By Bert Cochran

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Lewis's Charge Of Betrayal--And Murray's Reply

In his June 6 telegram to the Senate, United Mine Workers President John L. Lewis charged that reports are "current" that CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green have "secretly agreed" to "at least four oppressive amendments" to the Truman administration's proposed labor relations bill. If this is true, said Lewis, it "constitutes a foul betrayal of American labor" and a "pusillanimous compromise."

Murray wired the Senate a heated denial of Lewis' charge. He accused Lewis of spreading "false and malicious libels" and referred to a resolution by the CIO Executive Board favoring passage of the original administration bill "without crippling amendments."

We don't want to enter the controversy about a secret agreement. We have no direct evidence one way or another. But we do support Lewis 100% in his warning that Murray and Green are preparing "a foul betrayal of American labor" through a "pusillanimous compromise" on labor legislation.

Why Is He Silent on "Compromises"?

Murray says he is against "crippling" amendments. Are the five "compromise" amendments prepared by the Truman Democrats last week "crippling," in Murray's opinion? Where does he stand, for instance, on the proposal to amend the Wagner Act to grant the President power to break "national emergency" strikes through plant "seizures"? With all his indignant denials, Murray was careful in his answer to Lewis not to state where he stands on these specific amendments.

We have searched the current CIO News and the daily papers in vair for any statement by Murray in opposition to the five anti-labor amendments which the Truman Democrats have been discussing for several weeks and which were endorsed by the leading Truman Lemocrats in the Senate last week. We can only assume that man Democrats in the Senate last week. We can only assume that Murray's failure to speak out against this "compromise" is noth-

There is all the more reason to suspect a betrayal by Murray in view of the conduct of the CIO representatives last month during the House debate on Taft-Hartley repeal. Let Murray deny if he dare - that representatives of his own steel union, Reuther's auto union and of the national CIO button-holed congressmen and urged them to vote for the "compromise" Sims bill, including its

provisions for INJUNCTIONS. Sure, Murray opposed the Sims bill "for the record." But his lieutenants were plugging for it in the House corridors.

Murray's righteous indignation about Lewis' charges are wholly At its May 25 meeting, the unconvincing. All he had to do to Hennepin County (Minneapolis) disprove Lewis was to denounce the plant "seizure" and other amendments proposed by the Truman Democrats and to call on Lewis, Green and the other union leaders to join with the CIO leadmilitant joint action against these amendments.

cause his program, in reality, consists in covering up for the SPECIAL SESSION URGED Truman administration. Leading "pro-labor" and "liberal" Tru-- Senators Douglas, Thomas, Hill and Luce - drafted the "compromise" amendments. And Truman himself, despite his previous bluff about "no com-

promise," is ready to go along, Senate Majority Leader Lucas reported last week. Truman is responsible, in the final analysis, for for passage of this legislation, the treacherous "compromise" in preparation. But Murray and the other union leaders of his stripe are RESPONSIBLE FOR TRUMAN.

They Bear Responsibility for Truman

JOHN L. LEWIS

They put him back in office. They have helped to conceal his dirty maneuvers on the Taft-Hartley repeal issue. They - and Murray, above all - are trying to protect Truman even as he greases the way for a Taft-Hartleyized "compromise" bill without the Taft-

It is unfortunate that Lewis, who has so boldly exposed this rotten, treacherous deal, offers no effective program to stop it. But it can be stopped — if the ranks of the CIO and AFL force the fight for Taft-Hartley repeal out of the field of back-room deals and corridor maneuvers and onto the arena of mass labor action. The Detroit and Minneapolis CIO Councils have pointed the way by their proposals for a 24-Hour National Work Stoppage.



The Price of Bread in Ohio

Minneapolis CIO

CIO workers of Minneapolis have joined those of the Detroit CIO and a growing number of union locals throughout the country in urging a 24-hour in secret. Washington and Mosnational work stoppage as the best means to secure repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and back up labor's demands for civil rights, housing and other progressive legislation.

CIO Council unanimously adopted a motion recommending to the national CIO that a 24-hour "protest holiday" be called "in order to show labor's position against the Taft-Hartley law." ers in summoning all labor to This followed the action of the Greater Detroit and Wayne County CIO Council in proposing one-day "labor holiday."

The Detroit CIO resolution also urged the holding of a special session of Congress to enact all But So Do Profits the social measures so far neglected or buried by the Democraticcontrolled national legislature.

To reinforce labor's demands the Detroit CIO resolution also called for a mass conference of all labor unions in Washington simultaneous with the proposed special session of Congress.

This growing demand for effective mass labor action in the form of a 24-hour national work stoppage has been spurred by the clea. evidence that Congress is bent on scrapping social legislation and that the Truman Democrats have no intention of putting above their record take in the up an effective fight for their promised "Fair Deal" program.

PARIS CONCLAVE USES MASSES AS MERE PAWNS

By Ruth Johnson

Columns of propaganda for public consumption are streaming from both sides in the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting announcement soon afterward, at Paris. Meanwhile the real business of the conference goes on

ground on which concessions of stagnation of industry in the some sort may be made, although the stalemate of open sessions in- them out of his iron control, and dicates they may be long delayed.

The agenda is limited to Germany and the Austrian peace treaties. But political and economic factors in Europe and the Far East, are used as so many

for a resumption of trade be- them. The Soviet Uni Soviet satellites and Western

Unemployment Rises,

Unemployment, on the rise since last July, was estimated at a new post-war high of 3,-289,000 persons without jobs on May 14, according to the June 7 report of the Bureau of the Census. These figures are conservative and cover mainly workers getting unemployment compensation.

But the monopoly profiteers aren't doing badly. A June 5 N. Y. Times summary of published reports of 300 leading companies discloses that their average profits for the first three months of 1949 rose 9% first quarter of 1948.

cow are quietly testing out the Europe. Stalin fears that the "New Democracies" may drive

on to the "Tito-ist" road. ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES

These countries are all in need of steel, other basic materials, plus capital goods to build up weights by Wall Street and the their industries and raise their Kremlin. Each adds them to the living standards. Before the war, scales to enhance the price each they exported raw materials and food to Germany and Western The Soviet Union, plagued by Europe, in exchange for much economic troubles in Eastern of their manufactured goods. Europe and at home, is dickering Now these markets are closed to Eastern Germany, the has an abundance of the same raw materials and also needs industrial equipment, cannot absorb their trade.

The Stalinist-controlled sector of Germany is in virtually the same condition, with the economic stagnation most acute in Berlin where dual administrations and currencies aggravate the plight of the masses. Stalinist prestige in Germany cannot long survive unless industrial reconstruction, dependent on the coal and iron of the Ruhr, is at least begun.

For its own reasons, Wall Street is also concerned with restoration of East-West trade. But it can afford to "sit tight and wait" until Stalin yields enough concessions. Irked by the delay, Moscow's newspaper Pravda pointed to the analysis of columnist

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3 CIO Unions Back Defense Of Legless Vet

Special Session On Civil Rights Urged By NAACP

NEW YORK - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has asked the Truman administration to call "a special session of Congress this summer for the purpose of acting ipon civil rights legislation."

The demand was made by Roy Wilkins, NAACP assistant secretary, in a wire to Senator Scott Lucas, majority leader, after Lucas announced the administration had abandoned efforts to pass civil rights bills in this session of Congress. Both Lucas and Truman backtracked on this but there is still little likelihood of action on civil rights during the present session.

Wilkins' wire asking for the special session blasted the "faintheartedness and outright defection of some liberal Democrats" and condemned the administration leaders for their failure to support anti-segregation amendments to housing and education

The proposal for a special summer session was first made by the New York Branch of the NAACP in April, The New York resolution also advocated the cailing of "a united Negro and labor conference, representing in all parts of the country, to meet in Washington simultaneously with the special session of Congress and to press for the passage of the civil rights bills." This proposal is scheduled for discussion by the coming 40th annual conference of the NAACP, to be held in Los Angeles next

Clothing, Maritime, Packing Workers Aid James Kutcher

As James Kutcher started on his Western speaking tour, spokesmen for three big CIO International unions went on record in support of the courageous

fight he is conducting against the government loyalty purge, tional Maritime Union, the In-These latest additions to the ranks ternational Executive Board of of Kutcher's defenders are the the CIO United Packinghouse national officers of the CIO Na- Workers, and the Advance, of-



JAMES KUTCHER

CP Trial Shows Pattern WAIL ST. ALSO INTERESTED Developing in Witch-Hunt

By Farrell Dobbs

FEDERAL COURTROOM, NEW YORK, June 8 - "Be a stoolpigeon or go to jail" - with an ultimatum to that effect Judge Medina jailed John Gates, editor-in-chief of the Daily Worker and a defendant in the?

the 11 Stalinists, while Gates was said: under cross-examination as the first witness for the defense.

The chief prosecutor, John Mc-Golley, opened the cross-examination by questioning Gates about party posts held by other defendants. At first Gates refused to answer, but he later gave the information after the other defendants had offered to stipulate what posts they occupied.

McGohey next began probing for the names of Stalinists not on trial. Gates managed to sidestep direct answers until Mc-Gohey came to a Communist Party pamphlet on the veteran question, entitled "Who Ruptured Our Duck?" Gates said he had prepared the pamphlet with the help of three others. Then the storm broke.

VICIOUS CRACKDOWN "Who were they?" McGohey

asked. "These people are engaged in

private industry," Gates replied. I will not disclose their names because they would lose their

"I ask the court to direct the witness to answer," McGohey demanded, turning toward the

"Answer the question," commanded the judge.

Gates refused to answer, invoking his rights under the first and defense witnesses, and he expects tion. The judge sent the jury out

present thought-control trial of of the room and, turning to Gates.

"I now adjudge you guilty of a willful and deliberate contempt and by reason thereof I sentence you as follows: You are to be remanded [to jail] until you have purged yourself of your contempt for a period not to exceed 30 days."

