ecotraditional "American way of nomy in Europe, the atomic bomb life" that is the point of special and "other ocean-shrinking weapons," the position of Ameri-He leaves no doubt as to what can capitalism as the sole remain-

vance of war" will mean for the meant that "we must alter our American people, particularly the most deeply ingrained traits. . working people. "Our most fear- Already draft boards are sitting ful torments," he says, "will rise for the first time in advance of from modern warfare's totali- war. The North Atlantic Pact is tarian image being the hideous a continuing, not temporary

are compelled to mobilize, we In short, American imperialism would have to accept the hateful is committed, as far in advance regimentations and denials which as anyone can see, to a condition of permanent war mobilization Mobilization for war is to be and war. To that end, as Baruch and regimented in their work,

What of Truman's promised television sets and other delights "Fair Deal" social reforms? might have to be curtailed; Emits | What of Roosevelt's "four freeimposed on prices, profits, wages; doms"? These are never to be taxes heavily increased and under capitalism. The decision for numerous other Government con- war has been made and the shackles on the American people But something stands in the are being forged. That is what way, he sadly relates. That is Baruch - the chief policy-maker

## THE MILITANT ARMY

Preparations of the various time and effort to get new subiccals and branches of the Social-scriptions than a year of two ago.

for Oakland, writes that 61 Mili- renewals, They usually mean tants were sold during the elec- several calls. Workers are antion campaign for Filomena Goel- ticipating layoffs. They are livman and hundreds distributed ing from pay check to pay check with "an introductory leaflet at- and don't have the money to lay tached." Comrade Leslie believes out immediately. Veterans living that "the stage is set for very good sales of literature in the housing are paying high rents near future. This week we will and installments on furniture. make our first attempt in a long Their budgets are tight as it is. time at getting the Fourth In- With rumors of lay-offs in the ternational and Militant on news- shops they can only think of the stands in the area surrounding meager unemployment checks the University of California ahead - not sufficient to pay the campus in Berkeley. From this rent, furniture installments and many new readers as it will be ditions mean real interest in The very difficult to pass up our 'new Militant." look' FI and Militant if they are Increased difficulty in getting in an accessible spot."

Rena Breschi, reports that a ing lay-offs is to cut down on subscription campaign is getting every possible expense. It requires under way there. First returns patience and persistence to conwere five renewals. S. Gordon, Literature Agent

renewals as the opening salvo in stage of the economic cycle worktheir sub campaign. "We find that ers begin to seek out publications we get a pretty good reception that tell them the truth about as far as repeats are concerned," conditions, give a basic explanahe says. "Our prize sub-getter, tion of the evils of capitalism and Comrade Franklin, batted 100% point the road out. The subscripfor the week and reported to the tions come more easily. branch that each edition is Meanwhile, it's a question of eagerly awaited by the sub fortitude and hard work. As holders. Renewals on the whole Pitsburgh's live-wire Literature ran about 50% which we consider Agent, Gerry Woolf, told us the pretty good. The big stumbling other day when he visited our block is new subs." Comrades in other areas also

eport that it requires far more subs."

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subs and renewals, writes: "There Louise Leslie, Literature Agent is increasing difficulty in getting attempt we expect to gain a great food bills. Subs under these con-

subs is a sign of the times. Many Boston's Literature Agent. workers' first reaction to threatenvince such subscribers that they can play a role as individuals in for Lynn, Mass., sent in three fighting mass lay-offs. At a later

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- Leon Trotsky, 1940



### The Trumanites Retreat Once More

No sooner did the House begin debate on the Truman-sponsored Lesinski bill to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act than the administration forces began to back-peddle and issue reports of their willingness to make major concessions to the Taft-Hartleyites.

The April 27 N. Y. Times lists four compromise proposals the Truman Democrats are preparing to offer in return for majorityvote on a bill bearing the administration's label. These are: stronger curbs on "national emergency strikes," presumably specific provisions for use of injunctions; continuation of the yellow-dog "non-communist" affidavits; continued limitations on closed shop agreements; and continued requirements for the filing of union financial reports.

Each one of these proposals would maintain, under the new label of the Lesinski bill, a basic anti-union policy of the Taft-Hartley Act. Together they would constitute a virtual restoration of the main provisions of the Slave Labor Law.

Even as it now stands, the Lesinski bill is a far cry from Truman's election promise of unconditional repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. It would replace the Taft-Hartley law with the Wagner Act so amended as to retain in principle the main premise of the Taft-Hartley Act — government intervention against the unions in strikes and prohibition of certain types of strikes. At the same time, Truman has declared his "inherent powers," without legislation, to use injunctions against strikes and Secretary of Labor Tobin has proposed a separate law to retain the yellow-

Certain it is, as The Militant predicted many weeks ago, the Truman Democrats are going to put up no real fight against Taft-Hartleyism. They already have the white flag unfurled, ready to run up to the top

And once more the union leaders give every indication of going along with the Trumanite betrayal of a key election promise, of minimizing and justifying the conduct of the administration. Once more, behind a verbal barrage aimed exclusively at the Republicans and Southern Democrats, they are shielding Truman and his political machine.

The unholy alliance between the top union bureaucrats and the Truman wing of the Democrats in the first four months of the 81st Congress has already led to retreats on civil rights and rent control. Dependence on Truman and his lieutenants will only lead to further debacles on labor legislation, health insurance and housing. Labor, as always, can depend only on its own independent strength, mobilized in united action, to win its

## "Guilt by Association"

The case of the Rev. Dr. John Howard Melish, whose dismissal as rector of Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church in Brooklyn Heights was upheld last week by New York Supreme Court Justice Steinbrink, involves one of the most vital issues of civil rights confronting the American people.

