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Ford Empire Shut Atlantic Pact Aimed Against Down by Strike Against Speedup Socialism, Dobbs Tells Senate

DETROKT, May 10 - By this time the whole world knows that 62,000 workers employed at the Ford River Rouge Kutcher Group plant and 3,200 workers at the Lincoln plant are out on strike

supplying parts for Ford cars.

The simple issue in the strike is the speedup. It is a climax of the long smoldering resentment Ford local leadership, in parsatisfactorily at the Rouge plant. For over three months the chief

Greek Government union constitution, was to call **Murders Another Jehovah's Witness**

Another member of the Jehovah's Witnesses in Greece, 22year-old George Orphanides, has been executed after a military to investigate the matter further. court martial by the U. S.-controlled Greek monarchist government. His "crime" was refusing military service as a religious conscientious objector.

njurder on March 2. The Feb. 21 Militant had disclosed the earlier execution under similar circumstances of another Greek Jehovah's Witness, John Tsoukaris.

Information on the latest execution is contained in the cur- Mazey, walked into the "B" buildnesses were awaiting execution perience showed, would speed and affiliations?" and four others were sentenced to life imprisonment at the time Orphanides was shot by a firing

Before Orphanides was committed to trial, Awake reports, military authorities beat him daily until he bled in an attempt to force him to renounce his religious views. He was finally brought to trial before the Corinth Extraordinary Court Martial at Nauplia on Feb. 12 and was sentenced to death. The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society in this country cabled a protest to the Greek government but it was ignored.

Tsoukaris and Orphanides were murdered by the Greek government, which is financed and armed by Washington, at the time the American capitalist press was filled with propaganda about the Mindszenty case in Hungary.

None of the government officials, members of the Catholic hierarchy or the daily papers which raised such a furore about the trial and imprisonment of Cardinal Mindszenty has said a word against the murderous persecution of Jehovah's Witnesses by Washington's Greek puppet regime.

of additional Ford workers have Company over the speedup of the of additional Ford workers have been laid off throughout the final assembly lines in the "B" Into Federal Court country as well as workers em- Building. But despite numerous ployed in numerous feeder plants, agreements on paper, the speedup went on unabated.

STRONG STRIKE VOTE

Finally the pressure from the of this question throughout the workers grew so intense that the industry and the inability of the local leadership was forced to call for a strike vote to be taken ticular, to settle this issue simultaneously with the run-off election for local officers during the week of April 18. The strike officers of UAW-CIO Local 600 vote carried by the overwhelming vote of 31,926 to 4,400.

ipon the international UAW to PUBLIC WORKERS RIGHTS authorize the strike. The International Executive Board, at a for a Ford strike (although it

This stalling tactic of the board are." was motivated by its false theory that speedup was a side issue No notice appeared in the new contract demanded. Discus-American press of this bestial sion of a new contract was scheduled to begin later this month.

PRESSURE OF THE RANKS

them up again soon afterward The committee took the posi-

pany's "good faith" by getting (Continued on page 4)

tion that it would test the com-

Call Unemployment Healthy Correction

The Division of Employment Security in New Jersey on May 9 announced that the number of unemployed in the state covered by compensation benefits has risen to a threeyear high of 124,000. This figure does not include those who have already exhausted their benefits or who are out of work but not qualified for

benefits under existing laws. 73,000 new claims were filed during the month of April, the period covered by the report. Officials of the division said that some industries had been "overproducing" and had hired more workers than "needed." The unemployment increase they said, "represents only a healthy correction of that overproduced condition."

and that the whole Ford empire is shut down. Tens of thousands have been meeting with the Ford NEW YORK - Declaring that

the denial by the top Loyalty Review Board of James Kutcher's appeal "is an alarm signal for every American concerned with civil liberties," the National Committee of the Kutcher Civil Rights Committee at its meeting May 4 voted to take the legless veteran's case into the Federal District Court. National Secretary George Novack said that the legal fight to restore Kutcher to his job would be carried to the U. S. The mext step, according to the Supreme Court, if necessary.

The statement adopted by the national non-partisan group despecial session in Detroit on fending Kutcher said: "The dis-April 28, refused authorization charge of this legless veteran solely because of his political begranted authorization for the liefs raises issues of constitutionsmall Lincoln strike) and instead al rights which go beyond the appointed a special committee discrimination against Kutcher and his party, important as these

"Two decisive questions are at stake in this case. First, have pubwhich would only divert the union lic workers the same rights as from its main aim in negotiating other Americans, including the right to their own political opinions, as guaranteed by the Constitution - or can they be de-Second, do representatives of the On April 29 the international's party in office have the right to investigating committee headed proscribe other parties and organby Secretary-Treasurer Emil izations by decree and penalize their members? Or shall the prinrent issue of Awake, magazine of ing. The workers warned the ciple of free political activity be the Jehovah's Witnesses in this committee that the company was preserved so that the American country. The same article reports slowing down the lines for the people can enjoy full and free that six other Jehovah's Wit- occasion but, as previous ex- expression for their political ideas

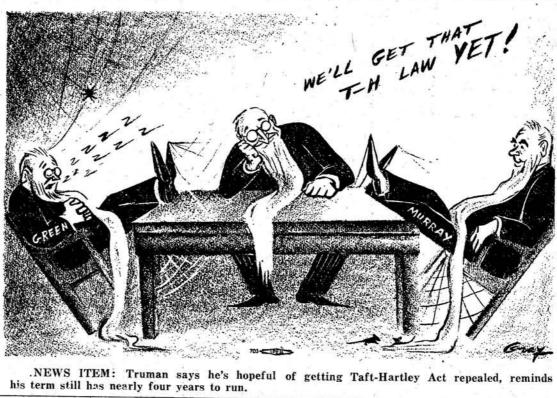
"CLEAR JUDGMENT" SOUGHT

Through its court action the an agreement to maintain the and conclusive judgment" on these basic questions.

"Above all, our Committee intends to carry Kutcher's case to the people of this country," the statement concluded. "An alert and aroused public opinion can be decisive in halting these restrictions upon our civil liberties. Organizations representing millions of Americans have already rallied behind our efforts on Kutcher's behalf. We call upon every supporter of democracy and fair play to join our campaign to win justice for the legless veteran."

PETITION FOR SIGNATURES

The National Committee meeting also approved a drive to secure the signatures of 500 American educators to a petition asking justice for James Kutcher. The statement sponsored by Nobel Prize-winner Dr. Harold C. Urey and signed by 105 faculty members of the University of Chicago, forms the text of this petition which will be presented to the Washington authorities.



Opponents of Purge Win New Strength in NMU

By R. Bell

Opposition to the yellow-dog mendments to the CIO National the Communist Party or any other where the yellow - dog so-called subversive group.

Sparking the opposition were 24 officials in the Port of New committee hopes to obtain a "clear York who circulated a statement condemning the repressive character of the proposed amendments and calling on the membership to vote "No" in the 30day referendum now in progress. Following their lead, all the union patrolmen and the dispatcher in the Port of Baltimore published a statement in opposition to the vellow-dog amendments.

Membership meetings in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, the largest ports on the east coast, condemned the National Council amendments by huge majorities. From the largest ships sailing off the east coast has come a stream of resolutions blasting the proposal to subvert the non-discrimination clause in the NMU constitution.

The union's Lakes Area Director, a member of the National Council who originally supported the proposed amendments, last week published a statement reversing his position. All these developments reflect the tremend-

regime in the union under the one side where they play the role pretext of combatting alleged of "kibitzers" with no influence "subversives."

The reaction of the sponsors Maritime Union constitution has of the yellow dog amendments is mounted since the National Coun- rypical. From the southern ports resolution adopted at the last cil of the union first made public have come reports that the memits proposal to purge all so-called bers voting there are being in-"subversives" and compel all timidated and terror zed into supmembers to "affirm in writing" porting the amendments. The of dictators and will not tolerate that they are not members of ficials in the southern ports, any new dictators." ments originated, have become known in the union as the Dixiecrats.

These officials have jammed brough a stock resolution in their them a stamp in their book, and ports demanding that those who openly called for a "No" vote on the amendments be expelled from the union as "undercover agents of the Communist Party." This move, exposing most

clearly the utterly reactionary character of the amendments. cused a storm of indignation and protest from the membership in the large northern ports. The membership meeting in Baltimore. by a vote of 247 to 2, "condemned all of these Dixiecrats who with their threats of charges and expulsions are attempting to ram this measure down the throats of the members."

After learning of the Dixierat threat against the opposition officials, a special meeting in the Port of New York took up a collection to circulate to the ships a resolution condemning the National Council proposals.

The opposition is led by members of the Rank & File Caucus ous pressure of the ranks who which ousted the Stalinists from are thoroughly aroused at the office last year. In this fight the attempt to establish a totalitarian Stalinists have been shunted to

over the opposition movement.

Typical, for example, of the attitude of the opposition is the Baltimore meeting, which asserts: "The membership has already defeated the Communist Party

David Drummond, New York Port Agent, has warned that "there are reports from the Gulf that some officials have been voting members without giving instructing them to vote in other referendum now in progress is being closely watched.

It is generally conceded that the yellow-dog amendments will be decisively defeated if there is tagonist of real mettle, the no tampering with the ballots.

SWP Spokesman Demands Repudiation of War Alliance

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5-For the first time in the history of Congress, a Senate body heard the genuine Marxian socialist answer to imperialist war

when Farrell Dobbs, National Chairman of the Socialist Workers Party, testified against the North Atlantic Pact before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today.

"Although the Atlantic Pact is epresented as an instrument to preserve peace, its real aim is to preserve oulived capitalism," the SWP's 1948 presidential candidate told the hearing.

"While propaganda in support of the pact is directed only against Stalinism, the pact itself s directed against the movement for socialism. This is demonstrated by the record of post-war diplomacy and by the presence of fascist totalitarians in the present alliance."

ALLIANCE OF DESPOTS

In a slashing 15-minute statenent, Dobbs listed the dictatorial regimes and colonial despotisms, from fascist Portugal to the Dutch and French butchers of the Indonesian and Indo-Chinese peolantic Pact, with its fraudulent ment accorded others wh pledge to safeguard the freedom of the people.'