The courtroom was thrown into an uproar. All the defendants and their lawyers leaped to their feet, protesting. Deputy marshals rushed in through all four doors to the courtroom. Through one open door the jailor's elevator could

be seen standing in readiness. Henry Winston, CP organizational secretary, called the judge's action monstrous. Gus Hall, chairman of the Ohio CP, denounced it as a kangaroo court decision. Judge Medina thereupon revoked the bail of both these defendants and ordered them jailed for the duration of the trial.

Appeals from the sentencing of Gates, Winston and Hall have already been set in motion. During

oreliminary argument of the Gates case before the Circuit Court of Appeals, an assistant presecutor called the pamphlet on the veterans a "rabble rousing" document and said, "We want to know who prepared it."

The prosecutor added that questions similar to the one Gates refused to answer will come up during cross-examination of all

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ficial newspaper of the CIO

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. The NMU national officers took their stand in behalf of Kutcher's fight for reinstatement at their May 10 meeting. According to the minutes published in the May 27 issue of the NMU Pilot, this favorable action was taken on the basis of a "resolution passed by the crew of the SS. HEREDIA urging the National Office to support the fight of James Kutcher, legless veteran who was dismissed from his position with the Veterans Administration by virtue of his affiliation with the Socialist Workers Party."

PAC SUPPORT URGED

The resolution also urged the NMU National Office to try to get support for the case from the CIO Political Action Com-

At the national convention of the CIO United Packinghouse at Estes Park, Colorado, the International Executive Board and Resolutions Committee unanimously adopted a resolution strongly condemning Executive Order 9835 under which Truman's loyalty purge has been set

It points out that the lovalty investigation "has been the basis for a widespread witch-hunt and campaign of terror among federal employees, has undermined the effectiveness and morale of the civil service, has been used as basis for attacking and depriving of employment many. loyal federal employees solelybecause of liberal political beliefs, has in practical enforcement been applied discriminatorily against various racial and religious minorities."

The Packinghouse Workers' resolution singles out Kutcher's dismissal as one of the outstanding instances of injustice and "calls upon President Truman to specifically reinstate to federal employment and clear the name of James Kutcher.'

The June 1 issue of the Advance carries an article urging all-out aid for the legless veteran. 'The injustice committed against James Kutcher is not purely an injustice committed against one individual (though that would beenough) . . . It is an injustice against every man," says the organ of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The campaign for Kutcher 'must be fought by everyone because it is every man's battle to secure the rights of his fellow man," the article concludes. "Kutcher's freedom is everybody's job!" (See Page 3 for full text of the Advance article.)

KUTCHER'S TOUR

Kutcher himself is in Minnesota this week on the first stop of his current tour, which will also take him to the states of Washington and California for public meetings and other activities to raise funds for his Federal Court appeal. Details of the program planned

in Seattle will be found in a story on Page 4 of this issue. He is scheduled to leave Seattle for San Francisco June 24, and to cover the Bay Area until July 7. Then he will go to to Los Anfifth amendments to the constitu- the higher court to back up Judge geles, where he will spend the rest of the month.

Swear 'Loyalty' or Starve, Ohio Decrees Starting in August, Ohio's un- | sign an oath of allegiance to the | yers and even workers in private | students has reached the point | W. Lucas, Democratic majority

unemployment insurance unless that breeds unemployment. they sign a "loyalty" oath swearing they do not "advocate" the growing throughout the country, of "loyalty" oaths is in educaoverthrow of the government nor the employers and their political tion. There is a tremendous nabelong to any organization that agents in other states will seize tion-wide drive to put teachers

of the loyalty-oath idea," as the the unemployed. Under such laws, June 4 Business Week described unemployed who join organizait, was shoved through the Ohio tions to fight for higher benefits legislature as a surprise rider to or a program against unemployan unemployment insurance bill ment might be branded as "suband became law the last week in May when it was signed by Democratic Governor Frank

SWEAR FIRST!

nobody will be able to work, eat or live in this country unless they publicly swear "loyalty" to existing economic, social or poli- recognition.

With unemployment rapidly on the Ohio law as a model for and professors in a thought-con-This "latest, drastic extension discriminatory legislation against versive" and deprived of unempleved relief.

First, we had two million federal workers forced to take "loyalty" oaths, subject to dismissal without charges or hearhalted, it won't be long before this procedure is the legless veteran James Kutcher.

The Taft-Hartley Act adapted Truman's "loyalty" program to the capitalist powers-that-be and the unions by requiring union renounce the right to advocate leaders to sign "loyalty" oaths opposition in any form to the in order to qualify for NLRB

Since then there has been a The Ohio law is particularly flood of bills introduced or passed of the Association of Governing vicious because it uses the direct in state legislatures requiring Boards of State Universities and threat of starvation to impose "loyalty" oaths not only of state Allied Institutions. thought-control. In effect, the employees, but of public school

contracts.

Perhaps the most extensive use trol mold. Dozens of states have passed or are debating teachers oath laws.

NO REASON GIVEN

The hunt for "heretics," spearheaded by reactionary businesscontrolled boards of trustees, is sweeping the colleges and universities. Last week, for instance, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska incor-If this witch-hunt trend is not | ing. The outstanding victim of | porated into its governing policy a resolution not only barring from teaching positions all who "openly or surreptitiously" endorse "subversive doctrines" but banning from use in the classrooms even books adjudged to contain such doctrines. This resolution, incidentally, was modeled on one adopted at the last annual session

The drive to keep any but the relentiessly forward on every pressed more vigorously than unemployed are being forced to teachers, college profesors, law- most reactionary ideas from front. On June 5, Senator Scott ever-

employed workers will be denied capitalist system, the very system industry engaged on "government where even The Nation, oldest leader, proposed a brutal law for and most respected liberal journal the indefinite imprisonment within the country, has just been out trial of non-citizens. He anbarred from the schools of New nounced a bill to empower the York City for another year. It Attorney General to seize and was banned last year because of hold in custody for as long as the pressure of the Catholic he sees fit any alien, and to hierarchy on the grounds of its negotiate with any country that having published a series of might be willing to accept such articles by Paul Blanshard on the aliens. This is part of the attempt economic, social and political role to victimize union leaders like of the Catholic hierarchy. The ban was renewed last week the militant Minneapolis truck-

by the New York City Board of drivers union, and Harry Bridges, Education, which upheld the president of the CIO longshoreprevious decision of the Board men's union. of Superintendents. No reason for renewing the ban was given. Even conference means a subsiding of the N. Y. Times, which supported the cold war and therefore an end the ban last year, was con- to the "cold war" on democratic strained to object in its May 28 rights. That some temporary deal editorial that "continuation of may be patched up between Washthe ban can only be explained as ington and the Kremlin is possible. punishment of the magazine for But the facts cited above show its temerity in having printed the that the reactionary rulers of Blanshard series in the first this country are proceeding place. . . It is, in fact, censorship ruthlessly with their drive to in advance of publication."

ASSAULT ON FOREIGN-BORN

The assault on freedom of thought and civil rights is moving

Karl Skoglund, former head of Some liberals believe the Paris

crush free thought as a necessary preliminary to the eventual third world war they are planning. The defense of civil rights must be Victor Reuther Shot

Labor Union Trends —

Reuther's Policy In the Ford Strike

By Bert Cochran

Many people have asked me in a moment that they were in he do it? Why did he permit the bewilderment what Reuther won in the Ford strike settlement. They are genuinely puzzled, because even Reuther's opponents and critics concede that he is a person of ability and find it hard some kind of concessions.

But there is no secret joker in the agreement favorable to the union. There just isn't anything there at all. Hard as it is to believe, the Ford workers were asked to return to work after a 24-day strike under the same speedup conditions which existed before the walkout and under the same arbitration proposal that the company offered prior to the

There is no merit in Reuther's assertion that the company proposed a "phony" arbitration deal before the strike and that now they were forced to accept a "genuine" arbitration agreement. An "impartial arbitrator" is still going to decide the very same issue that was in dispute when, burst of anger and determination, brushed aside Ford's arbitration in GM and other companies.) scheme and resolved to settle the issue on the picket line.

NOT "FAIR SETTLEMENT"

Nor is there any validity in the whispered suggestion that Reuther has the arbitrator sewed up. The settlement calls for the usual 3-man arbitration board, each side selecting one representative, and the two agreeing on the third who, in effect, will decide the class leader. He announced at a case. In the event that the two big mass meeting that pensions, cannot agree, Dr. Harry Shulman, wages, contract demands, the the Ford-UAW umpire, who has repeatedly ruled against the into the picture and threatened union in the past, automatically to call off negotiations if the becomes the third member. The most you can say and the best you ing on the new contract by May can say is that possibly the arbitrator may feel under some pressure — because of the strike together." A splendid peroration! than he might otherwise have was on May 19. The walls of been inclined. And even this is Jericho did not come tumbling pure conjecture.

Reuther's publicity handout calling the agreement "a fair settle- up the flue and the union reprement of the issues" must be described as sheer piffle. Of the six tions with an offer to arbitrate points which make up the strike the issue. settlement, five were agreed to by the company before the strike. And anyhow, they don't amount

discharge and disciplinary lay- force." He writes: "It was as if these were only minor irritations member of the CP. The party discharges into the pot in the a gate which turned out to be operated with the companies in firm opponents of imperialist war, course of the strike to provide the side door of the Ford works." such fulsome fashion to force all it follows that a precedent would the company with an additional So much for Reuther's "stra- grievances through a complicated be established for the governbargaining counter in the final tegy" and Reuther's "settle- and tortuous top-heavy procedure ment to attack all advocates of settlement. No one took the dis- ment."

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tended to stick.