Dr. Melish was charged only with "guilt by association." After holding the pulpit in his church for more than 40 years) the 74year-old pastor was dismissed by Bishop James Pernette De Wolfe solely on the grounds that Dr. Melish's son, who had been his assistant for 10 years, engaged in "outside activities" deemed too "radical" by a minority of the congregation, particularly some of the more wealthy.

The judge who upheld the Bishop's order of dismissal, however, granted a ten-day stay of execution so that the contending parties might try to arrive at an agreement. The agreement offered the aged minister was that he could continue his pastorate — if he would get his son to resign and remove himself and his family from the rectory where they live with Dr. Melish.

With commendable principle, Dr. Melish indignantly rejected this proposition and chose rather to sit in the pews last Sunday. He issued a ringing statement in defense of "freedom of the pulpit, and freedom of conscience and speech." He declared he would continue the fight for "the basic principles of democracy" by appeal to higher courts.

Some may ask what concern it is of the general public if a minister of a church, a private organization, is dismissed for any reason by a higher authority of that organization. We answer that this act has given aid and comfort to the powerful forces in public life who are attempting to make "guilt by association" part of the law of the land.

Dr. Melish's dismissal is no isolated affair. It is a direct expression inside an influential church body of the present witch-hunt against all who speak out for peace or refuse to conform to the political dictates of the ruling party. It gives sanction to a practice -"guilt by association" — that the enemies of free speech and press, of all civil rights, have introduced in the government "loyalty"

Every dictatorial government uses "guilt by association." The totalitarians victimize even persons who are said to have mere acquaintance with "subversives" or whose relatives are alleged to be "subversive." In the current government "loyalty" purge, one federal worker was fired because a relative of his was rumored to have associated with someone rumored to be a "communist."

When such practices become so pervasive as to infect even a traditionally liberal Protestant church, it is time for all defenders of civil liberties to take alarm - and to act. And to act, in the case of Dr. Melish, means to give him full public support for his courageous and honorable stand.

#### The N.Y. NAACP Resolution

Last week's Militant reported the fact that the New York branch of the NAACP had unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the NAACP annual conference in Los Angeles in July to demand a special session of Congress this summer to act on all civil rights bills not enacted when Congress adjourns.

In our opinion this was a wise move, meriting the support of all labor and Negro organizations seriously concerned with civil rights. It puts Truman on the spot; in a special session he will not have the alibi about the pressure of other important business to "explain" the administration's capitulation to the Southern Democrats; and if he rejects the proposal, it will expose his hypocrisy on civil rights even more glaringly than did his do-nothing behaviour during the filibuster debate. Clearly enough, the struggle for civil rights legislation has everything to gain and nothing to lose from a special session called specifically for this purpose.

Equally important was the second half of the New York resolution, requesting the NAACP to take the lead in convening "a united Negro and labor conference, representing Negro and labor organizations in all parts of the country, to meet in Washington simultaneously with the special session of Con-

gress and to press for the passage of the civil rights bills."

The New York NAACP evidently recognizes that a special session of Congress will not mean much by itself unless it is accompanied by pressure going far beyond the kind which was relied on by the Negro organizations during the recent filibuster debate and that is now being relied on by the labor leaders in their efforts to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act. The traditional lobbying methods - buttonholing congressmen or sending them letters - have proved utterly

What is necessary now is the mobilization of mass pressure to convince the members of Congress that the people will not stand for. any more monkey-business from the capitalist parties which less than a year ago pledged to pass civil rights measures. A united labor and Negro conference, attended by rank and file delegates determined to get action in Washington, is certainly a good and efficient

way of exerting such pressure. Most of the unions and all of the Negro organizations are on record for the passage of civil rights bills this year. None of them can have a valid reason for not supporting the New York NAACP position fully and

## Socialized Medicine--Why the U.S. Needs It

By Harry Braverman

payment in the United States. On one side, popular indignation and the feeling of many inagainst the present profit system

On the other side, the top five and financiers of the nation-have mighty dollar.

payroll deduction plan by workers and employers. People could fund provided by the taxes.

plete abolition of the profit surance plan. system in medicine and the buildis free to all who require it.

fee system and place the medical its own interest.

profession on a salaried basis. Each and every patient who | rial source of income for the | can refute this fact. The only All that it does is spread the walks into a doctor's office re- operation-minded surgeon. Yet, possible way to alter it is to Popular attention is becoming payments in an insurance fashion. presents to him not only an ill under a system of surgery for socialize medicine in the hands ncreasingly focused on the bitter As the Federal Security Ad- man or woman but also a figure profit that would too often seem of the public. dehate over the system of medical ministrator himself has said, in dollars and cents. The poor to be the appendix's economic "the proposed bill is no more man must fail to get adequate function." Socialistic than fire insurance."

dividual doctors is on the rise function of the Truman Administration plan does not pre- parts of his anatomy. vent its critics from shouting that this is the next step before percent of the medical profession Socialism. The top hierarchy of I want to read from the writings constituting the ruling clique of the Medical Association fought of a doctor, this brief comment the American Medical Associa- Workmen's Compensation Laws about the human appendix: tion, together with their power- when they were adopted. It ful friends - the industrialists fought and still fights cooperative liospitals and cooperative medimobilized to keep the doctor and cine even in rural communities his patient divided by the al- where doctors could not be provided in any other way. The The chief subject of discussion American Medical Association n recent days has been the health fought even the plans . for nsurance plan proposed by Oscar voluntary health insurance, such Ewing who is the Federal Security as Blue Cross Insurance, when Administrator. This plan provides they were first organized. It is for a system of medical insurance, not surprising that organized Payments would be made on the medicine fights National Health insurance as well.