He drove the point home when ne declared to the startled and infuriated Senators that "the people of Puerto Rico, ruled by the United States government in to rule themselves, also have a ight to question the sincerity of the high-sounding motives proclaimed in the Atlantic Pact."

The SWP spokesman caught the Senate committee off guard when he opened his statement saying, "I speak neither as an ports, so they will have two apologist for bankrupt capitalism, votes." Because of such rumors nor as a tool of treacherous the balloting in the 30-day Stalinism. I speak as a genuine advocate of socialism, which I sincerely believe represents the only road to lasting peace."

Realizing that they had an an-Senators cut their questioning of



FARRELL DOBBS

Dobbs off short and rudely interrupted his answers to the few questions they asked. This was ples, "that have signed the At- in marked contrast to the treatfied, including Henry Wallace.

SWP's DEMANDS

Dobbs concluded by demanding repudiation of the pact, publication of all details of the secret negotiations, withdrawal of all defiance of their democratic right troops from foreign soil, repeal of the peacetime draft law, cancellation of the military budget and of grants to foreign imperialists, a halt to the witchhunt, and a referendum vote of the people to decide whether there shall be war or peace.

This was the first time a Trotskvist spokesman has ever been permitted to testify before a federal legislative hearing.

Full text of Dobbs' statement against Atlantic Pact is printed

A Senate Hearing at Work

By Farrell Dobbs WASHINGTON, May 5-Per- | scramble, and he showed me every | marked out in black. That too, I haps you're interested to know courtesy, for which I was especi- thought, is a proper symbol for

North Atlantic Military Pact, as have just done. Here's the story from the time I entered the Senate Office Building at 10 A.M.

As I mounted the marble staircase to the second floor, I saw a large group of people queued up outs'de the door to the Senate caucus room where the commitee is hearing testimony on the pact. At the door stood a uniformed guard, a gun slung from his belt and a blackjack protruding ominously from his hip pocket. What a fitting symbol, I thought, of the foreign policy of American monopoly capitalism.

N THE COMMITTEE ROOM

My telegram of invitation from the committee got me past the gun and blackjack without delay. that is, the first gun and black jack, there were others inside The large caucus room, with its marble walls, scroll work, velvet drapes, red-carpeted floor and ornate chandeliers, struck me as gaudy, something like the inner lobby of a first-run theater, where you pay four-bits extra for the decorations.

Technicians swarmed all over the room, setting up their cameras and lighting for newsree! shots and hooking up their radio broadcasting equipment. I finally found hind the committee hung a large Mr. C. C. O'Day, the committee clerk, in the midst of this member nations of the pact

know the ropes.

When the tecnnicians were ready for the day's work, about 200 spectators were let in to fill the seats at the rear of the room. Next some 75 reporters and press photographers drifted in to take shook hands with Connally and the'r places at four long rows of tables.

A few minutes before 10:30, the scheduled starting time, Senator Connally of Texas, the committee chairman, walked in. He was soon followed by Vandenberg of Michigan, McMahon of Con necticut, Hickenlooper of Iowa Fulbright of Arkansas, Wiley of Wisconsin and an uninvited, unwanted non-member of the committee who has forced his way into the hearings, Senator Don-

nell of Missouri, an isolationist. The committee's tables were laid out in a T-formation with long wings and a short stem. The Senators took seats along the wings, facing the reporters and spectators. The witness chair stood at the base of the T facing the Senators, with most of the press and all of the spectators behind it. At the right of the witness chair sat the committee reporter, pecking away at his little machine, taking down the

record of the proceedings. On the wall immediately bemap of the world with the 12

what it's like to testify before ally grateful, since this was my the reactionary governments the Senate Foreign Relations first experience before a Con- gathered together in this holy Committee in opposition to the gressional committee and I didn't alliance against the human race.

WALLACE'S TESTIMONY

Promptly at 10:30 Henry Wallace walked in with a substantial entourage. Looking much older than he did last fall, Wallace Vandenberg and seated himself in the witness chair: Connally rapped the gavel, the Klieg lights went on, the newsreel cameras began to grind, the radio an-

(Continued on page 2)

Next Week:

Farrell Dobbs will continue his on-the-scene reports of the Stalinist trial in New York, analyzing the government's case to date.

There was an explosion in the coal mine, and then the section boss told the miners to get back to work under dangerous conditions. Read how they reacted.

Also, J. Meyer will review Ray Sprigle's new book, Fromthe Land of Jim Crow, and our Detroit correspondent will explain the latest Ford strike

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Answer Congress With 24-Hour Stoppage By Art Preis

Even if Truman and his Congressional colleagues pull a rabbit out of the hat, that is, finally push through a labor bill of their own sponsorship, the best labor can hope to get by dependence on the Trumanites will be a re-hashed version of the Taft-Hartley Act under a different label.

The maximum the Truman fight for is a measure along the House defeated. So close to the tional emergency" strikes, that even the pro-Trumanite labor law, was recommitted in the has been in their frenzied opposileaders, who were ready for al- House. most any kind of "compromise,"

privately to any Congressmen tion of the Sims Bill, refusing to Washington initiated by a number ine, Philco and others. Every-ness Congress understands.

they could button-hole to vote for | commit himself on it publicly. | of local unions. They denounced | where the workers are becoming for its passage.

TRUMAN IS PATIENT

If their shyster game had workthe adoption of the Sims Bill as Democrats are now prepared to sented fulfillment of Truman's union leaders are permitted to any suggestion of the mobilization key election promise. Instead, the lines of the Sims Bill, which the Trumanites are now claiming as labor is sure to end up tied and The net result of this policy has a "big victory" only that some-Taft-Hartley Act in spirit and thing worse than Taft-Hartley is content was the Sims Bill, with its | not on the books - that is, that | a different name. provision for injunctions in "na- the Wood bill, which they called "even worse" than the existing

Truman, in his last press conwere forced to repudiate it pub- ference, talked blithely about the eve of the adoption of the growing readiness for militant acwinning repeal of the Taft-Hart- Taft-Hartley Act in June 1947, tion. A new series of strikes has But that did not prevent them ley Act - if it takes the rest of the Murrays and Greens frantic- begun against leading corporafrom passing the word around his term. But he evaded the ques- ally opposed a labor march on tions, Ford, Singer Sewing Mach-

labor-haters.

In the next weeks, the Senate will be taking up the issue of give the labor movement another "big victory" for labor and chance to fight for the kind of

> The only time these union leaders have shown any "militancy" tion to any form of effective independent mass labor action. On

the Sims Bill. They thus sought | However, his Congressional co- even talk of a nation-wide general | fed up with the speed-up and comto "make the record" against the horts drafted it and pushed it, al- protest strike. Their "reasonable-Sims Bill while secretly plugging | though they are now talking even | ness" at that time did not prevent further concessions to the avowed passage of the Slave Labor Law. the Taft-Hartley atmosphere and

THE NET RESULT

In the struggle for Taft-Hartley ed, they would now be hailing Taft-Hartley repeal. This will repeal, they have continued all caution and timidity, offering every sort of "reasonable" conwould be claiming that it repre- bill it wants. However, if the top cession and loudly disclaiming continue their present policies, of labor's ranks for a real battle. gagged by the Taft-Hartley Act | been to embolden the union-haters or a virtual replica of it under and assure continuation of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The mood of the organized workers, however, is in sharp contrast to that of the top bureaucrats. The union ranks are giving substantial evidence of their

pany provocations that have been in large measure the result of the retreat of the union official-

This retreat has now reached its dead end, so far as the Taft-Hartley Act is concerned. The distance separating "compromises" like the Sims Bill from the Taft-Hartley Act is so small that not even the "labor statesmen" can find a space between in which they can still squeeze. They have no place

The only recourse left labor, outside of abject unconditional surrender, is to turn and fight union ranks must force the leadership to mobilize real action - a 24-hour national work stoppage, That's the kind of language and the only kind - the Big Busi-

Text of Farrell Dobbs Statement on Pact Militant Fund Drive

Speaking for the Socialist Workers Party, I oppose ratification of the North Atlantic Military Pact.

You will find my position different from that of other witnesses appearing before you on this question, for I speak neither as an apologist for bankrupt capitalism, nor as a tool of treacherous Stalinism. I speak as a genuine ill, as the leading spokesmen for advocate of socialism, which I world capitalism, made a deal sincerely believe represents the with Stalin at Teheran whereby only road to lasting peace.

represented as an instrument to for which Stalin was to be grantpreserve peace, its real aim is to ed his present sphere of influence preserve outlived capitalism. in Eastern Europe.
While propaganda in support of the pact is directed only against STALINIST TREACHERY Stalinism, the pact itself is directed against the movement for so- hundreds of thousands of Eurocialism. This is demonstrated by pean workers poured into the

declared war on the already-

decimated Stalinist cohorts, and

after the convention the Executive

Board attempted to put the

ments in each situation. In the

the raiding; the Carey-ACTU op-

position was propped up, promised

backing and readied to wrest the

The Farm Equipment union was have you.

union away from the Stalinists.

peremptorily ordered to get into

the UAW. At the same time,

both the Auto and Steel unions

Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

fit out of business altogether.

a year before, the Stalinists, still

unsure of the Kremlin line, voted

for the foreign policy "Marshall

Plan" resolution and helped soap

the red-baiting rope which was

used to hang them shortly there-

after. They actually participated

which stated: "We resent and re-

ject efforts of the Communist

Party or other political parties

and their adherents to interfere

had stiffened. The "cold war" had

didn't put on a very good show,

in the affairs of the CIO."

UE, the word went out to stop wishout winking an eyelash, to

WHAT GUIDES THE CP

Stalinist control.

Labor Union Trends -

totalitarians in the Atlantic alli-

From the Teheran conference central objective of American foreign policy has been to safe-European capitalism against the mounting pressure of the European working people for socialism. All the evidence indicates that Roosevelt and Churchhe agreed to support the capital-Although the Atlantic Pact is lists in Western Europe, in return

Toward the end of the war, the record of postwar diplomacy Stalinized . Communist Parties, paganda has struck a responsive

Recent Zigzags of Stalinists in the CIO

fill the air with demands for a

30-hour week, militant action,

pay increases, Congress of Labor,

The Stalinist UE leadership,

union was demanding, now want-

so-called "National CIO policy"

keep their autonomous rights.