REUTHER'S APPROACH

If we try to reduce Reuther's tactical antics in the Ford strike to outline form, we get someto believe that he called off a thing like this: He opposed the major strike without winning strike at first because, in his opinion, it interfered with his special de-luxe strategy of negotiating with Ford on pensions and wages this summer; to him speedup was a two-bit, side issue, anyhow. He then went along with the strike and assumed leadership of it when he saw he couldn't control the situation otherwise

But he tried to reduce the fight to the small change of a grievance in the "B" building, gratuitously announcing that Ford had no speedup policy and that he was sure that the dispute could be easily settled and the same fine understanding reached on production schedules as the union had in Chrysler, GM and elsewhere. (This was correctly interpreted as an attempt to sell out the strike as everybody in the on May 5, the Ford workers, in a UAW knows that working conditions stink and speedup is rife

When Ford took him up on this and proposed that all workers return to their jobs except those directly involved in the "B" building controversy, Reuther under heavy pressure from the ranks, had to change front again and reject the company suggestion. Two days later he really pulled out all stops in portraying the embattled working whole works, were being thrown company did not start bargain-23. 'We will fight together, work together, stand together and win to give a slightly better ruling A faultless call to battle! That down under these synthetic trum-In the light of these facts, pet blasts, however, and four days later all this militancy went sentatives walked into negotia-

"BACK THROUGH A GATE" John W. Love, business columnto a hill of beans, singly or all ist of the Cleveland Press, whom The sixth point calls for the on the Ford strike, openly jeers down a whole plant over an in- trial would set a precedent for rescinding of the 27 cases of at Reuther's "masterful tour de consequential grievance. But the prosecution of each and every offs and the reduction of the Reuther had jumped to the head which could easily have been penalties to a reprimand. This of the parade as the members might appear like a concession left the Ford works, led them in to the union were it not for the strenuous marches over the under this setup was the enormous represented by the prosecution to fact that everyone understood prairie and through the brush, power lodged in the hands of the be genuine adherents to the printhat Ford simply threw these and brought them back through shop people. That is why it co- ciples of scientific socialism and

charges seriously or believed for | The question remains, why did

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Ford strike to fold up under the company's terms and thereby jeopardize his coming negotiations on the fourth wage round? For surely, no one in his right senses believes that the Ford company, having soundly thrashed the union in one strike, will offer anything substantial on the contract demands.

You have to understand the peculiar psychology of the labor bureaucracy and how in many vays its thinking is closer to that of the businessman than to the worker in the shop. This will explain why Reuther pooh-poohed the speedup problem for the past year, considered the whole controversy at Ford a second rate bellvache, opposed striking over this question and then called off the strike as soon as he could.

ON-THE-JOB ACTION

In the halcyon days of the CIO, speedup and production rates were generally not dealt with in contractual or top negotiations. The workers handled these matters right on the job. Even when the sitdown strike went into disuse as an important strike departmental, section or line was a commonplace, in those days, for a committeeman or steward to shutdown a line or department in an argument over production standards. The workers, mindful of their health and strength, always tried to reduce the day's production as far as they could. The company, mindful of its profits, tried to screw up production rates as high as the traffic would bear. The relationship of strength between the two determined in the end what constituted a fair day's work.

As soon as the flood tide of labor militancy receded, the corporations went into action and began devising ways and means to throttle this menacing power in their plants that was encroaching on their "management prerogatives." Their effort to break the independent strength of the men in the shop had the aid and comfort of the labor bureaucracy. t is true that these shop steward systems led to some abuses. we had occasion to quote before halt a line and eventually shut means a verdict of guilty in this

> What the bureaucracy dreaded | Since the Stalinists are falsely This is why union contracts now- tion. adays bristle with punitive clauses against unauthorized walkouts and violations of grievance procedure. This is why, incidentally, the Ford workers had to go out in a full-scale strike over an issue which a decade ago would have been settled - and settled right - in the department between the superintendent and committeeman concerned.

BOSSES' RULES ACCEPTED

There are all kinds of timestudy systèms around and CIO unions are going to town - as study classes. But all these of their peers. systems accept the present factory setup and proceed from the here at Foley Square would be theory that the working man is used by the government to justify supposed to push out production the entire present "subversive" for the boss from starting to list and TO ADD NEW VICTIMS quitting time. The labor bureau- TO IT by the same Hitler-like cracy, in other words, accepts the decrees. Persecution of teachers, bosses' rules of the game and students, government employees, limits itself to trying to prevent liberal ministers and militant them from cheating on their own workers barred from "securityrules. That is why nine times out sensitive" areas in industry, hostile to complaints about speed- practice, would be transformed up and view most such grievances into a veritable Roman circus by as "disruption," "playing poli- the witch-hunters. tics," etc.

habited by the labor bureaucrats, that came into serious conflict and not such bad paychecks at government could be subjected to against the Stalinists. that, the Ford strike was strictly the same persecution. a boner. The Ford workers had Stoolpigeons like the unsavory gone out on a limb and their union types paraded into this courtroom officials had to get them back to testify against the Stalinists to work before the company pro- would be planted in workers' or-

cecded to saw the limb off. What happens now? What are country. The House Appropria- Stalin gives the command. the Ford workers supposed to do tions Committee has already if Ford adopts the same unco- voted to grant J. Edgar Hoover operative attitude on wages and \$52 million for the purpose of pensions that he displayed on setting up such a large-scale net- ing class though they are - bespeedup? Don't ask Reuther or work of FBI spies. the other "labor statesmen." Because they don't know.

UAW Education Director Victor G. Reuther, brother of Walter Reuther, is shown being taken to Ford Hospital in Detroit. He was shot by an unknown assailant with this double-barreled shotgun (insert) found outside his window. The UAW is offering a \$200,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the would-be murderers.

technique, thousands of small sit-downs, shutdowns, quickies on a basis took place over what constituted a day's production. It

(Continued from page 1) Medina's "Be a stoolpigeon or go to jail" decree.

PATTERN BECOMES PLAIN

As these evils are piled one upon another in this infamous jail. trial, the pattern of the government's police-state methods be-

comes increasingly plain, and the threat to democratic rights in this country is revealed in all its stark reality. The highest official body of a political party has been put on THE STALINISTS LIE

trial, falsely accused of organizing that party to teach the Marxist-Leninist political philosophy, which in turn is falsely characterized as a philosophy advocating the overthrow of the government by force and violence. This triple frameup is set forth in a general "conspiracy" indictment.

In addition, each of the Stalinist defendants is individually in-Sometimes, a sorehead individual dicted because of his membership or hot-headed steward would in the Communist Party. That would, in effect, disposed of by better education. Nor is that all.

which lodged all authority and socialism and all opponents of decision in the bureaucracy itself. the war that is now in prepara-

EFFECT ON BLACKLIST

Because of another evil which would result from a conviction imperialist war in general would not necessarily be made through | this or any other strike." court action, with the victims having at least the right to a public trial. Stalinist organizations constitute the central core notorious "subversive" list, which already includes over 100 organizations, so designated in brazen a substitute for militant action defiance of their constitutional mitteemen to all sorts of time- and an open trial before a jury

Conviction of the Stalinists

Any individual, or any organ-

I the witness stand in his own defense, he would be confronted with with an ultimatum like Judge Medina issued to John Gates be a stool pigeon against your friends and associates or go to

For all these reasons, every worker, every sincere defender of democratic rights should respond to the latest appeal of the Stalinists for support to the 11 defendants now on trial.

However, in endorsing their appeal for support, it is necessary to point out that, as they always do, the Stalinists have included a barefaced lie in their statement. They claim Gates' conduct demonstrates "that Communists [Stalinists] never betray the working class.'

Gates' action demonstrates nothing of the kind. It proves only that he refused to inform on other CP members. History cannot be denied so simply, for the record of Stalinist betravals of the working class is too long and too monstrous to be easily brushed aside. I need cite only a few examples to expose this latest Stalinist falsehood.

Immediately after Hitler invaded the Soviet Union, the Stalimperialists to open a second entire union movement was opposing such an extension.

During the war, West Coast Stalinist CIO leaders called on the government to break the San-Francisco machinists strike by in the present trial, such an attack | using "armed forces and the apon socialists and opponents of propriate government agencies .. in any action necessary to halt

A SCABBY RECORD

While in control of the CIO of Attorney General Clark's this same period, the Stalinists thing is certain. It will be at the issued the following order to the membership: "All men between the years of 18 and 30 who persist in turning down ships, or con-- in sending stewards and com- rights to have a bill of particulars tinually overstay their time on the beach, will have their names turned over to Draft Board. . . All men over 30 years of age ... will have their names turned over to War Manpower Commission."

ducted gang raids on Quaker solely to promote their own inanti-war meetings, while the June 29, 1944, New World, a CP represented at the Paris conrag, carried this statement by clave, singly or collectively, can Hilda Hanson, a Stalinist hack we expect any proposals leading in the CIO: "We urge the FBI to political or economic progress to put these people [the Quakers] for any part of the world. of ten labor officials are so which is already a vicious general in jail as they did the Trotskyists in Minnesota.'

Yes, the Stalinists finked for the government, stooping to the vilest tactics to sabotage the Hence, in the weird world in- ization, including the unions, defense, when the Trotskyists were convicted in 1941 under the where paychecks come in steadily, with the politicians who run the same Smith Act now being used

There is a long, long list of never - to - be - forgotten acts of treachery of this kind committed by the Stalinists. And they will continue to betray the workers ganizations everywhere in the without hesitation whenever

Yet the Stalinists now on trial must be defended - liars, slanderers and traitors to the workcause their conviction would When a victim of the witch- gravely imperil the democratic hunters did get a chance to take rights of all American workers.

Paris Conference As So Many Pawns

(Continued from page 1) Walter Lippman, and charged that the United States is interested "only" in trade.

Lippman wrote, "The storm signals of impending trouble in the world economy are now unmistakable - in Great Britain, in Belgium, in Italy, in France, in Germany and not least of all in the United States. "The very success in produc-

tion," Lippman continued, "is now disclosing how little has been accomplished to restore to solvency the prewar world economy or to of Republican forces in East create a new and solvent postwar Java, confirmed the report . . economy. We are entering the second year of the Marshall Plan with problems and with conflicts. known to the responsible insiders, that have not yet been explained to the general public."