The opposition to the health chose their own doctor or dentist, insurance plan is clear evidence receive treatment, and the doctor of the controlling hand behind would then send his bill for pay- the American Medical Associament to the common insurance tion. Under a system of health insurance, the income of the A hue and cry has been raised average doctor with average against this health insurance patients tends to rise. Not only plan on the ground that it is a is the health care of the patient plan for socialized or nationalized insured but the income of the medicine. This is not true at all. doctor as well. This has been Socialized medicine, something the universal experience of naentirely different, means the com- tions operating a health in-

On the other hand, the income ing of a medical structure similar of the wealthy practitioners and to a free school system or specialists who fatten on expost office. All doctors, dentists, orbitant fees tends to decline. nurses, hospital attendants, etc., These top income physicians rework as salaried employees of present in the United States the government and medical care about five percent of the medical profession. This top layer con-The Truman - sponsored plan trots the organized medical prodoes not at all abolish the medical fession and uses that control in

## **Shocking Facts About Medical Care**

in order to discuss the business bills. end: the method of payment for in to criticize medical science. This field has advanced a long distance since the life time of Hippocrates, the ancient Greek healer. But, the economics of the medical industry are in a Hippoctatic-even a pre-Hippocratic

Let us retall that over onethird of all those examined for

the United States. All authorities testify that tens of thousands of deaths from pneumonia, tuberculosis, heart diseases and cancer are preventable and that the death rate from these killers is fantastic in view of modern discoveries in the fields of prevention, detection and treatment of diseases. While the methods are known, for some reason they have not been applied on a mass scale. That is what I mean when say that the economics of medicine is in the quack stage.

The prevailing system of medical payment in the United States is the fee system, under which medical care is a profit business Can everyone afford medical military appropriations. care under this system? Not at

at present by only about twenty universal medical care.

The Socialist Workers Party percent of the population. Even has entered the debate over the the American Medical Associa- technical equipment, with years system of medical payment as a tion admits that ninety-seven of lost earning power behind him proponent of socialized medicine. million people in the United which may also hang around his We intervene not in order to States, that is to say almost three discuss the scientific, the medical quarters of the population, need end of the medical profession but help in the payment of medical

Medical care is today a necessity medical services. We do not rush that is sold at luxury prices. In one state of the Union, approximately one-third of the people go without consulting the doctor, even on their death-bed. The death certificate is marked "no medical attendant" and the cause of death "unknown." What alternative is there to

the present profit system in the business of medicine? The Sotion of the Selective Service that the system of production for Act during the last war, were profit will in the future be redefects. And, this was in the of production for use. The medical age group that is considered to profession is not exempt." The be the healthiest in the nation. medical profession is as a matter Needless death is rampant in of fact, least of all exempt. A system of socialized medicine

would be comparable in this country to the system of free public education. Supported out of the general government funds, it would make medical and dental care free to all who need it.

The cost would be not at all prohibitive. The cost of such a inedical system as a matter of fact would be ridiculously low in comparison to the value of the ystem. At the present time, if the government of the United States were to assume responsibility for the whole doctor bill of the country, this would add only about four billion dollars to the federal budget. Compare this and the doctor a business man, with the fantastic sums of the

If the present medical payments of the rich and well-to-do is notoriously more hard-hearted Government figures show that were paid into the government than small.) the cost of adequate medical care funds in the form of taxes, it beyond the reach of over half would take very little additional the families of the United States! taxation-which could and should collecting bills, he has a constant The full benefits of the best be levied on the rich industrial quality medical and pharma- corporations to support a full financial problem. This may not be true for the Park Avenue ceutical care can be purchased and adequate program of free,

## 'Sacred' Doctor-Patient Relationship

Every decent-minded person is | be seen and heard everywhere sick to death of being told today that there is not enough money to support this or that program Money is always found, borrowed, squeezed out of the people by oppressive taxation, when it is necesary to destroy people by the millions in gigantic world slaughters. What a commentary on the capitalist system that all the money spent on medical research in one entire year would twenty minutes of the last world

There is a great deal of proposal for socialized medicine. As usual, the big business-controlled press features the propaganda of those who are the least against socialized medicine is to doctor and patient.

paid for by the top income brackets of the medical profession and by the big business interests. intended for human welfare. All the ancient and tattered arguments are laid out in the propaganda of the professional rag pickers of journalism and the lecture hall.

What are the arguments used in the propaganda drive against free socialized medicine?

"Socialized medicine," it said, "would destroy the sacred pay for only eight hours and doctor-patient relationship." Let us see. The chief defect of the present

relationship between the doctor discussion going on about this and his patient is the doctor bill, which is a catastrophe to the average budget and a constant source of worry to the physician himself. That is what destroys pure in their motives. Abuse a wholesome relation between a restricted by the organized medi-

care, while the pocketbook of the However, the plain insurance better-off patient is often more closely investigated than other

> This is the testimony of doctors themselves. As an example,

"The appendix, an inert organ usually some three inches long, three quarters of an inch in diameter, and attached to the large bowel, is of course an 'evolutionary hangover' with no known physical function. There is nothing in the books, however, to indicate that nature left the appendix behind to be a peren-studied the matter.

It is of course necessary for every sufferer from abdominal pains to consult a doctor at once and to follow his advice. We laymen have no other recourse. But, under the present system of medical care, the number of unnecessary operations or expensive treatments must be enormous. There is a powerful economic impulsion to decide in favor of operation in doubtful or even

clearly non-operative cases. This I must repeat, is not my personal opinion or statement, it is the conclusion of recognized medical authorities who have

### Individual Physician Not to Blame

patient. How often does the physician abuse this confidence and make of the sacred doctorpatient relationship a confidence game? We have no way of know-

Under the present system of o-called "medical ethics" no doctor will say. Only a few courageous fighters have made themselves outcasts in the official medical profession by blowing the lid off.