NEW STAGE BEGINS

already engaged in a few such

ists would help them establish so- crimes the Stalinists have com- recent press conference that a cialism. But the Stalinist leaders mitted against the world workin Western Europe entered capi- ing class. down to the present moment, the talist coalition governments and over the Soviet Union.

the European working people thus Soviet Union, impose upon the betrayed by the Stalinists, the Soviet people the rule of monopuppets of the Kremlin were driven out of the coalition governments in Western Europe. World capitalism then launched the present cold war against the Soviet Union, a cold war that is growing dangerously warm.

The propaganda of the cold war is focused on the police-state methods of the Stalinists wherever they are in power. This pro-

helped to prop up the weak capi- be overthrown in the course of "from the outside," would constitalist class. In the countries of the struggle for world socialism, tute an attack on that govern-Eastern Europe, they set up total- but the working people dare not itarian regimes modeled after entrust that task to the capital- pact. Stalin's brutal police dictatorship ists. For it is the aim of world capitalism to destroy the system With the socialist aspirations of of nationalized economy in the poly capitalism under a fascistlike dictatorship, and in the process stamp out all socialist movements everywhere in the world.

> MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT To serve this sinister aim, a reactionary coalition is forming under the leadership of imperial America, whose only requirement for membership is support of the capitalist system. Examine the list of governments that have signed the Atlantic Pact, with its fraudulent pledge to safeguard

the freedom of the people, founded

on the principles of democracy

and individual liberty. Among signators to the pact you will find the Salazar government that has kept the people of Portugal under totalitarian police rule for the last 23 years. Even before the Senate has acted on the pact, a campaign has started to include in the so-called freedom alliance the butcher Franco, who maintains his brutal ple by executing his political op-

ernment arrogantly decreed that democratic rights has been poured of the pact," and the Dutch im- the state legislatures. perialists, with the aid of American dollars and military equipment, continue to suppress by force and violence the heroic attempt of the Indonesian people to win their freedom, founded on the principles of democracy and individual liberty.

No less hypocritical are the democratic pretensions of the French government, which seeks to crush by force of arms the struggle for freedom in Viet Nam, Algeria and Madagascar. By what stretch of the imagination can the Italian government be called a champion of democracy when it demands restoration of its imperialist rule over the people of

its former African colonies? The people of Puerto Rico, ruled by the United States government in defiance of their democratic right to rule themselves, also have a right to question the sincerity of the high-sounding mo-

WATCHWORD OF ALLIANCE

talist government, well-staffed by Nazis, which the State Department is trying to carve out of the Western zone of partitioned Ger-

ary coalition now gathering in the North Atlantic Military Alliance will be, "Preserve the sta- for a referendum vote of the tus quo!" Secretary Acheson pro- people to decide whether there vided the diplomatic cover for this | shall be war or peace.

revolution against any government in the coalition, alleged to The criminal Stalinists must be inspired, armed and directed ment within the meaning of the

Secretary Acheson may have gotten the idea from the Dutch government, which launched its nperialist attack on Indonesia with the fantastic charge that the Indonesian Republic was a "communist movement instigated from the outside." If the people of Portugal should rise up against the fascist dictator Salazar, he could falsely pose as the victim of a revolution "from the outside" and demand armed aid against the Portuguese people from the other governments in the Atlantic al-

For the American people the cold war has already meant high prices, heavy taxes, a peacetime draft and a vicious attack on their civil liberties. Billions are appropriated for war, but the people can't get homes, schools or hospitals. The Negro people are abominably mistreated. The Taft-Hartley Act remains on the books.

CONSEQUENCES AT HOME

An unrestrained witch-hunt is raging among government emoloyees and in the public school system. Conscientious objectors to the draft are persecuted. Libfascist rule over the Spanish peo- eral-minded religious leaders are harassed. Minority political parties are subjected to thought-con-As the Dutch foreign minister trol prosecution. A flood of bills signed the Atlantic pact, his gov- curtailing traditional American 'Indonesia is outside the spirit into the hoppers of Congress and

> These hardships and evils inflicted upon the American people are a natural consequence of the government's war-like foreign policy, for there is a direct and intimate connection between foreign and domestic policy. If the Senate should ratify the Atlantic Pact, conditions here will rapidly grow ten times worse as further steps are taken to impose military police-state rule over the American people in preparation for impending war.

For these reasons, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I ask you to recommend the following measures for adoption by Congress:

Repudiate the Atlantic Pact and censure the President and Secretary of State for their unseemly haste in rushing to sign it. 1811

Require the State Department to make public all the details of secret negotiations concerning the pact, so that the Senate and the American people may have all the facts about this unprecedented Another candidate ear-marked military alliance for atomic war for membership in the so-called into which the Truman adminisfreedom alliance will be the capi- tration is dragging this country. Order the withdrawal of all

> troops from foreign soil. Repeal the peacetime draft law. all financial grants to foreign imperialists.

Halt the witch hunt.

Initiate a measure to provide

Mr. Chairman and members of the and by the presence of fascist mistakenly believing the Stalin- chord because of the terrible objective when he indicated at a Committee: Near Successful Finish

By Reba Aubrey

Campaign Manager

Collections for the \$7,500 Militant Fund took an encouraging eap last week, rising from 68% to 86%, and bringing us within reaching distance of a successful conclusion of the campaign on

The last day for turning in funds is May 15, and the final scereboard will be printed in next veek's issue of this paper.

Morgantown, which had overfulfilled its quota early in the campaign, sent in additional contributions that credit it with 180%.

Newark went from 76% to 100%, and then sent in more to ake second place with 106%.

In the past week, the branches in Cleveland, Youngstown, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Boston, Worcester, Philadelphia and Flint all came through with additions on their quotas that placed them in the 100% category, which almost half the branches have now reached. Some say they may even be able to surpass their quota before May 15.

Most of the other branches lave sent us communications promising that they will come hrough with their final payments before the deadline. Such assurances have come from Buffalo, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago, and we have every reason to expect not only them but the other branches to meet their fornia, \$1; C. A. S., Texas, \$1; promised to send us about \$40 obligations on time. Incidentally, Eugene B., Hudsonville, \$2; F. next week. At this rate we should the last zero on the scoreboard N., New York City, \$1.75; W. was erased this week when Doty, Minnesota, \$5; J. Seward, Rochester submitted its first

SCOREBOARD FOR MILITANT FUND

Branch	Quota	Paid	Percent
Morgantown	\$ 25	\$ 45	180
Newark	250	264	106
Flint	200	202	101
Seattle	50	50	100
Allentown	25	25	100
Los Angeles	600	600	100
New Haven	35	35	100
Cleveland	150	150	100
Youngstown	300	300	100
Pittsburgh	100	100	100
Boston	150	150	100
San Francisco-Oakland	500	500	100
Worcester	25	25	100
Philadelphia	400	400	100
Reading	50	46	92
Minneapolis '	400	363	91
Toledo	50	45	90
New York	2,000	1,773	89
St. Paul	200	175	. 88
Lynn '	50	37	74
Chicago	250	169	68
Baltimore	100	65	65
Buffalo	500	311	62
Detroit	500	304	61
Milwaukee	150	79	53
Akron	200	100	50
New Britain	50	25	50
Rochester	25	12	48
St. Louis	50	16	32
General	115	76	67
Total through May 10	\$7,500	\$6,442	86

From sympathizers we received \$1.02 which she collected in small more than \$18 during the last change from some friends. A supweek, namely - A. Siegel, Cali- porter in California has also and from Mrs. M. of Minneapolis board.

be able to exceed even our Mrs. Seward and W. Stuart \$7; "General" quota in the score-

A Senate Hearing at Work

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nouncers started talking and the hearing was under way.

Wallace read a 22-page statement, the essence of which was he wants American imperialism to make a deal with Stalin. The committee then questioned Wallace until 3 o'clock, with time out for lunch. Apart from a statement by Vandenberg to the filled the room, becoming louder effect that he thought capitalism and Stalinism might be able to get along in the world, which made Wallace very happy, the committee hammered Wallace til I reached the second paramainly with the charge that he "pro - Russian," which he

Senator McMahon excused himself about noon to go to the Senate floor and fight for his amendment to the education bill which would compel the states to grant financial aid to Catholic Cancel the military budget and parochial schools, first demanding that Wallace be kept on hand. When he got back he put Wallace through the most vicious series of questions asked during

> When they had finished with Wallace, Senator Connally read a telegram from Eugene Dennis. general secretary of the Communist Party, reporting that Judge Medina had refused to adjourn the thought-control trial for Dennis to testify on the pact. Connally made a few wise-cracks indicating they had been eager to have a go at Dennis in the hear-

FIRST QUESTIONS

Connally, who has a habit of stroking his nose with the ball of his right thumb, next called the names of three Progressive Party spokesmen scheduled to testify. None was present, so he made a few more wise-cracks about the Progressives "not progressing so good" and called on Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein of the American Labor Party who made a brief to her, and dismissed her with out questioning.

After sweating it out for five hours, my turn had finally come. Reporting from memory, here is the gist of the discussion. As I approached the witness

chair, Connally, who asked all the questions, but one, while I was testifying, said, "So you represent the Socialist Party." "The Socialist Workers Party,"

I replied. "We were in the Socialist Party for a time, but we broke with them when we saw they were preparing to support you got your information from "Oh, you broke with Norman

"I registered for the draft, but of the class struggle we try to

said the war wouldn't bring peace "Oh, so they put you in jail.

"The State-The Political Struc- Didn't they let you out as soon as the war ended?"

"I got out when my time was

statement.'

The audience had remained quiet and very attentive until you're against war?" the questioning of Wallace began to peter out. Thereafter a light have a means of self defense behum of subdued conversation had causeas Connally jibed at the missing Dennis, the missing Progressives tion?" and Dr. Rubinstein. I could still hear that murmur behind me ungraph of my statement:

"I speak neither as an apologist for bankrupt capitalism, nor tions from the members." as a tool of treacherous Stalinism. I speak as a genuine ad- do. The party collects dues to vocate of socialism."