Involved here are the old conflicts for markets. Reconstruction of Western European industry means these countries must export what they produce. They must compete with American and British capitalism for other buyers, unless the Eastern European markets are reopened.

PLANS FOR BERLIN

So far the question of trade has been only "unofficially" discussed. For public consumption, Acheson glorifies the United States plans for Berlin as promise of democracy. But the offer of "self administration" is demagogy to win favor with the German people and discredit Stalin. In reality the municipal government could be overruled on almost any issue, by a majority vote of the occupiers. Vishinsky, on the other hand.

demands a return of four-power control for Germany, with each of the occupying powers keeping the right to bloc legislation by veto. This equally reactionary scheme was supplemented by a Cominform announcement, proclaiming a line of super-nationalism for the German Stalinists. Otto Grotewohl, co-chairman of the Stalinist Socialist Unity Party, declared that Germans must be united "regardless of their party or social status,' opening the door even for Nazis

As in previous "People's Front' maneuvers of Stalinism, this means class-collaboration and the suppression of all workers struggles to resolve their probems on a revolutionary socialist basis. Sanzo Nozaka, leader of the Japanese Stalinists, followed the same pattern last month, when he suggested that the "Communists" and the industrial lords the Zaibatsu, "combine to create a federation of racially minded capitalists" to "end white imperialist domination of Asia."

A BID ON CHINA

In China, a similar "People's Front" policy is in effect, except that there the imperialists inists clamored for the American are invited to take a share of the spoils. The Chinese Stalinists. front in Europe. They joined with have vowed to respect private the American Legion in demand- enterprise, and ordered the working an extension of the 1940 ers not to demand shorter hours draft law at a time when the or higher pay. On June 6, the Mayor of Shanghai went even further, inviting "aid from any foreign nation - including the United States and Britain" to industrialized China.

This "open door" policy for American investments is too oba bid by Stalin to the imperialists in exchange for concessions else-

Whatever may be the outcome of the Paris negotiations, and National Maritime Union during whatever deal they make, one expense of the people of Germany and the rest of the world. Because, as their plans for Germany prove, both sides in Paris are opposed to the first step to the only progressive solution of the German problem - the withdrawal of all occupation troops Both sides are using Germany, like they do all other territories In Seattle the Stalinists con- and resources under their control, terests. From none of the powers

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Indonesia Gov't Leaders Claim They Killed Tan Malaka

Tan Malaka, one of the founders and leaders of the revolutionary movement in Indonesia, was murdered in East Java on April 16 by the government of the Indonesian Republic, according to a statement by the Indonesian Information Service in New Delhi on June 6.

"Colonel Sungkono, Republican Military Governor and commander that he ordered the execution of Tan Malaka, ultra-leftist leader,' says the Information Service release, "Tan Malaka was under house arrest in Ngandjuk but when the Dutch attacked that area [last December] he managed to escape. He was recaptured near Blitar after which he was executed."

The N. Y. Times dispatch reporting this information contains fantastically distorted picture of Tan Malaka's political history, representing him in effect as a long-time Stalinist hack who re-Nothing could be further from the truth.

Tan Malaka was an active revolutionist for more than three and half decades. He was one of the founders of the Indonesian Communist Party, and its representative at congresses of the Communist International in Lenin's time. He rallied to the Trotskyist Left Opposition from the beginning, that is, from the coming to power of the Stalinist

bureaucracy in the Soviet Union. Exiled from his country by the Dutch imperialists in 1922, he was able to come back in 1945, when he became the outstanding fighter against imperialism and an irreconcilable opponent of all the Republican leaders who sought to compromise with imperialism. A few months later the Repu-

blican government leaders arrest ed Tan Malaka on false charges that he had attemped to kidnap the Social Democratic premier Sutan Sjahrir. The Belgian Trotskyist paper attributed this to the "influence of the Stalinists. who at that time were collaborating closely with the native bourgeoisie against the revolutionary movement." Tan Malaka was kept in jail without a trial for over two years. Then, last fall, when the Stalinists broke with the Republican government, he was released following a statement by Hatta, the president of the Council of the Republic, that "the inquiry in the Tan Malaka case had been closed for lack of any guilty."

was reported active in forming sists as a "heritage of the a new organization, the Proletarian Party, whose program was said to be along Trotskyist lines, and in leading armed forces against the renewed Dutch attack "new" Stalinist-directed forms of last winter.

The Republican government leaders are now engaged in negotiating a deal by which, in return for political concessions to themselves, they will serve as puppets for the Dutch imperialists. Their murder of Tan Malaka, who op-, posed their treacherous policies - or even their claim to have murdered him, if the report is not true - is testimony to Tan Malaka's unswerving loyalty to the cause of colonial liberation.

Unrest Continuing In Eastern Europe

It is commonly known by now that the Kremlin's initiative in calling for the Conference of Forreign Ministers was due to its increasing difficulties in the Soviet "buffer zone," for which a solution appears to become ever more urgent. Even as the Big Four minsters are in session in Paris, evidence of this urgency heaps up in news reports from this zone in Eastern Europe. *

Not only is the resistance of the Tito government in Yugoslavia to Moscow pressure being sharpened, but indications of new breaches in the governments and cently broke with the Stalinists. | Communist Parties hitherto loyal to Stalin are apparent in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria. But even more important, are reports of broader social conflicts and their underlying economic

Politika, the newspaper published by the Tito regime in Belgrade, reported last week that a four-day hunger demonstration of Albanian peasants took place in the town of Suspenza. The Stalinist government of Albania had to furnish the demonstrators with corn, after futile attempts to disperse them.

The same paper also reports large-scale refusal by Bulgarian peasants to carry out government planting quotas "because they derive practically no benefit from their crops." This in turn is explained as due to the breakdown of the over-all plan for industrial production, which had been carried out only 82%. Construction on five big hydroelectric stations, some begun by German engineers under the occupation, had ceased. This, Politika says, is unofficially explained as due to the insistence of Soviet experts that irrigation dams be built instead, because the Soviet government wanted Bulgaria to remain an agricultural state and opposed her industrialization.

In Poland, the main theme of the Stalinist leaders at the annual conference of the trade unions last week was the "slow pace" of the workers. Although Poland leads other "People's Democracies" in Stakhanovite competitions (speed - up races) they complained, the "theory of After his release, Tan Malaka limited production capacity" perideological burden of pre-war reformist and clerical unions." In other words, there is considerable "old-fashioned" resistance to the slave-driving.

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Capitalist monopolies, having corroded the middle classes, are devouring the democracies. Monopolies themselves were result of private ownership of the means of production. Private ownership, having once been the source of progress, came into contradiction with modern technique and is now the cause of crisis, wars, national persecutions and reactionary dictatorship. The liquidation of the private ownership of the means of production is the central historical task of our epoch and will guarantee the birth of a new, more harmonious society. The act of birth, daily observation teaches us, is never a "gradual" process but a biological revolution.

- Leon Trotsky, Interview in St. Louis Post-Dispatch,



LENIN

An American Gestapo

The May 30 Militant warned editorially of the growing menace to the American people of a secret police and internal spy system patterned on Hitler's Gestapo and Stalin's GPU. We cited the use of paid FBI informers . in the unions and other working class organizations, as revealed in the trial of 11 Stalinist leaders.

That Washington is developing such an internal spy system on a vast scale is further indicated by the secret bill on the establishment of a Central Intellingence Agency adopted by both Houses of Congress and sent to Truman for his signature on June 7.

One of the most sinister aspects of this bill is that its contents have been hidden from the American people. With but a few exceptions in secret committee, hearings, not even the Senators and Representatives who voted on it were permitted to read it. The legislators, for the most part, voted blind.

Such an action by Congress is unprecedented. What other secret laws may not be enacted now? What powers may not now be secretly vested in agencies removed completely from the control of the people?

Enough of the general contents of this secret bill has been revealed to indicate that the Central Intelligence Agency which the bill sets up will be a virtual law unto itself.

There will be no outside check on its functions. Not in all American history has any government agency been given such blankcheck, unregulated authority.

How will this authority be used? We have at least a hint. The June 7 Associated Press dispatch from Washington, reporting on the secret bill, reveals that it "authorizes the Intelligence Agency to assign its agents to schools, industrial organizations, labor unions and other groups in this country."

Thus, we are to have a network of secret political police, with undefined and unregulated power, operating inside every establishment, institution and organization, particularly industrial plants, the labor movement and the educational system. This is the very hall-mark of the police state.

Is America to have what they had in Hitler's Germany and what they now have in Stalin's Russia? Are the American people, especially the working class, to be placed under a pall of terror, fearful of their neighbors, their friends, their shop-mates? We don't have to speculate. The secret police and internal spy system are already here. The new secret bill will extend them everywhere. It is high time for the organized labor movement to sound the alarm and to fight this ominous development with all its power.

Truman Comes Out in the Open

A few weeks ago, after the Truman Democrats in the House tried unsuccessfully to put over the anti-labor Sims injunction bill as a substitute for the Taft-Hartley Act, Truman attempted to disassociate himself from the actions of his congressional colleagues. He put on a big show of pretended continued opposition to any "compromise" on the Thomas-Lesinski labor relations bill in its eriginal form.

The Trumanite liberals and labor leaders, man's responsibility for failure to repeal the Taft-Hartley Act, hailed Truman's stand as evidence that he at least is fighting to fulfill the Democratic Party's election promises.

Last week Truman discarded any further pretense that he personally would make an uncompromising fight and would agree to nothing short of the original bill he had proposed.

His open retreat was first intimated by his statement to the press on June 2 that he would not carry through on his threat, made early in the Congressional session, to stump the country and rally the people if Congress did not start carrying out his promised "Fair Deal" program.