I say we have no way of knowing exactly what the statistics are. But, we do know that the most powerful economic temptations beset the doctor in his unequal bargaining contest with the medically ignorant patient. There can be no question of blaming the individual physician in this matter. Under the present

system, the young medical man begins his career with debts on a medical education which may run to sixteen thousand dollars, with debts on his office and neck in the form of debts. He enters a fiercely competitive

The medical system must be blamed for what he may do to guarantee his income. As long as the doctor is half business man, I do not see why the average man half healer, the abuses will continue. Free him from his twosided role and make of him a more valuable privilege of having scientist with an assured adequate income and this problem | medical board of a cooperative or s solved.

repel the advance of socialized which can chose for him conmedicine is the cry that the scientiously on the basis of his the armed forces under the opera- clalist Workers Party believes patient would lose his "free needs and medical case history.

tion of the young practitioner.

In 1929, the boom year of

American prosperity before the

War, over half of all American

doctors earned two-thousand five-

undred dollars per year or less.

The doctor is expected to do a

great deal of charity work; he

s consulted by many people in

time of crisis who cannot stop

to think of their ability to pay.

He himself cannot, but of com-

mon humanity, refuse treatment,

although this is not always true;

narticularly in the case of com-

mercial hospitals. (Big business

The doctor has a running over-

head expense, he has difficulty in

specialist whose patients are

wealthy and who depends upon

his lawyer or collection agency to

handle his financial worries, but

it is true of the average practi-

Doctors today may find them-

selves better off financially. This

is a result of the shortage of

medical care. The relation of sup-

ply to demand favors the seller-

in this case the doctor who is

But, can any medical man

defend with a clear conscience

a system of medical care which

thrives upon a shortage of good

health and over-supply of illness

in relation to supply of medical

The medical profession as

There are fewer than eighty

medical schools in the United

States, and the number of stu-

eal profession. The result is that

care for that illness?

basis of this rule.

the producer of medical care.

with all small businessmen.

Let us now consider the effect only about five thousand six

upon the physician of a system hundred medical students are

of socialized medicine. I have graduated each year. About four

already discussed the harassed thousand of these are needed to

and financially untenable situa- replace doctors who die or retire.

This financial insecurity stays the population growth, leaving

with the doctor throughout his the shortage as acute as ever.

entire career as it does indeed The situation as regards dentists

is even worse.

In most cases, the family doc- | choice of doctors." This has a tor has the confidence of his bitter ring in the ears of the families with incomes below twelve-hundred dollars per year among whom half of all disease strikes in this country. What choice of physician have they? What choice do the charity wards give them?

This cry about free choice of physician is the most false, fango to the doctor for examinations tastie, sentimentalized piece of quackery in the history of the medical profession.

Assuming for example that I Everything to Gain go have the money to seek the attendance of a physician for every illness, why should I even want the free choice of a physician? Which of us is competent to select from among the many medical specialties, fields of experience and practice, the one particular doctor who is the nost suitable for our case?

Can we investigate the educabackground, experience ional of treatment of every physician in our city when we proceed to exercise our precious right of free choice? Or, is the choice of a doctor a haphazard, hit-and-miss affair dominated by friendship, convenience, size of fee, professional manner, and so

All the palaver about free choice of physician is not at all impressive when it is analyzed. should not be ready to trade away this dubious right for the his doctor chosen for him by the state-owned hospital which has Another argument used to no financial interest in him and At Expense of the Nation's Health

The net gain barely keeps up with

We must remember that the

present fairly high income level

of the medical and dental pro-

fession can be maintained only

so long as the present shortage

under our present profit system

## Only socialized medicine can

bring into existence the chain of free clinics, hospitals, X-Ray centers and cancer - detection stations that will prevent the hundreds of thousands of needless deaths, and ruined, maimed and crippled bodies every year in this country.

Such a system of preventive nedicine can genuinely destroy lisease, and lengthen the average ife expectancy of mankind to the full century which is its due.

The final most frightened cry of the opponents of socialized medicine is this: that socialized medicine will lead inevitably to Socialism. But, how can this be if socialized medicine has all the faults, defects, inefficiencies, bureaucratic bungling and red tape attributed to it, by its opponents? If they are right. socialized medicine would rapidly discredit itself, and, along with it, the whole idea of Socialism. More people would then be firmly convinced anti - socialists than ever before.

But the truth is that the big business opponents of socialized medicine are hostile to it not because of its possible failures but because of its great and easily the present profit system of medicine.

They fear that the great mass of the people will reason: "If we can get adequate medical care by the elimination of the profit motive and the socialization of medicine, why should we not then guarantee ourselves adequate production of all necessities and even luxuries of life by socializing all of basic industries?"

The great mass of people have nothing to fear and everything to gain from Socialism. Socialized medicine in conjunction with soof medical care continues. Thus, cialized industry is the only road to the elimination of poverty, and of medical care, the welfare of the only guarantee to mankind the doctor is at the expense of of long, happy and healthy years the health of the nation! No one of life.

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Senators Go A-Slumming

By Joseph Keller

THE MILITANT

65,000 Ford Workers Vote

To Strike Against Speedup

Practically all capitalist politicians looking for popular support try their hand at the "trust busting" game. They recall the days when capitalism was young, and competition was its way of life. They see, quite correctly, that capitalist democracy belongs to the era of competition, and that monopoly puts a political straitjacket as well as an economic squeeze on the people. But the big stick they wave so threateningly at the trusts, is only soft foam rubber.