The murmur died down. The reporters began to pay attention. and we have to adjust ourselves Here was a new note, something to the realities of that world different. The photographers while we're fighting to change began to snap pictures. However, it." judging by the lack of notice in "WHAT ARE YOU FOR?" the papers, I'd say the editors didn't show the same interest the reporters did.

"All the evidence indicates that Roosevelt and Churchill, as the leading spokesmen for world capitalism," I continued, "made a deal with Stalin at Teheran whereby he agreed to support the capitalists in Western Europe, in return for which Stalin was to be granted his present sphere of in- against that. A most recent-" fluence in Eastern Europe."

Connally stopped me. "Were you at Teheran?" he asked, 'How do you know that's a fact?"

"I said all the evidence indicates it to be a fact," I replied. "For example-"

"It's just your opinion. You may go on.'

I then completed without further interruption the statement printed elsewhere in this issue, the committee all the

while staring at me coldly. "HOW DO YOU KNOW?"

Then Connally returned to the Teheran deal which seemed to bother him. "You weren't at Teheran, yet you say a deal was made with Stalin to support capitalism in Western Europe and he was to get his present sphere of influence. How do you figure that out?"

"There are several key factors the Stalinist line following Teheran, the policy of the Western powers, the-"

Senator Hickenlooper broke in with the sage observation, "But

the capitalistic press." "We use all available sources Thomas over the war. You didn't of information. Then from our support the last war. I don't reading of history and from our suppose you were in the army?" general knowledge of the nature

"Oh, so you work just like a to the world, that it was not in detective," Connally cut in. "But it's still only what you think. Now, you want us to cancel the military budget. Does that mean we shouldn't have any army, navy or air force?"

"We're against the whole present military setup. We favor a "You may proceed with your people's militia, with military training under the control of the trade unions and similar workers organizations."

"Why do you want that if "The working people must

"If I may ask you a personal question, what is your occupa-

"I work full time for the party."

"How is the party financed?" "By the payment of monthly?

lues and by voluntary contribu-"You get wages for what you

pay you. Isn't that capitalistic?"

"We live in a capitalist world

"You say we want to stamp out the socialist movement. We haven't tried to block socialism in England."

"In the first place, they don't have socialism in England. Only a few half-measures toward limited nationalizations have been taken, and there has been plenty of pressure from America even

"I gather you're against the Russian system?"

"We are irreconcilably opposed to Stalinism. We are for-

"You seem to be against everything, capitalism, Stalinism, Norman Thomas, British socialism. What are you for anyway?" "We are fighting for genuine

socialism." "Does it exist anywhere in the

world today?" "No." "That will be all."

I wasn't treated courteously by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Alternating between sarcasm and derision, they tried to laugh off my statement. To them, I represented only a small party with a true socialist program, not an organization with a huge block of votes.

But their tune will change when the powerful ideas incorporated into the program of the Socialist Workers Party find adherents by the millions, as they must and will. Because it is only through the program of scientific socialism that the workers will find a permanent solution to the grave problems of our day.

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By Bert Cochran The CIO convention in Portland | ternational unions lined up behind | their latest zigzag? We are only last November took the conflict them. Partially, because they had at the beginning of a new stage of the CIO bureaucracy against grown rusty at the opposition and it is still too early to make the Stalinists out of the un- game and their own union frac- definitive judgments and evaluadeclared guerrilla stage. Murray tions were corroded with opportions. But certain trends are and his lieutenants formally tunism. discernible.

The Stalinists' previous zigzags THEIR NEW DEMANDS have taken their toll. Active After Portland, however, they unionists, what with their own went to work to polish up their experiences and the unabated hostilities on an organized and new line and sell themselves propaganda of the capitalists and centrally-planned basis, and com- again to the CIO members as the labor bureaucracy, have the plete the job of wiping out all militants and left-wingers. After Stalinists' number. Consequently years of pitching labor-managethe CP crew are finding it ment cooperation, piece - work, devilishly hard to catch fresh bonus systems, Roosevelt, the fish. They have certainly not made This took on different forms Democratic Party, the no-strike any appreciable headway, thus depending on the tactical require- pledge, "win-the-war" programs far, in refurbishing their tarnishand the like, they now began,

ed reputations. But don't kid yourself that the Stalinist career of crime, in and of itself, precludes their staging joint wage strategy and what a comeback, It didn't stop them in Europe or Asia. When workers move left and look for radical who had stabbed the General leadership, they are not so much Motors strikers in the back in interested in history, as in backcontinued raiding expeditions 1946 and signed a contract with ing whatever leadership seems to against the already weakened GM for less money than the Auto offer the best chance of achiev-

ing results in the present. ANOTHER CHOICE

with the aim of putting this out- ed the CIO leaders to quit fooling around and devise a united wage As in so many other spheres, The Stalinists, of course, are strategy. The recent FE convendevelopments in union politics not as other trade unionists or tion adopted a ringing program radicals. Whether they act tough for the 35-hour work week at 40 and faction fights boil down, in tives proclaimed in the Atlantic or flabby, whether they talk hours pay and for a 24-hour work the end, to the question of availmilitant or conservative depends stoppage against the Taft-Hartley able alternatives. Were the choice not on any set of principles, or Law. On top of this, they told to remain what it was in the even their own needs as a party, Murray to go to hell as far as past, the choice between a Murbut on the policy of the Kremlin dissolving their organization into ray - type conservative machine Poo-bahs at the particular time. the UAW was concerned. The and the Stalinists, there is no the Boston CIO convention Longshoremen's convention defied question that, in time, big groups of workers would swing over to and told Murray they intended to the Stalinist camp once again. The election victories of the Concomitantly, the Stalinist Stalinist-led independent union in fuehrers are reorganizing their the New York department stores and the FE defeat of the UAW in cwn party fractions in the unions, key agricultural implement plants weeding out the untrustworthy,

in drafting the red-baiting motion and stiffening the backbones of illustrate this. But there are definite signs that stance in Stalinist "militancy." Stalin was anxious to use his They led militant strikes during memberships of their own In- Have they had any success with weeks, we have seen the same

tional Maritime Union.

Of course, in a lot of unions and places, the fight is still a two- for Boston, writes that "a group been announced here as Fri., May sided business between the Mur- of comrades went out last Sun- 13 at 8 P. M. for San Francisco, rayites and Stalinists. But don't day on a door to door campaign. and Tues., May 17 at 8 P. M. for under - estimate the importance We sold 31 copies of the paper Oakland. The subsequent lectures they decided to put me in jail piece out the truth and state it and national character of the at a Negro housing project. The will be held on the same evening instead of the army because I as I have done here today." events in auto, rubber and mari- reception wasn't bad, although of the week and at the same time. The Stalinists still have a sales were not made as readily hour. The San Francisco address lot of tricks in their bag but they as a few years ago. We are going is 1739 Fillmore, 4th floor. The the interests of the working peoare now up against Abraham back again to the same people Oakland address is 1408 Webster. pe, that it-" Lincoln's dietum that you can't who bought the papers and will The second lecture will deal with fool all of the people all of the try our luck at getting subscrip-

The watchword of the reaction-

the choice in the labor movement is not going to be limited to There is more noise than sub- these two unworthy leaderships. A new genuinely progressive anti But by the time the Portland But one should not imagine that Stalinist tendency is arising and in the days to come will more selves to talk and are incapable and more aggressively claim the reached the ferocious stage and of actually leading struggles. support of the leftward-moving puppet parties abroad to black- the Stalin-Hilter Pact at Allis- ference has previously been made to this kind of development in concessions. So the Stalinists went | Aircraft. They may do so again. the auto union, where the opposition, despite the adverse circumstances of the past period, has maintained its influence for over year and a half. Ditto for a roughly similar formation in the rubber union. And in the past

> type of manifestation in the Na-Here the Curran leadership climaxed its reactionary evoluof the union and the industry in general, sympathizers of of an unspecified nature. This miserable crew finally succeeded, further improvement were: (1) them to our general program." by their outrageous witch-hunt, in creating the stormiest opposition seen in the maritime union events, the length of the articles Correction on Dates since the Stalinists were cleaned | could be cut down." (2) A column out. And here is what is very should be "devoted to the various Of Bay Area Series significant. It was not the Stalin- activities of the branches in difists who were the beneficiaries ferent parts of the country." of this development; it was not the Stalinists who were heading choice of headlines could have this movement. They remain dis- been made." credited with the broad ranks. It

progressives.

MILITANT ARMY Literature Agent P. B., reporting on San Francisco's trial effort ings to former subscribers in men and women of labor. Re- at regular distributions of The their areas in an effort to secure

the union meetings excellent. in the city."

That while "as much coverage as possible must be given to certain (3) "In many instances, better

at a later date.

Rena Breshi, Literature Agent

Some branches have tried mail-Militant at selected renewals. The percentage of direct union meetings, returns from this method is genwrites that "the erally much lower than the exreception generally pectations of the comrades who has been quite prepare the mailing. According to favorable. Our per- experts, capitalist newspapers spective now is to generally consider any returns cover even more of above four or five percent as

Milwaukee's Literature Agent, At a discussion G. H., has found that "the biggest held "some time value of such a mailing is to ago," says P. B. keep up the link with the paper "it was generally agreed that and help pave the way for pertion by proposing to throw out The Militant has made tremend- sonal contact." These mailings statement following the CP line. ous strides from every point of pay off. But, he adds, "no matter The committee talked among any other undesirable categories cartoons were greatly praised," portunity to deal with specific Some of the suggestions for individual problems and relate

Francisco and Oakland.

ture of Society."

Stalinists, radicals and opponents view. Our program has been ex- how well a leaflet or letter is themselves, paying no attention pressed and stressed; the general composed, there is nothing like radicalism and those falling in lay-out has improved. Gray's personal contact, with the op-

The Militant regrets its error in mixing up the dates for the opening of the series of weekly ectures on "Marxism and the The discussion, reports P. B. Problems of the American Workwas a new combination of genuine was held over for another session ers," being held in both San the last war."