The next day Truman made clear his position on Taft-Hartley repeal. He let it be known through his Senate Majority Leader, Scott W. Lucas, that he is now ready to

openly accept a "compromise." Senator Lucas said, following a conference with Truman, that the latter had expressed himself as willing to take the "best bill he could get" meaning, any bill he can get so long as it no longer bears the formal Taft-Hartley label.

What that "best bill" will be is no secret. It will include the five "compromise" amendments drafted last week and endorsed by a group of Truman Democrats including Senators Paul Douglas, Elbert D. Thomas, Lister Hill, James E. Murray and Lucas. These, be it noted, are among Democrats described most frequently by the Trumanite labor leaders as "pro-labor" and "liberal."

The only difference between the new "compromise" and the Sims bill, which the union leaders formally opposed, is that the latest proposal provides for the breaking of strikes by plant "seizure" instead of injunctions. Truman claims he has "inherent powers" anyway to use injunctions.

The Trumanite union leaders have been making desperate efforts to conceal the real role of Truman. Up to now they have maintained the fiction that Truman was not responsible for the program pushed by his henchmen in Congress. Now Truman himself has exploded this fiction. He and the Truman Democrats are going down the line together in openly betraying their promises on labor legislation.

The Hope for Peace

The Foreign Ministers conference in Paris has given rise to the hope among many people that the danger of war may be eliminated. If the conflicting powers merely show "good will" and evince a "peace loving" disposition, then through the Paris conference, or a series of such conferences, they hope, the differences between the Western nations and the Soviet Union will be ironed out, at least for a long time to come.

This is a dangerous way of thinking. For war or peace does not depend on the "good will" or "peace loving" nature of the rulers of this world, nor on the deals, if any, that may be arranged in international negotiations by men of "good will."

Such deals can never be more than temporary. They may, if it is to the advantage of both sides, temporarily stave off an immediate military conflict or eliminate an immediate pretext for war. But they will not remove the root cause of the war danger.

That danger is inherent in the world-wide system of capitalism. War itself flows from the contradictions and conflicts bred by that

The possibilities for the progressive development and expansion of capitalism ended by 1914. By that time every capitalist nation on earth was seeking survival through external expansion. 1914 and 1939 were the consequence of the impelling drive of each capitalist country to secure a more favorable division of the world in order to gain new marekts, new sources of raw materials and, above all, new outlets for industry and for accumulated idle capital.

The last two world wars were preceded by economic convulsions. The capitalist nations sought a solution to internal crises by imperialist war. Today, the economic factors that underlay the first two world wars remain, and in far more acute form. In the depression now developing in this country, we can see the real clue to the mainspring of the next war. It is not the "aggression" of Stalin, nor any lack of "good will," but the crisis of world capitalism that is irresistably driving the world toward another planetary slaughter.

This is the terrible reality which the Paris conference does not and cannot deal with. It is the reason why a thousand such conferences will not, in the end, prevent war. The fight against war is the fight against capitalism. Only the world-wide victory of the planned economy of socialism will bring

Socialism Is Answer--Einstein

By Joseph Hansen

It is notorious that on subjects, outside their special fields; eminent scientists often express singularly unscientific opinions. Some of them, widely quoted in the reactionary press, have

struck hard blows against the oppression, poverty and misery. Class - conscious workers have justifiably learned to listen to their pronouncements on social and political questions with considerable skepticism.

Albert Einstein, one of the truly great scientists of our time has not been guiltless in this respect. A legendary figure because of his theory of relativity and celebrated deduction of the equivalence of mass and energy which indicated the vast stores of power locked in the atom. Einstein lent his great prestige to the propaganda of Allied imperialism in World War II.

Now, his 70th birthday just Albert Einstein has written down his considered views on the capitalist system. It is not what you might logically expect from his support of World War II or his support of the capitalist politician Henry A. Wallace in the 1948 presidential election.

In an article in the May issue of Monthly Review that appears to be intended as his final. measured conclusion on the subect, the world famous scientist explains why he believes that capitalism no longer serves the needs of humanity and why it possible through the labor and must be replaced by the superior system of socialism.

CRISIS OF SOCIETY

Obviously this is an important statement of opinion. Einstein's views carry great weight, particularly among the young generation of scientists. What would lead this great man, nearing the close of life, to advocate social-

Einstein explains: "Innumerable voices have been asserting for some time now that human society is passing through a crisis, that its stability has been gravely shattered. It is characteristic of such a situation that individuals feel indifferent or even hostile toward the group, small or large, to which they belong. In order to illustrate my meaning, let me record here a personal experience. I recently discussed with an intelligent and well-disposed man the threat of another war, which in my opinion would seriously endanger the organization would offer protec-

By George Breitman

A military-bureaucratic shift of

political power has taken place

in China, and not a social revo-

lution. If this was not clear be-

fore, when the Stalinists were

winning rural areas with the aid

of a program of mild agrarian

reform, it has become plain

enough now, a few weeks after

the Stalinist conquest of Shang-

allies failed to do - that is,

build up capitalism and make a

go of it - Mao Tse-tung and the

Stalinists have now undertaken to

The Stalinists are mortally

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own methods.

emancipation of mankind from upon my visitor, very calmly and coolly, said to me: 'Why are you so deeply opposed to the disappearance of the human race?"

> "I am sure that as little as a century ago no one would have so lightly made a statement of this kind. It is the statement of a man who has striven in vaino attain an equilibrium within himself and has more or less lost hope of succeeding. It is the expression of a painful solitude and isolation from which so many people are suffering in these days. What is the cause? Is there a way out?"

NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL

for a correct answer, Einstein points to our dependence upon society. "The individual is able to think, feel, strive, and work by himself; but he depends so much upon society - in his physical, intellectual, and emotional existence - that it is impossible to think of him, or to understand him, outside the framework of society. It is 'society' which provides man with of work, language, the forms of thought, and most of the content of thought; his life is made the accomplishments of the many millions past and present who are all hidden behind the small word scciety'."

In contrast to insect societies which are fixed, human society changes. We have reached the point where "It is only a slight exaggeration to say that mankind constitutes even now a planetary community of production and consumption." But humanity does not enjoy community of feeling.

The "essence of the crisis of our time," says Einstein, is the fact that the individual has become more conscious than ever of his dependence upon society but feels this dependence not as "a protective force, but rather as a threat to his natural rights, or even to his economic existence."

REAL SOURCE OF EVIL

feel this insecurity despite the marvelous advances in society's productive power? Einstein answers: "The economic anarchy source of the evil."

STALINISTS PRESERVE SYSTEM

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Attempting to provide the basis | Einstein describes how the means of production - "that is to say the entire productive capacity that is needed for producing goods as well as additional capital goods" - is for the most part held as the "private property of

"The owner of the means of production is in a position to purchase the labor power of the worker. By using the means of production, the worker produces food, clothing, a home, the tools new goods which become the property of the capitalist. The essential point about this process is the relation between what the worker produces and what he is naid, both measured in terms of real value. Insofar as the labor contract is 'free,' what the worker receives is determined not by the real value of the goods he produces, but by his minimum needs and by the capitalists' requirements for labor power in relation to the number of workers competing for jobs. It is important to understand that even in theory the payment of the worker is not determined by the value of his product."

GROWTH OF MOPOPOLY

We do not imagine the apologists of the capitalist system will enjoy reading what the world's most renowned scientist has to say on how this system leads to the concentration of capital:

"The result of these developments is an oligarchy of private Why does the modern individual capital the enormous power of which cannot be effectively checked even by a democratically organized political society. This is true since the members of existence of mankind, and I re- of capitalist society as it exists legislative bodies are selected by marked that only a supra-national today is, in my opinion, the real political parties, largely financed or otherwise influenced by private tion from that danger. There- Following the Marxist analysis, capitalists who, for all practical

sequence is that the representatives of the people do not in fact talists inevitably control, directly information (press, radio, education). It is thus extremely difficult, and indeed in most cases quite impossible, for the individual citizen to come to objective conclusions and to make intelligent use of his political rights."

Summing up, Einstein points to the "increasingly severe depressions," to mass unemployment, to the "huge waste of labor" and to the "crippling of the social consciousness of individuals" which "I consider the worst evil of capitalism."

SILENT ON WAR CAUSE

Here one expects Einstein to plunges humanity into increasingly destructive wars, butchering tens of millions. But the physicist, renowned for profundity of thought in his own field, leaves out this essential item in his social analysis. Perhaps he position in the recent slaughter? In any case he proceeds to state the case for socialism:

"I am convinced there is only one way to eliminate these grave evils, namely through the establishment of a socialist economy accompanied by an educational system which would be oriented toward social goals. In such an system and into the liberating economy, the means of produc- world of socialism deserve the tion are owned by society itself widest publicity. We venture to and are utilized in a planned predict, however, that the capitalfashion. A planned economy, ist press which is generally only which adjusts production to the too eager to air a statement by needs of the community, would Albert Einstein will in this case distribute the work to be done remain discreetly silent.

from the legislature. The con- would guarantee a livelihood to every man, woman, and child. The education of the individual, sufficiently protect the interests in addition to promoting his own of the underprivileged sections of innate abilities, would attempt tothe population. Moreover, under develop in him a sense of responexisting conditions, private capi- sibility for his fellow men in place of the glorification of power ' or indirectly, the main sources of and success in our present so-.. ciety."

Einstein adds that a "planned" economy is not yet socialism." Evidently thinking of the riseof the Stalinist bureaucracy in the Soviet Union, he declares that "A planned economy as such" may be accompanied by the complete enslavement of the individuals." He is concerned about finding means of protecting the 'rights of the individual" from the "power of bureaucracy."