Take Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming, and his article in the April Reader's Digest. "Is Big Business Too Big?" is the title. His answer is "yes." He tells what happened to the dime pack of cigarettes, killed by the tobacco trust, and gives some history. "At the turn of the century," he says, the tobacco industry was "highly competitive. Soon, by merger and consolidation, the big fellows got big enough to swallow up or squeeze out the little fellows. They so completely controlled and monopolized the market that, in 1911, the 'Tobacco Trust' was dissolved as a result of

If government trust-busting was real, that should have fixed up the situation. But what hap-

"By 1940, however, the Big Three had become so big that each of these companies, by itself, was larger than the Tobacco Trust had been. Again the U.S. government brought suit for monopolistic practices. . , but this did not stop the Big Three's growth."

Some independent enterprisers started to put but their cheaper cigarettes, and won 25% of the market. The monopolists cut prices on their own brands to below cost, bankrupted their competitors, then promptly raised prices to the original levels - and higher. Let O'Mahoney continue:

During the debate last week in the Senate on

how small they could make the housing program

without losing too many votes come next election,

a recess was called to permit four Senators to go

"slumming" in an area four blocks from the

It seems that among the little alley-ways within

smelling distance of Capitol Hill and the Senate

office building human beings are living, as many

as ten to a 12-foot-square room, in what are as

crowded and squalid slums as can be found in

How the Senators failed to notice this before,

particularly when the wind was in the right di-

rection, remains a mystery. Possibly, the political

odor in Washington sort of desensitized sena-

One of the Senators said following the tour -

"quick tour" the papers all wrote - that "I had

to scrub myself afterwards." The poor people,

mostly Negroes but some whites, who are forced

to live in these alley slums, have a hard time do-

ing even that. Most of the dwellings in Shott's

Alley, "Pleasant Court" and other places visited

by the Senators have no running water and only

outside toilets. They took a hasty gander into one

house where 13 people are forced to sleep in three

beds in two rooms, lighted only by an oil lamp,

One of the sure signs of a social system in

crisis is the persistent attack upon freedom of

thought and expression, particularly in education-

al institutions. Every reactionary, stand-pat, sta-

tus-quo, obscurantist element of society quivers

with fear lest any real or possible teaching, dis-

cussion and study of conflicting social theories

The University of Chicago and Roosevelt Col-

lege are now under fire from these elements,

represented by the Broyles Commission of the

Illinois Legislature. Haunted by the specter of

"communism," these legislative Sherlock Holmeses

are worried about "dangerous" text-books, stu-

dents and teachers, and have set out to hunt

down the insidious forces undermining the sanc-

tity of the home, the morals of the younger gen-

eration and the very fabric of "American democ-

Who are these men that have arrogated to them-

selves the right to decide upon an investigation

of two private educational institutions in the

state of Illinois? Some facts about one of the

numerous unsavory legislative characters "pro-

tecting" the "American Way" will provide a

clue. Take James J. Adduci, for example. Leader

of the notorious Adduci Bloc in the Legislature,

he is Republican representative for the 2nd legis-

lative district of Chicago. During a movie oper-

ators' strike in 1930, Adduci was arrested in con-

nection with movie theatre bombings. In 1932

he was arrested and interrogated regarding a

kidnapping. A year later, Adduci was arrested

and political philosophies take place.

racy" itself.

torial organs of smell to lesser stenches.

the United States.

"When the Government's suit was brought in 1940, the Big Three did less than 68% of the country's cigarette business. By 1948 they were do-

He says that this is no exception. "Three milling corporations produce 38% of all flour consumed in the United States; three meat-packing companies produce 43% of all processed meat; three dairy companies produce 44% of all condensed and evaporated milk and 63% of all cheese," and

"In heavy industries, Big Business seems to have taken over even more completely. Three corporations in each of the following fields produce from 66% to 91% of the total output: chemicals, window glass, farm tractors, rubber tires, copper, tin cans, passenger automobiles, primary

O'Mahoney doesn't explain why the trust-busting failed to halt their growth. He can't, because to do so he would have to admit that monopoly is the purpose and the natural outcome of capitalist competition; and that the government serves the capitalists, not the masses of people robbed

Unable to take that leap, he falls flat on his face, begs for just a "constitution" to govern business practices, and denies that he meant what

"The extension and strengthening of economic democracy," he concludes, "does not mean that the modern industrial organization should be scrapped or Big Business atomized. . . But economic democracy requires business that is more responsive to the social and economic needs

That's like asking a man-hungry tiger to chew his victim more sensitively.

heated by- a coal stove in the kitchen and with

toilet and running water out in the back yard,

which was heaped with rubbish and garbage.

Seems the D. C. garbage and rubbish collection

hardly ever gets around to the alleyways where

Now, these Washington slums aren't really

news, except maybe to Senators, or maybe only

when Senators decide to take a little jaunt four

blocks away and get themselves photographed

sniffing into garbage heaps. There have been

all kinds of reports over the years describing

grace." Something had to be done about it.

Still the Senatorial slumming party returned

It was. The very next day, in fact. Some gov-

notices on 30 houses in Shott's Alley. The resi-

dents weren't told where else they could go -

no provision was made for that. But you can't

ance. And right where those 30 families are go-

ing to be kicked out, there is going to rise a nice,

new, bright Senate Office Building. With inside

with the infamous Willie Bioff, Al Capone "la-

bor specialist," in connection with strong-arm

incursions into the poultry handlers' union. In

1933 he was also picked up on a vagrancy charge.

In 1934, Adduci made his political debut, running

for the State Legislature against an incumbent

who, according to the Chicago Sun-Times, "had

served two terms in the Assembly with credit"

but "suddenly quit the race just before election."

Adduci's "leadership" in the 2nd district was

gang warfare; violence, intimida-

challenged by William John Granata in 1942.