The first lecture should have

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"The bourgeoisie of a number of civilized countries has already shown and is continuing to show how, in case of internal danger, it changes without much ado the parliamentary form of its rule for an authoritarian, dictatorial, Bonapartist or a fascist form. It will make the change that much faster and more decisively in time of war when both internal and external dangers will threaten its basic class interests with ten-fold force. Under these conditions the support by a workers' party of 'its' national imperialism for the sake of a fragile democratic shell means the renunciation of an independent policy and the chauvinistic demoralization of the workers, that is, the destruction of the only factor which can save humanity from disaster." -Leon Trotsky, War and the Fourth International, 1934.



LENIN

Full Support to the Ford Strike!

The battle has been joined on the fourthround of wage increases. Whatever the immediate issue that set off the Ford strike, the entire employing class and its press are* keenly aware that a defeat for the Ford workers at this time might prove a disastrous blow to the whole developing wage campaign of American labor.

Whether the top union leaders recognize the fact or not, the Ford strike is the first major offensive in the drive for a new round of wage increases. It is only in this light that we can understand why Henry Ford II chose to precipitate a show-down battle, eleven days before negotiations on wages were to begin, over an issue that he otherwise would have settled quietly through the normal grievance machinery.

How conscious Big Business is of the significance of the Ford strike with rélation to the wage issue is shown in a statement of the May 8 N. Y. Times: "In the face of management's stand against increased labor costs [through wage raises], there has been speculation over the mood of the workers. In some circles there is a theory that, because of a general feeling of uncertainty about the economic outlook, the workers will be reluctant to force their demands to the point of strikes. Another theory is that insecurity will make the workers more aggressive. Last week the second theory seemed to be borne out in a strike against Ford."

The mood of the workers, as reflected in the determined struggle against Ford, has proved more decisive in determining when and in what manner the wage question will be fought out than all the plans and maneuv-

Following the frenzied propaganda cam-

hierarchy and Big Business press around the

Mindszenty case in Hungary, Washington's

spokesmen sought United Nations action on

the issue in the name of "freedom of religion"

On April 30, the UN General Assembly

adopted by a vote of 34 to 6 a resolution

calling on the Stalinist governments of Hun-

gary and Bulgaria, where 15 Protestant

clergymen had been tried and imprisoned,

to answer charges brought by Washington

and London of violations of the "human

rights" provisions of the peace treaties with

the Allies. On May 4, Secretary of State

Dean Acheson announced that the United

States and Britain would shortly move

against Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania on

and "human rights."

the same charges.

ers and slick strategy of UAW President Walter Reuther and the other top CIO leaders. The CIO leaders, including Reuther, undoubtedly envisioned a series of long drawnout negotiations, with all the rigamarole of press propaganda and counter-propaganda, statistics and counter-statistics, and a final settlement with a few insubstantial concessions that could be palmed off on the workers as a "victory without a strike."

The Ford strike has knocked all these calculations into a cocked hat. The workers themselves have called the turn. They have decided and the top union officials like Reuther have been forced reluctantly to go along. It is on this ground that the wage battle must now be fought out.

Now that the Ford workers are out, their demands must be broadened to include all the wage and contract questions. If they go back before the wage question is decided, they will face the possibility of another bitter struggle after they have already expended their resources and energy in one hard battle.

A victory for the Ford workers is of crucial importance for all American labor. If the Ford workers are permitted to become isolated and starved back into the plants, it will embolden all the corporations and harden their resistance to labor's demands every-

The Ford workers must win - and it is the solemn duty of the entire labor movement to give them the kind of backing that will ensure their victory. This is no time for -half-way measures - every union should act now to give full moral and financial aid to the Ford workers.

When a Prince of the Roman Catholic

powers in the cold war against the Soviet

Union, is tried and sentenced by a Stalinist

government, that is the occasion for an un-

restrained campaign to whip up anti-com-

munist hysteria and the witch-hunt against

political dissidents, and to intensify the war

But when obscure members of a devout

religious sect that takes the Sermon on the

Mount seriously are subjected to Nazi-like

torture and murdered, after a kangaroo court

martial, by one of Washington's junior

partners in the cold war, these self-styled

champions of "human rights" and "freedom

of religion" are silent as the grave. The ex-

ecutions of John Tsoukaris and George

Orphanides, reported on page one, demolish

the pretense that the imperialist powers are

championing "freedom of thought, conscience

and religion," as proclaimed in the UN's

"Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

Like the much-abused word "democracy,"

the slogan of "freedom of religion" is being

used as a hypocritical cover for war incita-

tion and the destruction of all democratic

preparations in this country.

How Liberals Aid Jim Crow

Last year we Trotskyists opposed the election of "liberal" capitalist politicians like Hubert Humphrey, Paul Douglas, Wayne Morse and Glen Taylor, whose major claim to fame

ests on their repeated professions 3of opposition to Jim Crow in any by labor leaders and Uncle Tom orm. Most of the labor leaders, Negroes. They start off by prais-

between the Northern liberals of and housing]." How do they both parties and the Southern figure that out? Democrats; and in each instance the leadership and initiative in this alliance were taken by the Humphreys, Douglases, Morses and Taylors. As a result, the Negro people in particular have educational course on the real a rift has begun to develop between the Negro leaders and the very same politicians they were praising a year ago.

NAACP PROTESTS

NAACP Secretary Walter White puts the responsibility for defeating these anti-segregation amendments on "the new coalition of Northern and Southern Democrats." Their action, he says, means "the Senate has agreed to underwrite segregation in housng and education. . .

"Rejection of these amendments seems to indicate little possibility education are better than noth- fight segregation tomorrow. for the enactment of civil rights measures by this Congress. We are particularly dismayed by the curious logic which has impelled rights amendments. If these Senators continue voting with the welfare legislation."

and Walter White, and 100% against the liberal demagogues. For the reasons explained below, white and Negro.

Negro leaders, Trumanite "Social- ing each other and themselves ists" and in some cases the Stal, for their fine "principles" on inists too did everything they racial questions. The heart of could for the election of such Douglas, Humphrey informed the liberals. Now, on the issue of Senate, "literally bleeds for those anti-segregation amendments to who are the oppressed and who housing and federal-aid-to-educa- are the underprivileged." By intion bills, it is possible to draw ference. Humphrey's own heart is a balance sheet and see who was in a similar condition. But, said Humphrey, "As much as I detest Both these amendments were segregation, I love education killed in the Senate during the more. The issue is federal aid or last month through an alliance no federal aid [for education

THEIR ARGUMENTS

Well, they say, the Republican anti-segregation amendments are hypocritical; even if they were added to the bills, most of the been given a thorough if rapid Republicans would not vote for the bills themselves. On the rature of capitalist liberals, and other hand, the adoption of these amendments would anger the Southern Democrats, who wouldthen either vote against the bills need homes and better educational opportunities.

Furthermore, they say, civil rights should be enacted through ing, even for Negroes; half a loaf | Furthermore, the liberals lie is better than none.

ome avowed supporters of civil that defeating the amendments The proof that they lie is that rights to reject specific civil would have the effect of "pre- they made no effort whatever serying," "approving," condon- to achieve another alternative. Dixiecrats, we will be unable to and "perpetuating" segregation. putting through the amendment secure enactment of civil rights And no mater how hypocritical and putting on a fight to smash stand 100% with the NAACP let their liberal brothers carry

so should every militant worker, that in this case the liberals used out right now, on the legislation period of grave national crisis stand these truths, and that is federal money to prop up the Jim pending. But the liberals refused when we are being threatened by why most of them will repudiate Let's begin by examining the Crow system. Humphrey may or to accept this challenge.

Locked Out at Philco



6,500 members of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Mach-Workers in some 22 plants are locked out. Pickets surround the Philadelphia plant of the Philco Corp. after the company refused to grant union demands for wage boosts and other benefits

or filibuster them to death. The longer life to the segregation he blican noted, what was there to defeat of the bills would harm professes to "detest." His heart stop the liberals from at least Negroes as well as whites who may or may not bleed for the trying to put through the anti-

when they claim the issue was But what was the result? Their either federal aid retaining segreopponents in the Senate charged gation or no federal aid at all. ing," "enhancing," "sanctioning" What was there to stop them from That's precisely why the South- they and he had termed the

oppressed, but his feet have segregation clause, withdrawing pined the feet of the Dixiecrats it only after it had been proved on the neck of the Negro people in action that the bill could not and yes, on the neck of the be passed while it was included? independent bills, not through white workers who also suffer But this proposal too the liberals amendments to other bills, so this from segregation. Not even the disregarded, although it could not was not the time or place for glibbest speeches can hide the have been from any aversion to discussion of the segregation fact that aid to segregation to- opportunist practices. Instead, problem. And anyhow, they con- day, no matter what pretext is they yielded without the semclude, segregated housing and used, makes it more difficult to blance of a struggle to the Dixiecrats, pleading with them to yield a little themselves some time in the future. THE AMENDMENT TACTIC

When Douglas kept repeating that segregation problems should and harmful, contributing to be handled in separate bills, a Republican asked him flatly if he would favor the amendment "if he were certain the bill would ing to settle for such a half-loaf measures either as independent their motives, in this respect they the filibuster? GOP Senator pass." Douglas' reply is worth will never get a full and nutritibills or as amendments to social were speaking the plain truth. Lodge reminded them that both repeating: "Personally I do not ous loaf, and are doomed to live believe in segregation; but I also in a state of permanent malnutri-In this dispute we Trotskyists ern Democrats were content to present filibuster-closure rule as know that the Southern states "unworkable." The best way to are firmly committed to that altogether. the ball and to vote in a solid prove it, he said, and thus to lay principle, and I do not want at the ground for getting a better this time to disrupt the United perience with segregation, it is The essence of the matter is and workable rule, is to test it States of American during a the police state in order to force the pretense of the liberals that

World War II.) In Douglas' case, at any rate, it was not the form in which the anti-segregation issue came up that was decisive, but his desire to preserve "national unity" with the Dixiecrats. (Don't be surprised if they support Douglas for President in

Humphrey answered different-

y, implying he would favor the amendment if he thought the bill could be passed afterward. However, when he repeated the argument that the way to get civil rights legislation is through inependent bills rather than through amendments to other bills, Lodge pointed out that because of the great difficulty in getting independent bills out of ommittee and onto the floor of Congress, "the way to get legislation enacted is to attach an mendment to some bill that will go through anyway." And this eft Humphrey without any valid comeback, because it happens to be the truth. Rejection of the amendment tactic of fighting Jim Crow in Congress is equivalent to giving up nine-tenths of the battle in advance. (No important ndependent bill on civil rights has been passed since 1870.)