TO HIS CREDIT

It is to Einstein's everlasting credit that he did not permit the describe how capitalism likewise crimes of Stalinism to push him into rejection of socialism and into the reactionary position of defending the outmoded capitalist system, as has happened to so many of lesser stature. On the other hand, it would seem that he has not familiarized himself with felt embarrassed over his political the scientific work that has been done on this problem by Leon Trotsky - a work that shows how bureaucracy is deprived of an economic base as the technologically - advanced countries switch from capitalism to planned

> Einstein's views on the necessity of breaking out of the capitalist

THE CASE OF JAMES KUTCHER

(Text of Article in June 1 'Advance')

The Government didn't ask James Kutcher about his political beliefs when he entered the United States Army. And because of his beliefs, it didn't stop him from fighting heroically in Italy where he lost both his legs in the battle of San Pietro.

But when he came home and got a job as a clerk with the Veterans Administration (which he fulfilled satisfactorily for two rears) the VA Loyalty Board questioned his political affiliations. Kutcher told them he was a member of the Socialist Workers Party. He was discharged!

That's the story of "The Kutcher Case" in a nutshell. It is a ordid story and one that must be re-written if we are to maintain the democratic rights upon which this country thrives. Under a presidential order denying federal employment to any-

one belonging to an organization arbitrarily designated as "subversive," Kutcher was dismissed. This is the same executive order which has been attacked by American labor because under it, the Department of Justice issued a "subversive list" without hearings, without any specification of charges or submission of evidence.

The injustice committed against James Kutcher is not purely an injustice committed against one individual (though that would be enough) but rather it is indicative of a trend away from the democratic principles of freedom which the people of this country

Kutcher's fight to hold his beliefs as well as his job is every American's fight and it is being taken up by forthright individuals and organizations across the country.

A Kutcher Civil Rights Committee has been formed to carry on the battle to secure the civil rights denied Kutcher by the VA Loyalty Board. It is a non-partisan group made up of such distinguished leaders in American life as Dr. John Dewey, Professor C. Wright Mills, Lewis Mumford, Professor Meyer Schapiro and many

In a recent letter, the group succinctly stated its purpose: 'Although our Committee does not subscribe to Mr. Kutcher's political views, we believe he has the same right to hold them and government job as he did when he lost his legs with the infantry during the war."

This committee is endorsed by such organizations as the American Civil Liberties Union, American Veterans Committee, National CIO Committee to Abolish Discrimination, and others.

At the University of Chicago, a campus Kutcher Civil Rights Committee has been formed and is supported by more than 100 members of the faculty of that institution. On the labor scene, hundreds of AFL and CIO locals across the country have pledged their support in behalf of James Kutcher.

But the fight must not be carried by certain individuals and organizations alone. It must be fought by everyone because it is every man's battle to secure the rights of his fellow man. Only by such cooperative action can the integrity and freedom of each individual be maintained against the constant threat of reaction. Kutcher's freedom is everybody's job!

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"Marxism-Leninism."

SAVING WAGE SLAVERY For years the Stalinists have been pledging that when they tain and expand capitalism in struggle in the factories and even China. Now they have proved they on staging strikes? Since the Capitalist property relations have in any respect, are deprived of countryside; fierce repression has as much under the Stalinists as been the lot of revolutionary they were under the Kuomintang, and leadership of the working peasants who sought to drive out the answer is that they will be the landlords and take over the denounced by the Stalinists as land. More recently, the Stalinists "subversive" and stood up before then are the bayonets of Stalinist have furnished striking proof of a firing squad. their determination to preserve

the cities as well. political commissioner of the promote private as well as public ed.

| Stalinist army, called a meeting enterprises, "giving equal attenof several hundred local "pro- tion to capital and labor." (N. Y. minent Chinese industrialists, Times, May 31.) The general financiers and businessmen" and added that in the past the Stallaid down the line for labor- inists had espoused "erroneous capital relations in the "new policies of excessively high wages democracy."

make demands that employers promise that such "errors" will were not in a position to meet. Employers were instructed to regime did. What Chiang and his lined the story, that "RED munist Party of China: allies failed to do — that is, MOVES PLEASE SHANGHAI "Reforms must be grant of the story of

BANKERS." "Both management and workers are equal and management do under their own leadership, should respect the workers," the of the classes; enforcement of with new slogans and by their Stalinist boss continued; "no party should disrespect the other Their methods in China, like party which may lead to any the power of the state and the everywhere else, are bureaucratic hostile attitude between different armed forces - aren't these the in conception and dictatorial in classes of people." (N. Y. Times classic expressions of the corrupt execution, as the recent report of dispatch.) Here is class collaborathe Chinese Trotskyists amply in- tion with a vengeance - and it's dicated (Militant, May 2 and 9). a command, not a request.

> REGIMENTED "FRIENDSHIP" Then to show the capitalists that they had nothing to fear from orders to "respect" the

dependent, uncontrolled activity workers, Jao said: "Laborers any important respect? must regard industrialists as their friends. . . Laborers have OBSTACLE TO SOCIALISM such activity in the name of been liberated politically but their economic liberation is yet to come." (INS dispatch.) And what will happen to those

dustrialists as their friends, who

Exactly the same situation the system of wage slavery in prevails in Nanking. There the bankrupt capitalist system but Stalinist commander, Gen. Liu also to regiment the masses. Ten days after they entered Po-cheng, told the businessmen That's why Stalinism must be Shanghai, Jao Shu-Shih, chief that the new regime wanted to mercilessly opposed and destroy-

and excessively high income Labor, he warned, was "not to taxes." This "self-criticism" is a not be committed again.

All this was strictly in line hai (population six million) and treat labor at least as well as be- with the industrial policy laid fore Communist capture of the down for the Stalinists in an The new rulers of China are city." (INS dispatch, June 3.) article printed last month in the preserving fundamentally the With the economic status quo China Digest in Hong Kong by same rotten social and economic frozen in this way, it was no Chen Po-tah, a member of the foundation as Chiang Kai-shek's wonder, as the N. Y. Times head- Central Committee of the Com-

"Reforms must be gradual and not violent. We do not come to disturb but only to supervise."

Proclamations on the equality "friendship" between them; and 'supervision" of reforms through Social Democracy against which Lenin waged war to the death? Imagine the Social Democrats in power in China today - would they have to change a single word in the Stalinist pronouncements on domestic policy? Or would they behave differently in

"Supervised" capitalism in

Chiua, even if it is accompanied by some nationalization of industry, will not have any greater workers who refuse to regard in- social-revolutionary content than, for example, the infinitely more came to power they would main- insist on continuing the class industrialized capitalism being preserved and "regulated" by the class - collaborationist

> people. Standing as an obstacle in the way of such a reconstrucpower in China, which are employed not only to prop up the

Laborite meant exactly what they said. workers, far from being liberated government in Britain. The reconstruction of society een maintained intact in the elementary democratic rights just on socialist foundations is possible only under the democratic control A Time for Reason

The SP and the Pact

- By John F. Petrone

It is interesting - in a kind of a grim way to consider that Congressmen have a system of socialized medicine for themselves, despite their violent objections to the National Health Insurance Program. Here is the testimony of the notvery-socialist-minded Drew Pearson on the subject in his Washington column of May 16: "Senators and Representatives already are ac-

cepting 'socialized medicine' for themselves. "Their aches and pains are treated by a government doctor whose fees are paid by the tax-

The following article by Francis Bradley is

reprinted from the newspaper of Westinghouse

UE Local 107. Bradley is business manager of

this local which has been in the forefront of the

fight against brass hat blacklists of progressive

unionists, who are arbitrarily designated as "poor

security risks" and barred from "restricted" areas

highlighted for us the present attack on civil lib-

erties and one of the most important of these lib-

erties is the "right to work." If a man's ideas

are enough to bar him from working then we

have a form of tyranny which is just as bad as

any fascist or totalitarian dictatorship which ever

These attacks have got to be stopped. We did

a great deal, all that one local could do, when we

had our stoppage and issued what I consider to

be one of the best pamphlets ever put out by a

trade union. Now we need help. We need allies.

We need a mass protest movement which is a

I have therefore sent the following letter to

various people throughout the land and am also

writing to the national leaders of the CIO to use

their strength to put an end to this vicious prac-

tice. The letter is entitled - "A Time for Rea-

son." "You cannot preserve liberty by limiting it."

tically everyone. There are many others, Amer-

ican and foreign. "I disagree with what you say

but will fight to the death for your right to say

it." These words and others roll off our tongues

like saliva. Do they have any meaning today?

It's only June, but without further delay I

would like to nominate the Socialist Party's reso-

lution on the North Atlantic Pact as the shab-

biest political document of the year. It would

really be a banner year if any other document ap-

pears to even rival this one for its mixture of

unprincipled opportunism, bankruptcy and treach-

You might expect an organization calling itself

both anti-war and socialist to have little difficulty

in deciding to oppose an imperialist war alliance.

But the fact is that this question gave the SP

leadership more trouble than any in recent years.

toral support comes from pacifist elements and

from innocents who mistakenly associate it with

the anti-war tradition of Debs. To come out for

the pact would alienate a good part of these.

On the other hand, the whole orientation of the

SP is toward the left wing of the Democratic

Party, the labor bureaucracy, Americans for

Democratic Action, the Social Democrats, the

Liberal Party, etc. To come out against the pact

would complicate the SP's relations with its pros-

pective bedfellows, if not destroy them altogether.

Committee (including Norman Thomas) were for

the pact, others were against. What to do? The

decision was difficult and took some time, but

at last it has been made. In case you think I

made all this up, you can read for yourself the

They decided to "compromise." You may ask

how that is possible. Very simple, they just don't

take any formal position for or against the pact.

"1. Some of us feel that the Pact. . . [will] be

Instead, they list the arguments of both sides -

NEC's resolution in the May 27 Socialist Call.

Some members of the SP National Executive

On the one hand, a large part of the SP's elec-

less you are willing to give it to others."

"Liberty is the only thing you cannot have un-

High sounding phrases, all right. Used by prac-

The "security-risk" cases in our plant have

in plants holding military contracts.]

good deal bigger than Local 107.

payers. He is Dr. George W. Calver of the Navy, who guards over the health of the nation's law-

"Ever since two congressmen died of heart at-Economic Decline to Deepen, tacks in 1926, Dr. Calver not only has kept an office on Capitol Hill, but serves as 'family doctor' to members of Congress.