Granata lost. In 1944 the district broke out into

tion and kidnappings followed. Governor Green

threw a soft state job to Granata and, wrote the

Sun-Times, "persuaded him not to try to unseat

Adduci again." By 1948 Granata's political star

had risen to the point where he was scheduled

to run as Republican candidate for clerk of the

circuit court. In true Capone fashion, Granata

was "bumped off" in Chicago's Loop district two

Adduci is only one of many in the Illinois Leg-

islature whose sordid personal and political rec-

vote in both houses of the Legislature, Adduci

tax-payer dollars to investigate "dangerous" doc-

trines and "subversive" individuals and groups

in the two Chicago institutions of higher learning.

Really, is there any doubt as to who should be

ord can be detailed. Yet, by an almost unanimous

weeks before the election.

toilets too, we hear.

Whom to Investigate?

By Sam Taylor

## SENATOR PAUL DOUGLAS **'RISING STAR OF ILLINOIS"**

By J. Meyer

The movement of politics is very rapid these days. Take Senator Paul Douglas. To illustrate the vicissitudes of his Senatorial career so far, here is an extract from the Negro press:

civil rights."

He pounded the desk and ad-

dressed the Southern senators:

should not be so unyielding on

worm this is! The Southern sen-

- with hammering of the table.

angry and cutting [his] own poli-

Wrong again, Senator Douglas

You have not offended "every-

body." The Southern reactionaries

have recognized in you a friend,

have no doubt about this. And

Truman and Barkley and the

Democratic leaders also have al-

ready recognized in you a man of

ability - ability to talk big out-

your belly and beat your head

That is a valuable type these

days for capitalist political par-

ties. It is a type that cuts throats

"rising star of Illinois" inside the

Senate and Lucifer outside of it;

who is excoriated by the Negro

people and praised by Georgian

Senators. All this Douglas has

done in less than four months. He

Hits Kutcher Purge

describes as "one of the most

is certainly moving fast.

on the table inside Congress.

PEOPLE ARE LEARNING

throat-cutters.

tical throat from ear to ear."

"Great things were expected of Mr. Douglas. He was a respected member of the faculty of the University of Chicago. He had served with distinction in Chicago's City Council. He had fought gallantly n World War II with the Marines. He had taken a noble and aggressive pre-election stand for civil rights. He was the toast of the minorities. In him they placed their faith and hope. But lo and behold! Senator Douglas has fallen, even as Lucifer, the son of the morning, fell from the pinnacles of heaven down into the ether regions."

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#### EARNS RUSSELL'S PRAISE

How fell this faker so fast and so furiously and whom has he disappointed? To begin with, the Negro people. During the debate on the filibuster Douglas said on the Senate floor, "We are not proposing to abolish segregation in the South. We are not proposing to abolish it in housing or in federal aid for education. We are not proposing to abolish it in the

Then what in the name of heaven did President Truman prowith their noses wrinkled, full of indignation and pose to the world and the country, opining that these pestholes in which some not merely the Negro people, dur-Americans are forced to live are a "national dising the last elections? Better still, what did Douglas propose?

Douglas also took it upon himernment men came around and tacked eviction self to repeat the hoary old confusion which within recent years has been dropping out of the vocabulary of even anti-Negro polistop the Senate once it has a mind to slum-clear-

> "In answer to Senator Russell of Georgia, Sir," said Douglas, "I of one who, the higher his stock am not insisting that in the social relations that men have with each other they must be forced to

No wonder the Senator from Georgia made a special point of thanking "the rising star of IIlinois" for his reactionary statement. A Negro columnist comments: "This. . . expression was not expected to fall from the lips of our erudite and distinguished professor. Certainly emanating from Senator Douglas it precipitated shock, disillusion and dis-

### ON HOUSING BIAS

What was particularly annovhad previously made a pro-Negro gesture by appointing a Negro woman as one of his secretaries. It seems that with a lot of these Democratic Party left-wing Senators the civil rights program is to be applied only in their staff offices. The Chicago Negro supporters of Douglas are bitter at this hypocrisy and the cheapness of this political gesture.

Then last week Senator Bricker of Ohio, Republican, tried to wreck the housing bill in the Senate by proposing to add to it a and his ilk have decided to spend thousands of clause prohibiting racial segregation in housing. Douglas took it upon himself to show that to vote for the amendment would mean no housing bill. He "reaffirmed that he believed in the President's civil rights program." He "wanted to face [that] issue squarely." He "deplored" the conduct of the Southerners. But he wanted housing for four million people, and as Bricker was obiously trying to wreck the bill by this clause, he would vote

Wayne Morse associated himself with Douglas, and Hubert Humphrey, needless to say, crawled rapidly into the same hole. Humphrey and Douglas of

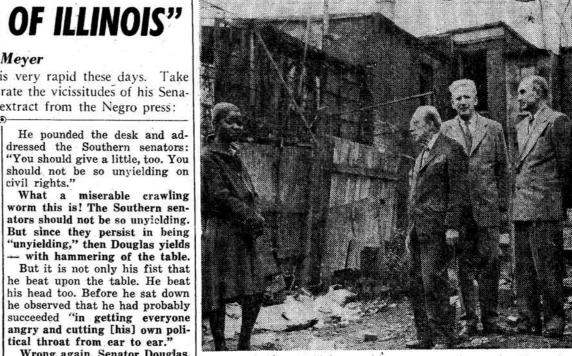
course bear the main responsibility in the 81st Congress for all blows that have fallen and will of the year. The Easter season fall upon the Truman program, has come and gone. The Pollyanrent control, Taft-Hartley repeal, was have been proved wrong on etc., in the Senate. They bear the all counts. responsibility because these "leftists" by their capitulation on the civil rights issue made it clear to all that they are not going to

### HE WHO YIELDS

It must be said, however, that Douglas, here as in the filibuster debate, uses a particularly nauseating brand of political camouflage - Douglas in this debate had the gall to say that the North was not free from discrimination sole strong sector in production and therefore should not criticize today. the South too strongly. He quoted;

"Judge not lest ye be judged." What more could any rabid previously donned them. In its are deep in the doldrums already. one knows. Those who had sharpest breaks in this country's Southern senator want from the "rising star of Illinois"?