BETTER THAN NONE?

"Half a loaf is better than none." This is a plausible argument, even if it originates from the same people who are busy withholding the whole loaf. But it's not a good guide under all circumstances. For one thing, you first. Suppose it is poisoned; or suppose it is part of a loaf from which all the food value has been extracted. Surely "none" would be just as good in such a situa-

Segregated housing, segregated education — these are tainted social ill-health, debilitating in tion if they don't starve to death

not hard for Negroes to undermain arguments of the liberals, may not love education, but he which unfortunately are endorsed certainly gave aid, comfort and ist viewpoint, as another Repu-correct." (Sounds like what the Negro people when they killed to convince white workers that their interests too were subverted in this case, but it is

> purge, but that apparently does Acheson could say. But why demoralized by Stalinism, he is measure that sanctions the confrom the Negro people, their best and staunchest ally in the strugdorsement of the organization gle against their common enemy, the capitalist class, and works one manifestation of this retro- to the detriment of labor's struggression. Another is the fact that | gle for genuinely adequate social the Paris conference itself was reform legislation. The "halfloaf" with which the Dixiecrats sentatives of the MRP, the and liberals hope to bribe and Catholic government party that corrupt the workers does far more harm than good to white workers

> > as well as Negroes.

That's why white and Negro workers alike should support the NAACP and oppose the liberals on this issue. Consistent support requires more than mere denun-As always happens on such oc- ciation of the liberals, however. easions, the Daily Worker took It requires merciless political advantage of the affair to slander warfare against them and their us by labeling Hook and Farrell whole philosophy, before elecas Trotskyists. Hook and Far- tions as well as after. A good start for the NAACP in this us by saying we are "the left connection would be to remove wing of Stalinism." Here too, as Wayne Morse from its national in their attitude to the war ques- Board of Directors, and to take tion, the Stalinists and the the path of independent political Stalinophobes see eye to eye action by participation with the morally, even if they bend the labor movement in the formation

Two Not-So-Innocents Abroad Murder of the Jehovah's Witnesses

By George Breitman

"world peace conferences" held inist purges.) in that city last month — the dispute, despite their bitter hostility to each other.

The first acted as a sounding board for the Kremlin, emphasizing the need for a deal between Truman and Stalin, while the second acted as a sounding board for the U.S. State Department, emphasizing the need to destroy Stalinist totalitarianism. But both preached class collaboration rather than class struggle as the method for achieving peace; both only misguide and disorient the genuine struggle against war; and both sought to divert the masses from their main enemy by pretending that war can be prevented under capitalism.

The article from Paris reported hat the most reactionary speeches at the anti-Stalinist conference were made by the two American delegates, Professor Sidney Hook and James T. Farrell, who represented "Americans for Intellectual Freedom." The following additional details about their activities in Paris is based American press.

"INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM"

lectual Freedom" was organized in March as a group in opposition to the American Stalinist "peace congress" at the Waldorf. Its formation received the blessings of the Truman administration through a message from Secretary of Labor Maurice J hierarchy in this country, who 77 lines in the Times. hailed the AIF's courage in "exposing and opposing anti-democratic doctrines."

The only "intellectual freedom" this outfit seems concerned about s the kind being suppressed behind the iron curtain. At any rate, it has failed thus far to ments, it is the closest thing to the more melancholy of the two. mention, let alone condemn, one it. And coming from a self- The first part of Farrell's life, of the most glaring attacks on styled "socialist" speaking on a when he moved to the forefront intellectual freedom in the U. S. continent where hundreds of mil- of American intellectual integrity, (Hook, co-chairman of AIF, is more effective for American im-the "ideological" leader of this perialism than anything Dean toward Marxism. Today, utterly phone 3-3287.

demonstrated, the two brutality and immorality of Before taking off on-a plane

first by the Stalinists and the for Paris, Hook and Farrell told Way? second by the anti-Stalinists - the press that "while they favored had more in common than in the Marshall Plan and the North Atlantic Pact, they were not cominitted to defend the foreign policy of any country." Which reminds us of the Missouri doctor's explanation for the buckeye The Stalinists are "trying to fool charm he always carried in his the people of Europe" with false pocket: "It ain't that I'm super- statements about the status of stitious - I just don't want to democratic rights in the U. S. catch rheumatism."

This was Farrell's first public time the Stalinists are covering endorsement of the Atlantic Pact. up for the "intellectual strait-Just a year ago, in a letter jacket" imposed behind the iron published in Labor Action, he anspread illusions and lies that can nounced his support of the Mar- gical hooliganism and ideological shall Plan and justified it among other things on the ground that haps Farrell is not the best man "I do not see the Marshall Plan to be raising the question of as a purely military measure." Today of course he supports the Herald Tribune, he also "warned Pact on the ground that it is not that the anti-American campaign "pure" alliance for war, but in could 'sever the real bonds of time he'll get over that reservation too.

NOT PAID FOR LABORS

Hook and Farrell also stressed that "they were themselves pay- blackmail just the same.) ing for their trip overseas." Whether this represented an atus they were getting gypped ment should have paid at least their expenses.

the State Department issued an attack on the "World Peace Conrress" as "Communist-directed."

ference by saying: "No one need term for such conduct than fear the Atlantic Pact except intellectual prostitution? those who are planning to violate it." If that isn't an exact quote from State Department docu- rell's degeneration strikes us as the current purge of "sub- lions of people are genuinely ap- was marked by a courageous versive" teachers in the schools. prehensive of the pact, it is a lot break with all remnants of

for their labors overseas; and not its intellectual salesmen? Is that his youth. justice, is that the American

PROTEST - AND SILENCE

Way, our two not-so-innocents abroad undertook to defend that too in a kind of roundabout way. they charged, but at the same curtain. "This constitutes ideoloblackmail," said Farrell. (Perblackmail. According to the Paris sympathy which millions Americans feel for the people of Europe." This "warning" may be polite and subtle, rather than hooligan-like, but it's a form of

But if the Stalinists are to be condemned for not telling the tempt to prove their "independ- whole truth, how about Hook and primarily on dispatches from the ence" of the State Department or Farrell? Did they (with accurate an oblique rebuke to that agency, rather than false statements) we cannot say. But it seems to denounce the intellectual straitjacket which the ruling class is The "Americans for Intel- by all rights the State Depart- imposing on the American people through its purges, persecutions and repressive laws? The nearest The day they left for Paris, they came to doing so was apparently Hook's statement praising Truman for signing his name to a report on civil liberties "that All it rated in the N. Y. Times freely admitted evils." But beyond was 15 lines. But when Hook and the evils that Truman himself ad-Tobin, the chief link between the Farrell got off the plane and mitted, Hook and Farrell didn't Truman cabinet and the Catholic issued a similar statement, it got seem to find any to discuss and denounce themselves - or if they Similarly, Hook defended the did, the press reports certainly Pact at the anti-Stalinist con- missed it. Is there any other

Hook is the older hand at this game, which is perhaps why Far-

not disqualify him from going should the State Department's moving backwards toward col- tinuation of the Jim Crow system As last week's article from abroad to deliver speeches on the "labor salesmen" get reimbursed laboration with the same reac-contributes to the continued tionary elements he rejected in

Secretary of Labor Tobin's en-Farrell represented in Paris is Speaking about the American sponsored among others by reprehas waged war against the colonial people ever since it came to power. Farrell's degeneration can be explained in great part by the degeneration of Stalinism; but an explanation is not an excuse.

rell, on the other hand, slander knee before different masters. | of a Labor Party.

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That these actions have nothing to do with any real concern for freedom of religion, or any other freedom, is proved by the dead silence of the United Nations, the U. S. State Department and the British Foreign Office on the murders of members of the Jehovah's Witnesses by the U. S.-controlled Greek monarchist government.

West Germany's Real Constitution

paign by the U. S. State Department, Catholic Church, which is aligned with the capitalist

The Western German Constitution establishing a "Federal Republic of Germany." adopted May 8, by the U. S.-British-Frenchsponsored Parliamentary Council in Bonn, cannot be judged solely or even mainly on its contents. In words, at least, the Bonn constitution is certainly no worse than other capitalist constitutions now in force.

But all we need to know to correctly judge this Bonn constitution, is that it was drafted on orders of the foreign military governors of Western Germany; that it was enacted behind closed doors, with all correspondents barred; and that an American soldier stood outside the hall door permitting no one in or out. Thus, the new constitution is merely a paper mask concealing the face of the real law in Western Germany — the foreign armies of occupation.

The Bonn constitution will not be submitted to the vote of the German people. It will go into effect only when and if the

occupation powers approve it. They alone will ratify it, change it or toss it into a wastepaper basket. They will decide not according to the needs and aspirations of the German people, but their own tactical requirements for the "cold war."

We cannot say what final decision the occupation powers will make on the contents of the Bonn constitution. But undoubtedly they will attempt to exploit it as a demonstration of the "democracy" and "self-rule" they are bringing to Western Germany. Doesn't it say right in the new constitution that "all state authority emanates from the people"?

This is scarcely likely to be a source of satisfaction to the German people. The foreign occupation forces will remain. The conquering authorities can ignore at will any constitutional provision. The real constitution will continue to be symbolized not by the lengthy document drafted at Bonn, but by the American soldier guarding the locked door of the Parliamentary Council.

cur these solemn promises: "I will follow that method of treatment which according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patients and abstain from

whatever is deleterious and mischievous."

As one observes the wild attacks of the American Medical Association bureaucrats upon all proposals for the betterment of the people's health through national health insurance, one is forced to the sad conclusion that many high-placed American doctors have violated their Hippocratic Oath. Most outstanding violator of the Oath to "abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous" is the vociferous editor of the Journal of the AMA, Dr. Morris Fishbein.