"Twice a year, he also sends Congressmen out

to Bethesda naval hospital for complete laboratory tests. All the bills - except prescriptions for medicine - are charged to the taxpayers though the laboratory fees alone would cost \$150 at a private hospital. . .

"Not only the lawmakers but their staffs can go to Dr. Calver for treatment. His office handles approximately 60,000 patient-visits each year a full-time job for Dr. Calver, an assistant doctor, nine nurses and three Navy enlisted men."

It appears that the "socialized medicine" sauce that is fit for the Congressional geese is not sauce for the American citizens - the unfortunate ganders in this parable!

mously for laws limiting political views of minor-

ities - practical evidence that the lawmakers

In the labor movement, quietly but efficiently,

the military moves in, removing workers who dare

to "think" differently. Yes, some are Communists,

some have other political views, and some are

just rough and ready trade unionists with no

In July, 1948, Westinghouse workers at the

South Philadelphia Works in Essington, Penn-

sylvania, attempted to bring the whole question

before the country when it stopped work because

two union members were removed from their jobs.

They had "dared" to think differently. The two

got other jobs in the plant. But elsewhere the

We, in one small section of the labor movement,

appeal to you, the columnists, the authors, the

educators, the scientists - those who feel the

curtailment of liberty first - take up the fight.

almost fatal for peace. Further, it will strengthen

nationalism. . . promoting an armaments race.

2. Some of us feel that the formal alliance backed

up by a degree of military willingness is a neces-

sary condition for the continued effectiveness of

hardly worth fighting about. Having catalogued

the differences, the resolution casts about to see

new situation several important dangers" -

the job of the SP is to "minimize" these dangers,

Like most "compromises," this one works to

dispute. The opponents of the pact can console

themselves that they have prevented the SP's

commitment to a war pact in peacetime. But at

the same time the advocates of the pact have

been given a free hand to take any position they

wish in public; and since Thomas is the only

member with any public influence, this means

great "moral hero" Thomas wanted anyhow.

anything more "amoral" than that.

which weren't created by the pact anyhow.

But this is just a friendly family difference.

the Marshall Plan approach. . . " etc., etc.

Keep talking, writing, teaching liberty.

themselves dare not "think" differently.

Where does it end?

Others climb into their shells.

join purges because it's popular.

political philosophy.

Fight Scabbery Of SIU Leaders

VOLUME XIII

The heroic strike of the Canadian Seamen's Union, entering its third month, is reaching into ports of every major country despite blows from all sides. Government terror, organized scabare in the process of adopting statutes that are bery, the strikebreaking orders making liberty a thing of the past. Subversive issued by British trade union lists, loyalty orders, investigations - all frightbureaucrats, and now a stab in ening. The level of debate in the halls of our legthe back by the Trades and Labor islatures falling to the moronic level of suggesting Council of Canada, have failed "go back to where you came from" or similar to intimidate the strikers. phrases. The legislators voting almost unani-

Canadian Seamen

In a closed meeting on June 3, the Executive Board of the TLC announced that it was suspending the CSU. This was craven capitulation to the red-baiting campaign carried on by Frank Hall, a leading member of the TLC, who for the past year has plotted to replace the Stalinistdominated CSU with the housebroken Seafarers' International Union. Both the TLC and the SIU are affiliated to the American Federation of Labor; the CSU is a national union affiliated only to the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress.

'purge" continued. Now there are two others in The TLC tried to cover up its the same plant. The uninformed might believe the factory is a hotbed of subversives — it's not so. It's only because we believe in yelling as loud CSU does not "automatically" as we can when we lose something. In this case, something more precious than economic gains. We have failed but haven't given up. We won't for seamen. It even held its nose over the stench of SIU pracwould be helpful. It criticized the SIU for manning "the ships of the men on strike with inexperienced crews, with the full support of the struck companies, to say nothing of the questionable

BACK-DOOR AGREEMENT

The Canadian East Coast shipowners who for eight months tried to force the seamen to take wage-cut and give up the unior. hiring hall, broke off negotiations with the CSU on April 1. They sity of Washington. Preparations announced that they had reached are also being made for Kutcher an agreement with the SIU, to appear before a number of which had no membership on AFL and CIO unions. Canadian deep-sea vessels but ffered to recruit crews to re place CSU men.

what the agreements are. And sure enough, it The CSU struck to fight for finds "We are all agreed that there are in the its very existence, against violent regional director of the CIO; H. namely, the growth of militarization, the use of assaults by the shipowners and Tucker, officer of Washington U. S. aid for fascist and colonial despots, and their many stooges. Not only did State PAC for National CIO so on. The resolution concludes by saying that the government provide troops to Policy; Hugh Mathews, Northprotect scabs and fight strikers, west organizer for the United as it did in the similar struggle Steelworkers of America; Robert on the Great Lakes last summer; L. Ferguson, financial secretary the advantage of the more reactionary side in the this time it hired scab crews of Local 1208, USA-CIO and itself, to oust the legally-re- former president of the Washingognized CSU. One of the bitterest | ton State Industrial Union Counpicket line battles raged when cil; Russell Fluent, state chairscabs were put aboard a government-operated vessel of the Halifax.

the weight of the SP, actually if not formally, What is at issue is the demowill be placed behind the pact. That's all the cratic right of union men to choose their own officers. All of And so the SP resolution, while seeking to the opponents of the CSU - first evade the issue in a most cowardly fashion, contributes to the drive of the warmongers by makthe union - busting companies which refused to negotiate with ing it appear that it doesn't matter very much whether or not the pact is adopted and by opena Stalinist led union, then the ing the way for its leaders and members to go SIU which seized upon the antiout and propagandize in favor of the pact. You Soviet hysteria to launch a raidwill have to search a long time before you find ing excursion, then the government and finally the pro-Marshall Plan trade union bureaucrats on two continents - have justified their crimes by red-baiting.

ACTS OF SOLIDARITY

Rank and file workers everyextended the hand of solidarity a regular pass. to the CSU strikers. Over the opposition of the British Trans- had to serve a prison sentence Avonmouth, Bristol, Leith and and reporting the trial in 1949. cargo on SIU-manned Canadian finally, it seems, was that the Farrell Dobbs chats intimately vigorously attacked it. Transport Union urged boycott the 11, inasmuch as Dobbs was years as public relations man for question is what North "forgot" another scab ship has been tied Socialist Workers Party and Minip for weeks. Reports of soli-

larity have come from Norway,

France, Cuba, British Guiana,

ers to scab on their Canadian

and the United States.

In a desperate attempt to destroy this magnificent solidarity, the III has cabled the British Labor the last seat at the press table. Tovernment to stop the sympathy There he's been sitting ever since strikes, or face a tie-up of all - the only member of the work- who could be used to smear Worker editors had in their hands | North doesn't succeed in mak-British ships by the SIU in every American port on the Atlantic and the Gulf. It is obvious that the defense of the 11 Stalinists. the Labor Government would like to oblige . . . but thus far it has been unable to compel the work-

Monopoly Spokesmen Admit

Georgia Lynch Victim

THE MILITANT



The body of Calif Hill Jr. (left), brutally beaten and shot, lies on a morgue slab in Irwinton, Ga. He was kidnapped by two white men from a jail cell, where he had been locked up by Sheriff George Hatcher (right). The sheriff had left the jail keys lying

treachery to the seamen. It alibied that suspension of the pave the way for the SIU's recognition as its organization HIS STORY IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE - James Kutcher will tell his own story at a tices, and hinted that sanitation mass meeting to be held June 22 at Swedish Hall in Seattle under the auspices of the Northwest Kutcher Civil Rights Committee.

> This meeting will climax a crowded ten-day schedule of activities planned for the legless veteran on his visit to that city.

> Kutcher is also billed to participate in a forum on civil rights sponsored by the Seattle American Civil Liberties Union" on Juné 15. The American Veterans Committee is arranging a campus meeting for him on June 21 at Eagleson Hall close to the Univer-

Many prominent individuals last week announced their endorsement of Kutcher's case. Among them are Roy Atkinson. man of the Washington Progressive Party and its guberna-

secretary, International Association of Machinists Local 79. New organizations supporting the case include the Lumber In-

spectors Union - AFL; United Steelworkers - CIO Local 1208; and the University Chapter of the American Veterans Committee. At its meeting on June 4 the Executive Board of the Progressive Party of Washington State officially supported Kutcher's case, despite the heavy influence of the Stalinists in that

letter states that they have writ- crisis. ten this protest "because we believe this is an important test case of past events, whether in ecoof the validity of one of the most nomics or politics, is the falsest there is good reason for expectprecious principles of American and tritest of speculations. New Democracy ... and will strengthen economic developments represent ments that may assume entirely the hands of the Kutcher Civil a repetition of the past exclusively Canadian National Steamships at torial candidate; Charles Hickie, Rights Committee by showing in the sense that they are a con-

The downslide of U. S. economy which has since October 1948 involved all branches of production, except for metals and auto, has become general in the last six weeks. The only features

of the economic situation still in ? question are: What will be the tension of all the basic features rate of the current downslide or inherent in the situation. depression? And how long will it take before the bottom of this moment, the outstanding fact redepression is plumbed?

sharp change in economic life is proportions is directly ahead — a might check the recession have glimmer of hope until the "end been disappointed," and then goes on to add: "The drop is cumulabasic industry, and activity suf- trophe that followed in 1929.

Nevertheless these sober finandecline, admittedly "cumulative," will neither last long hor strike whistling in the dark. Neither in public. they nor anyone else can tell in these initial depression stages just what will happen next, least of all, the duration of the successive phases of the depression now in progress.