In Their Own Backyard



tour of the slums in their own backyard. Talking to a resident of these slums just six blocks from the Capitol building are (l. to r.) Senators Theodore T. Green (D, R. I.), Douglas and Wayne Morse (R, Ore.). Soon afterward, the Senate passed an inadequate slum clearance and housing bill. For an account of what happened to these slum-dwellers, see Joseph Keller's story on this page. For a study of the Douglas brand of "liberalism," see J. Meyer's side and win votes, and crawl on

Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D, Ill.) led some of his colleagues on

## FIRST OAKLAND SWP CAMPAIGN BRINGS ENCOURAGING RESULTS

OAKLAND-In the City Coun-, times; a week before the election all right. But it is the throats of cil primary elections held April it printed in full her attack on Negroes, workers, and others which are in danger from these 19, Filomena Goelman, the SWP the AFL endorsements. andidate for Councilman - at - The SWP campaign centered It must be said, however, that the people are being given every ran eighth and was only 12 votes week at 40 hours pay; a genuine opportunity to educate themselves short of seventh place in the nine- FEPC; a Labor Party and Labor man race for this Council seat. City Council in Oakland. Special reinstate 47 workers fired beas to the real political character rises inside the Senate, the lower it falls outside; who is called the

when contrasted with the vote of total Negro vote in this election. the "labor - endorsed" candidates. Thus Frank Linnotti, who had marked by a high degree of active the official support of the AFL support from the party's connd one wing of the CIO, got only Councilman Connolly 5,618 botes. The Stalinist - endorsed candidate, William Finn, received 7,017 votes. Finn was NEW YORK - City Council- perhaps the only other candidate man Eugene P. Connolly, leader carrying on an aggressive camof the American Labor Party, paign, which included the tearing paign conducted in the midst of has notified the Kutcher Civil down of SWP election posters. ing to Negroes was that Douglas Rights Committee that he is Nevertheless, in many working very glad to join others in class precints, Filomena Goelman protesting" against the victimiza- ran neck and neck with Finn and tion of James Kutcher, which he in a few, even ahead.

This was the first SWP camvicious examples of the work- paign in Oakland and the party's ings of a so-called 'loyalty oath' candidate was the youngest ever to run in an election here. But "This case and all the others," the party succeeded in getting a the continued, "are a startling ex- fair degree of publicity both in ample of the fact that we have the capital st and labor press. On already lost some of our demo- three occasions the Oakland Tricracy. There can, of course, be bune discussed the differences no genuine democracy when peo- between the Stalinists and Trotple are discriminated against be- skyists in its columns; this was cause of their political or religi- in addition to a dozen other ous beliefs, or national origin or references to the SWP candidate. color. Democracy is not some- The East Bay Labor Journal, ofthing you can compromise with ficial AFL paper, discussed the unions. SWP candidate a number of

at a rate they never expected.

most current facts at their finger-

Large, received 2,054 votes. She on three main issues: a 30-hour Her vote represented 3.4% of the leaflets issued to the unemployed cause of the speedup. The union total vote in an election marked and to trade unionists on these by the apathy and indifference of issues were warmly received. A the great majority of Oakland's strong impact was made by the SWP candidate in the Negro The full significance of the community; it is estimated that Goelman vote can be appreciated she received at least 10% of the

The SWP campaign was also tacts and sympathizers. One, who works six days a week, used his Sundays off for the purpose of hiring a car at his own expense to campaign for the SWP candi- manding unemployment payments. date. With such a successful camthe bosses' pro-war anti-red drive, the Oakland SWP seems sure to grow in numbers and influence.

## Unemployment High

A nation-wide survey by the National Federation of American Shipping showed that only 79,000 members of all the maritime unions were employed last February.

In April the CIO National Maritime Union reported that at least half of its 47,000 dues-paying members are on the heach because of unemployment. Similar reports were made by the other maritime

seven to one majority the 65,000 members of Ford River Rouge Local 600 UAW-CIO voted for strike action against the speedup in the Ford Motor Company. Earlier in the week members of Ford Lincoln Local 900 also voted overwhelmingly for strike action. The Company in both cases has een charged with an inhuman speedup and arbitrary disregard of former production commitments made to the union. Tommy Thompson, president of Local 600, stated that the normal daily scheduling in "B" building at Rouge calls for 240 cars, but the actual output runs five to ten

higher figure of 10%. But in spite of the broadly expressed sentiment of the Ford workers for vigorous and immediate action against the speedup, any strike will be held up pending authorization from the nternational Executive Board of the UAW. Detroit newspapers and commentators are freely predicting that no strike authorization will be forthcoming. But that, on the contrary, "all avenues of peaceable negotiation" will be "fully explored."

cars over this figure. Al Valenti,

president of Local 900, estimated

the speedup at Ford at an even

This despite the fact that the Ford Company has already broken negotiated production agreement. The excuse for withholdng authorization will reportedly be that any strike now would jeopardize contract negotiations scheduled to begin May 15.