With the issuance of the Truman Health Plan, or the National Health Insurance and Public Health Program as it is named officially, Dr. Fishbein has pulled out all of the stops to attack what he twists around to call "socialized medicine." Almost weekly, editorial attacks are made in the Journal of the AMA upon the National Health Insurance Program now being debated in Congress. Here Fishbein follows the same pattern set in his past vitriolic attacks upon the Wagner Bill, the Wagner - Murray - Dingell Bill and every other proposal to introduce a muchneeded system of voluntary health insurance in the United States.

Here are a few choice quotations from the reactionary editor of the AMA Journal: "The Congress, if it should adopt any consider-

able number of the recommendations made would move the nation away from its present status as a republic or a true democracy into a condition which resembles what is called in Europe a socialistic democracy."

By Grace Carlson .

And Fishbein, once again -"At the same time that many of our political

leaders oppose communism, they move toward communism by embracing socialism."

But Dr. Fishbein to the contrary notwithstanding, the National Health Insurance Program is not "socialistic." Here, I am in complete agreement with Federal Security Administrator Oscar Ewing, who maintains that the proposed health program is "no more socialistic than fire insurance." Ewing has also said, quite truly, on many occasions that neither President Truman nor any other advocates of national health insurance wanted to change the present system of medical care. The only change being sought, Ewing has insisted, was in the method of paying the doctor

But paying the doctor bill is only part of the great problem of bringing better health to the masses of the American people. True socialized medicine will bring the benefits of modern medical science to all of the people all of the time. True socialized medicine would concern itself with "health care" as well as "sick care." In the bright light of the socialist future, the present National Health Insurance Program will appear as only the dimmest reflection of a genuine, all-embracing, well-rounded socialized medicine program.

But the National Health Insurance Program does represent a step in the right direction, and, as such, deserves the support of trade union workers and radical thinkers. For this reason, I will make a detailed analysis of the National Health Insurance Program, as well as rival Congressional bills, the Taft Bill and the Hill Bill, along with discussions of the AMA proposals, the voluntary insurance programs, the union-sponsored health programs, etc., in future issues of The Militant.

Box-Score of Marshall Plan

By Joseph Keller

Instead of leading to an integration and permanent rehabilitation of European economy, the billions of dollars spent by the United States through the European Recovery Program are having a directly opposite effect. This is the conclusion of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in its annual survey issued in Geneva on May 6. The 100,000-word ECE report, according to Michael L. Hoffman, N. Y. Times correspondent, is "the most complete box score of European progress during the critical year of 1948 that has been issued or is likely to be issued."

Although last year saw a 16% rise in production and a 25% reduction in the overseas deficits of Europe as a whole, the present and future prospects for capital investment, says the report, are "far from adequate to secure any really substantial improvement in living standards."

Contrary to the avowed aim of the "planning" under the ERP "to bring about a higher degree of integration of European economy," continues the report, "the observable tendencies appear to move in the opposite direction. This is true, not only in relations between the two great complementary regions, the West and East of Europe, where political cleavages hamper the development of economic cooperation. It also appears to be true within these two regions. . .

The principal effect of the Marshall Plan, according to the data assembled by the report, is to increase the tendency in each European country to "self-sufficiency" — the national "autarchy" that was part of the intensified nationalism that reached its prewar climax under fascism. This trend, stated Nicholas Kaldor, ECE research director and one of the principal authors of the survey, "is pernaps the most distur of the entire economic situation in Europe."

Production programs of all the Western European countries reveal their plans to import less goods proportionately than before the war, and to increase their home production. This increased home production, moreover, is by and large aimed for export.

To whom will they export? To one another, when each is trying to reduce its own imports on the "autarchic" pattern? To the colonial countries, which are dominated by the largest imperialist powers and where these powers are coming into increasing competition for shrinking markets? To the tariff-surrounded United States, which has increased its own productivity enormously compared to Europe and is striving to increase its own exports at the expense of all its competitors throughout the world?

The report points out that in 1937 only sixtenths of one per cent of the goods consumed in the United States was of European manufacture Since the war, this has shrunk to but two-tenths of one per cent. American capitalism, while seeking outlets everywhere for its manufactured goods, shuts out competition in its own home market from European goods.

The report concludes that the United States "faces the anomalous prospect that by the end of the program which it will itself have financed, it will have surpluses and excesses of productive capacity in commodities for which it has helped to develop substitute sources of supply elsewhere; its own exports will have been reduced below the depression-shrunk level of 1938; and Europe will nevertheless still be short of dollars to cover its imports from the United States."

Even a 60% increase in their overseas sales a possibility that the survey itself virtually excludes - would still leave the European countries with a \$3 billion deficit in trade with the United States - if the current U. S. import volume were maintained. It is actually declining, while "competition for the United States in world markets will steadily become more intense, partly because of the success of our own efforts to aid Eu-" (N. Y. Times, May 8.)

To balance its dollar accounts with the United States, Europe would have to increase its exports to this country by more than 300%. Will American manufacturers permit an expansion of European manufacture, with American funds, to permit a 300% increase of exports to the U. S. to compete with U. S. goods? Just last week, reports the May 8 N. Y. Times, the oil industry here complained that the Economic Cooperation Administration is "moving too fast in its efforts to expand oil operations abroad" and "the Marshall Plan is causing the domestic units of the American oil industry to lose markets. . . "

The contradictions of capitalism are operating with increasing force, and all the efforts of American capitalism to get around them have the effect, in the end, of aggravating them. This is strikingly shown by the early consequences of the Marshall Plan, as admitted in the ECE re-

World Events

By Paul G. Stevens -

7th PLENUM OF 4th INTERNATIONAL -The Seventh Plenum of the International Executive Committee of the Fourth International, which met from April 9 to 18, according to the Fourth International press service report, was the most representative gathering of the International ever held. It was attended by regular members and fraternal delegates from organizations in Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Eastern Europe, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, England, Latin American, India, Ceylon, Indo-China, and China. Most noteworthy was the increased represent-

ation from the organizations in the Far East, a delegate of the Chinese Trotskyists appearing at an international gathering for the first time.

In addition, there were also delegates from a newly formed group in Sweden, applying for membership in the Fourth International. There had never before been an organized Trotskyist movement in that country.

The report of the International Secretariat on the activity of the leadership and the sections, and the discussion on the report, noted the growing political maturity and homogeneity of the International as a whole as well as the consolidation of each of the national organizations. The gathering presented evidence, in particular, of improvement in the work of the European sections, some of which had been in the midst of a serious internal crisis a year ago.

There were also extensive reports on the situation in the Far East and on the development of the Trotskvist movement in Latin America, sections of which are being prepared for publica-

The main political resolutions of the Plenum, on "The War Danger and Our Tasks," "The Third Chinese Revolution," and "The Evolution of the Soviet Buffer Zone Countries," which formed the basis of the most important discussions in the ten days' sessions, are to be made public soon.

* * *; DUTCH TROOP MUTINIES - Negotiations for peace were resumed by the Dutch in Indonesia last week. This signifies the collapse of the "police action" undertaken by the imperialists of Holland against the embattled Indonesian masses since last December. Undoubtedly, pressure from the U. S. was one of the prime causes.

Wall Street is becoming ever more alarmed over the futile wastage of its loans to the old European powers on the boiling cauldron in the Far East. Protests from official labor organizations and liberal church movements probably also played a role, because such flagrant cases make it very difficult for these agencies to sell "Western" democracy abroad. But a more important, although less known reason, was certainly the restlessness among the Dutch masses and particularly, rebellions within the army.

Thus, the European Trotskyist press reports, a mutiny broke out recently in a military camp in Brabant among soldiers about to be embarked for Indonesia. It was accompanied by the issuance of a manifesto of a soldiers' committee, declaring: "We do not want to lay down our lives for the planters who are stuffing their pocketbooks. We demand the recall of all troops from Indonesia. For peace and friendship! Not a single soldier for this war!" Many arrests are reported to have been made in these barracks.

Another report relates that after Netherlands troops suffered heavy losses in the Surakarta re- "glaring example of injustice to gion in Indonesia, the survivors refused to con- an individual." And second, betinue the combat. An entire unit was disarmed, cause of the broader significance 17 soldiers condemned to death and 72 to long of the case as a means of com-

The Associated Press also carried a dispatch program. from Singapore recently regarding a mutiny of Dutch troops which was crushed in blood at Fort loyalty oath program and the De Kock, in Sumatra. 200 soldiers, according to this dispatch, were executed "for revolt against | Smith Act of 1940. He added that their command."

THE PURPOSE OF THE PACT - What the prosecution under it, the Minnea-North Atlantic Pact means to the reactionary polis case. politicians in Europe was plainly indicated by Percy Winner's column in the May 9 New Re- equivocal support of the Kutcher public. The day before the Pact was signed, Mario case as the key case in the "loy-Scelba, the Italian Minister of the Interior "and alty" program was of particular by far the toughest man in the government," made a speech at Siena in which he said, "The ticle in the Stalinist People's arms entrusted to the state [by the Pact] do not | World of Feb. 18 which labelled constitute decorative elements but are instru- the Kutcher case as a "diversion" ments of defense and of attack." Winner says and "outside the mainstream of Scelba also "suggested that the Pact would now the current attack on civil libergive the de Gasperi government the right to go | ties" and misquoted a speech by beyond the Constitution and the law in its strug- McWilliams in such a way as to gle to suppress Communism."

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"Right" to Fire for Political Views Claimed by Company

Strike Against Speedup Shuts Down Ford Empire

(Continued from page 1) prevailing speed of the lines. But the committeemen had been the victims of precisely this kind of run-around for three months, and had learned the worthlessness of this type of "agreement" as a neans of halting the speedup.

In protest against further stalling on the part of the union, 13 committeemen handed in their resignations, saying that under present conditions they could not honestly carry out their obligations to the members. Their action precipitated a walkout which resulted in the closing down of the "B" Building.

Reuther and Mazey, sensing that they were losing control of the workers, called an emergency meeting for the next day. At this meeting Reuther blasted the committeemen for not adhering to international procedure in provoking the walkout. The committeemen answered that the international was stalling and that they could not face the members under the circumstances.

On May 2 the company again increased the speed of the line. The officers of Local '600 now could buck the overwhelming pressure from the ranks no nger. The following day the ocal executive board voted to call strike on May 4 at 10 A. M. Reuther, thrust into this difficult position, finally reached a compromise with the local leaders and agreed to authorize a strike for the following day, May 5.

WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY

The fact that the Ford worker's have now hit the bricks in what may prove to be a prolonged strike is due, above all, to the Reuther leadership's policy of retreat on the speedup issue. The whole problem of speedup was posed sharply for the auto workers over a year ago in the major corporations. The international leadership permitted speedup in fight the victimization of militants who were putting up a battle against the speedup.

UAW issued a statement pro-Automobile Worker, claiming that the charges of speedup were unfor ulterior purposes by "Com-

McWilliams Says **Kutcher Case Is 'Key' Loyalty Test**

has arisen in reference to the whole loyalty oath program," Carey McWilliams, noted author and lecturer on civil rights, today told a luncheon meeting of the Souhern California Kutcher Civil Rights Committee.

McWilliams spoke on "Loyalty Oaths," following a report on recent developments in the Kutcher case and the work of the Southern California committee by Hugo Rasmussen, chairman of the local ommittee.

McWilliams stated that there vere two major reasons for his participation in the Kutcher defense movement: First, the firing of James Kutcher from his job with the Veterans Administration because of his membership in the Socialist Workers Party is a batting the whole loyalty oath

He traced the history of the "anti-subversive" drive to the he was opposed to passage of the law at that time and to the first

McWilliams' clear-cut and uninterest locally because of an arimply he shared that view.

"Ford Is On Strike!"



Joseph Palevranph (1.) and Edwin Fitzpatrick are shown getting signs ready for the picketline at the Ford plant, which has been called the "longest picketline in UAW history."

munists, Trotskyites and freeoclicy of retreat that emboldened the speedup.

The campaign to squeeze more was accelerated with the model change-over and the narrowing the strike began, announced th of the market for automobiles. discharge of 14 workers who were The Detroit News carried a series involved in the earlier stoppages its industrial reporter, that spilled the beans. On April 20 he be imposed on 14 others. In ad-

being critically reappraised and the strike was on. penny of needless cost. Suppliers notions on both sides, the Ford of raw materials and component workers are now out on the year, the four top officers of the pressured to tailor their quota- labor-management relations on an tions to the lowered prices in- entirely new basis before they minently featured in the United itiated by GM, and followed by return to manufacture more Ford K-F, Willys, Nash, Ford and cars. activity." (Our emphasis.)

The Ford Company understands booting opportunists." It was this fully how unenthusiastic Reuther and Mazey are about the present the corporations to proceed with strike and how eager they are to reach any sort of "compromise" on the speedup issue. To the company, on the day after nounced disciplinary layoffs would "Every point and detail of it would not negotiate on wages manufacturing processes, are or other contract demands while

which tened up to eliminate every But despite the preconceived

Hudson. Orders by top manage- Already there is evident a true and were being circulated ment to 'trim ship' are now being noticeable increase of militancy followed by 'call to stations' for on the part of many auto workthe fight ahead. Previous bottle- ers. In the past week the Briggs necks in supply of materials hav- workers staged a series of walking been eliminated and with outs on the speedup issue. Worklabor playing ball like never be- ers of the Chevrolet assembly fore, the threatened slackening plant in Flint voted to strike be- wing president of Local 10, to say about hiring. Therefore off of demand has electrified the cause of the speedup. A new duplicated almost word for word the question of less work and industry into feverish backstage wind is starting to blow in labor's the proposal by Harry Bridges, what to do about it is thrown on

This is the key case which WORK - STOPPAGE PROTESTS **MURDER OF ILGWU MEMBER**

NEW YORK, May 12 - 65,000 members of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union stopped work for four hours today as a public protest against the murder of William Lurye, a special or- was attacked by three thugs who ganizer for the union. All of the 2,100 unionized dress

factories in the city were shut down this morning and a mass neeting was held in and around Manhattan Center, with speeches by ILGWU President David Dubinsky and other union officials, and a huge funeral procession by the union membership.

Lurye, who was a member of of a \$25,000 reward for informathe executive board of Dress tion leading to the arrest and Pressers Local 60, had taken a conviction of his murderers or eave of absence from his regular their instigators. ob in order to participate in the

booth at 224 W. 35 St., when he basis for such a statement.

stabbed him in the chest several cimes. He died the following day. The union had previously called four strikes in this same building, and several of its pickets in front of the building were assaulted a few months ago.

\$25,000 REWARD

The ILGWU General Executive Board yesterday posted an offer

A police official had said union's drive to organize a Lurye's murder was not connectnumber of shops whose employ- ed with his union activities. When ers have been resisting unioniza- challenged on this by Dubinsky, however, the chief of detectives On May & he was in a telephone had to deny the police had any

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LOS ANGELES, May 4 - In a precedent-making case, private ndustry has served notice of its ernment "anti-subversive" drive seniority provisions in union con-

The case involves the Maywood, California plant of the Consolidated Western Steel Corp., a totally-owned subsidiary of U.S. Steel, and one of its employees, Robert Blair.

Blair was called to testify before a federal grand jury investigating "communist activities" in the Los Angeles area Blair, along with other witnesses called, refused to answer certain questions, basing himself on his constitutional right not to give testimony that might tend to be self-incriminating.

Federal Judge Pierson M. Hall instructed him to answer the questions, and when he failed to do so, sentenced him to jail without bail until such time as he would answer.

The management of Consolidated Western Steel notified Blair that he had been discharged for unauthorized leave of absence. Blair was finally released on bail following an appeal to the circuit court in San Francisco, and immediately reported for work but was teld that the discharge remained in effect.

THREE PRETEXTS

A member of Local 2058, United Steelworkers of America, Blair filed a grievance contending that he had complied with company rules pertaining to leaves 2058 in this fight. of absence and that his discharge was unjustified.

leave of absence against Blair arbitration.

he prerogative to discharge "unlesirable employees.'

When the union proved the contract does not give the company intentions to use the present gov- this prerogative, the company withdrew its second position and to alter, amend and wipe out the replaced it with a third: namely, that the clause on management prerogatives gives the company the power to discharge "for proper and lawful cause."

While the company officials agreed with the union that there was no law justifying Blair's discharge in connection with the agreement's use of the word 'lawful," they contended that it was public policy to remove Communist Party members and fellow travellers from their jobs.

The union now must take the case to arbitration if the discharge is to be reversed.

UNITED TO DATE

To date, the grievance committee and officers of Local 2058 have been firmly united in the fight to prevent the company from establishing its right to lischarge employees as "unlesirable" either because of their political beliefs or their association with persons of certain political beliefs.

The union has also challenged he latest position of the company which, in effect, would give it the right to serve as a quasilegal agency of the government with power to legislate, try, convict and execute sentence upon any of the union members.

District Director Charles Smith of the United Steelworkers' has written a letter supporting the position of the officers of Local

On the basis of a previous vote of the local's membership, it is In discussion of the grievance anticipated that Blair's case will with the union, the company with- be carried all the way through work out of the auto workers further push them to the wall, drew its charge of unauthorized the grievance procedure including

The Detroit News carried a series involved in the earlier stoppages of articles by Ralph R. Watts, at the "B" Building; it also anticles industrial reporter that nounced disciplinary layoffs would be imposed on 14 others. In addition, the company disclosed that it would not negotiate on wages Lay-off Plan for 2nd Time

By E. Harris

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9 — At a stormy meeting in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium last Wednesday, 5,000 members As late as January of this parts are being relentlessly battling line and intend to put of Local 10 of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Ware-

> off 1,000 men from the industry in order to provide more work for those remaining. work is off approximately 30%

housemen's Union rejected by a

mpared to 1948. The latest lay-off proposal, advanced by James Kearney, right- men. The employers have nothing ILWU International Pres'dent, to the union floor and the leaderlast Feb. 9. However, despite a ship is faced concretely with a falling off of work since Feb- major social problem under ruary, the Kearney plan was de- capitalism, unemployment; and feated even more decisively than is forced to grapple with it. the Bridges' plan. This time

As on Feb. 9, the meeting was dominated by young rank and file militants. The Bridges-Kearney plan was tagged as "union splitting" which could only play into the hands of the ship-owners by furnishing them with a large body of trained men which could be used against the union in event

One speaker declared that the leadership was using the question as a political football and called upon them to "advance plans which will hold the union together - not split us into two camps, employed and unemployed, with the employed fearing the unemployed and the unemployed hating the union. Let us all fight cluded, "If the local and international officials cannot provide such a program they are bankby the meeting.

A UNION DUTY

is it that Kearney is advocating a lay-off when it has always been considered a union duty to oppose lay-offs?"

The reason why the longshore union is faced so sharply with Bridges' and Kearney's plans are the unemployment question is beginning to talk on the job and precisely because it is one of the in union meetings of the necessity most advanced unions in the to develop a new and more far-United States in the degree of reaching program to combat the control over jobs.

four-to-one vote a proposal to lay employer does the hiring and In other industries where the firing, it is easier for the union bureaucrat to turn his back on the problem. However, the West According to ILWU statistics, Coast longshore union has a union - controlled hiring hall through which all available work is rotated among all available

Thus far, neither the right-Bridges stood aside, declaring the wing Murrayite local leadership employment problem is "a local nor the Bridges-Stalinist international leadership have come forth with any proposal except to lay

A STOP-GAP MEASURE

The only plan which even begins to tackle the question was advanced at the Feb. 9 meeting by several rank and file longshoremen. This called for a rotation of all work on a four week basis, with each union member working three weeks at 40 hours per week and being laid off the fourth week, during which he would collect \$25 unemployment insurance, thus adding \$25 to his income for the four-week period.

At the present time longshoremen collect no unemployment benefits, because they always earn together for a program that will at least \$25 per week. Four-week aim to get a decent standard of rotation of work, instead of living for all of us." He con- weekly rotation, would make them eligible for this money, which year after year has been returned to the shipowners, with the State cupt." He was roundly applauded of California keeping only one quarter of one percent for administration costs.

Even this stop-gap measure has Another speaker asked, "Why not been pushed by the present 'eadership although it was approved in principle by the membership. Union militants who. backed by an aroused membership, helped fight down both menace of unemployment.