Erstwhile economic Pollyannas, who only yesterday banked everything on the mythical spring upturn, are today taking the dimmest view of things, while those who were quite bearish in cheerful faces, pretending to discern silvery tints among the thunderheads of the depression.

piping some shrill notes of woe, is none other than Charles E Wilson, president of the General Electric monoply. On June 1, this badly scared master-mind told the annual convention of the ing' the crisis) or the interven-Edison Electric Institute that "it seems reasonable that the decline in industry production, now well under way, may continue until about the second quarter of 1950," when an upturn is sure to begin. By the "end of crisis economy declined steadily 1951," this prophet promises that "production may again reach the high level of 1948." (Journal of Commerce, June 2.)

C. E. Wilson obviously belongs to the school of capitalist think-Following the example set by ers on economic affairs who with a 'normal' army of 3-10 105 faculty members at the Uni- never forget anything only in million unemployed; production versity of Chicago, Max Savelle, order never to learn anything. professor of history, and Ivan They hope and pray for a repeti-C. Rutledge, assistant professor tion of the depression of 1920-21, of law at the University of which followed World War I. The Washington, on May 29 sent a time-term and the phases Wilson signed statement which called and his fellow-prophets of this upon all their colleagues to join type set for the current depresin a statement of protest over sion are virtually identical with James Kutcher's dismissal. Their those of the above-mentioned

president of Typographical Union that there is an alert public tinuation of the past, and by that token, a deepening and an ex- holds good today.

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But leaving this aside for the mains that big shots like Wilson The most conservative business | are in effect telling the American circles no longer deny that a people that a disaster of major upon us. In its June letter, the disaster which all the Wilsons National City Bank admits that are already sure may last for at all hopes "that seasonal influences least a year and a half, with no of 1951." The crisis of 1920-21 was a calamity indeed, surpassed tive as it reaches back into the only by the far greater catas-

It is a "repetition" of 1929 that all the capitalists are really fearcial tycoons still hope that the ful of. They talk and think about it -- in private. But among them the 1929 experience is a "nasty" too deeply. They are simply topic polite people do not mention

> But the truth is that a "repetition" of 1929, in the correct sense of the term, is just as likely, if not more so, than a "repetition' of 1920-21.

Discussing the prospects of American capitalism, and the possible forms of the unavoidable depression, here is what we wrote two years ago:

"The best that the capitalist commentators themselves hope outlook last year are assuming for is a repetition of the 1920-21 cycle, when the depression hit bottom and spent itself in the space of 18 months, and the Among the ex-Pollyannas, economy then rebounded to new heights. . .

"There are several possible variants. Barring a desperate plunge into war by the ruling class (as its sole way of 'solvtion of the proletarian revolution, among these variants is one that may combine many of the features of both the 1920 - 21 depression and the catastrophe that erupted in 1929. In the 1929 for four years before hitting bottom and was never able to. recover to former levels. The current decline may ultimately drop to levels one-fifth to onethird below the postwar peaks, may then flatten out at these lower levels for a relatively extended period, only to slide downward again later on. Stabilization at levels within close proximity of those that prevail now (i.e., in June 1947) is entirely out of question. On the other hard, some phases of the downturn may prove to be more preci-A pure and simple repetition pitate than either in 1920-21 or 1929-32. In addition, we repeat, 'ng a combination of developunexpected forms." (Fourth International, June 1947.)

This analysis, in our opinion,

Notes from the News

THE COST OF MILITARISM - "If we could cut our current military expenses by one-half, the savings in one year would pay for the annual cost of the national health-insurance plan proposed by the President, the entire cost of federal aid to education provided in the Thomas bill, the annual appropriations in the national housing bill, and still leave about \$5 billion for the erection of needed schoolhouses," estimates Paul Blanshard in the June 4 Nation.

SILVER LINING - In May 7.8% of the labor force in the Cleveland area, estimated at about 613,000, were looking for work. The capitalist press tries to sound a hopeful note by recalling the figure was 17% in March of 1940, and 25% at the peak of the depression.

PURE AS IVORY SOAP - According to FBI Director Hoover, 99.6% of federal employees and jobseekers have been checked and found "loyal."

SHADOWED, DENOUNCED AND MALIGN-ED - "The press, the radio, the screen, the government seem to be in league against the presentation of minority opinion. To declare for peace, to labor toward international understanding, to stand up and be counted for civil rights or a wider diffusion of medical care, or fair employment practices, or the prerogative of minority groups has meant in the cases of good and gentle friends of mine that they have been shadowed by government investigators, denounced over the air and maligned in public prints," said Dr. Howard Mumford Jones, Harvard faculty

member and president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at the commencement of Sarah Lawrence College.

PERLOW QUITS CP - Max Perlow, Stalinist secretary-treasurer of the CIO United Furniture Workers, last week announced he had quit the Communist Party so that he could sign the Liverpool have refused to handle The reason he was given a pass Taft-Hartley non-communist affidavit which the union has decided to file. The Daily Worker story ships. In Amsterdam, the Sea- authorities agreed he had a direct with James Sweinhart of the makes it evident Perlow's decision was made in consultation with the CP.

REASON ENOUGH - Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting mediator for Palestine, says one of the reasons he turned down Truman's offer of a post as Assistant Secretary of State and decided to keep his UN job was his resentment against Jim Crow practices in Washington, D. C.

A COMPLETE JOB - Calling attention to a California Senate bill demanding a loyalty oath for all lawyers, Nathaniel Phillips, chairman of the New York County Lawyers Association committee on civil rights, says: "First, it was the federal employees who were loyalty-tested. Then came the professions and the school teachers. Why not make a complete job of it? No doctor should be allowed to treat the ailing - unless he files a loyalty oath; no dentist, to pull out the offending tooth; no plumber clean the drain; no truckdriver use the highways, etc., ad infinitum and ad nauseam. We will then have a hundred per cent loyal population in the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

New Sample of Stalinist Slander

By Joseph Keller

Local 202; and Paul Manning, opinion behind it."

As a matter of fact, Dobbs neapolis CIO leaders who were now being prosecuted.

let Dobbs in and stuck him on hunt political trial and calling for ers?

base ingratitude.

One of the minor epics con- at the press table as the basis tries to smear the Trotskyists, munist Party urged on the govnected with the trial of the 11 for an attack on him and the the genuine Marxists and revolu- ernment witch-hunters to the Stalinist leaders at Foley Square | Socialist Workers Party. North | tionary socialists, as "Hitlerites" court house was the endeavors does this by linking Dobbs with and "fascists." of Farrell Dobbs, Militant cor-respondent to get a seat at the laborers in the sewers of capital to the kind of "socialism" repre-of 1944 and other Stalinist docupress table. He finally managed a ist journalism who happen to be sented by Norman Thomas, al- ments.

the court room as "Trotskyist ist Atlantic Pact while Dobbs men's Union and the General and vital interest in the case of Detroit News, the man who spent fantastic smear? The key to this of Canadian ships. In Melbourne one the 18 members of the Hitler-decorated Henry Ford of to mention when he forged his the Protocols of Zion.'

railroaded to prison in 1944 under that during the height of the "hover around the Communist one of the first 18 victims of the the Smith "Gag" Act - the same Ford strike, when 'Trotskyist trial like buzzards." He keeps Smith Act and the only ones law under which the Stalinists are militants were opposing Reuth-completely silent about how ever to suffer imprisonment So the authorities grudgingly Daily Worker so conveniently was imprisoned under the Smith reminder Dobbs is of how they discovered Dobbs chatting "intimately" with just that one "buzzard," of the Detroit News, extraordinary since the Daily Trotskyists. ing press who writes an article Dobbs and the SWP in the eyes the May 16 letter from Irving ing a "buzzard" out of Dobbs, every week denouncing this witch- of the Ford and other auto work- Abramson, eastern regional regional

We'd probably never even have nical political language as an the Daily Worker wrote about and demanding the freedom of mentioned all this if it weren't "amalgam" - falsely linking the Minneapolis Labor Case, the 11 Stalinist defendants. But for the fact of the Stalinists' two different political elements which it now tries so hard to North does teach us a lot about so that one is smeared by its avoid mentioning. One of the professional poison- alleged connection with the other. One of the professional poison- alleged connection with the other. Abramson's letter, which the where the real birds-of-a-Hearst-pen artists of the Daily Worker, By linking Dobbs to a reactionary Daily Worker refused to print feather breed.

of using the presence of Dobbs "Hitler - decorated Ford," North last week, told how the Com-

one-day pass for the trial open- sitting at the same press table. though Thomas, like the Stalinwhere have seen the truth, and ing and from there worked up to The inspired title of North's ists, supported American impiece of gutter journalism is perialism in the last war, while "Buzzards Flock Together at the Dobbs went to prison for oppos-Foley Square Trial." The article ing the war. And as most poliport and General Workers union back in 1944 in order to qualify takes up half the editorial page tically informed people know, at crimes against civil liberties in officialdom, dockers in London, for the privilege of observing of the May 25 Daily Worker. It the recent Senate hearings describes the "common scene" in Thomas supported the imperial-

amalgam between Dobbs and the leaders as the presence and Isn't it a startling coincidence capitalist press reporters who studying gaze of Farrell Dobbs, er's sell-out arbitration deal, the Dobbs, with 17 other Trotskyists, Act in 1944.

This omission is all the more This is what is known in tech- reminding them in detail of what the trial, exposing the frameup

"kill" against the Trotskyists. He proved his point by elaborate

North's article was the Stalinists' immediate attempt to cover up against Abramson's exposure. The Daily Worker tried to divert attention from the Stalinists' the Minneapolis Case by falsely linking Dobbs to the "buzzards" who now "hasten down to Foley Square to be in on the kill" of the 11 Stalinists.

It is clear that nothing in the court room at Foley Square is so intolerable to the Stalinist under the Act. What a galling hailed the Smith Act prosecution and incarceration of the

presentative of the national CIO, Foley Square who is blasting Stalinist yellow journalism-and