#### MORE LAYOFFS

Meanwhile some 8,000 Detroit auto workers have been laid off as a result of the strike of 7,500 UAW-CIO members at the Bendix Aviation Corporation, South Bend, Ind. This strike action was taken on April 20 after the Bendix Corporation refused to

1. Full reinstatement of the 47 fired workers. 2. Guaranteed take-home pay for certain employees of the

brake shoe department. 3. Dismissal of the corporation's suit against the union for

"damages" from the alleged slowdown. Recently over 1,000 members

of IJAW Local 154 demonstrated before an office of the Michigan Unemployment Commission de-The Hudson Motor Car Corporation has followed a coldly calculated policy of operating barely 15-20 hours a week. By this tactic the Hudson workers have been deprived of compensation. Meanwhile the company has instituted a major speedup. Many Hudson In Maritime Unions I workers have, been thrown on city relief rolls and private charities.

Many local union officers have requested action by the Reutherite International Executive Board against the calculated speedup which has hit every major auto plant in Detroit. These appeals for action have been, with few exceptions, met by stony silence or outright denunciations of the "lazy membership." As a result of this cowardly policy many of the more outspoken union members are being victimized.

## **Notes from the News**

investigated?

"NEW DISCOVERY - Attorney General Clark's latest additions to his "subversive" list include the 44-year old Industrial Workers of the World as an organization which seeks "to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitu-

GETTING READY FOR FRANCO - The U. S. delegation to the UN is reported ready to take the first open step toward getting together with Franco by supporting the repeal of a ban on the admission of the fascist Spanish regime to UN specialized agencies.

THAKIN SOE JAILED - The Associated. Press, reporting on the civil war in Burma, says that the Stalinists have jailed Thakin Soe, leader of the Red Flag Communists (said to be Trotskyist), in the Stalinist-controlled section of the

FEPC PUT FIRST — The NAACP has decided to give top priority in its legislative program to efforts to enact FEPC legislation. Previously the NAACP had considered anti-lynching, antipoll tax, anti-segregation and FEPC bills all of equal importance. FEPC will be placed first from now on, although the other items will not be neglected, says Secretary Walter White.

LIVING COSTS UP AGAIN - For the first time in five months, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports a rise in living costs for the month ending March 15. The average increase was .3%, but food rose 1%. Rents, miscellaneous goods and against it. services went up, but apparel and housefurnishings continued to decline.

USING THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT - The Communication Workers of America, independent union, charges that the Bell subsidiary, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, has been tapping telephone wires in CWA offices in Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., and even in the homes of some union officers and members.

WITCH-HUNT PROCEEDS - The New York Board of Regents has already set up a special committee to work out means of implementing the recently-signed Feinberg Law which requires the purge of all teachers belonging to "subversive" organizations.

AND WHO APPOINTED HIM? - Congress man Adam Clayton Powell Jr. doesn't think Paul Robeson is qualified to speak for American Negroes when he says they would not want to fight against the Soviet Union. But Powell thinks that he (Powell) is qualified to speak for them when he says: "In the event of war at any time against any one we will do our part, insofar as it does not conflict with our individual religious beliefs or conscience. . . in the hour of crisis we will be loyal to our nation, reserving the right, however, to criticize constructively as we did in World War I and World War II."

The Easter season was sure to bring with it an upturn in production, employment and sales, so said all the prominent government and business prognosticators. The lateness of Easter accounted, in their opinion, for the delay of this upturn which

By John G. Wright

"normally" does come this time Instead of increasing, Easter etail sales flopped, and rather

noticeable improvement, apart to the industry and have the make any serious fight on ANY from agriculture, in employment. The increase of jobless, while not so steep as in January and February, continued throughout March and April. On the other hand, shorter work weeks and cutbacks have become more pronounced, extending to the field of Age revised this estimate, con- wise uniformly dark picture is since last October as a mere metals and leaving autos as the ceding that the steel shortage

financial daily, glumly concludes light and heavy industries, the million more cars to glut the that "the fact is clear that there season of the expected upturn outlets have been obviously has been something more than a brought with it the beginning of proved over-optimistic. The aulate Easten to account for the large scale liquidation of inven- thoritative auto spokesmen still sluggishness of the spring buying season." Truman's Economic Board of Advisers, which has been busy telling everybody not Westinghouse. to worry, is now itself worried enough to conduct an emergency

Upturn Forecasts Prove False

poll of key enterprises to find out their private opinion on just what this "something more" is liquidation is becoming is the generally.

n a situation that is unfolding spectacular drop of one billion dollars in outstanding bank loans The break in metals has caught to commerce and industry, a conresoundingly so. There is no by surprise those who are closest siderable portion of which had two strong props — metals and been used to finance the ac- auto - is now left hanging by cumulation of inventories. It still only one. On its strength or remains unknown whether there weakness directly depends the tips. Early this year the authoritative journal of the steel has been a corresponding drop in scope and speed at which the inventories, which from last re- five-months old decline will proindustry, Iron Age, estimated that ports still remained at the \$55 ceed in the next period. full production would continue until the middle of the year and billion mark. .

possibly later. Last week Iron The one bright spot in an other-Wall Street Journal, conservative cuts and cut backs in both the would take from four to seven are still to come.

tories. Participating are such foresee no difficulties whatever, giant manufacturers of home ap- at least not until July or August, pliances and General Electric and that is, not until from two to three million new cars have been produced. Their guess may prove correct. Chances now are that A striking indication of how they may be caught by surprise widespread this movement of as happened in steel and metals

In any case, this country's economy which only a few weeks. ago seemed to rest securely on Those who have been dismissing

everything that has happened the automotive industry, or more return to "normalcy" are not even was definitively ended and that accurately, the lower priced cars. whistling in the dark. They simply some steel products face condi- How many more Chevrolets, do not know what they are talk-Rose-colored glasses are being tions of "oversupply." The other Fords and Plymouths will the ing about. Barring a sudden shift discarded by many who had metals, zinc, copper, lead, etc., market be able to absorb? No to full-scale war economy, the April 23 weekly review, the In addition to spreading price estimated early this year that it economic life lie not behind but